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THE TORCH—FROM REMEMBRANCE

By E. C. SHEPHERD

IT WAS said, not long ago, by one of our preachers, that there is little virtue in remembrance if it does not lead to action. Remembrance is active, not passive: is not static but dynamic. Recollection in tranquillity may be exciting, as of some great joy that has come to us; memory of some great achievement may rouse us and stir us to emulation; thoughts of those who have passed from us will be framed from the nearness of them to our own lives. But all these remembrances offer us a challenge and a call to action, and none more so than the last. At this time of the new year, when we look back at 1966, the names of those whose work is finished and who have gone from us stand before us as a vivid reminder of how great have been the gifts that have been given us and how heavy, in consequence, the responsibility we have inherited.

Among those who have passed from us are great exponents of the practical art, notable composers, officers and administrators of great ability, and a considerable company of lesser-known, sometimes self-effacing, men and women who are the very backbone of the structure of the Exercise and its church work.

The names of the great peal ringers link us inevitably with others of the front rank. That magnificent heavy bell ringer Reuben Sanders rang 378 of his peals with the great William Pye, taking part in long peals of Bristol and Cambridge and handling the eleventh at Exeter to Cinques and Maximus: January saw the passing of two fine ringers. Alfred Pitstow, a good handbell ringer and a capable Surprise conductor, toured the West Country with F. E. Robinson at the end of the last century. For his services in the South African War he received the Freedom of the Borough of Cambridge, and he held important posts in Local Government. Peter Crook, one of the grand old men of Lancashire, worked unceasingly for the furtherance of the Art, and one of his chief aims was to see learners through their first peals.

The year has taken from us the sturdy John Pinfold, one of the founders of the now famous Birmingham Maximus company and one of the most capable Ringing Masters the Exercise has had; the gentle Charles McGuiness, who rang in the 14,144 of London at Heydour; W. H. Wilson, the colourful character of Dublin, one of the contemporaries and admirers of Gabriel Lindoff; Hampshire's indomitable one-armed George Pullinger, whose bell control was a matter for wonder and whose work for beginners was earnest and lasting. His courage, his sincerity, and his church work combine to offer us matter for sober thought. The tragic death of Mary Bragg and the passing of Kathleen Lock have taken from us two ladies devoted to their church and social work. One was on the verge of grown-up life, the other looked back over a long life of activity; but both were capable ringers who sincerely devoted their art to assisting the worship of their churches, and both linked this service with their devotion to other good works. Mrs. Lock, a member of the notable Holifield family, was actively concerned in the rise to prominence of the lady ringers of more than fifty years ago.

Towards the end of 1966 the Exercise suffered the loss of the two veterans, William Hewett and Edward Ruck. The proximity of Westminster Abbey and the universal fame of the great building draw our attention away from the Church of St. Margaret that stands so close at hand. But St. Margaret's, too, is a notable church with a ring of ten bells, and here Bill Hewett rang for more than sixty years and here he gathered round him some of the finest ringers London ever produced. It was due largely to his forthright criticism of the neglect of the Abbey bells that this ring was restored and augmented to eight, and it was from him that there came the suggestion to add two trebles to the ten at Canterbury Cathedral.

Edward Ruck of Willesborough died in November at the age of 99. This astonishing gentleman had an active ringing career of 84 years, for he was learning to ring at the age of about 11, and he rang Minor at Willesborough on his 95th birthday. He was a founder-member of the Kent County Association, and the pride he took in this was equalled by his unflagging efforts to teach youngsters and further promote the art in his tower. It is said of him that his life and work never moved far from his own locality, but it is clear that there radiated from him an influence that extended far beyond his ken and (maybe) his understanding; for there is no limit to the effect of one good work, and his good works were many.

The two chief factors that make for the strength of The Ancient Society of College Youths are the high standard of ringing they require of themselves and the ability and strength of character of the officers. Ernest Fenn was Master of the Society for more than seven years, and these were years of war, when the existence of the Society was threatened by acute physical perils and by social exigencies. Ernest brought to his task the same calmness and skill that he exhibited so unerringly in his ringing, and it was due to the courage of him and his officers that The College Youths emerged from the valley of shadow unimpaired and even strengthened. For fifty years he was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, and in this work he was as unsparing as in his duties to his Society. When he died in July last he was still a trustee of the Society and had been a member for 67 years.

When Harry Stoneley passed away at Stoke Golding in July last, Leicestershire lost one of its most accomplished and versatile ringers. Harry served with distinction in Flanders in the First World War and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. On active service he carried with him a tiny set of handbells, and with these in after years he often delighted ringing gatherings. He was a fine steady ringer and rang between 500 and 600 peals, many of them with the notable "Wednesday" band in which Maurice Swinfield showed such genius in conducting Stedman Triples. But the astonishing thing about Harry Stoneley was the number of things he was actively interested in and the time he managed to give to them all. He was indeed a practical demonstration of the saying that the busiest people have the most time. By trade a craftsman, he was scoutmaster, astronomer, beekeeper, jam maker, cricketer, footballer, bowman, boatman, and a worker among young people. With all this he was an earnest churchman, and it is said that each morning before work he repeated the psalm or psalms set for the day. Here surely is a life from which we may learn much.

If methods and compositions are the food of the ringing Exercise then the composers and method builders are the devisers and purveyors of that nourishment; and a retrospective survey of three hundred years may well amaze us by the solidity, the variety and the richness of the fare that is set before us today. In the ranks of those who have laboured lovingly and earnestly to enrich our diet Ernest Tipler and Albert Pitman will be always remembered. Ernest gave us a seemingly unending stream of methods and compositions, from which the Leicester Guild and

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TOWER CAPTAINCY WITHOUT TEARS

AN ANONYMOUS SERIES IN FOUR PARTS

By Osram

PART I

THE purpose of this series of articles is to indicate one possible answer to a question that perplexes potential leaders in any sphere of life: how can you be a leader in a particular sphere without becoming a "dedicated crank"? How can a busy man live a broadly-based existence outside the belfry and still build up a good 6-, 8-, 10- or 12-bell Sunday service band from nothing?

By definition it is an article to make you stop and think and violently disagree; by definition, because it is mostly subjective opinion—and one man's opinion at that. But if it makes you think, it will have improved you; and if it makes you react in "The Ringing World" columns, it will have improved the writer.

TOWER CAPTAINCY WITH TEARS

You are reading this either because you indulge in tower captaincy with tears or because you don't indulge in captaincy, even though capable, for fear of tears. You, Fred, you've had enough. You've taught umpteen learners and just got them going nicely when they drifted off and left the belfry short of ringers again. You, Bill—you have spent extra evenings up there with tied bells, when you knew that you ought (but didn't want) to be elsewhere—and still the ungrateful learners have drifted away.

Your wife hates you because you've done nothing but concentrate on ringing for years, to the exclusion of a decent family life. "I wouldn't mind, but what have you got to show for it, George? Just what? They were ringing Grandsire Doubles six years ago." That last cruel sling goes home. To hell with it, she's right. Why **should** I go on slaving like this? Perhaps I **should** have taken her out a few times over the last year or two.

Often, in spite of all your efforts during the week, the bells will be silent on Sunday because there isn't a band to ring them. You are in an urban area, perhaps, and the other church, a mile or two away, has all the ringers and creams off any newcomers to the town—for the very reason (you have to admit it to yourself) that they know they will enjoy better ringing there.

Maybe none of this is true. You have built up a band, and in your sweating to keep it going have strangely gained the label "obsessed by bellringing" from all your non-ringing friends (and your wife).

Or are you at the other extreme? Are you, Jack, a potential leader who deliberately has chosen the easy way out—the shrugging off of responsibility for raising a local band, when it is easier just to go and be an ordinary member where the ringing is good already? In this way you can lead your life to the full—good ringing twice a week, plus managing directorship during the day and a James Bond reputation with the girls. But you know in your heart you are capable of more.

Well, have you recognised yourself somewhere there, reader? If not, go back to Belfry Gossip and don't waste your time here. It isn't your problem that we're discussing in what follows.

DRY YOUR EYES!

Those problems of a tower captain need never exist in any overwhelming degree. That is the nub of this exposition. They can be at least alleviated and at most removed by three pointers to solution.

A. Recognise a few basic principles.

B. Make a plan consistent with these principles and with set objectives.

C. Execute the plan with self-disciplined persistence.

It can be as simple as that. The whole of this series is merely an expansion of this paragraph.

A. RECOGNISE A FEW BASIC PRINCIPLES

There is nothing peculiar to bellringing about the nine principles that follow. They are taken for granted as ordinary principles of life outside the belfry. You are merely being asked to take them inside the belfry with you as well True, they might be expressed here in campanological terms, for convenience, but that is all.

PRINCIPLE 1. WHY NOT BE CAPTAIN?

You have often taken part in an activity under someone else's leadership, feeling frustrated because you could have been a far better leader yourself It was only perhaps reluctance to have all the responsibility that kept you from assuming the lead. Yet later it crossed your mind that the satisfaction of being a better leader could have far outweighed the frustration of seeing him lead badly.

So the first principle is (in belfry parlance)—balance the frustration of playing a good second fiddle to a bad lead fiddle, against the satisfaction of leading the band into a better state. Then accept captaincy—it will be offered to you sooner than later if you're suitable.

The huge advantage of being captain is that for one year at least (i.e. until the next annual meeting) you will have your chance to impose a plan which you believe to be right, even if necessary against the will of some of the ringers And this is fair enough surely—the acid test of success or failure and re-election or not are sufficient and reasonable controls A year is long enough to give a band a good indication of long-term prospects under your leadership, and replace you if you are not improving things.

PRINCIPLE 2. WHY GO TO THE BELFRY MORE THAN ORDINARY RINGERS?

The "ordinary" ringer (whom you secretly suspect of being apathetic because he never puts in any extra time to help learners, support the Association, or improve his own standards by peal ringing, nor does he support you by condemning non-attenders and latecomers to their face) rolls up for practice night and for Sunday service ringing—no more Relax! These men are the "stuff" of your present (and future, believe me) team. Accept them as they are (and always will be), and learn from them

They give an evening a week, and Sunday service. So **you** give an evening a week, and Sunday service. Hang it, you're the **boss**—why should you give up an extra evening teaching while your men are watching telly or playing with their family at Scalectrix racing?

There are serious disadvantages in putting in those extra evenings, too, when none of your other instructors does it. First of all, you become subject to the "martyr complex"—the old Martha and Mary story. A "martyr complex" takes away objectivity in your judgments as captain, and saps your cheerful confidence that would infect the rest of the band. Secondly, even though you only go up to the belfry for half an hour on that extra evening, you have written off the whole evening in effect. (It is unusual for a man, after a working day, to gear himself up for more than one special activity.) Thirdly, it ignores the wastage factor (see later). To spend an extra evening per week for six months on a learner who then leaves is psychological dust and ashes.

The answer may be to go up an hour or so earlier on your **normal** practice night (or Sunday) and give four learners a quarter of an hour each. You will rush your evening meal, admittedly; but since the evening is written off anyway, you haven't lost very much if they **all** pack up on you after six months.

If you have more than four learners, you need an extra instructor (see later under "Delegation")—**not** an extra evening.

[In the next article four more of the nine principles are examined, starting with the non-attendance factor.]

(To be continued)

THE TORCH—Continued from front page.

the ringing Exercise found not only new material, but also inspiration for further enterprise. The work of Albert J. Pitman was even more astonishing, and one looks with something like awe at the achievements of this remarkable self-taught man. Many will recollect seeing, some fifty years ago, the modest "A. J. Pitman, Port Talbot," at the foot of peals of Grandsire or Stedman Triples; and none could know that here was one of the great pioneers of Spliced Surprise. His early experiments in Triples composition provided him with exacting and patient tasks, for this kind of investigation can present problems as abstruse as those found in Surprise; and his notable successes in the splicing of Triples paved the way for his splendid achievements in Surprise Major. At the time of his death in August last it was remarked that Spliced Surprise would not have survived so well without him. He gave us peals in from four to thirty methods, compositions with all the work of every bell up to nine methods, and peals up to 13,440, which were for a long time unsurpassed.

We have noted here the lives and works of some of our leaders, and there are many more in their several spheres, lesser known perhaps, having seemingly little or no memorial, but no less in remembrance and no less worthy of our gratitude. True remembrance, as we have remarked, leads to action; and it is in looking back to those who have finished their work among us that we must find inspiration and a new urge to take over where they have left off, to receive from the hands of those who "falling fling to the host behind" the torch that has been so faithfully kept alight and which must not go out.

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HEREFORDSHIRE BELLS

Bishop Praises Frederick Sharpe's Book

HEREFORDSHIRE has a greater proportion of mediæval bells than any other county where statistics have been kept, and the prospect of such a wealth of data gave an added pleasure to Mr. Frederick Sharpe in his researches and writing "The Church Bells of Herefordshire" (16s. plus 1s. 6d. postage from the author).

This was the last county in Southern England where an account of the church bells had not been written. The Walters collection contains details of 16 bells, whereas when the present volume was written Mr. Sharpe had visited 107 churches, and particulars of 60 churches—A B and C of the alphabet—appear in Volume I. The author hopes to complete the work in three or four volumes.

BACKGROUND

What is of great value to Volume I is the historical and technical introduction. Such a background that the author provides not only enables the reader to approach with an understanding mind but whets his curiosity. Even those members of the Exercise saturated with bell knowledge and lore will find something new. The author mentions in particular the itinerant bellfounder of the Middle Ages and places where there are still signs of the casting pits. Sometimes towers have been weakened by these pits being too near the foundations, as in the case of Mr. Sharpe's own church at Launton, Oxfordshire (1416), and Cardigan (1674).

These mediæval bells, according to the author were usually baptised, and accounts of these ceremonies reveal that the godparents played a prominent part, including meeting the bellfounder's bill. Mr. Sharpe, however, cites a very different type of ceremony. At Blewbury, when the seventh bell arrived in the village (1753), it was set upside down in a hole in the ground and filled with beer—resulting in much intoxication.

Reading through the records of the 60 churches reported upon, one is impressed by the large amount of business emanating from Bristol and Gloucester. First is the Norman tower of Abbey Dore (1147). What happened to the mediæval bells here is not known, but tradition is that at the Dissolution they were taken to Madley Church. Abraham Rudhall I of Gloucester supplied six in 1710-12 and there have been various recastings since.

15th CENTURY

Acton Beauchamp, which was once in Worcestershire, has two bells cast by Richard-le-Belyetere of Worcester, circa 1440. The initial letter of each word is surmounted by a crown. From this Worcester foundry also came the two largest bells of the derelict ring of four at Avenbury dated circa 1410. Instead of a crown the heads of King Edward III and Queen Philippa are employed as word stops. An example of early 14th century bells is at Aylton—long-waisted of cylindrical type and stirrup-topped clapper.

Those interested in types of clappers will find preserved in the tower at Clodock three mediæval-type stirrup-topped clappers and two 18th century tee-headed from former bells. The old five here were recast at Loughborough in 1953 and a treble added.

INSCRIPTIONS

The eight at Colwall contains six cast by Thomas Rudhall in 1778 and here one gets not only the canons but the homely inscriptions so typical of the age: "Peace and Good Neighbourhood"; "Fear God, Honour the King"; "Prosperity to this Parish"; "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all" and "God send peace. Amen." The trebles (1896) are by Mears and Stainbank and a renovation was done by them in 1923.

Seventeenth-century tee-headed clappers and stirrup-topped mediæval clappers from the former bells at Clodock, Herefordshire. [Photo by courtesy of Frederick Sharpe.

A cautionary inscription to ringers is on the fourth at Burghill: "You ringers all observe my call." These were originally a Rudhall ring and to this day the canons remain. This was the parish of the Rev. E. G. Benson, who was for many years secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

ASSISTANCE

In carrying out his survey the author received much help from Mr. G. T. Cousins, the secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. It is not a task that can be carried out single-handed. At times ladders have to be carried and hoisted in restricted places; hatchways forced open and stairways cleared. Another pair of hands is more or less essential, and Mr. Cousins was his companion on most of his visits.

The Bishop of Hereford, in a foreword, pays a graceful tribute to the author and to the ringers of the county. "There are few more delightful companies of people in the world than those who frequent our church towers," writes Dr. M. A. Hodson. "Our bells are very beautiful and we make every effort in the deepest countryside to keep them in good repair" Expressing the hope that the volumes will be widely read, the Bishop concludes: "I know that in many high places they will be treasured, for we are not likely to see such an authoritative work so beautifully produced again for several generations." What better commendation!

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Letters to the Editor

PARISH MAGAZINE EDITOR JOINS IN

Dear Sir,—I should like strongly to support the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in his letter of the December 16th issue. His remarks about the use of the new heading with a block were fully justified in your issue of December 9th. That cover was delightful—but the photograph would have looked quite wrong with the old block heading.

I am sorry we are to revert to the old block even for our Christmas issue, and I do hope "The Ringing World" Committee will think very carefully in January, lest they decide to plunge us back into the 19th century!

For eight years I have edited our parish magazine and when we changed its format from an old style to a more modern one there were many prophets of doom. But in fact our circulation rises slowly but steadily. I think the same might well be true of "The Ringing World."

But of course, sir, what you, as Editor, must want is more support in the way of good articles. There are many ringers who can write interestingly and well on a variety of aspects of our art Somehow they must be prevailed upon to do so. You must often wish you could make a silk purse out of a sow's ear!—Yours faithfully,

JOAN GRAY.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

11-YEAR-OLD TELLS OF A CONVERT

Dear Sir,—When I started bellringing six months ago a lot of my friends made fun of me, especially one. This person has now started bellringing himself, and shows interest! I am taking bellringing very seriously and a lot of my school friends think I am going too far, except for one, who rings handbells.

I think a lot of outsiders think bellringing is just a matter of pulling a rope and a bell rings. People ask me "Have you gone up with the bell?" and I tell them it would be quite impossible.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN R. GREEN.

Macclesfield.

P.S.—I am 11.—B. R. G.

Note.—Thank you, Brian, for a nice letter. Keep it up.—Ed.

WYCOMBE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to the conductor of the peal at High Wycombe, Bucks, on November 25th, 1966, that there is already a method called Wycombe Surprise Major, usually rung under its alternative name of Yiewsley Surprise

Therefore, to keep records straight, could I possibly suggest that this method's name be changed prior to its recording in the peal books, possibly to High Wycombe Surprise.—Yours sincerely,

R KENNETH WILLIAMS.

Ledbury, Herefordshire.

FIRST IN THE METHOD AT RUARDEAN

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Ruardean, Glos, on November 27th, was not the first in the method on the bells. A peal of Stedman Triples, being the first in the method on the bells, was rung there on May 12th, 1934, by ringers from Ross and district, conducted by the late W. Poston, myself having taken part.—Yours faithfully.

J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

ODD VENTURES

Dear Sir — Re E.C.S.'s notes on Grandsire Doubles variations. The trouble is that the C.C allows only three sets of 240; one added recently apparently after some argument. I have never been able to see why anything should not be rung to a peal provided it produces the necessary number of changes and no more.

In order to get more variety, I did, some years ago, conduct a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in a way I've never heard before, and it certainly eased the monotony. In a quarter peal one has the odd changes to make up the number, and they are usually called at the end. Call some of them at the start and then call all your 120's from there and finish with the rest of the odd changes. Carried to a peal, you can split the first 120, and you can continue to do this either by splitting in different places or splitting different callings. Any of these saves the conductor from going to sleep!

I submitted the idea to an expert, who considered it as legitimate as 240's, but it is really for the C.C. to decide. One supposes that they are afraid of cheating if they allow too much But if anyone wants to cheat in the average Grandsire Doubles peal, which is mainly for beginners, it is too easy, anyway! And a conductor who wanted to cheat is not likely to take up any complications. However, here is something I've never seen tried and no one seems to have realised the possibilities.

You can ring Grandsire in 50 different ways, thereby easily making your 42 six-scores all different, by using each bell in turn as hunt bell as there are ten callings of each, with two different observation bells and five hunt bells, making 50 callings. It should be noted that the "go off" is Plain Bob, because except when treble is hunt bell all the bells are in plain hunt positions. The one exception is when 2nd is hunt bell with 5th observation necessitating a call before rounds, but this could easily be one of the 120's discarded.

I have made a note book containing two 120's with each hunt bell, one with each of the observation bells

Any band capable of ringing Grandsire would find no difficulty at all and would certainly find interest. One supposes the only reason for not ringing it or other variations is that a band usually goes on to other methods

I think it was Snowden, in one of his books, who said there is nothing sacred about treble hunt—any bell can be used.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. J.

5,184 MAPPERLEY SURPRISE

By E SHUTTLEWORTH

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x					32546
		—	x	—	52436
		—		—	64235
	—				36245
x					62345
x					23645

Repeat twice.

Reduce to 5,184 by calling a bob at Home instead of 2 in and Vs on one occasion.

REAL NEIGHBOURLINESS

Dear Sir,—One is so often reminded when reading "The Ringing World" of one of the characteristics of the human species—that is, trying to prove one can do better than one's neighbour. This is healthy and even necessary, but when it becomes an obsession it becomes rather ugly and certainly not Christian, which is, after all, the root of ringing in the Western hemisphere.

How nice it is, then, to meet among the more accomplished ringers a clean and healthy combination of the fight for fame coupled to the true Christian spirit of "Love thy neighbour." We at Woolton Hill have good cause to be grateful to one who falls into the latter category.

Having lost the use of our tenor through its becoming cracked, we are very keen to have it restored so that she can give voice among her sisters on all occasions the bells are rung. G. K. Dodd is the one to whom I refer. He has in the past done a great deal to restore bells in a number of churches—to my knowledge at least four in our southern counties Now he is applying some of his great energy on our behalf.

He has organised a handbell team from his tower at Highclere to play carols among the local fraternity, collecting on our behalf.

May we of Woolton Hill, then, be allowed through your columns to say "thank you" to Geoff and his Highclere ringers for their truly Christian act and assure them that when our bells are in full chorus we shall be remembered by their voices of a truly noble act.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. G.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—We all like to think that unusual touches composed are original but this is not often the case. As soon as I saw Percy Whitaker's 120 of Stedman Triples with the special changes coming up in the order Tittums, Whittingtons and Queens I was sure it must be the same as a 120 I worked out some five years ago On inspection, however, it was not.

Seeing Mr. Whitaker's letter in a recent "Ringing World" I am prompted to enclose my figures. The only merit over Mr Whitaker's is that it is produced by fewer calls I am quite prepared to learn that this touch also is as "old as the hills" The only difference is the method of arriving at the six-end 1532467, fewer bobs, less musical changes!—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROBERTS.

Torquay.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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3461275	—	7132546	—
4137652		7125346	—
4175326		1573246	—
1543726	—	1532764	—
1532467		5217346	S
5216374		5273146	S
5263174	—	2351746	—
2351674	—	2314567	

Call 7 once wrong, with 5th, 13, twice wrong after quick with 4th, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8S, 9S, 12, 13.

A LOSS TO CHOBHAM RINGING

Chobham ringers gave a party as a farewell to the Collins family and Dennis Blows on December 3rd. Mr. Collins was presented with a watercolour of Guildford Cathedral, and Mr Blows a copy of Wilfrid Wilson's book

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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BRISTOL'S CONTROVERSIAL PEAL

Dear Sir,—The letters from Mr. Simon and his flat-mate in Bristol, Mr. Zobel, concerning the Bristol University peal (page 841) bring yet again to the attention of ringers the problem of recognition of peals. I should like to disregard the trivialities of their correspondence and go straight to the heart of the matter which lies in Mr. Simon's words " . . . the peal was not of a sufficiently high standard to be recognised by the Society."

Without a doubt, much space in "The Ringing World" has in the past been devoted to the discussion of the quality of peal ringing and I want to outline briefly the reasons why I have defied the original declaration made by the committee of the University Society I am convinced that it is not striking alone which represents the quality of a peal. The special desire of each member of the team to ring the peal, the way in which the ringers co-ordinate their efforts and behave as a team, the response of ringers to instructions and advice from the conductor, and the enthusiasm and determination shown by first-pealers, are all factors which are very difficult to assess but which must be considered in determining the quality of the peal.

It is very difficult to define a minimum standard of striking acceptable for the recognition of a peal by an Association or Society; it is easy to discern particularly good ringing, but it is wellnigh impossible either to decide exactly how any other piece of ringing compares with perfect striking or to draw the line of acceptability at a specific and well-defined level On the other hand, it is certainly necessary to have some means of maintaining a standard of striking in peal ringing which can be regarded as acceptable to the Exercise in general The question "Who decides the quality of a peal?" must be answered (see Mr. Bird's letter, page 840). This question was put to a meeting of the Bristol University Society several weeks ago and the motion carried deals with the problem in a satisfactory way.

Having mentioned the three salient features of the Bristol University peal dispute, namely, on what factors should the quality of a peal be judged, what is the minimum standard of striking acceptable for peal ringing, and what person or group of persons has the authority to decide the recognition or otherwise of a peal, I should like to draw to the attention of readers the lengthy discussion which took place during 1963 on the Penn peal attempt and also to refer them to the leading article "Peals and why we ring them" of the September 6th edition of "The Ringing World" of that year. The Bristol University peal was rung entirely in accordance with the "Conditions Required for Peals," and there is no doubt whatsoever about the validity of the peal, nor is there any question of abnormalities in the calling. Unlike the case of the Penn peal, this dispute is solely concerned with the quality of the peal. As conductor, I have never tried to boast that the striking attained in the peal was perfect, or that it reached the standards upheld by expert peal bands. I am prepared to make allowances for the comparative inexperience of some of the ringers in an effort to give encouragement and inspiration where it is most needed.

Moreover, I know what is good ringing and what is bad, and would have had no hesitation in stopping the attempt had I thought it necessary.

Our Society exists to promote amongst other things the interest of undergraduates in change ringing, and I am distressed to see my correspondents' lack of forethought and commonsense in quashing the well-deserved sense of progress and achievement on the part of the less-experienced members of the Society who took part in the peal I wish both Mr. Simon and Mr Zobel every success in maintaining the high standards which they have now set for the Society.—Yours sincerely.

JOHN T. PARSONS.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD D. SMITH

With the passing of Mr. Edward Smith, on December 13th at the age of 82, St. John's, Leytonstone, has lost a very loyal and respected member, also the last link with the band of ringers who in the late '20's were the pioneers of multi-method Minor ringing.

An operation in 1950 terminated his peal ringing but Ted continued to assist with regular service ringing until about six months ago, when rapidly failing health kept him confined to bed, where he passed peacefully away He is greatly missed by his fellow ringers, to whom he set a fine example by his kindliness, sense of punctuality and his service ringing was a devotion and duty to his Church.

Ted was born at Langham, Essex, where with his two brothers, he was taught to ring by his father. On taking up employment with the Great Eastern Railway he moved to Parkeston and developed his ringing experience in and around Ipswich In 1915 he was transferred to Stratford Locomotive Works and joined his three railway colleagues at St John's, where "Minor Mania" became the order of the day. A peal in 22 methods on March 24th, 1928, followed by one in 23 methods (conducted by Edward Smith) being the most methods rung to a peal at that time. He became tower master in 1931 and remained so for 35 years.

HIS PEALS

He rang a total of 242 peals, which included 113 for the London County Association, 86 for the Essex Association (of which he was a life member), 26 for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and 14 for the Middlesex Association.

Minor Surprise 44: Seven methods 42 (conducted 13), 22 methods 1, 23 methods 1 (1)

Triples 24: Grandsire 2, Stedman 22 (3).

Major 76: Cambridge 41 (17), Superlative 10, Kent 9, Double Norwich 6, London 5, Yorkshire 2 (1), one each Plain Bob, Norfolk and New Cambridge.

Caters 43: Grandsire 5, Stedman 38

Royal 32: Kent 18 (3), Cambridge 12 (2), Plain Bob 2.

Cinques 17: Grandsire 1, Stedman 16.

Maximus 6: Kent 4, Cambridge 2.

The funeral service on December 19th was conducted by the Rev. E. de Lande Jones and was attended by ringers from widely separated areas. Local ringers were joined by Messrs R Heazel and D. Cobb (Master and District Master respectively of the Essex Association) Mr J. Prior (College Youths) and Mr. J Euston (London County) in half-muffled ringing before and after the service After the interment a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. R. Deal 1, L. Fox 2, Miss P. Fox 3, C Hughes 4, D Cobb 5 R. Smith 6, F. Gant (conductor) 7, A White 8.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Smith, who has supported Ted in all his ringing activities throughout their married life C. E. W.

MR. CECIL EVANS
AN APPRECIATION

It was with feelings of great sorrow that we heard of the death of Cecil Evans, for some years Master at Aldenham.

A quiet, unassuming man, liked by all who knew him, he was first and foremost an Aldenham, Herts, ringer and churchman

His patience over the years in teaching and maintaining a Sunday service band in a tower situated in an area of scattered hamlets was outstanding and, although not a great peal ringer, his contribution to the Exercise will be greatly missed. During 1966 he completed 50 years' membership of the Hertford County Association and at Easter was nominated as president; he, however, regretfully declined the honour owing to his then spell of indifferent health.

Cecil loved an outing and was excellent company on these occasions, and until the last year or so attended many meetings, his big black car being a familiar sign of his presence. He had family ties with Oxfordshire and seldom missed the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild

His home was an open house to ringers and many have enjoyed his and his wife's hospitality Mrs Evans was a great backer-up of all Cecil's activities, and to her goes our sympathy and good wishes. R. G. B.

MR. E. BOOTHBY

Macclesfield has lost one of its oldest ringers by the death on December 28th of Mr. E. Boothby. Until recently he was tower captain at St. Peter's Church.

MR. A. J. BULL

We regret to announce the death of Mr. A. J. Bull, of Jesmond, 22, Queen's Road, Horley, on December 26th.

MR. JOSEPH A. FENTON

The death took place in Boscombe Hospital, Bournemouth, on December 5th, following a heart attack, of Mr. Joseph A Fenton, aged 74.

Mr. Fenton was well known in the Midlands (Rugby) between the two world wars and in addition to his considerable ability as a conductor on tower bells and "in hand" he had held the office of secretary of the Warwickshire Guild.

On retirement as a Ministry of Pensions official he went to live in Devon and Somerset, but finally settled in Verwood, Dorset. For the last two years he had lived alone, following the death of his wife, Mabel Their only child, a son, was killed while serving with the R.A.F. in World War II. F. P.

5,104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By SIMON HUMPHREY

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ROCHESTER'S BRISTOL SURPRISE

A VERY enjoyable week-end of ringing has been held back from these columns while hard feelings softened up.

The climax of a late autumnal Saturday/Sunday ring in nine towers was to have been Bristol Cathedral and in order to accommodate our Cathedral hosts we arrived at a time suitable for an afternoon pre-service touch. But somewhere a link had fallen out of the chain for "Reception of Ringers" and, instead, all attention seemed to be turned to "Reception of Military Band." We would have loved to have heard a service accompanied by a military band (Reg Hayden even went round to check that the music was properly scored and set out for this special occasion!). But indignation was with us. We were best away and have now put it down to "one of those things."

Shepherded by Ted Rochester and with a party of just ten ringers, our run of towers was excellent— due, as usual in this part of the country, to arrangements made by Audrey and Ron Short, not to mention Junior.

First St. Gregory's, Beckington (8, 16 cwt.). We appreciated the start to the day when the Vicar welcomed us with appropriate prayers. In good heart we set about touches of Plain Bob, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Unhappily we were scarcely awake enough for Cambridge or Superlative. (Ted always has to have Superlative on his outings and we have to get going early on if we are to achieve it!)

At St Andrew's, Cheddar (8, 23 cwt.), we rang Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and at Axbridge (6, 19¼ cwt.) (short bell ropes and a wonderful decorated roof), we rang Kent, Bob, Cambridge and St. Clement's Major. Here Ted, rather than give in and spoil a touch, almost completely lost the use of his fingers, even until well into the next day, by cutting the circulation when he pulled in on the very short tenor rope.

At Brent Knoll (6, 21 cwt.) a local couple joined us, and the girl (a beginner) rang the treble to a touch very creditably indeed. St. Mark's (8, 19 cwt.) was next and, so far, five towers we were very glad to have rung in.

The itinerary now took us to the home of Audrey and Ron Short and the tenor king, Malcolm, then five weeks old. Family and friends welcomed and fed us, the tea was terrific, and we would like to say, in capitals, THANK YOU.

Next, at St. Mary the Virgin's, Moorlynch (6, 18 cwt.), we got some good ringing when we were able to tear our team away from the wall paintings. The church is delightfully set, away from the road and approached by broad, winding grass paths. It is high over the valley and the view is panoramic. It was here that our friend of many outings, Brig Young, told us he was about to put an end to his widowerhood. We were all absolutely delighted and take this opportunity of wishing him and his wife great happiness in many partnered meetings with us and other frends.

We spent that night at Bridgwater, where we were joined by John and Angel Keats and a friends of theirs just returning to Canada.

On Sunday morning at St. Mary's, Bridgwater (8, 25 cwt.), we had to put in two bands before getting clean Stedman Triples. Long draught, light bells and slow pace because of springy ropes were all a bit much for us first thing. A much more creditable effort was made at West Huntspill (6, 22 cwt.), where we rang for service with the local band.

All in all, eight delightful ringable towers and the best continuous run of good rings that most of us could remember having had on outings. After lunch at Bristol we set out on our maiden run over the new Severn Bridge and, just for devilment, took ourselves home around the near Welsh border back to Sawbridgeworth and district.

A very good week-end, Ted Rochester!

NEWARK MASTER REACHES HIS CENTURY

Mr. James W. Raithby, treasurer of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and Master of the Newark Parish Church Society, rang his 100th peal at Balderton, Notts, on December 17th. The method was Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and he was especially pleased that the band was made up completely of members of the Newark District, including his son, Paul, with all of whom he has rung several peals. It was also fitting that it was rung at a close neighbouring tower to his own, and conducted by the local tower captain, Mr. Colin Reed.

Jim has taken over 30 years to reach his century, his first peal being Plain Bob Minor at Elston, Notts, in 1934, but his list contains several points of interest, mainly that 52 of his 100 have been rung on 10 and 12 bells. He has also rung 43 of Stedman, 23 of them Cinques. The rest of the band wish him every success on the long road to his second hundred!

LIST OF PEALS

Doubles: Stedman 1.
Minor: 1-12 methods 15.
Triples: Grandsire 7, Stedman 8, Plain Bob 1. (Total 16.)
Major: Little Bob 2, St. Clement's 1, Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich 7, Forward 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 1, Yorkshire S. 1, London S. 1. (Total 16.)
Caters: Grandsire 7, Stedman 11. (Total 18.)
Royal: Plain Bob 1, Cambridge S. 4, Yorkshire S. 1. (Total 6.)
Cinques: Stedman 23.
Maximus: Cambridge S. 5.

OXFORD.—ST. PETER IN-THE-EAST

Subject to faculty the ring of eight bells and the saunce in this tower will shortly be sold.

The bells comprise a ring of six cast at the Rudhall Foundry in 1700 (one recast 1753), with the addition of two trebles in 1891 from the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor weighs approximately 9¼ cwt. (note A). The saunce is a Rudhall bell of 1777 and weighs approximately 1 cwt. The frame and fittings are thought to be useless.

Inquiries and offers should be addressed to: The Secretary, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd., Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford.—A. R. Pink, Sec., Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. 609

"R.W." News Agency in Devon

One of the difficulties of reporting the call change ringing activities of Devon ringers is that the county is so big and the competitions so many and arranged by so many different bodies that it is very hard to give them adequate coverage. But now "The Ringing World" has been promised the help of four of Devon's most active call change ringers, who have volunteered to keep the paper up to date with the news from the call change ringing fraternity.

During the coming year ringers in Devon should be able to find more on this subject than this paper has ever published before, and ringers in other parts of the country will be able to follow the fortunes of towers which they have visited, and ringers whom they have met on West Country tours and holidays. We hope during the next month to be able to give our readers a list of the leading competitions arranged for 1967.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The light eight at Bengeo (tenor 8 cwt.) were put to good use and methods including Yorkshire Surprise were rung at the Eastern Branch meeting on December 10th. Mr. E. Newnham presided at the short business meeting. The venue for the next meeting, on January 14th, will be announced later.

St. Peter's, Tewin, ringers have officially transferred from the St. Albans District to the Eastern District.

B. F. W. F.

REDDITCH HIGH SCHOOL AT LOUGHBOROUGH

A coach load of 20 pupils and staff from Redditch County High School visited Loughborough on December 14th. Almost a year ago there was a similar excursion to the Whitechapel Foundry. The journey was by road, and en route there was ringing at Hampton-in-Arden (6) and Astley (5), near Nuneaton. An unexpected pleasure was the coffee and biscuits prepared by lady ringers at Astley.

We were due to have a carillon recital at Loughborough and a talk by Mr. Eric Jordan, the borough carillonneur, at the War Memorial Tower. We arrived late, but Mr. Jordan was most understanding and, after dividing the party into two, he kindly explained to each group the working of the carillon. A staff member, who is an organist, was allowed to play the carillon.

Two hours were spent at the Bell Foundry after lunch. Unfortunately, we missed the casting, which had had to take place in the morning: we were, however, privileged to ring on the new light ring of five for Pinxton, Derbyshire, and a good time was spent on the foundry's ring. We felt it was quite an achievement for ten pupils to ring rounds on the ten.

The return journey was made via Groby and Coventry. At Groby we rang with the local Vicar and the captain, who was celebrating his 54th wedding anniversary that day. The school was reached about 7.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. Our thanks go to incumbents, Mr. Paul Taylor, the Loughborough Borough Council, Mr. Eric Jordan (the carillonneur) and the ladies at Astley.

M. V. W.

HARRINGWORTH, RUTLAND

We have received a letter from Mr. P. Amos in reply to Mr. A. C. Scholes, tower captain at Harringworth, Rutland, regarding the decision of the P.C.C. on the advice of the church architect to confine ringing for one hour at a time until repairs to the church have been completed.

Mr. Amos writes: "As one who has known the steeple for the past 37 years and rung four peals there, why was this decision not applied to the peal rung there in 1964?"

The letter goes on: "Diocesan architects in the main do not know the first thing about bells or bellhanging—and this is a fact that has been stated in your columns, at Central Council meetings and elsewhere, yet P.C.C's (like the P.C.C. at Harringworth) look to them for "advice" . . . Knowledgeable persons will be able to tell Mr. Scholes and his P.C.C. that if a steeple will stand up to one hour's ringing it will to three! I would also like to point out that the tenor at Harringworth is 11 cwt. 24 lb., not 8 cwt., as printed in the last Guild report."

THREE TEASERS

The symmetry of Doubles methods makes it possible to define any such method with a minimum of information. I have used this fact to construct these three puzzles:—

(a) In the first half-lead of a Double Surprise Royal method the first four bells to pass the treble are 2, 4, 6 and 7, not necessarily in that order. If the half-lead places are 10, what is the first lead-end?

(b) In the first half-lead of any Double Surprise Royal method the bell whose work is symmetrical about the treble cannot be the 9th. Why?

(c) The information used to answer the preceding questions will enable you to state why no Double Surprise Royal method can be legitimately extended to Maximus.

Note.—Assume that there is no disturbance of the coursing order at front or back. There is absolutely no need to resort to "blue-line" diagrams in answering these questions.

Answers will be published in a later issue.

P. J. W.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: T. Skelton ("circled tower" to quarters) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Geraldine Piper 3, Janet Crane 4, Diana Hayns 5, M. R. Ashmore 6, R. D. Mills 7, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for all. For carol service.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Davies (first attempt) 1, E Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, M. Hills 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For carol service.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Taylor 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, T. Newlands (first of Surprise) 3, R. W. Sweet 4, P. J. Bird 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Toni M. Rogers (first 'in hand") 1—2, Janet I. Rogers 3—4, R. H. Rogers (50th as cond.) 5—6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Frances Templeman 1, Ruth Niblett 2, D. G. Mitchell 3, K. I. Davis 4, P. J. Small 5, B. J. Luck 6, D. C. Chatfield 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8, T. H. Holmes 9, E. A. Dixon 10.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Riggs (first quarter) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss M. Retter (first "inside") 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Broom (first on eight) 8. For carol service.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Hartley 1, Miss M. Adamson 2, E. Eldridge 3, Miss D. Hague 4, J. Dieppe 5, Rev. R. Wallis 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, W. Spicer 8. Rung to mark the christening that afternoon of the twin sons of Rev. and Mrs. R. Wallis.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Barnsby (first quarter) 1, R. Tavener (first of Major) 2, R. W. Sherriff 3, J. F. Thorne 4, H. M. Johnson 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Bob Royal: K. R. Holtom 1, M. J. V. Chown 2, R. W. Sherriff 3, R. Tavener 4, G. F. Thompson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, J. Foot 7, I. C. Maycock 8, D. J. Marshall 9, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 3, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Gilder 1, D. Jennings 2, Margaret Berndt 3, K. Williamson 4, D. Leech (cond.) 5, L. Boyles 6. For Evensong.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, S. F. Carter (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, J. Kemp 5, P. M. F. Searles 6.

HISTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent T.B.): C. Gooding 1, Kathleen A. Jordan 2, Carol E. Diver 3, Valerie P. Jamson 4, H. C. Foster 5, M. Hawes (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Naomi Hales 1, Doreen A. Deverell 2, R. L. Jones (first of Stedman) 3, Gwendoline G. Meyer 4, J. A. Hales 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For the candlelight carol service.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. Slater 1, C. Fynes 2, E. R. Rapley 3, D. Smith 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. Howard 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: D. Walters 1, G. M. Cox 2, D. Haynes (first "inside") 3, J. Lightfoot 4, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 5, Rev. L. B. Hutchings 6. As a compliment to David Haynes and Rev. L. B. Hutchings, who are leaving the tower.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, D. Parr 2, P. Ford 3, A. H. Smith 4, Anne Parr 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. A welcome to Rev. Norman Rom, curate, ordained deacon this day.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Ann Houghton (first on eight) 1, Margaret Durrington (first "inside") 2, E. Houghton (first on eight) 3, Valerie Willard 4, H. B. Whitney 5, K. Jackson 6, E. Conquest 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. For Evensong and Confirmation.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph Without, Aldgate, on Dec 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Corby 1, T. Lewis 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, R. G. Crosland 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, D. P. Smith (cond.) 7, J. W. Smith 8. First in the method 3 and 6. First of Major on the bells since restoration. For service of Holy Communion.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 18th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Dunmall 1, Mrs. O. Tester 2, G. E. Foster 3, Miss D. E. Colgate 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, Miss S. Copping 6, M. G. Foster 7, J. W. Smith 8, E. J. Ladd 9, P. J. Spice 10. First on 10 for 1, 6 and 7. For a service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, and attended by H.R.H. Princess Marina.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 1, M. Platt 2, Mrs. N. Lawson (first quarter) 3, R. Lawson (first quarter) 4, R. S. Starkie 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford T.B.): J. Watkins 1, Marjorie Yarnold (first Oxford) 2, M. P. Phipps 3, G. Newman 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smith 1, R. Dorrington 2, I. Friend 3, P. Davies (cond.) 4, R. Mowforth 5, E. Malin 6, R. Warrilow 7, J. Webb 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Caroline Cole 2, Janet Evenden 3, K. Warner 4, A. J. Slade 5, R. Durrant 6, R. J. Chapman 7, F. W. Ellis 8, G. E. Evenden 9, A. M. Faulkner 10.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. King 1, T. Boast 2, D. Boast 3, A. Foreman 4, O. P. Claxton (first as cond.) 5, R. Filby 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Metcalfe 1, M. Brain 2, D. M. Smith 3, R. J. Moore 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6. For Matins.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's, on July 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Ottley 1, C. Hughes 2, W. Rawlings 3, D. Randall 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, B. Blake 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Kippin 8. Rung during the procession to welcome the King of Jordan and Princess Muna. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,277 Stedman Caters (by Frank Bennett): C. Hughes 1, W. Grainger 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, G. Parsons 4, B. Burrough 5, M. Callow 6, N. Bagworth 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8, B. Mathews 9, E. Peett 10. Rung on Remembrance Sunday, in memoriam W. H. Hewett.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Legg 1, Miss G. Webb 2, B. Williams 3, R. Ballam 4, D. Gay 5, S. Lewis 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, D. Harris 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. After dedication of reconstructed chancel by Bishop of Bath and Wells.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College, on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. M. Evans 1, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 2, A. J. Mason 3, R. H. Youdale 4, R. L. Underwood 5, J. F. Butler 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: F. J. Cook 1, A. J. Stripp 2, J. W. Sinfield 3, K. Spavins 4, I. Pett 5, W. G. Sear 6, I. Knox (cond.) 7, P. Aslett 8. For Christmas.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Does leading bells halfway down count as grabbing the tower? inquires one of our District correspondents.

At the funeral service for W. H. Hewett handbells were rung by Mrs. Hairs 1–2, W. Wilson 3–4, E. A. Barnett 5–6, F. Hairs 7–8, T. Lock 9–10.

The band who rang Cambridge Maximus at Chelmsford on November 28th would like to record their felicitations for a speedy recovery to Judy Harrison, whose illness prevented her husband Dick, from standing in the band.

Mr. A. F. Hall, of Wirksworth, Ringing Master of the South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, writes thanking all the visiting ringers who made the Association's 10th anniversary celebration such a success on December 3rd.

A peal of Stedman Triples was lost on December 17th at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, when the sixth clapper fell out after two hours' good ringing. It would have been the first peal of Stedman Triples by six of the band, writes R. E. J. Dennis.

The recent peal of London Surprise Minor rung by members of the Bath and Wells Association is only the fourth such peal to be rung for the Association in 76 years. This was Ron Beck's 120th different Somerset tower peal and it is interesting to note that he conducted the first peal of London for the Association in 1948. The last peal was rung in 1959.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CHRISTMAS DAY RINGING

For the Christmas Day broadcast of bells of the British Isles, recordings had been taken and these were edited by Mr. Harold Pitstow, chairman of the Broadcasting and Television Committee of the Central Council At the request of the B.B.C., ringing included six, eight, ten and twelve bells and also call changes. The programme presented was:—

Wells Cathedral: Grandsire Caters and lovely ringing from the heaviest ten in the world.

Sketty, Swansea: Call changes on six bells. (We understand this was not the local choice; they would have preferred the Principality to be represented by a ten-bell tower.)

Belfast, St. Donard's: Another six, and again not the local choice.

Dundee, St. Mary's (or Old Steeple): Some very fair Stedman Triples.

Felkirk, West Yorkshire: A tower associated with Mr. Harold Chant. Minor was rung in the cartwheel fashion, typical of the area.

Allesley, Warwickshire: From Peter Border's tower; Superlative Surprise Major made very pretty music.

St. Michael's, Cornhill, London: Nothing but Stedman Cinques would have been expected, and was received, from such a tower, and the ringing itself was very good. Somehow one feels the microphones could have been better placed, as the trebles were most difficult to hear.

The bells of Bethlehem concluded the programme, as in previous years.

SCORED AT 12th ATTEMPT

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Wareham by a local band represents a great achievement coupled with much persistence. During the past four years four members of the band—John Blackwood, Christopher Brown, Graham Elmes and Ross Robertson—have all tried their hand several times at bringing peals in various methods round. Twice the band have gone the full distance only to find that the bells have managed to cross themselves in the last part, each time in a different method! The successful attempt, the 12th in the series, did in fact produce the best striking, the band settling down to a steady beat after the first quarter of an hour.

The members of the band would like to associate the peal with all the intended 21st birthday, engagement and silver wedding anniversary compliments, etc., missed in the previous attempts!

A BRIGHT ADDINGTON RINGER

Congratulations to 15-year-old Amanda Powell of Addington, Surrey, who conducted her 50th quarter peal for the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 18th. Amanda learned to handle a rope two years ago and, apart from one quarter peal for a wedding, all her quarters have been for Sunday services and include 17 of Surprise Minor in eight different methods. She is the sixth local ringer to conduct a quarter peal in the last two months.

IN HIS NATIVE VILLAGE

An interesting point about the peal of London Surprise Minor at Morton, Derbyshire, is that there is no regular band there, but Mr. William Swain, a native of Morton, achieved his first peal of London Surprise Minor within a week or so of his 70th birthday. This is all the more noteworthy since in recent years he has not had the opportunity of taking part in regular ringing.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AS SECRETARY

The completion by Mr. J. T. Locke, of Drayton, as Crewkerne Branch secretary for 21 years, the period coinciding with the life of the Branch, was marked by a presentation to him at the annual general meeting at Curry Rivel on November 26th

Following the service, conducted by the Rev. E. J. Burt, tea was served in the Village Hall, and a 21st birthday cake, suitably inscribed, was provided by the hosts. A toast to Mr. Locke, who was retiring from the secretaryship, was proposed by the chairman (the Rev. E. J Burt), and Mrs. Burt presented him with a brass lantern table lamp, given by fellow members of the Deanery. During his 21 years' service Mr. Locke missed only one meeting, and this was due to illness.

At the business meeting the following Branch officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. E. J. Burt; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Hartland; secretary, Mr. R. J Drew.

Subject to permission, meetings for 1967 will be held at Barrington, Winsham, Merriott and Shepton Beauchamp.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the hosts, and the Rev. E. J. Burt for the use of the bells. R. J. D.

A WORD FROM THE PROFESSOR

The Professor writes with regret that Minor methods, already diluted with single changes, have now been further debased by the introduction of fifths place without the treble behind.

He points out that, without these devices, and the assistance of so-called irregular methods the Spliced Surprise Minor record achieved by Mr. W. F Moreton and his handbell team, of 130 methods on May 26th, 1961, has never since been exceeded either practically or theoretically.

NO QUARTER TO TAKE TO NEW ZEALAND

Miss Kay Tremeer, of New Alresford, Hants, is shortly leaving for Palmerston North, New Zealand. Unfortunately a farewell quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at New Alresford on December 17th was lost through a miscall. The conductor (Mr. D. M. Hughes) hopes that before the return trip in two years' time a similar attempt in New Zealand will be more successful.

The band stood as follows: Prisca Hornby 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley Read 3, L. A. Tremeer 4, Kay Tremeer 5, A. D. Tremeer 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, M. Palmer 8.

BELLS FOR JAPAN

"The Financial Times" recently had an interesting picture of a clapper being fitted at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to one of three bells ordered from the foundry for St. Paul's High School Chapel at Saitana, Tokyo, Japan. The bells, of which the largest weighs 10 cwt., are the gift of an American missionary society The order for the bells was secured in face of stiff Continental competition, especially from Holland.

PRESTON BRANCH SOCIAL

From Preston, Lancs, we learn that there is a strong social sense among the young ringers of the Branch. On December 16th they organised a social evening at Samlesbury, which was very well supported. "All had a thoroughly good time," reports Mr. R. Barnes in thanking those responsible for the catering arrangements and helping in other directions.

LODSWORTH—AN ENTHUSIASTIC RINGING CENTRE

The new ring of six at Lodsworth, Sussex, has been made by the addition of two new trebles (3 cwt. and 3¼ cwt.) by Taylors to the four that were recast by Mears in 1891. They were dedicated on October 9th and, thanks to the hard work and kind hospitality of Mr D. A. Kirk, Ringing Master at Stedham, there was a local band able to ring them as soon as they were hung. With all local ringers standing in, the first call on the bells after dedication was Cambridge. The local band provided four ringers for the first quarter (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor, conducted by D. A. Kirk) and for the first peal.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Greene) and his daughter were two of the ringers both in this quarter peal and peal, and the son (aged 11) rang the treble for the first quarter peal of Doubles, which was rung by a band composed entirely of local ringers. Including these three there are 16 local ringers and, in addition, six girls from a nearby boarding school are learning to ring on the bells.

MR. GEORGE PULLINGER MEMORIAL QUARTERS

Following the memorial service to Mr. George Pullinger, the late Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, it was resolved that the various bands in the Guild would attempt in memoriam quarter peals. Quarters were successfully brought round at Bishopstoke, East Tytherley, Sherfield English and Lyndhurst, but unfortunately those at Eling, Fawley and Romsey Abbey were not successful. In the attempt at Eling the bells were brought round at 1,200 changes due to lack of time. It was at Eling that George first rang after the loss of his arm in Mesopotamia.

A LOSS TO ROTHERHAM

Mr. John N. D Chaddock, the son of Mr. Norman Chaddock, is taking up a new post at a C. of E. school in in Beverley. He will be greatly missed in Rotherham ringing circles, where he was the right hand to his father. Not only regular in attendance, for service ringing and practices, he has helped in the training of beginners and in the maintenance of the bells and ringing room. John has also served on the P.C.C. and, before taking up ringing about ten years ago, served as a chorister for seven years. Of late years he has succeeded his father as main tenor ringer. The good wishes of many friends accompany him to his new post.

LIVERPOOL LORD MAYOR VISITS CATHEDRAL BELFRY

At the invitation of Mr. E. C. Birkett, Ringing Master at the Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Liverpool, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor H. M. Allen, visited the ringers of Liverpool Cathedral on December 18th. The civic party was welcomed by the Ringing Master, Mr J. Ridyard, and the Lord Mayor stayed for about 45 minutes while touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung. He also went up by lift to inspect the bells.

The Lord Mayor and his family were impressed with the bells, the ringers and the tower; surprise was expressed that one man could ring Emmanuel, the tenor bell, as was being done that day by Mr. T. Fitzgerald, of Liverpool, and Mr. G. K. Austin, of Huyton. His Worship chatted informally with ringers not engaged with the bells and before descending in the lift to attend the Cathedral carol service expressed his gratitude for such an interesting visit.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WELLINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Robert Parker	5
Brenda M. Bindon	2	William A Riddle	6
Marian J. Beale	3	Keith E. Beale	7
Leslie H. Arscott	4	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott

First peal of Major by all except the ringer of the treble, and first as conductor.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, consisting of 12 extents Reverse Canterbury, six Clifford's Pleasure, six Plain Bob, three April Day and 15 Grandsire (22 different callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt

*Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Marian J. Beale	4
†Adrian F. Arscott	2	*Leslie H. Arscott	5
*Brenda M. Bindon	3	Raymond F Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal (age 13, son of conductor)

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat

Robin L. Coles	Treble	Andrew Swatton	4
Peter J. Devrell	2	David C. Hawkins	5
Julian E. Newman	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of (1) Carlisle, (2) Wells, (3) London, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	Ronald G. Beck	4
*John Maggs	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

* First peal at first attempt. Tenor 20 cwt

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
TICHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	5
G. H. Jones (St. John's)	2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	4	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts Conducted by Stephen Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A

*R. John Burrell	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Leon A. Perry	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Minor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Peter S. Bennett	Treble	Richard C. Warburton	6
Fred C. Lyne	2	Clarence R. Steed	7
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
A. James Print	4	Alan P Foster	9
Jill Riley	5	Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.
THURSBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Roger W. D. Wetenhall	Treble	David Hunns	4
Stanley Richardson	2	Brian Street	5
Harry Byrom	3	Leslie Boumphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.

First peal ever on the bells, which were rehung in August, 1966.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

David J. Marshall	Treble	Girling Rigby	5
Joyce Chadwick	2	George Futers	6
Jack Chadwick	3	David W. Parkin	7
Robert Tanner	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. J. E. Martin, instituted and inducted on December 8th, 1966

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.
MORTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Wed., Nov 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 4¾ cwt.

*Peter H. Wright	Treble	Herbert T. Rooke	4
Thelma Staples	2	Eric J. Sterland	5
William Swain	3	Brynley A. Richards	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.

* "Circled the tower" to peals. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of 4.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert T. Rooke.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HILGAY, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F

John S Rank	Treble	Donald F Murfet	5
Vivian Nutton	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Sidney J. Woodcock	3	John G. Gipson	7
Geoffrey M. Brewin	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

LITTLEPORT, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Donald F Murfet	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Roger J Palmer	3	Vivian Nutton	7
Sidney J. Woodcock	4	John S. Rank	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Kenneth J Hesketh.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev D. A. Foulds on his recent induction as Vicar of Littleport.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat Dec 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Michael Bew	5
*Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan R Andrews	3	Edward E Davey	7
Urban W. Wildney	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966 in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) St Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

David E Culham	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
*Vivien A P. Cross	2	Frank B Lufkin	5
Peter G. Pitt	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

FORD END, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat, Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being four extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire Tenor 4½ cwt.

*Helen E. Gilbert	Treble	Ian R Panton	4
Rosemary A. Frith	2	Peter J. Eves	5
*Philip J. Gibson	3	Charles S. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Eves

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela Jean Smith, ringer, Sunday School teacher and chorister at the above church. Also birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Smith and Thelma Sutton (née Smith).

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STRATTON ST MARGARET, Swindon, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966., in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 135 methods, comprising 96 changes of Minsmere, 64 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Cherwell, Claybrooke, Colerne, Deben, Dublin, Ickleton, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Painswick, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Superlative, Thorne, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Acton, Appledore, Apsley, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont Bedminster, Benson, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Cheddar, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dursley, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh Kettering, Lambourn, Langley, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Marshfield, Mickleton, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Ruardean, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Southwell, Stratton, Street Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Thornbury, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wootton, Wraxall and Yatton, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Diana M. Chapman ..	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R Peake.

The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung as a welcome to Helen Bladon, daughter of Brian and Lesley Bladon, born November 25th, 1966.

Bedminster.	38—38.16—58—16—14—58—16.34.7	f.
Benson.	—58—14 58—58.36—12—58—34—1.	mx.
Faringdon.	56—56.14.56—56.38—14—1258.34—14.5	lx.
Marshfield	—38—16—12—36—34—38—16—3,	f.
Westbury.	—58—16—12—38—34—38—12—3,	f.
Cheddar.	—38—14—12—38—12—58—16.34.7	b.
Exminster.	38—58.16—12—36—14—38.56.14.36.5.	f.
Clanfield.	38—58.14—58—38.14—14.38.14.36—7.	f.
Appledore.	—58—16—58—36—14—38—34.56.7.	b
Northam.	—58—16—12.58.36—12—58—36.12.7.	f.
Seaton.	—56—16—58—16—14—58—34.12.5.	f.
Urchfont.	—38—14—56—16—34—58.14—34.5.	f.
Street.	—38—14—58—36.14—14.38—12.34.1.	f.
Portishead.	—38—14—58—36—34—38.16—16.7.	b.
Corston.	—56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36—3.	f.
Mickleton.	—56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36.12.3	f.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Barnabas.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Malcolm Brain	Treble	†Derek M. Smith	4
*Alan Griffiths	2	†William Lampard	5
†Edric J. Ovens	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal. † First of three Minor methods. First of three Minor methods on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Bob, Besthorpe, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Costessy and Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

W. John Clayton	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	4
Mrs. G. Lewis	2	Thomas Bound	5
Colin A. Lewis	3	John W. Hope	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Beaver, freeman of the Guild, who died on December 1st, 1966.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's (six singles).

Robert H. Vigor	Treble	J. Richard Castledine ..	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	*C. Michael Orme	6
Robin J. Trebilcock ..	3	Stephen Ivin	7
*Anthony H. Smith ..	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a tribute to Edwin G. Buck on his retirement after 19 years as captain of this tower; also to mark the 80th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. .	6
*David D. Smith	2	Frank H. Hicks	7
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	George Francis	8
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	9
Martin L. Howe	5	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First in the method by all the band except the ringers of 1, 3 and 7. First of Surprise Royal as conductor. First in the method for the Association.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christopher T. Osenton.

ELTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward J. Cood	Treble	†Geoffrey Clarke	5
*Mrs. Celia Sims	2	†Philip R. Clarke	6
Mrs. Brenda Coode ..	3	‡Robin F. Clarke .. .	7
Kenneth D. Small	4	Frederick J. Hurrell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Clarke.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First "inside." First as conductor. First peal ever by an all-local band.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Clifford Lacy, who was inducted Vicar on November 7th, 1966.

CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Harold W. Evans	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD, London.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,248 each Cambridge and Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method.

C.C.C. 10. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Judith M Corby	2	*Ian H. Oram	6
D. Paul Smith	3	*Stanley Jenner	7
Ann Jenner	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 100th peal together. 200th peal as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

Judith M Corby	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	John W. Smith	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower" four times to peals.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Edmund Mounter, of Bromley, Kent.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PRESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher L. Watson ..	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7
*Ian H. Oram	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	John H. Fielden	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Edward Jenkins	6
E. John Nelson	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Christine Andrew	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung as a birthday compliment to "ye olde Buzzard."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

A. E. Rowley	Treble	R. D. Hughes	4
Mrs. T. H. Harris	2	T. H. Harris	5
David Swift	3	Frank Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Chambers.
First as conductor in seven methods. The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being one 720 of St. Clement's and College and one extent each of Double Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Hall	Treble	Melvyn Rose	4
William Bains	2	Roger Hippersley	5
Ronald Chafer	3	Harold Judd	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

CROWLAND, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Bartholomew, Guthlac and Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Primrose, (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Bourne, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Frank Taylor	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Alan G. Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Strickland and for the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Cutler.

FRAMPTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Primrose, Bourne, Beverley, Norwich, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Keith R. Davey	Treble	Albert E. Flatters	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Derek J. Jones	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

Brian A. Tomlinson ..	Treble	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	5
A. Stephen Taylor	2	*Christopher M. Movley ..	6
Alan S. Burbidge	3	John W. Gander	7
Christopher L. D. Munday	4	Allen Twyman	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal "inside."

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Paul Coddington	Treble	John W. Gander	5
*Christopher M. Movley ..	2	†A. Stephen Taylor	6
David J. Jukes	3	Alan S. Burbidge	7
Christopher L. D. Munday	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Cambridge. First peal in method as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Patricia J. Laycock ..	Treble	*Roger A. Gage	5
*Ruth M. Foreman	2	M. Roger Ashmore ..	6
*Ian L. Dear	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
*Walter G. Knight	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon
* First peal of Double Norwich and on the bells.
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUXTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

David Cubitt	Treble	Hanbury F. Carter	4
*Pamela J. Cadman	2	Richard A. J. Bower ..	5
Mrs. H. F. Carter	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
and
THE ABINGDON SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berks.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Cambridge Surprise, Kent (3), St. Clement's and Plain Bob (2 each).
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*Lester P. Halling (1960–)	Treble	J. Richard Poole (1959–66)	4
*Jonathan R. Rowson (1962–)	2	Michael C. E. Hodge (1956-64)	5
A. Keith P. Poole (1961–)	3	Chris. I. Rowson (1959–)	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal. The first peal by the Society.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES
Being 76 methods/variations in the following 45 extents: (1) Forncett Bob, Fundenhall Bob, Itchingfield Slow Course Bob, Knapton Bob, Oakley Slow Course Bob, Ockham Slow Course Bob, Intwood Bob, Haddiscoe Bob, Chipstead Slow Course Bob, Ellingham Bob, Thornborough Slow Course Bob, Longford Slow Course Bob, (2) Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, (3) Horsley, St. Cecelia, Sarratt, (5) St. Chrysostom (5) Church Gresley, (6) St. Richard, (7) St. Cleer, (8) Lapley, St. Mary, Heyford, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Giles, (11) Nuffield, (12) Shareshill, (13) St. John, St. Crispin, Chilton, (14) St. Luke, (15) St. Miles, (16) Wadham, (17) Ryton, (18) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (19) Eynsham, St. Jude, St. Ignatius, (20) Cassington, (21) St. Albans, (22) Somerville, (23) Elford, (24) St. Leonard, St. Laurence, Churchill, (25) St. Peter, (26) St. Paul, (27) Magdalen, (28) Austrey, (29) St. Ninian, St. Austell, Amersham, (30) St. Patrick, (31) St. Ambrose, (32) St. Werburgh, (33) St. Felix, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Royston, (36) St. Columb, (37) Southrepps Pleasure, (38) Campion, (39) Little Aston, (40) Plain Bob, (41) April Day, Litchurch, May Day, (42) Old Bob, (43) Kennington (44) Hudibras, (45) Seighford.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Alec W. Ivings	Treble	Michael W. Coleman ..	3
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	Barry J. Davis	4
		Ernest G. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael H. R. King, a ringer at this church, who lost his life aboard the Greek ship "Heraklion," which foundered in the Aegean Sea on Thursday, December 8th, 1966.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	Malcolm J. V Chown	5
Charles E. Truman	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
*Patrick I. Chapman	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul
* 400th peal. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb. in E.

John W Blackwood	Treble	Christopher T. Brown	5
*Ruth A. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Mary E. Elmes	3	Ross G. W. Robertson	7
†Philip E. Keough	4	‡Victor J. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by Ross G W Robertson.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal "inside." ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Triples by a local band on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 63 lb.

Clifford A. Barron	Treble	Frederick A. W. Cattell	7
Michael R. Wycherley	2	Frederick Leech	8
Barnabas G. Key	3	Edward W. Colley	9
William A. Farmer	4	Frederick G. Beddow	10
*John W. Griffiths	5	Arthur Pritchard	11
†Philip J. Evans	6	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* 400th peal † 50th peal.
C. A. Barron has now rung each of the 13 bells in this tower to a peal, and is the first person to have done so.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Peter R. Humphrey	Treble	Colin W. Reed	6
*Jane Blackler	2	James Raithby	7
Royston Blackler	3	Walter Nichols	8
Simon Humphrey	4	John W. Pratchett	9
†Richard A. G. Inglis	5	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Richard A G Inglis.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal † 25th peal for the Guild.
Rung after meeting short for Cinques. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank E. Darby	Treble	†Keith Game	5
*Juliet S. Stoy	2	†Nigel Thomson	6
†Rosemary J. Cotton	3	John Schofield	7
†Jeremy R. Pratt	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.
Arranged as birthday compliments to the ringer of the sixth and the conductor Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb in E flat.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in C.

*Gillian M. Greene	Treble	†Charlotte M. Harris	4
*D. O. Haslam	2	*R. D. Smith	5
*Rev. J. H. Greene	3	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* First peal. † First of Minor "inside." First peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHRISTCHURCH, Hants.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5097 STEDMAN CINQUES
No. 3. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	Maurice J. Butler	7
Michael J. Best	2	John Hartless	8
David J. Forder	3	Gwilym Salmon	9
Michael J. Thomas	4	R. Roger Savory	10
*Richard F. Prime	5	†Edward J. Chivers	11
†Frank L. Harris	6	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal together.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Dec 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Donald Buck	Treble	Philip Moorhouse	5
*W. M. Scheerer	2	John Webb	6
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	3	John A. Brown	7
David S. Johnson	4	H. David Holland	Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal of Bob Major.
Rung to mark the completion of 50 years as a member of the local band by the ringer of the 2nd, and 58 years by Mr. Charles Haigh.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Eileen Osborne	Treble	Derek N. Peers	5
Mrs. J. E. Turley	2	Geoffrey Goodall	6
Malcolm J. Phipps	3	Cyril Rusby	7
John W. Sykes	4	John E Turley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton Conducted by Cyril Rusby.
The ringer of the sixth has now "circled the tower."
Rung to inaugurate the Dronfield Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Mon., Dec. 12 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In seven methods, being 2,732 Plain Bob, 848 Double Bob, 480 Reverse Bob, 348 Gainsborough Little Bob, 288 Little Bob, 216 Wellington Little and 96 Crayford Little, with 236 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in G

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G

Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Graham C. Paul	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Robert B. Smith	1–2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5–6
Giles B. Thompson	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
		*Herbert M. Heaton	9–10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in F

Kevin Betesta	1–2	Jack Bailey	5–6
Alfred Mould	3–4	David Walklate	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Walklate.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 104, Holy Wing, Bede College.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1966 in 5 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 13,440 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D

Malcolm E. Johnson	1–2	John O. Freeman	5–6
Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	David J Marshall	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by David J. Marshall
Umpire: Charlotte A. Bennett.
The longest length "in hand" for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 912 Double Bob, 320 each of Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 192 Reverse Bob, 180 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob, 160 Little Bob, and 96 Crayford Little Court, with 277 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Macve 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, R. Rayfield 4, Amanda Powell (first as cond and 50th quarter) 5, C. H. Macve 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles D. Dean 1, Miss A. French 2, Miss J. Haggett 3, K. Cavill 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. D. Farrow, former ringer and organist at Ashcott Church since 1900.

BLACK TORRINGTON, DEVON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Denton (first of Minor) 1, W. M. Taylor (first of Minor) 2, D. J. Ley 3, J. L. Queen 4, J. P. Coad 5, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 6. By Shebbear College Society.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Newton 1, Stella Rice 2, V. Sheppard 3, T. Williams 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Snoswell 6, A. Bond 7, J. Hills (cond.) 8. For Patronal Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob): Pauline A. Land 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, G. C. King 4, G. W. Land (cond.) 5, A. Tubb 6. For Evensong.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Sweeney (Lanchester College) 1, H. C. Bennett (University of Warwick) 2, K. F. Gardner (Lanchester College) 3, Susan A. Moore (College of Education) 4, F. Shallcross (Lanchester College) 5, S. C. Walters (Lanchester College, cond.) 6. Rung by the Coventry College Guild as a 21st birthday compliment to the secretary, Angela M. Bates.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Dickinson 1, J. Walker (first "inside") 2, Miss G. Perry (first as cond.) 3, Miss J. Darby 4, Miss C. Neville 5, T. Willis 6.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. F. Wren 1, Marian Randall 2, W. R. Hayward 3, P. Wren 4, A. W. Holden 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. E. (Ernie) Matthews, for 49 years a ringer at this church.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. F. Bellamy 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, C. R. Cox 3, P. G. Hickey 4, R. K. Williams (first as cond.) 5, L. C. Meadows 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Price 1, S. B. Bell 2, E. C. Biggs 3, P. G. Hickey 4, R. K. Williams (first in three methods as cond.) 5, R. J. Bullock 6.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. C. Sinden 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, J. Hedgcock 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, D. C. Manger 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Green 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, M. J. Kirk 3, W. Savill 4, Janet Cleeve 5, J. Harrison 6, C. A. Hopper 7, D. J. Tubbs (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First of Surprise 2, 3, 4 and 5.

HADDENHAM, ELY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Sharpe 1, G. Markwell 2, F. Yarrow 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow (cond.) 5, R. Steel 6. Rung for the unveiling of the war memorial plaque.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Blackstaff 1, S. W. Barton 2, A. M. Smith 3, Miss R. Russell 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, T. Russell 7, J. N. Lindon 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert, on Dec. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, G. T. Cousins 2, M. C. W. Sherwood 3, Rev. M. Hart 4, P. G. Sell 5, A. T. Wingate 6, J. J. Webb 7, T. Wood 8, M. P. Moreton 9, R. G. Powell 10. Rung half-muffled in the evening of the funeral of the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton, father of Wilfrid and Michael, Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral, 1935-1965.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, P. Owen 3, S. E. James 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, Miss G. James cover. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also at St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gwynneth James 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, S. James 3, J. Thorp 4, J. Kemp 5, P. M. F. Searles (first in method as cond.) 6, B. Foley cover. For St. Andrewstide, and as a birthday compliment to Roger M. James.

HORFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shingler 1, D. Helliwell (first quarter) 2, D. Huddleston (cond.) 3, M. Powell 4, R. Huddleston 5. First quarter on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

IN MEMORIAM GEORGE PULLINGER

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth A. Banks 1, Margaret Thomas 2, Linda Cull 3, T. H. Francis 4, H. A. Mitchell 5, D. C. Jackson 6, D. J. Forder (cond.) 7, Canon K. W. H. Felstead 8.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Northway 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, R. Allinson 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gladys D. Northway 1, R. Allinson 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith 5, J. Hartless 6, I. H. Trueman 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. R. Gilks 1, R. Allinson 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. G. Wright 6, J. Hartless 7, D. R. Fallick 8. First in method by all the band.

Quarter peals attempted by local bands at Eling, Fawley and Romsey Abbey were unsuccessful.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Aslett 1, Christine Smith 2, I. Knox 3, R. Churchill 4, I. Pett 5, N. E. Mathews 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, D. Maskell (first quarter) 8.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,290 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. G. Lane (first T.B.) 1, K. Cummings 2, K. C. Richards 3, N. W. Richards 4, R. Farmer 5, G. H. Lane (cond.) 6. First of Surprise "inside" 2 and 4. By local band for Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): D. S. Johnson 1, Mrs. E. Johnson 2, A. B. Cooper 3, K. Kirk 4, M. J. Wilson 5, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, M. Crowel 2, C. F. Mutton 3, R. G. Pearce 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. A 1st birthday compliment to Claire Vince; also for the birthday of treble ringer.

LISS, HANTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles ((three methods): Rosemary Walton 1, D. M. Hughes 2, B. S. Gambrill ((first as cond.) 3, L. Read 4, J. S. Bowles 5, R. Tinner 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. M. Droxford and Miss Jane Gilroy, who were married this day at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Cinques: T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 1, D. R. Jones 2, J. Ridley 3, M. Snape 4, W. E. Court 5, E. Rothwell 6, J. McKee 7, S. Livesley 8, S. Bracegirdle 9, E. C. Birkett 10, D. F. Moore 11, G. Fox 12. First on 12 bells 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,300 Doubles (12 methods/variations): N. J. Greene (first Doubles) 1, R. D. Smith 2, Rev. J. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. O. Haslam (first as cond.) 5, T. T. Redding (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Doubles on the new ring and by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Dec. 11th, at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Richards 1, J. Pladdys (cond.) 2, J. W. Euston 3, E. Matthews 4, D. L. Cawley 5, A. Elsmore 6, R. J. Dennis 7, L. Hanney ((first on eight bells) 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging and recasting of the sixth by Mears and Stainbank.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, G. Neilson 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong. On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For carol service.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Dracup (first on tower bells) 1, J. Pardoe 2, W. Thow 3, Christine Telfer 4, S. Pardoe 5, A. Craddock (cond.) 6.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, H. G. Wells 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, S. Humphrey 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Major: R. Allinson 1, Joy Butler 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, C. Butler 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. G. Wright 6, D. J. Forder 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. Stone 1; Susan E. M. Davis 2, Heather A. Walters 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, Mary Hall (first quarter) 6. By S.U.C.G.R., in memoriam George Pullinger, vice-president of the Guild.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Whitehead 1, A. Burbidge (cond.) 2, P. Coddington 3, C. Movley 4, C. Munday 5, D. Jukes 6, A. S. Taylor 7, J. W. Gander 8. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Bellamy-Knights 1, J. Gander 2, D. Ley 3, S. Taylor 4, C. Munday 5, D. Jukes 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, A. S. Taylor 8. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,280 Lincolnshire S. Major: C. Munday 1, P. Coddington 2, J. Gander 3, A. S. Taylor 4, D. Jukes 5, P. Bellamy-Knights 6, A. Burbidge 7, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 8. All for Evensong, by Manchester University Guild.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. R. Hare (first of Caters) 1, F. T. Blagrove 2, G. R. Shedden 3, A. Fuller 4, M. Stacey 5, W. D. Ward 6, W. G. Knight (first "inside") 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. Birmingham 9, R. J. Foster 10. For the Christmas ordination of the Oxford Diocese.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Delphine Holman 1, T. G. Hill 2, G. Rathbone 3, R. J. Edden 4, H. M. Johnson 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, J. F. Thorne 7, M. Hill 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Edden 1, Delphine Holman 2, T. G. Hill 3, R. M. Andrews 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, M. Hill 6, G. Rathbone 7, J. F. Thorne 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Price 1, R. Partridge 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (first of Major) 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, A. J. Luxford 5, D. G. Wright 6, M. J. Thomas 7, D. C. Jackson (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Amos 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, S. G. Peck 3, H. Hazell 4, W. Theobald 5, W. Wainwright 6, J. Weaver 7, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 8, T. Hawkins 9, W. Gates 10. First of Caters 1, 6 and 10. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, 1,340 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. For morning service, and the christening of Caroline Jane Foreman, daughter of Alfred Rae and Margaret Foreman.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Short 1, G. Jackson 2, H. Scott 3, Anne P. Leigh 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, E. Dalingwater 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Brooks 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, R. Birch 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, B. Butcher 5, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 6. For carol service.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: C. Tilling 1, M. Young (first quarter) 2, Mary Marshall 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Cyril Wickens and Frederick Lawrence. Also on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tilling 1, Mary Marshall 2, R. Ashman 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4—5, A. Edens 6, R. Rex 7, A. Christopher 8. For Confirmation.

WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss J. Gamble 1, K. Warner (cond.) 2, Miss H. Gamble 3, C. A. Hughes 4, E. Holman 5, T. Coles 6, A. J. N. Boyack 7, D. Hewitt 8, A. Faulkner 9, C. G. Wright 10. First of Royal 1 and 3. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Warner.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Rowlands (first quarter) 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach 4, H. White (cond.) 5, A. R. Wood 6. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bailey 1, H. V. Booker 3, A. R. Wood 3, K. Leach 4, H. White (cond.) 5, D. J. Stoter 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 12th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Sarah Scott (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Diana Wriggins 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Sarah Irwin 5, Richard S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First in method for all ringers, and possibly the first time a quarter in this method has been rung in U.S.A.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, M. Clark 2, Drusilla Pickard (first "inside") 3, Jean M. Parsons 4, J. Evered 5, P. J. Gardner 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

DAW.—On Monday, December 5th, 1966, at 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, to Wendy and Ray, a daughter, Melanie Ruth. Weight—8 lb. Progress—very good. 618

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ENGAGEMENTS

ASHMORE—CRANE. — The engagement is announced between Janet Crane, of Epsom Downs, and Roger Ashmore, of Harrow. 672

PICKETT—MULLINS. — The engagement is announced between Miss Diane M. Mullins of Warnham, Sussex, and Mr. David G. Pickett, of Stanwell, Middlesex.

ROBOTTOM—FLETCHER. — The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Robottom, of Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fletcher, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire. 631

SCHOLFIELD—ALCOCK. — The engagement is announced between Alan F Schollield, of Hyde and Cambridge, and Miss Jennifer Alcock, of Hyde. 636

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

DEASON—WALPOLE. — The marriage between William Deason and Barbara Walpole will take place on Saturday, January 7th, 1967. Future address: 78, Strathcona Avenue, Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. Tel. Bookham 4802. All ringing friends welcome, but bring your own chairs. 612

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARKER.—The address of Mr. P. J. Barker is: 2, The Flats, Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, Staffs. 660

PHILLIPS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. M A. Phillips is now: Flat 9, The Turrets, Lexden Road, Colchester, Essex. 620

TARRANT.—The address of Mrs. T. Tarrant (Andover tower secretary) will be, from January 23rd, 1967, Peglars Tump, Barncroft, Appleshaw, Andover, Hants. Telephone: Weyhill 213. 642

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Chipstable (6 bells) on Wednesday, January 11th, at 7 p.m. 674

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — For those attending the annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th, ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, will be between 4 and 5.30 p.m.—M. A. Ladd, Sec. 666

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Annual Dinner will be held on February 4th. Ringing from mid-day at Oxford City towers. Tickets 27s. 6d. Names and money to Richard Wharton, Jesus College, Oxford.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Tour, 1967, March 27th–31st, in Lancashire Details from G. R. Mordaunt, Upwood Park, Besselsleigh, near Abingdon, Berks. 564

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ANNUAL DINNER
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Please send S.A.E. 425

AMENDED NOTICE

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Long Sutton (6), January 7th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Legget, Hon. Sec., Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil. 625

PRACTICE NIGHTS

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL will revert to the original Tuesday practice from Tuesday, January 10th, 7 to 9 p.m. Friends kindly note. 652

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.—Practices for 1967, first Saturday of month, 6.30 p.m. (except January). 10- and 12-bell ringing. Visitors welcome. Peal bookings for 1967 full. 646

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.—Practice night is now on Mondays, 7.30–9 p.m. 643

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at St. Michael-with-St. Paul (Broad Street). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells available after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.—Alan F Lee, Sec. 586

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Alveston, January 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Ringing at Clifford Chambers 6.15 to 8.15. Names for tea to Mr. L Allman, 117 Shottery Road, Stratford-upon-Avon. Special methods: Kent Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise. — P. S. Bennett. 619

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Sawley (8), Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Long Eaton (8) available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue Long Eaton, Nottingham, please.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Little Bob and Double Norwich. 563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — South Eastern District—A.G.M. will be held at Writtle on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 562

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. — The annual District meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Long's Restaurant. All welcome. — G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 623

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, January 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. on Saturday, January 7th, at Hitchin (8). Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements Names for tea to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, or telephone Letchworth 5015.—C. M. Orme. 537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells available at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service at 6.45. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells.—W. H. D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, January 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. 615

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at All Saints, Wigan (10), Saturday, January 7th, 3 p.m. No tea, but café round the corner. Everybody welcome.—K. F. Wilson, Sec. 647

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—A.G.M., All Saints', Loughborough, January 7th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to L. W. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. All welcome. 593

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Wimborne, Saturday, January 7th Bells (10) 2.30 and 7 p.m Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Names for tea to C Bishop, Denham, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne. 576

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on January 7th. Bells: St. Marie's (8), Sheffield, 2.45 p.m.–5 p.m. Cathedral (12) 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral Hall Names, please, to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. Cup Contest Sub-Committee will also meet as arranged. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 560

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Clement's, Ipswich (6), on Saturday, January 7th, from 7.30–9 p.m. A Beginners' Night, but all welcome.—W. L.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at St. George's, Borough High Street, Southwark, on January 7th, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Standard methods and as requested.—B Bull, Asst. Sec. 604

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Evening meeting at Ardingly, Saturday, January 7th. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m — Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 582

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District — Meeting at Brecon (8) on January 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please reply, giving numbers for tea.—Michael R. Thomas, Hon. Dis. Sec., Station House, Brecon. 608

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting at Loddon (8) on Tuesday, January 10th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 654

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow Names for tea to Mr. T. Saward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 632

LATE NOTICES

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, January 14th. Ringing: St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10) 3–4.45 p.m.; St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12) 7–8.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Chad's belfry 6.15 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. 677

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, January 14th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 5416. 676

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Annual meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec 639

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Cottingham (8), Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Rimer, 26 Dene Road, Cottingham, East Yorkshire, by previous Thursday. 614

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Macclesfield Branch. — Annual meeting. St Michael's (12), Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. nearby cafés. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m. Bells afterwards till 9 p.m. 561

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 14th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 634

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, January 14th. Ringing: St. Bene't's (6) 3–4.30; St. Andrew-the-Great (8) 3–4.30, 6.30–8; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 7–8. Service, tea and meeting, St. Michael's Hall (formerly St. Michael's Church), Trinity Street, opposite Caius College. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. approx. Agenda includes election of District officers for 1967.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon Dis. Sec. 635

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District —Annual District meeting at Halstead on January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Martin, 23, Head Street, Halstead. 605

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District. — A.G.M. at Hornchurch, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to F. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jacques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon 627

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A.G.M. to be held at Chertsey on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea, please, to the Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey, by the previous Wednesday. 671

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 14th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 12th. 628

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on January 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye, by January 12th. 667

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 14th. Broxbourne (8), Tewin (6), 2 p.m. to 3.30; All Saints', Hertford, 3.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Longmore School Hall. Evening ringing at both Hertford towers. Names for tea to Peter M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday, 13th. 658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Headcorn, Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Vidler, Tall Oaks, Headcorn.—M. L. H. 610

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Butterworth, 307, Milnrow Road, Rochdale by Tuesday, January 10th, at the latest, please.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kendal on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please make own arrangements for teas.—T. F. Metcalfe. 630

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting. St. John's, Preston, Saturday, January 14th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston, by Wednesday, 11th.—L. Walmsley. 637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—A.G.M., Syston, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Red Cross Hall. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics. by Wednesday, January 11th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec 635

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A.G.M., Spalding, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs, by Wednesday previous.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 570

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch. — Annual meeting, Washingborough, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Monday, January 9th —G. R. P. 621

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Marshfield, January 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Neale, Highgables, Marshfield Road, Castleton, Cardiff 588

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Nomination meeting, St. Giles' Camberwell, Saturday, January 14th. 3.30 p.m. Tea and ringing 5 o'clock. Towers announced next week.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Renown 4423. 657

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THE BORN RINGER AND THE MADE RINGER

WHEN I listen to well-struck 12-bell ringing I am always absorbed by the incredible skill. Not the skills that seem to amaze non-ringers—like "Fancy ringing all that time without stopping!" "Don't you get tired?" and "How do you manage without music?", but the skill of twelve people ringing all those varying masses of metal and placing them to such a degree of accuracy. The time intervals are so brief that they are barely perceptible.

Now I am not a born ringer, but a made ringer. Most of our finest "class" ringers are born ringers, but they seem to be no better able to explain their skill in striking than anyone else. A born ringer has outstanding innate ability, a made ringer has to work harder and more consistently. The born ringer is revealed in at least two important ways. To begin with, he can adapt very readily to ringing on higher numbers of bells than he is used to. Then again he does not need constant practice to maintain his standard—after a year or more out of the country or peacefully hibernating he can take his usual part in complex ringing of a high standard whenever he wishes. In this respect Richard A. Gofton of Whitley Bay, William J. Davidson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and John McDonald of Birmingham are born ringers whose names spring to my mind. On the other hand, two babies and two years out of ringing reduces me to helpless inadequacy and frustration, unable to place my bell though still able to hear my appalling striking.

There are some obvious qualities necessary for the born ringer and some less obvious. An adequate memory seems a basic requirement, although the right approach to learning methods can make a considerable difference. The ability to observe and act on several things at once is a basic requirement for a conductor or anyone who progresses beyond the blue line stage. My own inadequacy in this should have been predictable by me since I know that an interesting train of thought when I am walking along a crowded street will leave me bumping into lamp posts and mowing down old ladies who cannot escape quickly.

The born conductor will continue an interesting conversation, steer me away from the old ladies, wave to a friend, and notice the price of articles in the shop windows, all at the same time. Then in the belfry, with training, he will ring his own bell, watch all the other bells, transpose the course-ends, check the coursing order, call the bobs and even blow his nose if necessary. I am barely able to swallow or smile without my ringing deteriorating.

But this is a different matter from striking well and even blue line ringers can strike well. In theory to strike your bell correctly seems a straightforward business, using ropesight and listening to your bell. If you hear a gap between your bell and the treble as you strike over the treble, then you remember to pull closer after the treble next time, and if you hear a clip when you ring over the 4th at handstroke but a gap at backstroke then you assume the 4th is oddstruck and you remember to adjust and keep listening and checking and adjusting constantly. But this is a long and laborious procedure, only possible in a long touch, and in practice it just does not seem to work.

"Rhythm," say the class ringers. "You must ring by rhythm." They suggest that you can pull your bell in and hold it up rhythmically, so that you could follow your path alone, even with no other bells to fit in. This suggests a rhythm of movement, a swaying to an inaudible beat. But this is not the whole truth—because when the bell at the lead hesitates these rhythm ringers will all hold up just the right fraction. If they were all ringing to strict tempo they would all pile on to the leading ringer. In fact, I suspect they ring as I do when I am on form and ringing with a good band. I listen to the bells and tap them in my head as I hear them—tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap. That is all I do.

My brain works out the rest. It is much cleverer than I am, though not so efficient as the brains of better ringers. It works out the interval and the relation between pull and sound, and all I do is to listen to the taps and pull my bell. As a check that I am not ringing consistently (and rhythmically) too quick each change or too slow, I have to note how I lead. If my lead is wide then I may be striking wide at every change so I must pull in a little. If everyone in a band rings with this sort of rhythm they can adjust to occasional irregularities without losing the beat. If everyone rings in this way it accounts for the fact that there may be some enjoyment to the ringers in a peal in which one ringer clashes about on a quiet or light bell. The other ringers can ignore him and ring to a beat with seven taps and a blank.

Where there is an inaccurate ringer on a heavy bell, however, everyone in the band is more likely to keep away from him, and they may even succeed. In this case the result from outside the tower may have no clips and no gaps and is likely to sound less offensive than the previously mentioned peal in which there may be a mistake in every change. Nevertheless, the second peal will probably seem to the ringers to be a continuous struggle by ropesight, lumpy and laborious with no rhythm.

There are other oddities about ringing and striking. For one thing excellent peal ringers often appear to disadvantage in short rough touches because they do not strike by ropesight. For another, great ringers are frequently bred in towers with badly-going oddstruck bells, rather than in the towers that seem best designed to encourage them—the smooth, humming, light rings. Perhaps this is because oddstruck bells are not conducive to ringing by ropesight, and heavy bells more easily promote the physical rhythm of ringing. George Fearn (a born ringer) rates bells by whether they have a "good strike note," not by the richness of their harmonics, and this, of course, emphasises the importance of the tap, the beat, the rhythm.

Born ringers undoubtedly have great advantages in all branches of ringing, not least the confidence which comes from success and which makes it easier to leave the precision of meticulous striking to the rhythm of the unconscious mind. Made ringers are more uncertain, tentative, dependent. Nevertheless, with perseverance, training, practice, the experience of well-struck peals, they can ring as well as a born ringer, and may even ring more conscientiously than some brilliant ringers. Their value to the Exercise is indisputable.

M. S. A.

DEREK E. SIBSON REVIEWS THE PEALS OF 1966

FROM time to time, various articles on different aspects of peal ringing appear in "The Ringing World." Canon Helstead reports "Points from recent peals" at intervals; the analysis of peals is produced annually; and the Peals Analysis Committee's report is presented to the Central Council at Whitsun and subsequently published in these columns It is not the purpose of this article to steal the thunder from these various reports, but merely to make some observations on outstanding and interesting performances, and to review in a little more detail certain groups of peals without making it sound too much like a catalogue.

Since the Central Council meeting at Yarmouth, where the Overseas Committee was established, ringers in this country have become more aware of activities abroad. This was further enhanced by the opening of the Washington Cathedral ring and its full coverage in "The Ringing World," and by Great Adventure II. It would, therefore, seem fitting to begin with a look overseas. Probably the most exciting events here are in connection with the Washington Cathedral band. Three of their members, including their captain, Richard Dirksen, visited this country, and during their stay first peals were arranged for all of them. This was of great advantage to them for, six weeks later, they took part in the first local peal at Washington, and the band then contained three other first pealers. It is rare to see a peal from Canada, but the first for at least 20 years is recorded this year from Calgary, in April, and it is hoped that it will not be as long again before another appears. Understandably, not so many peals have been rung in Australia and New Zealand this year, but the first has been scored on the new ring at Sydney Cathedral. As a tribute to A.N.Z.A., a band connected with Australian ringing in this country rang a peal at Crewkerne; this band contained several who had returned from Australia and some who had taken part in Great Adventure II.

A YEAR OF RECORD PEALS

There is little doubt that 1966 will be remembered as a year for record peals. Most of these records have been in numbers of methods rung, but one record length has been achieved. The series started in January with a peal at South Collingham in 180 Doubles methods and variations. Through the latter months of 1965 and the early months of 1966 the Essex Minor band were gradually increasing the number of methods rung in their peals, culminating in the new record peal in 145 methods at Rayne in March. This achievement had obviously sparked off some friendly rivalry in the neighbouring county, for in the same issue was recorded a peal for the Suffolk Minor band at the beginning of a trail which took them to a peal in 148 methods at Ashbocking in July. It seems unlikely that the rivalry will stop at that point, as one of the band has told me that new extents are being produced by Harold Chant at not infrequent intervals, and that the record now possible exceeds 160 methods. Perhaps this year will see the achievement of this in one of the two counties.

The other record band would seem to have the field of Spliced Surprise Major to themselves, and the number of methods continues to increase. Every other week we read of a new peal and several new methods under the peal. The limit with Anthony Peake's band would appear to be one lead of each of 159 methods if they stick to short courses, and the writer, for one, looks forward to seeing this achieved in the coming weeks. With peals in these enormous numbers of methods the praise for ringing them is, quite rightly, considerable; but the composers of these extents of Minor and peals of Major should not be forgotten, for a tremendous number of hours of work are required to put the peals together and to prove them.

HANDBELL ACHIEVEMENTS

As in last year, the Bushey handbell band has been active. They achieved their original ambition of 25 Spliced Surprise Major in early May. Just to prove the point, they rang two peals on consecutive nights, and that is a fine achievement. The writer was privileged to umpire some of their earlier records, and it was a real pleasure to listen to their ringing. With this record behind them, they turned to Surprise Royal and, having rung some Cambridge Royal, they started on Spliced Surprise Royal. So far six methods have been rung, and it is hoped that it will not be long before once again their performances appear in the peal columns

Perhaps this would be a good point to say a little about handbell ringing this year. Up to the time of writing, 2,407 tower bell peals have been published, and 235 on handbells. Whilst the number on tower bells would appear to be slightly down on 1965, the handbell total is approximately the same. Last year a large number of handbell peals came from South Wales, but this year they are much more evenly distributed throughout the country. There are bands from Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Kent, Leicester, the Midlands, Hertfordshire and other areas, all ringing regularly peals in methods up to Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. It is a very encouraging sign for this side of the art, and whereas handbell ringing of recent years has not been so plentiful, the wide distribution may herald a revival, and we look forward to seeing a further increase in 1967. One handbell peal of particular note was that to mark the 50th anniversary of the first 12-bell handbell peal in Birmingham, and Frank Perrens took part in both of them.

LOCAL BANDS

It is always a pleasure to read of peals rung by local bands So far this year at least 25 have been recorded. The methods rung range from Grandsire Doubles to 118 Doubles variations, Plain Bob Minor to seven Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, and Plain Bob and Spliced Surprise Major. It would be invidious to single out any one performance, but congratulations are due to all these bands for their continued loyalty and perseverance. It would be even better if some 10- and 12-bell peals appeared with local band footnotes, and perhaps they soon will, for some of this year's are from 10-bell towers.

The variety of footnotes that appear to peals seems to become more varied every year Church festivals and local church occasions provide a number of these. Examples are the peals rung for the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey, and the first peal on the new bells at Easthampstead, which also marked the centenary of the church. The 200th anniversary of the first peal at Horsham was marked by the ringing of a peal in the same method. Ordinations, inductions and enthronements appear in footnotes with unfailing regularity, and it is a very fitting welcome to a new vicar for a peal to be arranged. The Southam Deanery of the Coventry Diocesan Guild celebrated the tenth anniversary of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley as Bishop of Coventry with a selection of peals. Historical events, too, have earned their place, and in particular the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings was suitably commemorated in the right part of Sussex.

BIRTHDAYS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Birthdays have been complimented by 136 peals and 21st birthdays by a further 56. George Symonds took part in his 91st birthday peal, and the writer wonders whether this constitutes a record. It would be interesting to know who is the oldest person to have rung a peal. Another interesting birthday peal was that at Tenby celebrating the 100th birthday of Mrs. Kate Jenkins, the band containing her nephew, great-nephew and great-great-nephew. How "unofficial birthdays" come into the reckoning remains a mystery, but a peal at Clifton was thus described.

Engagement peals number 37, and wedding peals 156. It is very noticeable that prominent peal ringers always seem to manage to have several peals rung for them, and 1966 has been no exception! Wedding anniversaries, too, have featured regularly; three peals were specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Hairs' golden wedding, and they took part in the handbell peal, just as they had done on their wedding day. Only one diamond wedding peal is recorded, but what must be a very much rarer occasion is a 70th anniversary commemorated by a peal at Rogate.

In memoriam peals total 108, most of them being rung half-muffled, though some rung open at special request. Two prominent composers died during the year, namely Ernest W. Tipler and Albert J. Pitman, and it was appropriate that so many peals should be rung to their memory, using their own compositions as a tribute to their contribution to the Exercise. The widespread sympathy which the Aberfan disaster engendered was shown by the memorial peals rung, and one or two which were left unrung on that dreadful day.

PERSONAL MILESTONES

This year has not been unremarkable in the field of personal milestones. George Fearn rang his 2,100th peal and, shortly before this, became the person to have rung the most peals ever, surpassing Ernest Morris's total. In addition, he rang his 500th peal at Birmingham Cathedral, which is considerably more than anyone else has rung at one tower. Two other possible records were Pat Cannon's 800th tower for a peal and Wilfred Williams' 60th tower for a 12-bell peal. John Mayne rang his 200th different Surprise Major method and also his 100th peal of Surprise "in hand," and in both of these became only the second person to do so. Many other personal milestones have been reached, but it is impossible to list them all. However, a few firsts should be mentioned: There were three first pealers in a peal at Flore, four first pealers in a peal at Longparish, and seven first of Spliced in a peal at Gloucester. A Rector rang his first peal, conducted by his daughter, which must be a somewhat unusual situation, but an alternative position for the incumbent during a peal is to be on guard against protests, as happened at Mitcheldean.

Nineteen-sixty-six will be remembered for a very fine heavy bell performance. In August, Peter Border turned in Liverpool Cathedral tenor single-handed, and this must surely rank as one of the greatest heavy bell performances of all time. There have been several other interesting 12-bell peals during the year: Cam-

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Tower Captaincy Without Tears

By OSRAM

PART II

IN the first article the suggestion was made that many of a tower captain's problems could be solved by first of all recognising a few basic principles

The first two principles were (a) Why not accept captaincy?: (b) Why put in more belfry attendances than the average ringer?

This week let us discuss four more principles.

PRINCIPLE 3. RECOGNISE THE NON-ATTENDANCE FACTOR

A band "on the books" is divisible into "steadies" and "casuals" very easily Steadies are those who come every session (except annual holidays) failing circumstances barely within their control (e.g. parents taking them away to visit relatives for the week-end) You can count on them to be there without specifically asking them You know who I mean. "Casuals" are the rest Now "casuals' in any other walk of life the like bonuses, aren't they—fine if they come and not critical if they don't So, belfry captain, be brutal with your wishful thinking Count up your "steadies." Forget the others Then subtract some (one third, say) for circumstances beyond their control. The answer? Your guaranteed Sunday service attendance In your tower that isn't as many as the number of bells you've got, is it? You wouldn't be reading this article if it were

So face the non-attendance factor objectively. This article posits one-third of "steadies" not attending an average session on the basis of the writer's experience. What do you posit? If it is one-third then to get all the bells ringing for every service you will need half as many "steadies" again as there are bells. And if you haven't got them then either (a) accept that it is your responsibility when you turn up short one Sunday, and smile, or (b) get them.

PRINCIPLE 4. RECOGNISE THE WASTAGE FACTOR

Take any hobby Stamp collecting: fishing; swimming; wife-beating. We've done them all at one time. Haven't we? And we don't do them any more. Do we? Nobody wept when we gave them up, because it is accepted that in our youth we were dilettantes, and tried anything. So why cry when a learner leaves the belfry? There are plenty more to take his place. Yes! Of course there are—read on. The practical action is to accept it as a fact of life which is not unduly unpleasant because there are more coming up in the pipeline.

What did your boss do when you changed your job last year? He got someone else, didn't he (promoted your subordinate?). Well, you're the boss now.

Why not budget for one-third of your learners leaving sooner rather than later? While, however, a learner is with you he's a potential "steady." Count up, then. You've 12 bells, three "steadies' (discount the 13 "casuals"), six potential "steadies." Since you need 18 "steadies" altogether (to allow for one-third non-attendance), then the 15 still to get will be produced by 23 potential "steadies." So having already got six, you need 17 more potential "steadies" (i.e learners). The man you've just replaced as captain wouldn't have believed it. That's why you replaced him.

PRINCIPLE 5. RECOGNISE THAT THE MAJORITY OF OLDER PEOPLE WITH KEEN OUTSIDE INTERESTS STARTED THEM YOUNG

Most people over 30 years of age with a hobby started young. Most people don't have two hobbies which they pursue with real interest. And most women don't have hobbies If you accept these premisses, why waste time and effort trying to persuade your friends to ring?. And why bother to chase the girls? Let them come if they want to, by all means —some girls are fabulous ringers fabulous swimmers, fabulous opera singers. But the dedicated will find it for themselves On the same principle leave your wife alone.

Recognise that your best potential ringers to go out and get are boys about 11 years old, and not either choirboys or Boy Scouts (you don't want two-hobby people).

Now, who are the experts in coaxing, attracting the attention of, making things attractive to 11-year-old boys? Parents of 11-year-old boys primarily. But they are difficult to find. Primary school teachers next. Why not go to them, therefore, to find recruits? There will be several primary schools in your area. Write to the headmaster and then keep phoning him until he gives you a few names and addresses to get rid of you. Better still, have a recruitment officer to do it for you (See later under "Delegation.")

This is true even for a heavy ring, you know. Generally learners are not contributing expertly to a tower's ringing until they have at least two years' experience. And by the time an 11-year-old is 13 he is getting quite strong and capable of moving round towards the medium-sized bells There is room for thought here moreover. You, reader, might be no more ambitious than to want a rounds band in the long term However, if you are looking for a Londinium Maximus band then think carefully before recruiting any old 11-year-olds that the headmaster offers Why not specify 11-plus-passers or near misses? You will be more surely laying intelligence up for yourself this way, and this could be fruitful later It all depends on the long-term standard you want

Principle No 5 is, therefore: direct your maximum recruiting effort where it will be most economically repaid, and aim at qualifications for them consistent with long-term levels required

PRINCIPLE 6. RECOGNISE THE CONFLICT WITH TIME

If you are to keep your own personal attendances down to "normal" levels, does this mean that more should be packed into available time? With 17 new recruits, it obviously does A skill like metal-working, or calculus, takes many many months of concentrated and devoted effort on the part of the individual and his teacher before he is able to employ it to the full. Is it fair to expect a ringing learner, surrounded by other learners, to learn the intricacies of campanology without the maximum of attention devoted to him? Yet out of two hours' practice and possibly two hours' service ringing per week, how many minutes does he get at the end of a bell rope? Twenty? Could this be increased?

Calculate your official tower ringing periods in a weekly total. Then one week when you're not ringing a quarter peal count the number of minutes the bells are actually rung for the week. Punctuality and reduction of wasteful non-ringing time between touches could increase ringing time by up to a third, perhaps If so, then surely this is of immense value to our learners.

By the same token it is a major disaster to omit any Sunday service ringing because there aren't enough local ringers available. One hour's potential ringing time lost is a large proportion in a week (quite apart from the consideration that Sunday service ringing is your main brief as church bellringing captain) Is it consistent to insist on punctuality and then gaily abandon an hour without extremely good reason, leaving three learners to miss valuable experience? Why not contact a neighbouring tower for "spares"? At the very worst, encourage your three learners strongly to go to another tower to ring.

Talking of punctuality, you are not late for work every morning. You don't keep your friends waiting after arranging to meet

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or you would not be their friend for long. So, as ringing boss, why should you tolerate lack of punctuality? It may be difficult with the old lags but a few well-chosen public words with the young learner goes a long way with everyone. (A band the writer knows once, between the wars, locked their doors the instant Sunday service ringing started and latecomers took the consequences. So, probably, did the band.) But every minute's delay in starting three-quarters of an hour's service ringing is over two per cent. of your ringing time gone The sixth principle, then, is to recognise the conflict with time. Why not think of what you're going to do next while the current piece of ringing has returned to rounds prior to standing? And why not risk offending and possibly losing latecomers by pointing out a few salient facts about the use of time?

[In the next article the nine basic principles will be concluded, ready for dealing with planning. The importance of delegation, referred to earlier, will be elaborated.]

Peals of 1966—continued.

bridge Maximus was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral for the first time for many years, and the first peal of Surprise at York Minster took place during the summer. To celebrate the City of London Festival, the College Youths rang three peals of Stedman Cinques simultaneously to the same composition at Bow, Cornhill and Cripplegate. Unusual performances provide special interest, such as the peal of Cambridge Maximus which was rung by six fathers and sons at Evesham; the peal at Accrington rung during a Cross procession through the town by all denominations, and the peal at Withyham on November 12th by a band of first world war veterans.

Peals as accepted "scientifically" are not usually associated with call change ringers but, for the first time ever, one has been accredited to the Devon Association. The integration of call change ringers and scientific ringers is long overdue, and now that they are represented on the Central Council and a peal has been rung by them it is to be hoped that the friendship will become much greater

150 MAJOR METHODS

In conclusion, what have we rung during 1966? The variety of methods and types of peal is enormous, and to list them here would not be very interesting. Minor records have already been referred to, but there are many other bands who regularly ring multi-method peals, though not aspiring to such heights The most surprising feature to the writer was that over 150 Major methods have been rung this year and over 120 of these were different Surprise methods. The Peals Analysis Committee report lists methods in which more than ten peals have been rung, and for the first time Glasgow will feature in the list. It is difficult to assess why there has been this sudden rise in popularity in what used to be considered a difficult method The use of singles in Surprise composition may well be considered controversial, but, whether one approves or not, it has opened up a new field of musical possibilities, as has been shown by the spate of compositions appearing. This is reflected in what has been rung, and it is encouraging to see conductors choosing the more musical compositions of Yorkshire and London rather than just the simple ones. It was for this reason that the writer considered peals of London this year in rather more detail. 1965 saw a tremendous increase in peals of London which has not been maintained so far this year; 1965 also saw the publication of a number of very good compositions of London by Roger Baldwin, Stephen Ivin and Roderick Pipe. The number appearing this year has not been so great and this may account for the falling off in the peals. However, of the 77 peals of London which have been published up to the time of writing, no less than 57 were composed by these three. It looks very much as though the days when Gabriel Lindoff's name appeared below the majority of peals of London have gone, and it will be interesting to watch the pattern of this side of peal ringing during 1967.

Letters to the Editor

OLD AND DERELICT BELLS AT POTT SHRIGLEY

Dear Sir,—Earlier this month Pott Shrigley (Macclesfield, Cheshire) Parochial Church Council finally decided to restore and retain the three old bells instead of recasting towards a new ring of six. There is room for a ring of six and the raising of funds should not have presented a serious problem according to members of the Council.

The three bells consist of the tenor, an Old field bell cast in 1607 and two other long-waisted undated bells cast by Robert Crouch (1439–50), which are so badly cracked as to render them not liable to ancient monument preservation. They were last rehung in 1890 and are now unringable, and the frame, wheels and clappers are in derelict condition.

There remains in the village a hard core of feeling in support of retaining these bells, which in my view is not justified. As far as I know, no one associated with the Exercise was involved at the final meeting. I suggest that those in favour of restoring the three were influenced by over-enthusiastic historians instead of listening to the Guild bell consultants who had been present at an earlier meeting of the Council. My object in writing is to invite comments either way on this matter.—Yours faithfully.

BRIAN SCHOFIELD.

Pott Shrigley, Cheshire.

PRACTICE NIGHTS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—Re the letter on page 856 by Mr. Easton. I would remind Mr Easton that "Dove" is not always reliable on the subject of practice nights. From the Kent handbook there are 23 towers in the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of which one has no band and the bells of another are unringable. Of the rest, four practise on a Monday, five on a Tuesday, four on a Wednesday, three on a Thursday and five on a Friday. This shows that in this part of Kent the weekday ringing is quite well spread out.

I advise Mr. Easton to buy himself a copy of the Kent handbook if he intends to carry out this type of research. The handbooks are obtainable from the Kent general secretary, who is Mr. Corby.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

AN EXAMPLE — A GOOD PEAL, A LETTER OF THANKS AND A ROPE FEE

Dear Sir,—Ring a bad peal or, as on outing correspondent, pass an opinion, and you can be sure of making the headlines in "The Ringing World."

For a change, I would like to congratulate the band who rang a peal at Hilgay on December 17th; I did not hear it, but several people commented to me how well the bells were rung and how they enjoyed listening to them. Also for a letter confirming the starting time, no objection to a rope fee, and a letter of thanks following the peal.

The Hilgay band includes about a dozen teenagers and the bells are rung for two services nearly every Sunday. On practice night (Monday 7–9 p.m.) with help we manage Bob Major and Triples and Grandsire Triples. Although the villagers never complain about our striking, it is nice to know they appreciate and know when the bells are being rung in peal fashion.—Yours sincerely.

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

"CHRISTMAS BELLS"

Dear Sir,—Christmas bells came through this year with equal splendour as last year, especially the heavy ten at Wells Cathedral and St. Michael's, Cornhill, London (12). I think this is an ideal way of commencing Christmas Day and shall look forward to hearing perhaps one of the following (as I have stated before): Liverpool Cathedral or a 12-bell tower from Birmingham such as Aston Parish Church, St. Martin's or St Philip's Cathedral.

Wishing you and "The Ringing World" prosperity in the coming year,—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHALLENGE TO BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—Mr Rigby's recent letter has only stated what the object of the so-called Bristol Society is and not how one may become a member or who the officers are. In fact, if the "Society" has any officers at all they are remarkably silent.

It is just as well that Mr. Rigby said that the "Society" was "a group of fair-minded ringers living **mainly** in the Gloucester and Bristol Association's territory," because, if the report was correct, the peal that he rang for the "Society" was at Loughborough. Is one seriously to believe that the peal would have otherwise been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol, as the letter may be taken to mean? Perhaps it is just another way of evading the peal fee of the local Guild.

If this group of ringers are as democratic and fair-minded as the letter suggests, why don't they register their disapproval in the truly democratic way at the local Branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol, assuming that they are members? Failing this, there is always the annual general meeting, which provides them with an excellent opportunity for expressing their views, as it is very conveniently being held in Bristol this year.

Should their aim be merely not to ring peals for the Gloucester and Bristol, why not accredit them to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association? This has been done in Bristol in recent years and the little financial support received from these peals would help an energetic Association. If this is not wanted, why not plain "Non-Association"? Perhaps if Mr Parsons had rung his much-criticised peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the "Bristol Society" he would not have had any "officers" questioning its validity. — Yours sincerely,

A. TUBB.

Berkeley, Glos.

ODD VENTURES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to point out that the "240's" of Grandsire Doubles (page 352) may cause a little confusion. The first 240 and second 240, as printed, appear to be one and the same composition, and also that these compositions by Mr. B. D. Price first appeared in "The Ringing World" on March 2nd, 1962, with the following footnote: "These, with Morris's 3-part 240, are the only 240's in parts with each change at hand and back."—Yours faithfully,

R. W. LEAVETT.

Maldon Essex.

OXFORD.—ST. PETER IN-THE-EAST

Subject to faculty the ring of eight bells and the saunce in this tower will shortly be sold

The bells comprise a ring of six cast at the Rudhall Foundry in 1700 (one recast 1753), with the addition of two trebles in 1891 from the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor weighs approximately 9½ cwt. (note A). The saunce is a Rudhall bell of 1777 and weighs approximately 1 cwt. The frame and fittings are thought to be useless.

Inquiries and offers should be addressed to: The Secretary, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford.—A. R. Pink, Sec., Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. 609

ONLY SOLUTION—AN ALL-OUT DRIVE

Dear Sir,—I have been noting with interest the correspondence concerning the state of "The Ringing World". I am amazed at the amount of criticism arising from the small changes which have so far been made to the paper. I am beginning to think that a lot of people take the paper just to look at the title on the front page.

Why do people take "The Ringing World"? I would like to make a few suggestions in answer to that question, if I may. I would suggest that it is the basic desire of **some** ringers to learn more of ringers and ringing outside their own immediate vicinity which provides the market for the paper rather than the attractiveness of the publication. I would estimate these ringers to represent about 15 per cent. of all ringers. A further five per cent. perhaps might decide to buy or not to buy the paper according to the assessment of its "attractiveness." The remaining 80 per cent. of all ringers do not have sufficient interest in the Exercise to want to increase their knowledge of ringers and ringing. Consequently they have no need of "The Ringing World."

I do not find this sort of argument at all surprising. After all, in every kind of activity or hobby we can think of we find people with varying degrees of enthusiasm.

In conclusion I would suggest that making the paper more "attractive" will not increase the circulation significantly. The real boost will only come by having an all-out drive to increase the total number of ringers, thereby increasing the percentage of those with sufficient interest and curiosity to make "The Ringing World" essential reading matter. — Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. FRIEND.

Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The long-awaited visit to Southill of the Biggleswade District on December 10th was a very happy meeting, with Mr. C. Mann acting as Ringing Master. It was a pleasure to welcome a party from Middlesex, who rang with us before visiting other towers in the district.

This was the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Ashworth), and he conducted a shortened Evensong and took the chair for the business meeting. Tea was kindly provided by local ladies. A great encouragement was the presence of young learners from towers where change ringing is not in a very advanced state, to widen and extend their capabilities. L. E.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Memorial Service for Mr. G. Pullinger

A memorial service for the late Mr. George Pullinger was held at St. Mary's Church Bishopstoke, on December 10th. About 60 members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild were present to pay tribute to one of their greatest members, together with many of Mr. Pullinger's friends from Bishopstoke where he had been a ringer for over 40 years.

The service was conducted by the Rector the Rev. G. H. Rose, the lesson read and the address given by the Master of the Guild Canon K. W. H. Felstead. In his address Canon Felstead said that, in the passing of George Pullinger, they had lost a truly great man. A perfectionist in all he undertook George had also the gift of leadership which enabled many to benefit from coming under his wing as a teacher. Even with the disability of having lost his right arm in the first world war, his striking was immaculate and he expected the same from others. Above all, one knew where one stood with George Pullinger: he was honest and frank in all he said.

George gave continuous service to the Guild as an officer of the Guild for almost 40 years. He became assistant secretary in 1923 and was general secretary from 1924–1930, during which time the old Winchester Diocese was broken up and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild founded, the formation of which was due mainly to the work of George Pullinger and George Williams. Mr. Pullinger became Master in 1949 and, on his retirement from this office in 1955, he was accorded the singular honour of being elected a life vice-president of the Guild.

Canon Felstead concluded by saying that in all he did George Pullinger's motives were right, they were those of a Christian in the service of God; the world was the poorer without him.

Following the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a representative band.

A PERSONAL APPRECIATION

"It's no good, we tried it in 1923 ... it didn't work then and it won't work now!"

Such a remark was often heard from George at Guild meetings when some supposedly new topic came up for discussion. His knowledge and memory were unassailable features.

His early life was spent in the village of Upham, where he was introduced to the art. His interest in ringing was such that the challenge was taken up again after the loss of his right arm in Mesopotamia during the Great War. In the early '20's he began ringing at Bishopstoke and North Stoneham with the war exempted band of George Williams. Recognition of his ability was soon accepted by the Winchester Guild elders and he held every available office in the Guild open to him. He was not a prolific peal ringer—his interests lying mainly in beginners and the teaching of method ringing.

This preamble of course gives no real hint as to his character, and character is the right word as far as his methods were concerned. Learning to handle followed the straightforward pattern—practice, practice and more practice, during which time one would learn to live with his voice which no bellfounder could ever match with mere alloy. In the belfry his was undisputed; I remember the Rector and churchwardens asking his permission to enter! Having been Ringing Master for some 30 years probably had something to do with it!

As a learner I suffered under George Pullinger—his maxim I thought then could only be "I makes 'em or breaks 'em." He would instil the knowledge by the strange mixture of bellowing and poking the stump of his right arm at your shoulder. Listeners at the foot of the spiral could hear choice remarks such as—"Anything the matter with your ears?" ... I would tremble and stutter—"No," just waiting for the deafening gem of wisdom to arrive, "Well, use 'em then, can't you hear that you are slow at backstroke!"

On occasions the light would dawn and the hard graft disappear, and as soon as my interest matched his, oh, how things changed. Ringing books would appear in my jacket pocket and he would take me on long bicycle rides to meetings in far-flung districts of our Guild. Under his wing I was gradually introduced into the wider sphere of the Exercise until the inevitable day came when he had finished his teaching and I was free to go my own way.

Even after his retirement to Willingdon we would meet at least annually for the Guild annual general meeting and talk about old times.

He was a member of the Old Guard all right, dictatorial, forthright to the point of being misunderstood and would tolerate nothing second rate. But as usual this exterior concealed a surprisingly gentle man with a deep understanding. Hampshire will miss George Pullinger. I will miss him and be eternally grateful to him for giving me the chance; it seems very hard to believe that we will not meet again.

TOM CHAPMAN.

OBITUARY

MR. BERT GARRETT

On December 28th the funeral took place of Mr. Bert Garrett, one of the best-known ringers in North Hampshire, who died after a long illness just before Christmas, aged 70. The service was at St. Mary's Church, Overton, where he had been a ringer all his life and was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. A. Sanders.

The many friends present included the local band at the church. The Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was represented by the Master (Mr. C. Osler), the secretary (Mr. J. Hill), the past secretary (Mr. J. Chesterman) and Mr. H. Balaam. The Mayor of Basingstoke, himself a ringer, who had been taught at the age of 13 by Bert, was also present and shared in the tribute of the bells, which were rung half muffled as the coffin was carried out of the church.

Bert Garrett was one of those men who are the backbone of the Exercise—no great peal ringer but one who was never away from the tower for practice or for Sunday ringing. His father before him, and then his brother Henry, had been captain and it was natural that Bert should keep on the family tradition. He was regular, too, at quarterly meetings and served on the Diocesan Guild Executive Committee. All knew him as a man of integrity, friendly, and with a wholehearted interest in ringing and ringers, linked to unswerving loyalty to the Church he served.

The day after the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the Overton bells in his memory. Three members of his family shared in it, with friends of long standing to make up the band. From beginning to end no voice was heard in the ringing chamber but Geoff Dodd making the calls. Outside, the striking (of the highest order) gave to the village and surrounding hills a message of memory and fellowship from the tongues of the bells Bert had for so long loved and rung. May he rest in peace.

MRS. ETHEL BARNES

Thornaby-on Tees has lost one of its oldest ringers in the passing of Mrs. Ethel Barnes on December 27th.

Born in 1904 at Whitby, she lived there until 1912 when the family emigrated to North America. She and her father (Mr. Frederick Barnes) mother and four sisters sailed on the ill-fated "Titanic". Her father was drowned, but the rest of the family eventually reached their uncle in America but were unable to settle down. Shortly after the end of the first world war they returned and lived in Thornaby, which was not far from their former home.

Ethel was a staunch churchwoman, and bellringing was only a part of her many services to the Church. She often attended meetings during the last four years although her doctor had forbidden her to ring. She was not an advanced method ringer, but an excellent striker, a quality inherited by all she taught.

Sympathy is expressed to her grown-up son and two daughters. She will be sadly missed by ringers in this area, particularly the older ones.

F. R. A.

MRS. C. M. CRAWFORD

The death occurred early in December of Mrs. C. M. Crawford, of Rampton, Notts, an honorary vice-president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Mrs. Crawford was the widow of Arthur Crawford, who in 1927 gave the Crawford Cup to the North Notts Association in memory of his father Charles, a noted ringer and local personality. The cup has been competed for continuously since 1928, barring a break during the war years, and was presented by Mrs. Crawford to the winning team on many occasions.

Members of the North Notts District attempted a muffled peal at Rampton on Tuesday, December 6th, but as this broke down too late to allow a second start, a well-struck 1,320 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by S. Carnall 1, Linda M. Wilkinson 2, H. Poyner (cond.) 3, D. Chambers 4, S. G. Pick 5, H. Denman 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite the near approach of Christmas, the meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on December 17th, was well attended and ringing in a variety of methods took place under the leadership of the Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart.

A most sincere welcome was extended by the Rev. Christopher Lamb as a preface to his short address during the service, which followed the pattern of the Association's normal form of service. Unfortunately everyone in church did not stop for tea, but those who did were well rewarded by an excellent repast prepared by the members of the Enfield band.

At the business meeting three enthusiastic young members of the local company were elected as ringing members, viz. the Misses Jane Darby, Glynis Perry and Christine Neville. Miss Iris Lemare and Mr. William Pye joined the Association and were added to the list of ringing members. The provisional elections of Keith J. Walpole (Wheathampstead) and Miss E. Winifred Keys (Chichester) as non-resident life members prior to peals of Hendon Surprise Major at Putney and Bob Major at Hackney were ratified.

Votes of thanks included a special "thank you" to Ron Wood, the local tower captain, and his helpers.

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HALF PEALS

EMPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 2,784 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Hudson 1, R. Russell 2, R. N. Scholes 3, C. J. Groome 4, S. Bell 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round because of interruption.

TRING, HERTS.—On Dec. 17th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Sarah Slemeck (longest length) 1, C. J. Badrick 2, E. J. Upton 3, H. Collings 4, A. V. Good 5, A. R. Kench (cond.) 6, E. Edmondson 7, B. M. Barker 8 A welcome to the Rev. D. L. Howells, B.A., the new Vicar.

DATE TOUCH

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Saviour's, 1,966 Plain Bob (14 P.B. Triples, 1,952 P.B. Major): Christine M. Baldock 1, Janet M. Percy 2, Ann Harris 3, Mrs Betty Percy 4, R. W. R. Percy 5, A. R. Baldock 6, T. M. Barlow 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for Christmas, and also in thanksgiving for the life and service of Eric Trueman Barlow, late organist and choirmaster and father of ringer of seventh.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor D. Geoffrey Kerley 1, P. Jones 2, R. N. Bagshaw 3 P. J Bagshaw 4, George Kerley 5, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 6

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Erith 1. I. Pleasance (first "inside") 2, P. G. Erith 3, R. Stephenson 4, D. W. Bloyce 5, A G. Semken (cond.) 6. For Midnight Communion.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Dec 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Worthington 1, R. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, R. Spicer 4, F. J. Robinson 5, A. A. F. Peters 6.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Walker 1, M. Hebden 2, M. G. Dodson 3 R W. Rice 4, G. Hebden 5, G. Robson 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8. First on bells since rehanging.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Dec 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan E. Relf (first quarter) 1, Ann Harris 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. J. Winchester 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. A 15th birthday compliment to Susan Relf, also best wishes to Valerie Mepham and Thomas Haxton (marriage, January 7th).

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. B. Wood (first of Triples) 4, A Bridges 5, Captain J. J. Ellams 6, D. Lamb (first as cond.) 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Miss D. Fletcher 2, Miss K. Fletcher 3, Miss B. Wood 4, E. H. Langley 5, D. Lamb 6, Capt. Ellams 7, A. Bridges 8. For Midnight Communion, and to mark 40 years of happy service ringing together of the Misses Fletcher. Also a farewell to Mr. D. Lamb, returning to Hong Kong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Dury (first Triples) 1, Lynne Payne 2, A. Bourner 3, Carole Wood 4, H. E. Deacon 5, E. Clifton 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R Benstead 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Carole Wood.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Mullins 1, J. G. Flint 2, Sheila I. Smith (cond.) 3, D. G. Carr 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, A. S. Smith 6. For Christmas, and as a compliment to the Rev. J. H. Dominey, to mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, H. L. Bishop 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Christmas.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, B. Martin (first of Grandsire) 2, J. Collard (first Grandsire) 3, T. Newlands 4, R. W. Sweet 5, D. Rennolds (first on eight as cond.) 6, D J. Hunt 7, S. Bateman (13, first on eight) 8.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D Allman 1, G. A. Edwards 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, K. W. Eaton 4, L. A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott 6, F. R Morton (cond.) 7, G. K. Green 8. First on eight 1 and 8. First of Triples "inside" 4 and 5.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Brown 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper 4, (first "inside") 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Reeves 6.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K Oliver 1, Margaret Hill 2, J. Cooper 3, A. Foster 4, G. Oliver 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): I. J. Goodman 1, D. J Goodman (cond.) 2, C. J. Harpley 3, C. Albon 4 F H. Walters 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Phillips 1, Jean Moore (first of Doubles) 2, D. Tysoe 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, D. Kirton 5, J. Kirton 6. First quarter 1, 3, 5 and 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Candy (first quarter) 1, Margaret J. Grantham 2, D. C. Manger 3, B. Butler 4, J. S. Barnes 5, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 6, R Weeks 7, J. T. Cousins 8. First of Triples for all except 3 and 5.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, L. Moss 6. A compliment to Elisabeth van de Laarschott and David Roberts, son of ringer of the 3rd, who were married at Newquay the previous day.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Christmas Eve, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Cooke 1 Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, S. Hardy (first of Surprise) 5, Miss B. Cooke 6, E. Pannell 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Anne P. Leigh 1, H. Scott 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3. H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, G. Jackson 6. E. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Also on Dec 24th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: T. D. Spencer 1, Anne P. Leigh 2, H. Scott 3, H Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, E. Padgett 6, F. Reed 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Minor (five methods): Gladys D Northway 1, L. D. Smith 2, J. Hartless 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First in five Minor methods on the bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. Culver 1, R. Clarke 2, Mrs. C. Sims 3, K. Small 4, P. Clarke 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, P. Shonk 8. For Midnight Mass.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Ivings (first quarter) 1, I. Middleditch 2, Mrs. H. Ivings 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For the joy of Christmas.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples Hilary Kipping 1, Heather Waters 2, H. P. Reed 3, S. Reed (first of Stedman) 4, C. H. Kippin 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, J. M Kippin 8.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary L Widgery 1, Mary Ball 2, Elizabeth A Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. C. Jackson 6.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Tipper 1, A. Reeves 2, D. Hatherly (first "inside" in four methods) 3, K. Tipper 4, B Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Carol Lester (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Harris 2, Mrs. S. Tickle 3, C. Woods 4, L. Stevens 5, F. Chambers 6, S. Tickle 7, T. Harris (cond.) 8. For carol service.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. H. Randles 1, D. Collins 2, J. Hedgcock 3, G. H. Randles 4, C. J. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Estcourt 6.

HELSTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. Locke 4, A. P. Smith (first of Major) 5, G. F Dunstan 6, F. M. Bowers (first of Major) 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Spliced Rutland and Yorkshire S. Major: F. M. Byrne 1, E. Edmondson 2, A. V. Good 3, B. M. Barker 4, R. E. Sheppard 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, S. F. Carter (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, J. Kemp 5, P. M. F. Searles 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Stott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, R Jones 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, S Penfold 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. E. Scoones 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle J Butcher 2, B. Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6 For Midnight Communion. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): A. Neilson 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5 R. Gemmell 6 For Matins.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Mundy (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. A. W. Fuller 2, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 3, D. Lee 4, A. W. Johnson 5, Juanita Fuller 6 For the Christmas Festival.

MORETON CORBETT, SALOP.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Minor: T. Shilvock 1, M. J. Mulvey 2 J. P. Burton 3, C. Bainham 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, P. G. K. Davies 6. First in the method by all the band.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Askew 1, S. Pardoe 2, J. Pardoe 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, G. White 5, M. Lincoln 6, R. Yeates 7, P. Martin 8. For Evensong (local band).

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T Hiller 1. Mrs. J. Davis 2, D. Ellery 3, M. Hiller 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P R. Humphrey 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, P. Raithby 3, C. W. Reed 4, Miss M. E. Chilton 5, R. B. Mills 6, S. Humphrey (cond.) 7, P. Wakefield 8, G. A. Dawson 9, J. R. Pratchett 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos' Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, P Chambers 2, A. Bainham 3, D. Phillips 4, R. Smith 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, H. G. Wells 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, S. Humphrey 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: K. P. Parker 1, R. H. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. A. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. First of Little Bob 1, 2 and 4.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Bainham 1, Miss J. Sturrock 2, A. Botterell 3, M. T. Mulvey 4, S Matthews 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 8 First of Major 2, 4 and 5. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. V. S. Nichols (Vicar).

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Westminster Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey (cond.) 1, D. G. Massey 2, A. P. Beck 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, D. J. Orledge 5, D. A. Burt 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Brain 1, E. Ovens 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, W. Lampard 4, D. M. Smith 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Heath 1, J. L. Floyd (cond.) 2. Christine T. Wilkins 3, L. D. Floyd (first "inside") 4, A. J. Wenden 5, R. E. Gerhardi 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Miss E. Snell 1, M. R. Meadows 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheldon 1, M. Turner 2, Miss C. Turner (cond.) 3, H. Morton 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, B. Horton 7, D. Timmins (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. Mary Martin. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Spooner (first quarter) 1, C. Williams 2, Miss F. M. Baraclough 3, Miss C. Turner 4, M. Turner (cond.) 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, D. Timmins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for the tragedy at Aberfan.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, N. T. H. Abbott 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. G. Brown 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Double Oxford): R. Preston 1. H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Cook 4, O. Homewood 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. First in these methods 3 and 5. In honour of the birth of a son for O. Homewood.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. M. Burns 1, Mrs B. Street 2, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 3, H. Byrom 4, B. Street 5, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Boumphrey and Jaclyn, on their departure for Uganda.

CROSSWORD POPULAR

Our crossword contest in the issue of December 9th was very popular. Fifty-five entrants sent in correct solutions and there were many unsuccessful. The first correct solution was submitted by Mr. M. V. White, of Avalon, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warwickshire to whom a 10s. prize has been sent. His comment was: "It makes it more interesting missing out some clues—well done —I liked it!" Correct solution:—

Across.—1 Terrington St. Clement, 5 Olveston, 8 Greenwich, 12 Melling, 13 Wednesbury, 14 Lutterworth, 15 Old, 17 Skilgate, 18 Malpas, 20 Idle, 22 Mells, 25 Road, 26 Drogheda, 28 Pylle, 29 Stoke Poges, 30 Yass, 31 York, 34 Ludgershall 39 Lea, 41 Ludlow, 42 Over, 43 Sheen, 44 Wymington.

Down.—1 Trowell, 2 Revelstoke, 3 Strensham, 4 Chelsfield, 6 Sunderland, 7 Newport Pagnell, 9 Wouldham, 10 Clyro, 11 Mold, 16 Brierley Hill, 17 Sleaford, 21 Okeford, 23 Leeds, 24 Fareham 27 Roos, 32 Ossett, 33 Halse, 35 Upwey, 36 Alton, 37 Ely, 38 Awre, 40 Ash.

J. J. Hill sends the following comment over Alton being described as in Surrey:

Ronald geography's all in a flurry;
He compiled our crossword in a hurry.
The good folk of Hants should now
dust his pants
For thinking that Alton's in Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Albans District

Harpenden was gaily decorated with Christmas lights, and it is to be hoped that the bells added to the atmosphere as they rang during the afternoon and evening of December 17th for the St. Albans District meeting.

The Rector conducted a short service, during which a peal board was dedicated. The peal was rung in May, 1965, to mark the consecration of a daughter church in the parish, All Saints', and was only the second peal to have been rung by an all local band. The first peal was rung in 1913, and Mr. Arthur Day had the unusual experience of standing in both peals.

Tea was taken in the nearby Church Hall, and was prepared and served by members of the local band and their wives; hot mince pies proved to be very acceptable

The president (Mr. K. Dunstan) took the chair at the business meeting. The transfer of Tewin to the Eastern District was ratified, and the hope expressed that the Tewin band would continue to progress, and that its members would come to St. Albans District meetings as often as they were able.

The District secretary (Mr. Roger Brown) intimated that he would not seek re-election at the annual District meeting due to be held on January 21st. This news was received with regret.

Mr. G. Penney (Ringing Master) thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, Mr. Peter Owen (Tewin) for playing the organ, and the Harpenden band for providing an excellent tea. Members returned to the tower to ring until 8 o'clock. M. A. C.

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5,376, 5,152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By ALAN S. BURBIDGE

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32546	—		6
36524	—	—	2
23564	—		6

Repeat twice.

For 5,152 call in lieu of any one part (e.g. the first).

23456	W	M	H
45326	S		—
25346	S		6
63524	S	—	—
23564	S		6

(All sets of 6 called BBS BBS.)

Contains all courses having combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5–6 positions, tenors together.

Rung in shorter form at Erdington on October 1st, 1966, conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.

RECORD HANDBELL PEAL

The longest length ever rung on 12 handbells was accomplished on Christmas Eve at Marple, Cheshire. It was 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus in 6 hours and 6 minutes. The band was Alan McFall 1–2, Brian J. Woodruffe 3–4, Robert B. Smith (cond.) 5–6, Neil Bennett 7–8, Gerald Moorhouse 9–10, B. Thompson 11–12. Picture and full story next week.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Encouraging signs of progress were mentioned by Mr. H. Eggleston, Ringing Master, in his report to the annual general meeting of the South East District held at Hintlesham on December 10th. He stated that Sproughton had started a new band under the tower captain, Mr. R. Kersey, and that 14 learners from Clopton and Orley were being taught by him It was encouraging to find so many youngsters in the district taking an interest in ringing.

The officers were all re-elected, and Mr. E. Pearce (the chairman) thanked all ringers and friends for their support.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. H. Clayton, and Mr. A. Beckwith (the Guild secretary) was organist. Ringing in the afternoon was under the watchful eye of the District Ringing Master and extended from rounds to many Surprise methods. Tea, for a company exceeding 40, was served at the George. W. L.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank W. Croft rang his first peal for ten years at Stevenage on December 27th.

Mr. George E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St Martin's Guild, rang his 250th peal of Stedman Cinques on December 22nd.

The passing of Walt Disney was commemorated by a peal at Norton Disney, Lincs, where his ancestor lived. During a visit to England in 1961 Mr. Disney visited this church.

In the peal of Pink's Doubles rung at Longparish, Hants, on November 23rd (see page 814) the ringer of the fifth was Reginald F. Crook, and not as published.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Swansea, has now returned home from hospital after undergoing a major operation Best wishes from all friends.

Mr. A. P. Cannon and his band at Wilton, Wilts, had hard luck on November 19th, when a peal of Minor was lost with only two leads to ring through a rope breaking. This would have been the first peal of Minor on the bells

Her many friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. M. M. Godley, of Yetminster, Dorset, is in hospital. She went in before Christmas and is now making good progress after an operation.

Their hosts of friends will send their felicitations to the Misses D. and K. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, who this Christmas completed 40 years of happy Sunday service ringing together.

A band, all under 15, rang for the carol service at Stowe, North Bucks.

Paul Jopp, aged 9, of Stoulton, Worcs, called his first quarter peal on December 28th.

From Wadhurst, Sussex, Mr. C. A. Bassett informs us that his band collected £20 10s. this Christmas playing carols on handbells.

After the failure of the Westminster Abbey peal attempt Mr. Harold W. Pitstow was pestered by reporters. He was asked to say "who pulled his rope in the wrong place."

The Durham and Newcastle Association have arrangements in hand for a 90th anniversary dinner, to be held on September 23rd, 1967, at St. Andrew's College, Durham. Canon Gilbert Thurlow hopes to be present, and the new Bishop of Durham has also accepted an invitation.

The peal at St. Michael's, Bristol (page 845) should read eight methods in seven extents: Cambridge S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Childwall, Grandsire and two Plain Bob. Conductor's correction.

An up-and-coming member of the St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, band, Christopher D. Corby, is believed to be the first to ring his first peal on Christmas Day. It was his first attempt and he rang very well. The peal was rung at Old Warden, Bedfordshire, and he rang the treble to Plain Bob Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

900th YEAR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY CLOSES

The 900th anniversary year at Westminster Abbey closed on Wednesday, December 28th, when there was a large congregation for the concluding service. This, being the anniversary of the dedication, was one of the regular ringing days and for half an hour after the service the bells were rung. During this ringing, television cameras were busy and the film was transmitted in the evening programme of news. Good action pictures were seen of Jack Phillips and Michael Morton.

In the evening a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted, which unfortunately came to grief after 2 hours and 20 minutes. A few changes of this ringing were put on the air, and Mr. Harold Pitstow (the head ringer) was heard on the radio newsreel speaking about ringing

Later the band were entertained by the Dean and Chapter in the Jerusalem Chamber to a buffet supper, at which there was plenty of good food and wine.

The Dean, in a few words, used the failure in the peal to point out that such a misfortune came to all at times, however practised they might be. After hearing what Mr. Pitstow had said on radio, the Dean said he felt that for the first time he understood a little of what was done in the belfry.

It was a tired and disappointed body of ringers who left the tower for home.

WISH GRANTED ON GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Christmas Day was the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Goodall Walker, of Brierley, South Yorks. This year they had a thrill, which was denied them on their wedding day, of hearing Felkirk bells ringing.

Mrs. Walker explained the circumstances to the "Barnsley Chronicle": "Although my husband and my two brothers were all ringers at Felkirk Parish Church and a team of ringers was standing ready to ring a welcoming peal as we left the church, the Vicar would not let them ring because he was not entirely in agreement with our wedding on a day of such religious significance."

HALIFAX GUILD PEAL

We rarely see the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild in the peal columns, and when such an event occurs it is generally noteworthy. The Sunday service band at Longwood, Huddersfield, rang the peal for the centenary of the parish on December 17th. There were seven first pealers and among them was 14-year-old Steven Lunn.

CONSETT PRESIDENT RECOGNISED

The Consett Iron Company's magazine for December gives a picture of Mr. W. Tyson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, who works as a machinist at the engine shed at Consett.

The caption concludes: "The rare and signal honour of having one of its members as president adds dignity and gives distinction to Consett Parish Church in general and its tower in particular."

HANDBELL RINGING FOR THE BLIND

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers again toured the Dulwich streets at Christmas and raised the magnificent sum of £354 for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. This was their 20th year of this activity and an amount of £4,104 will have now been handed in, writes the leader, Arthur H. Coombs.

OLDEST LADY RINGER

One of the oldest women ringers is Mrs. M. R. Cross, who lives with her daughter, Miss M. R. Cross, at Radley. This week we received a copy of a peal rung in honour of her 90th birthday.

It was during the 1914-18 war that Mrs. Cross learned to ring at Twyford, she being a member of the ladies' band trained by Mr. F. Denty, the captain, to replace the men called to the Forces. Their presence caused consternation among some of the local clergy, who refused to allow them to ring in their towers.

One of their sad duties was to ring the bells half-muffled every time one of the village men was killed—and casualties were heavy. Mrs Cross has memories of the Reading ringers of that time, which means that she knew people who rang there 120 years ago. She also knew H. C. Wilder, the author of the Ringers' Hymn, and it was through a visit to his church at Sulhampstead that her interest in bells was aroused.

A FROME DIAMOND WEDDING

Frome ringers were pleased to record a peal of Grandsire Triples on Boxing Day, the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills. Mr. Mills, doyen of the local band, has been a ringer for nearly 70 years, 52 of them at Frome He is still a very active ringer and regularly attends for service ringing at Frome and Marston Bigott and at the Frome weekly practice night (Saturdays). In fact he marked the anniversary himself by conducting a quarter peal at Marston Bigott whilst the peal was in progress at Frome.

A similar peal rung ten years ago to mark Mr. and Mrs. Mills' golden wedding anniversary is recorded on a plaque in the tower The method, composition and conductor were the same, and Messrs. E. Bray and H. Vennell also took part in both peals.

SAME NAME PEALS

Plans by Mr. G. Dodd to ring peals at all the Overtons in one day, as had been done for the Whitchurches and Twyfords, had to be postponed. One reason was the death of Mr. Garrett, a well-loved previous captain of the Overton, Hants, band. As it was, three peals were rung that day. Looking ahead, plans are to be made for ringing peals on one day at all the Draytons, the Farnboroughs and Dorchesters

FALL IN A TOWER

Miss Jean Sanderson, of Melbourn, Cambs. had the misfortune while on a ringing tour on the Tuesday after Christmas to slip while descending the tower at Linton, Cambs, and injured her left leg. Mrs. Threlfall drove her to Addenbrooke Hospital, Cambridge, where it was found that she had a cracked fibula and some bones in the ankle damaged. Miss Sanderson is now at home but the doctor considers that it will probably be another week or more before she is even a walking plaster case. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

WHAT WILL THE PROFESSOR SAY!

From a Yorkshire paper—Local people derived a great deal of pleasure on Christmas morning from hearing the bells of Felkirk Parish Church broadcast by the B.B.C. in the Home Service. The peal—a "Cart Wheel"—lasted for three minutes and came over very well indeed.

The Felkirk Christmas morning broadcast was by a composite team made up of officials and ex-officials of the Barnsley and District Society.

ISLEWORTH'S BELLS' 200th YEAR

Mr. H. W. Rogers, tower master and churchwarden at Isleworth, has produced an interesting pamphlet about his bells, which has been circulated with the Christmas programme.

This year eight of the ten bells at Isleworth will be 200 years old and some of the metal used in the 1767 casting was in fact in use in Isleworth tower in an earlier ring of six cast 100 years before. Five of the bells were installed by the Whitechapel Foundry as maiden bells. Isleworth have had a ring of ten since 1931.

The pamphlet makes an appeal for trainee ringers. Mr. Rogers gives this definition of bellringing:

(a) An important and interesting church work, calling the congregation on Sundays and reminding others of the Church's presence.

(b) A mental and physical exercise to just whatever complexity or degree you wish to pursue.

(c) A pleasing hobby or extra mural activity which can take you to interesting places all over the country, and enable you to meet in social fellowship, all sorts of varied and intriguing people. These range through the whole strata of social life from the unread labourer to the highest degree of professionalism.

In complimenting Isleworth, we would add that this is a most useful piece of propaganda, that could, with advantage, be copied.

PUNISHING BELLS!

From the "Ribble Staff Bulletin," Preston, Lancs, Geoffrey Humphrys contributes an amusing article entitled "All the bells on earth." In it he cites cases of bells being punished.

A bell at Uglich, near Moscow, in 1591 sounded the alarm when the son of Ivan the Terrible was murdered by the order of the Czar As a result the bell was sentenced to 300 lashes and 300 years in exile in Siberia. It was duly whipped and sent away and returned in 1892.

The bell of Oaxaca, Mexico, was condemned for sounding when it should have been silent. The sentence: To ring every quarter of an hour through all eternity! A clockwork device was fitted and it has already accomplished 200 years.

In 1685 at La Rochelle, France, a bell at a Protestant chapel remained silent when it should have been sounded. It was said to have helped heretics and was whipped and buried!

COLEGATE SOCIETY

The ringers at St George's, Colegate, Norwich, held their third annual dinner in December at the Abbey Hotel, Wymondham, being joined by Harry Tooke and Billy Clover, of Wymondham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodman, David and Bridget Heighton and Jack and Miriam Clover.

The dinner was, as in other years, an informal affair, though Sam Mortlock, as arranger of the event, permitted himself a few words, mentioning those unable to be present, recalling outings enjoyed during the year and remarking on the virtues of a ringing society governed not by rules and officers but by enthusiasm and sustained interest. Tunes and changes were rung on handbells after dinner and the remainder of the evening was spent in the nearby Green Dragon.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	David Orledge	5
George W. Massey	2	*Charles F. Andrews	6
David Burt	3	Laurence E. Hitchins	7
Norman G. Knee	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 31 cwt. in D

George W. Massey	Treble	Norman G N. Knee	5
Eunice D. Overend	2	Ernest E. Bray	6
David J. Orledge	3	Raymond E. J Baker	7
David G. Massey	4	Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Conducted by George W Massey.
*Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs W. H. Mills Mr. Mills has been a ringer at this church for 52 years

ROWBERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Brian Williams	Treble	Victor Roberts	4
Leonard Derrick	2	Marjorie Legg	5
John Walton	3	George Prescott	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 Canterbury and 12 Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt

Lillian F. R. Charles	Treble	Eric G. Stevens	4
Peter Denny	2	Gilbert W. Rendell	5
Mary E. Baker	3	Gordon S. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Gilbert W Rendell.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

HORFIELD, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

*David Helliwell	Treble	†Michael Powell	3
†Gillian M. Hunt	2	†Richard W Sweet	4
D. John Hunt	Tenor		

Conducted by D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hunt (half each).
* First peal † First on five bells Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt 24 lb. in G

Edward Holdsworth	Treble	‡‡Peter H. Mackie	4
*Clare F. Dolphin	2	Ernest J. Gower	5
†Caroline M. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W Randall.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor † First of Minor. ‡ First "inside."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt

Herbert E. Taylor	Treble	*Timothy Wylie	5
*Ann M. Smith	2	Peter Taylor	6
Rev R. D. St. John Smith	3	James H. Pailing	7
Ronald H. Bullen	4	Burley P. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Burley P Morris
* First peal of Surprise Major First in method as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

COTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*William A. Sparkes	Treble	Gilbert W Rendell	4
Trevor E. Marks	2	Harry J. Gaylard	5
Raymond P. Selway	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal of Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in D flat

*Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Robert L. Piron	2	David E. Rothera	6
Anthony K. Fortin	3	Philip Mehew	7
Ronald J Snack	4	*George E Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Philip G K Davies. Conducted by George E Thoday.
* 25th peal together. Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr 22 lb. in E

George E. Thoday	Treble	Donald F Murfet	5
Eric Edmondson	2	George E Bonham	6
*Gillian M. Brearley	3	Jack S Dear	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 25th peal 50th peal as conductor

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St Leonard.
On Sun., Dec. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*Christopher D. Corby	Treble	Philip Mehew	4
Michael Hawes	2	George E. Bonham	5
Robert D. Bellamy	3	George E Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E Thoday.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 1 lb.

*Vivien A. P. Cross	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey	5
Heather M. McArthur	2	Philip G. Erith	6
Neil V Avis	3	David E. Culham	7
Brian J Vaughan	4	Adrian G Semken	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb

*David N. Wenden	Treble	Felix H. Erith	5
Philip G. Erith	2	Adrian G. Semken	6
*Derek W Bloyce	3	Cecil W. Pipe	7
†Roy Stephenson	4	Neil V Avis	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal of Major † First of Major "inside"

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

John Clark	Treble	*Peter G. Brown	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Dennis A S. Symonds	3	George E Thoday	7
Richard J Harrison	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb in F.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

LONGWOOD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mark.
On Sat., Dec 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Ian Roberts	Treble	*Raymond Hoyle	5
*David Williams	2	*Alan Charlesworth	6
*Steven Lunn	3	*Rodney Coverley	7
Arthur Rogers	4	*Kenneth Wilson	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Ian Roberts.
* First peal at first attempt; all members of the local Sunday service band
Rung for the centenary of the foundation of the parish and for the 750th anniversary of the installation of the first Vicar of Huddersfield. Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STEVENAGE Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Tues., Dec. 27 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

Walter Ayre	Treble	Alex Richardson	5
William C Hughes	2	†David L. Gullick	6
Frank W. Croft	3	†Michael D. Trigg	7
*Stephen J. Gullick	4	C Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed by F A Holden Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb.

*Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	Peter Owen	4
†Gwynneth M. James	2	Peter M. F. Searles	5
John M. Kemp	3	John W. Thorp	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp.
* First peal of Minor † First of Minor in two methods.

ASHWELL, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	4
George E. Bonham	2	Philip Mehew	5
Gerald Penney	3	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 7 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Evans	Treble	*Paul J. Dye	5
*Richard Hayes	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	*Tony Lewis	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Stanley Jenner
* First peal in the method.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Bernard G. H. Powell	Treble	‡Philip A. Corby	5
†Judith M. Corby	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Richard V. Fuller	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal at first attempt. † 100th peal. ‡ 500th peal for the Association.
Rung to welcome Julia Elizabeth Pankhurst, born the previous day, daughter of Roy and Diane Pankhurst.

CHARTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*Anne M. Baldwin	Treble	*Leslie H. Bennett	4
†Beryl M. Hills	2	‡Roderick H. Glover	5
†Lynn B. Hollingsbee	3	Keith I. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick H Glover and Keith I. Davis.
* First peal. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First "inside." First as conductors. First by the parish team.
Rung to welcome the Rev. R. J C. Lloyd as Rector of Chartham.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis	Treble	†Martin A. Gay	4
*Christine M. Webb	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
†Judith M. Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Edward J. Jenner	4
Ann Jenner	2	Tony Lewis	5
Richard Hayes	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.

*Philip S. Woods	Treble	†Bernard Moss	6
Betty Faunch	2	†Roger Barnes	7
*Christopher Watson	3	*Dennis McCormick	8
†Stanley Anderton	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
†Margaret Crossthwaite	5	John T Parsons	Tenor

Composed by David Parsons. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method. † First of Stedman Caters.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Ian H. Oram	2	Richard J. Parker	7
J. Barry Pickup	3	Edward Jenkins	8
Christine Andrew	4	Neil Bennett	9
Margaret E. Fort	5	Peter Border	Tenor

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

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, comprising 448 Ashtead, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 224 Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey and Superlative, with 153 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	*Walter E. Wilkinson	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
*Norman Smith	3	Neil Bennett	7
Richard J. Parker	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.
* 25th peal together. Greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for every bell.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Stanley J. Livesley	Treble	Dennis R. Jones	5
John R. Ridley	2	Thomas W. Hesketh	6
Kenneth F. Wilson	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
William E. Court	4	Martin E. Snape	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
First peal of Major and of Plain Bob as conductor.

SEFTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's.. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	Dennis R. Jones	5
*Nigel P. A. Goulding	2	Martin E. Snape	6
William E. Court	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
*John R. Ridley	4	†William H. Deacon	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal on the bells. First peal of Triples in the method as conductor.

CAPENHURST, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	*James Dunbavin	4
James Hedgcock	2	John R. Ridley	5
Nigel P. A. Goulding	3	*Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	†William Johnson	6
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	John Watkins	7
†Stephen Wells	4	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E Brown.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major. 100th peal as conductor.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	William A. Lacey	5
Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Kenneth A. Roe. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 300th peal First peal of Wigston Maior by all the band except ringers of third and sixth, and on the bells.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John H. Bluff	Treble	Ronald J. Hill	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Rupert A. Clarke	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Patricia A. Copas	Treble	*Jeffrey M. Britchford	5
Norman V. Harding	2	Frank B Lufkin	6
Monica Blagrove	3	Frank T Blagrove	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	J Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal of Kent Major.
Rung for the Festival of the Nativity

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Samuel J. Haines	2	Martin Green	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Richard A G. Inglis	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Albanian Royal for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Gordon H. Lane	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
Rupert A. Clarke	3	G Ronald Edwards	8
Martin Green	4	Richard Inglis	9
Arthur E Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Martin Green	Treble	Arthur G. Rowley	5
Ricard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Samuel J. Haines	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	H William Barrett	4
Betty Syrett	2	Frank Pearson	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo	Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents of seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Reverse Canterbury, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Marie R. Cross	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	4
*Catherine M. Salter	2	Michael W. Coleman	5
John C. Baldwin	3	Daphne J. Pollard	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal in seven methods "inside." The conductor's 100th peal.
Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. R. M. Cross.

YARNTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Composing an extent each of (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Cambridge, (4) King Edward, (5) Ipswich (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet.
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Edward R. Venn	4
Peter J. Heritage	2	Christopher R. Clarke	5
*Ronald K. Russ	3	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to usher in the Festival of Christmas.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C No. 32. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Peter Border	2	Peter J. Stretton	8
*Merryn Hutchings	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
†James W. Belshaw	4	John C. Eisel	10
‡George E. Fearn	5	Michael J. Fellows	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques. ‡250th of Stedman Cinques.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Christmas Eve, Sat Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

George E. Fearn	Treble	John A. Anderson	7
Muriel Reay	2	Philip J Rothera	8
*Nigel Thomson	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Susan Rothera	4	John C. Eisel	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Michael J. Fellows	6	Martin D Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Frank L. Harris	Treble	*William J. Perrins	5
George W. Massey	2	John Hartless	6
William A. Theobald	3	*†Eric J. Hitchins	7
*Jeffrey L. Claughton	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of London. † 100th peal. First of London on the bells.

RAMSBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being ten extents each of Plain Bob and All Saints and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Heather L. Jones	Treble	Allan G. Keen	4
T. Arthur Palmer	2	George A. Newman	5
Frederick J. Read	3	*Leonard Foote	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal.
Rung for the festive season.

SOUTH PERROTT, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell	4
Trevor A. Cross	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Trevor E. Marks	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWARK, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composition—Traditional. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter R. Humphrey	Treble	R. Brian Mills	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	Colin W. Reed	7
G. William Shanks	3	Peter Wakefield	8
Simon Humphrey	4	George A. Dawson	9
Margaret E. Chilton	5	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to George A. Dawson and Elizabeth J. Foster on their engagement.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Paul Raithby	Treble	†James W. Raithby	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Beryl N. Reed	6
Grace Burchnall	3	*Peter Wakefield	7
Frederick G. Hooper	4	‡Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Colin W. Reed
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal with the ringers of 2 and 3. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 14 methods/variations, three extents of each: All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Daffodil and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat

Frederick Derry	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	Charles J. Copp	Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.
Rung as a tribute to the late Walt Disney, whose ancestors came from this village.
Mr. Disney made a pilgrimage to this church during a visit to England in 1961.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 13 methods/variations: Three extents of St Martin, St. Leonard, St. Simon, Eynsham, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, four extents of Grandsire and 240 Morris's.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat

H. Geoffrey Wells	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
*Frederick W. Pinchbeck	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	*Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.
* Most methods/variations to a peal.

SUTTON BONINGTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Antelope and Grandsire, and six extents each of Huntspill, Shipway's Place Bob, Winchendon Place, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb

*†Peter Church	Treble	†David R. McLean	3
‡§Peter Woollven	2	Simon Humphrey	4
§Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor		

Conducted by David R. McLean.
* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells. ‡ 75th peal § First in eight methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Wed., Dec. 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Robin H. Rogers	Treble	Richard Rose	5
Winifred M. Ivings	2	Harry B. Fuller	6
*Toni M. Rogers	3	†John A. Underwood	7
Cyril Hancock	4	Roger J. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal on eight bells. † 275th peal.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Ruth Bedford	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
*Robert Cassidy	2	Peter Bedford	5
†Stephen Bedford	3	Jack Pilgrim	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal (both aged 13 years). † First "inside."
Rung to celebrate Christ's birth.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Robert J. Cooles	Treble	†Michael J. Bangham	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
*David C. Brookes	3	David P. Hilling	7
*Christopher F. Mew	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEDLESCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Ann Harris	Treble	David R. McLean	4
†‡David J. Winchester	2	Ian V. J. Smith	5
Paul Fox	3	‡Ivor S. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* 25th peal. † First "inside." ‡ First on six bells.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966 in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Deborah N. Maggs	Treble	Kenneth S. B Croft	5
Mrs. T. H. Francis	2	‡Colin J. Butler	6
†John S. Croft	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
‡Joy F. Butler	4	Thomas H Francis	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Major.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and all Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Susan E. Rickard	Treble	*John Wilson	5
†Robert Crocker	2	‡Howard E. J Smith	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First on eight bells.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 changes each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	*Albert H. Green	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Philip G. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal in more than one method.

WEST OVERTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Peter Furness	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
Robert Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Leonard R. Porter	3	Roy H. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

*John Guest	Treble	Norman Chaddock	6
Herbert O. Chaddock	2	‡Alan Frisney	7
Stuart Armeson	3	David Nichols	8
†Tom Senior	4	Neil Donovan	9
†Lesley Smith	5	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
*First peal. † First on ten bells ‡ First of Royal. 400th peal for the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Dec 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In ten methods, being 2,17€ Plain Bob, 1,232 Double Bob, 480 Reverse Bob, 276 Gainsborough Little Bob, 216 Wellington Little, 192 St. Clement's College Bob, 144 Little Bob, and 96 each of Fulbeck Bob, Hackington Bob and Crayford Little, with 236 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in G

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road,
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in F

*Kevin Betesta	1–2	*Jack Bailey	5–6
Alfred Mould	3–4	*David Walklate	7–8

Composed by J. Nichols. Conducted by David Walklate.
* First of T.B. on handbells. First of T.B. Major "in hand" for the Association.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road,
On Fri., Oct. 26 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 12 in F

Alfred Mould	1–2	Jack Bailey	5–6
David Walklate	3–4	Kevin Betesta	7–8

Composed by T. W. Goodyear. Conducted by David Walklate
First of Spliced T.B. "in hand" by all the band and for the Association
Rung as a welcome to Tracey Anne Dalton and Amanda Jane Leach.

RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Thurs., Dec 15, 1966 in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Denis R Carlisle	1–2	David J. Marshall	5–6
*Gordon A. Halls	3–4	David W. Friend	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First of Major "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In eleven methods, comprising 2,672 Plain Bob, 928 Double Bob, 240 Little Bob, 180 Wellington Little Court, 168 Gainsborough Little Bob, 160 Reverse Bob, 144 each of Canterbury Imperial, Cleatham Imperial, Fulbeck Imperial Bob and Hackington Imperial Bob, and 80 Crayford Little Court, with 281 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cecil A. Wratten.
Greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Dec. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7–8

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mary and Dennis Beresford.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	*Frank J. Matthews	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal in the method "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

Believed to be the first peal of Doubles in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and Brian Maudsley, ringers at Hawkshead and Morecambe respectively.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Sept 14, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
John Lindsay	5–6		

QUARTER PEALS

ALL CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): E. Burry 1, J. Burry 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods 1 and 2.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Udall (first away from cover) 1, W. Sheldon 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss M. E. Hearnshaw 4, W. Hawksworth 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal by the Sunday service band for 60 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Slade 1, T. Newlands 2, B. Martin 3, M. Powell 4, D Rennolds (cond.) 5, R. W. Sweet 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: L. J. Slade 1, D. Rennolds (cond.) 2, T. Newlands 3, M. Powell 4, R. W. Sweet 5, B. Martin 6. First in method for all.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Norman (first quarter) 1, Susan Fowkes (first "inside") 2, Miriam Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, Marion Clarke 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, P. Owen 3, S. E. James 4, S. F. Carter (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, Miss G. James cover Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

INGESTRE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Westwood 1, E. Hough 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. Gall 5, P. R. Johnson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For midnight Mass.

KENILWORTH, WARKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: A. Cox 1, Miss A. E. Sparholt 2, Miss S. E. Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. J. Royal (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. F. Bellamy 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, S. B. Bell 3, P. G. Hickey 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, F. Bellamy 6. First in more than one method 1 and 2.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Timons 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, M. Phipps 4, J. Arkwell 5, F. Robey 6, A. Sallis 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, J. J. George 2, H. Miles 3, F. M. Bowers 4, W. R. Curtis 5, A. P. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hatherly (first of Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, H. deCombe 8. For Midnight Eucharist.

RAWMARSH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Joan Cooke (first quarter) 1, V. P. Brookes 2, F. Pickering 3, G. R. Hiner 4, J. Smalley 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6, D. Burling 7, J. Hiner 8. Half-muffled in memory of Louise Marshall, former verger.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Heather Darvill (first quarter) 1, R. W. Darvill 2, Kathleen Darvill 3, C. Forster 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 6, C. E. Slade 7, S. P. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, G. W. Debenham 10.

SHEEPWASH, DEVON.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Denton 1, W. M. Taylor 2, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 3, J. P. Coad 4, D. J. Ley 5, A. N. Hine (first quarter) 6. By Shebbear College Society.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Green 1, Miss A. O'Brien 2, H. Austin 3, R. Fry 4, Rev. R. G. Bryant 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, F. Warboys 6.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Hilary L. Widgery 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Anne Buchanan 3, T. Matcham 4, R. Allinson (first in three methods as cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

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ENGAGEMENTS

ADCOCK—WEBB — The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Adcock, of Mulbarton, Norfolk, and Hilary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Webb, of Dereham, Norfolk. 702

WILLIAMS—WILLIAMS. — The engagement is announced between Derek B. Williams, of Oswestry, Shropshire, and Miss M. Mary Williams, of Llandaff, Cardiff. 705

IN MEMORIAM

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — For those attending the annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th, ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, will be between 4 and 5.30 p.m.—M. A. Ladd, Sec. 666

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TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—No ringing until further notice. Bells to be rehung in new frame and augmented with two new trebles. Date of dedication, etc., will be announced in "The Ringing World."—R. W. Leavett, Tower Captain. 692

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting, Barnsley, January 14th Eight bells. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Start service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at St. Mary's Rooms. Names for tea to Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 1, Spring Lane, Carlton, Barnsley, please. 704

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, January 14th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow Names for tea to Mr. I Saward, 40, High Street, Midsomer Norton.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 632

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Macclesfield Branch — Annual meeting St Michael's (12). Saturday January 14th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 30 p m Tea 5 p.m nearby cafés. Short meeting in Vestry 6 p.m Bells afterwards till 9 p.m 561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District.—Annual District meeting, Cambridge, Saturday, January 14th Ringing: St Bene't's (6) 3–4.30; St Andrew-the-Great (8) 3–4.30, 6.30–8; St. Mary-the-Great (12) 7–8. Service, tea and meeting, St. Michael's Hall (formerly St. Michael's Church), Trinity Street opposite Caius College. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. approx. Agenda includes election of District officers for 1967.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon Dis Sec. 635

ESSEX ASSOCIATION —Northern District —Annual District meeting at Halstead on January 14th Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Martin, 23, Head Street, Halstead. 605

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W District. — A.G.M. at Hornchurch, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to F Gant, 3 Central Drive Hornchurch. 579

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch. Meeting to be held at Stone, January 14th Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Bells after 744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Chertsey District.—A.G.M to be held at Chertsey on Saturday, January 14th Bells (8) available from 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approx Names for tea, please, to the Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. 671

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 14th, 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road Bromyard, by 12th. 628

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District. — Annual District meeting Saturday, January 14th Broxbourne (8). Tewin (6). 2 p.m. to 3.30; All Saints', Hertford, 3.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting Longmore School Hall. Evening ringing at both Hertford towers. Names for tea to Peter M F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford. 658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Headcorn, Saturday January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss J Vidler, Tall Oaks Headcorn.—M. L. H. 610

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Liverpool Parish Church, Saturday, January 14th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. White, Mildmay Club, Blackburn Place, Liverpool 8 —M. E. D. 691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Central Branch. — Annual meeting, Washingborough Saturday, January 14th Bells (8) from 2.30 Tea and meeting 4.30 Service 6 Names for tea to G R Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane Nettleham, Lincoln.—G. R. P. 621

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Nomination meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, January 14th, 3.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Ringing St. John's, Deptford, 7.15 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 737

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Kingsbury Saturday, January 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Church Hall at 5.15 Business. Names for tea to the undersigned. No evening ringing at Kingsbury, but bells of St. Mary's, Hendon, available after tea. — E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, Wembley. (Arnold 5352.) 668

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Bingham District.—Annual meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 14th Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 665

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 14th Bells 3 p.m. 681

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wootton Bassett, January 14th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Brooks, 16, Morstone Road Wootton Bassett, Swindon. 733

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Practice meeting on Saturday, January 14th Amberley bells (5) 2.30 p.m Service, Amberley, 4.30. Tea, The Willow Stores Tea Rooms Storrington. 5.15. Ringing at Storrington (6) in evening. Please notify for tea to: R Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham Chichester Sussex 662

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Saturday evening practice meeting at Skipton (8) on January 14th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. All welcome — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master 679

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on Tuesday, January 17th, will be at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, instead of St. Andrew's, Holborn.—J. G. A. Prior.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District —Dedication of the bells of Preston-next-Wingham (5), Wednesday, January 18th 6.30 p.m Bells available after service. 616

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, January 19th Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. The District committee meeting, to which each tower should send one representative, will be held during the course of the evening.—W S Deason. 531

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Easton-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, January 21st. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Crewkerne (8), January 21st, 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Annual Dinner tickets available for Friday, February 10th, at Ilminster (8/6 each). Ringing at the Minster 7 p.m. Dinner at 8 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec., Puckington, Ilminster. 739

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Glastonbury (St. John's), Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells, by Wednesday, 18th 722

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. 745

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Eastham, January 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 5 p.m Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 689

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Crewe, January 21st Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by January 18th.—W. Kerr 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 728

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting St. Mary's, Warwick, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea to follow Numbers for tea, please, by January 17th. Committee meeting at 5. Burges, Coventry, on January 13th, at 8 p.m.—J L Garner-Hayward. 629

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting at Ilkeston, January 21st. Bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbys, by January 17th.—D. J. Marshall

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade (6) January 21st, 5.30 p.m All welcome. — R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 735

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — Annual meeting, Manchester Town Hall, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (12) 3 p.m Tea 5–6 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing until 9 p.m. 714

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Learners' practice meeting, St. Mary's, Gateshead (6), January 21st, 2.30 p.m. Rounds, call changes andj Plain Bob. Names for tea to Miss M. A Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8, by January 18th. 750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.45 to 3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45 to 4.15 Service All Saints' 4.15. Tea, followed by annual meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea. —Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 732

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—ANNUAL meeting, Saturday, January 21st. Bells, St. Mary's, Wisbech (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Woodchester, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by Thursday, 19th. 683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Sutton Benger, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (5) at 5 p.m.—H. Heath. 718

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting Hatfield, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 697

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gravesend Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I. Everitt, 90, Windmill Street, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 685

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Phelips, Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone-on-Sea, Kent.—A. P S. B. 680

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Burbage, Saturday, January 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane Burbage, by Wednesday.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 669

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Melton on January 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by January 18th.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 706

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A.G.M., Market Harborough, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 741

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells afternoon and evening up to 8 o'clock. Tea 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Grandsire Triples. Names to me by Monday previous. — George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 688

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on January 21st at 6 p.m. Special method: Double Court Minor. 736

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting at Oundle on January 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, by 17th, please 751

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Sutton, Saturday, January 21st. Service 4 p.m Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Ivy Cottage, Astrop, King's Sutton, Banbury. — A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 746

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday January 21st. Names for tea to T. A Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 740

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 21st, 1967

Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12) 3.45 to 4.45. Tea 5.15 St. Martin-in-the-Fields, followed by meeting in the Vestry Hall. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 749

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts 738

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M Prittlewell, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting Evening ringing as required Names for tea to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell 640

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Rooms Names to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed 743

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea Names for tea to Miss M. Gerrard, Castlecroft, Gipsy Lane, Willenhall, Staffs, by Wednesday, January 18th.—P. J. B. 659

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—**Annual District meeting,** Redhill, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (at Meadvale Village Hall) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to H Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue, Redhill, by Wednesday, January 18th.—K. G Game, Dis. Sec. 673

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Merry Kettle for those who send names to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Wednesday, 18th. 719

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice, Wendron, January 21st, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m All stages catered for. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc Names to F. M Bowers, Idaho Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. All welcome. 701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Annual general meeting at Romsey, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in new Church Rooms, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Names for tea to Mr. J. Page, Fairacres, Woodley Lane, Cupernham, Romsey, by January 19th, please.—M. Francis, Hon. Sec. 698

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Redditch (8), Saturday, January 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Michael V. White, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warks (phone Studley 2519), by Wednesday, January 18th, please.—Bernard C Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 656

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Sheffield on January 21st, when the proposed new rules will be put to the vote and one Central Council representative will be elected. The service at 4.30, tea at 5 and the business meeting will all be at Walkley. Names for tea (3s. 6d.) to Mr. R Fletcher, 34, Dronsfield Road, Sheffield 10 (Tel. Sheffield 35208) by the previous Wednesday, or earlier if possible. General committee meeting at Walkley at 3 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Wentworth (6) 10–11; Ecclesfield (8) 11–12.15; St. Marie's (8) 2–3.30; Ranmoor (10) 2.30–4.15; Walkley (6) 6.30–7.10; Cathedral (12) 6.30–9. — W F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 601

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting at Banwell (8), January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea essential to M. Hebden, 4, Church Street, Banwell. 645

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business at 5.30 in Church Hall Names for tea to Mr. Basil Hulatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 26th. 684

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m Service 4.30. Further ringing at Eggbuckland (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m Names for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891), by Monday, January 23rd. 670

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting, Warmley, January 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow Names for tea to A W. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley, before 21st. Please make an effort to attend.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec. 664

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. approx. at W.V.S. Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 724

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, Wickhambreaux (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Cash, together with names, to Mr. S. Walter, The Green, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than 26th inst. 617

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at The Annunciation, Chislehurst. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr I. H. Oram, 74, Chislehurst Road, Orpington, by Wednesday, the 25th. 700

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, January 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. E. Finn, 30, High Street, Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by January 25th, please.—C A. H 726

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — A.G.M., Saturday, January 28th, at St. Peter's, Northampton. Usual arrangements. Tea in St. Mark's Institute. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, are essential by Tuesday previous. 697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Finedon, January 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, by Tuesday previous. 712

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., January 28th, at Beddington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall, Beddington Lane, Beddington Bells in evening. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea to Mr. S. Kimber, 112, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by previous Wednesday. 687

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan 28th, Hellingly (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing 6.15–8.30 p.m.. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday previous. — G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec 729

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 24th. 710

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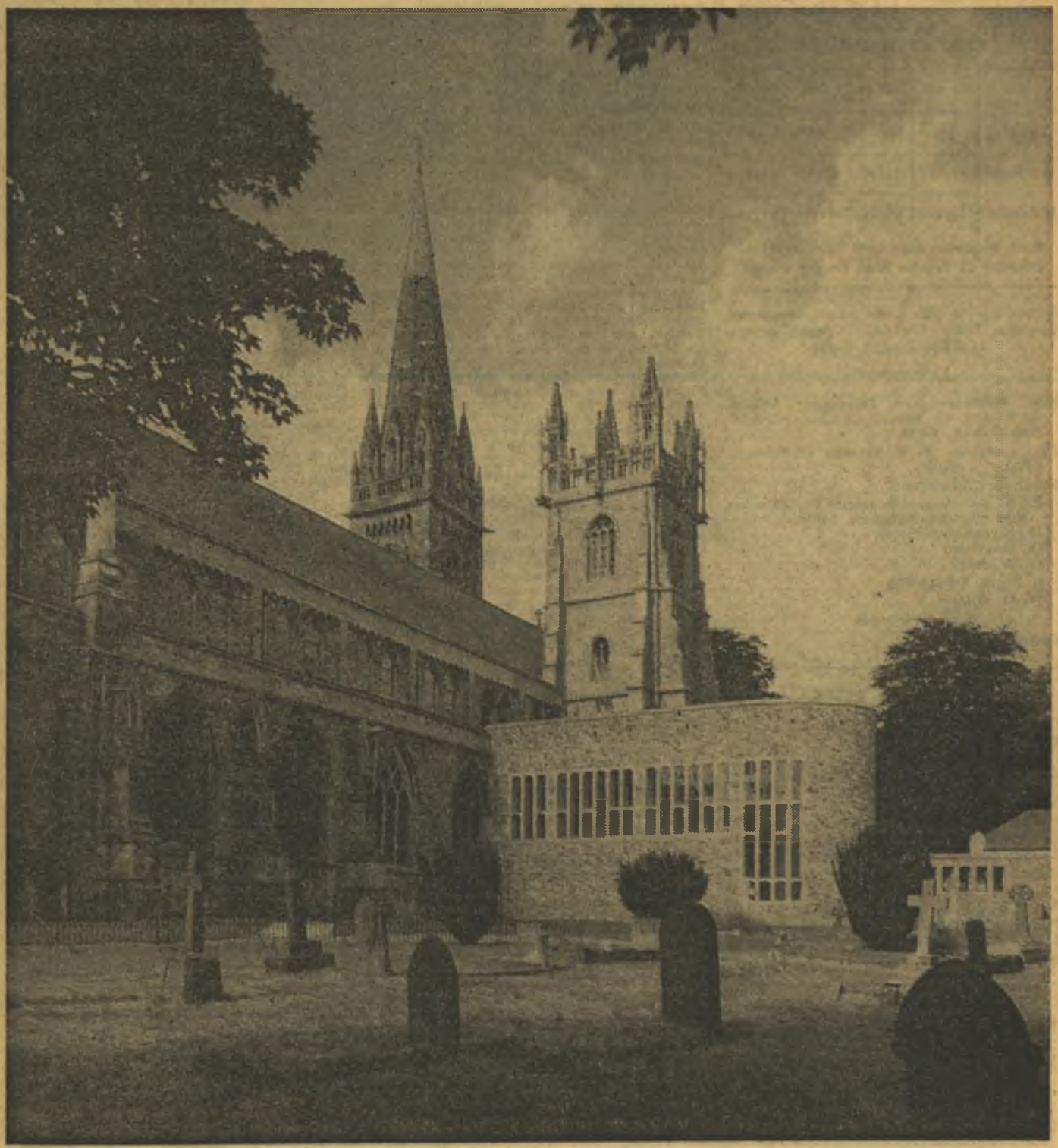

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COMMENT

ONE PLUS ONE = ?

By PHILIP GRAY

PEAL totals are puzzling. The idea of adding peals of Royal to peals of Minor, good peals to bad peals, Spliced peals to single method peals, long lengths to 5,000's or peals on heavy bells to peals on light bells always makes me think of my first arithmetic lessons. "You can't add apples to oranges," said the teacher. She had something, that lady; apples and oranges don't add up, they simply sit side by side and look at each other Sometimes you eat an apple, other times you prefer an orange, but you don't make a notch on the fruit bowl for each fruit eaten. At least, I don't. Yet we ringers notch up our peals with complete disregard for the rules of arithmetic and the asterisks and league tables spell out peals per year, 100th peal, 1,000th peal and almost every other combination you can think of.

Do our fellow musicians, the orchestral conductors, record somewhere their 100th performance of a symphony? Or do the concert pianists add up the number of pieces they have played in a year? Perhaps they do, but at least their public is spared having to read about this in the programme notes or the newspaper reviews. A peal, too, is a performance, is it not? It is a culmination of many years' training, a test of skill and endurance and an expression of pleasure in sound. It has to be planned, achieved, and may be savoured afterwards. So too, for that matter, a quarter peal or touch is a performance. In over 20 years as a ringer I have never known two performances the same and I bet you have not, either. We rarely feel that any performance was as good as we would have liked it to be; that is the reaction of the artist, not the statistician. Ringers are artists, but they do get into the habit of behaving like statisticians

Recently a front page leader pleaded for shorter lengths than 5,000 on the grounds of the nuisance to the public. Surely if the ringing of a peal is annoying to those living around the church because the bells are too loud the remedy is to make the bells less noisy, not to cut down the time of ringing. Three hours is not all that long. As it is, our Church is on the air much fewer hours each week than Radio Caroline. Even Birmingham Cathedral must have over 160 hours of silence most weeks.

No, I don't see that we have to be apologetic about ringing for three hours if that is what the performance requires. But the stipulation that a peal must have at least 5,000 changes, if nothing else, does seem to me to be an unnecessary straight-jacket. Who could deny that it would be sacrilege to ring anything but the whole 5,040 changes of Parker's wonderful 12-part of Grandsire Triples, but why should convention condemn us to plough through 5,056 of Middleton's Cambridge when the thing can be painlessly shortened to 2,880? Imagine a composer of a symphony trying to work to a requirement that it should have a minimum number of bars regardless of merit.

Come on you composers, show a little more courage and be less hide-bound. Concentrate on the music you are writing, not its length. We are the music-makers. Begone dull statisticians.

OUR PICTURE

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL

SINCE the Central Council met at Cardiff in 1962 there has been a great interest in Llandaff Cathedral and its ringers. Indeed, the Llandaff and Monmouth Association holds an honoured place in the Exercise and the contribution of South Wales to the art of change ringing is one greatly treasured. It is not inappropriate that we should go to the Principality for the second of our front page pictures.

Nevil James has written a helpful booklet on the bells of Llandaff Cathedral, and from this account we learn that in the 13th century there was a campanile which contained one of the largest bells of that time—six ton "Great Peter." In 1484 this huge bell was taken to Exeter Cathedral in exchange for five smaller bells. "Great Peter" seems to have been rechristened "Great Tom" of Exeter. Probably John Scott can confirm, but there appears to be no record of the five bells arriving at Llandaff.

THREE BELLS

Three bells were cast for Llandaff Cathedral in 1628, and in 1660 the Cathedral authorities approved of the payment to James Jones of "40s. for his pains to keep the dogs out of the Cathedral at prayer time, and 20s. more for ringing the bells on Sundays and Holy Days so that the sexton the better might attend other necessary services."

There appears to have been a "great bell" in 1736, which was cracked while the sexton was tolling for evening prayers, and the bell was recast in 1739. According to the Cole Manuscript, this bell weighed 2,000 pounds and in 1782 it was recast by Thomas Rudhall of Gloucester, and this tenor of 20 cwt 1 qr. still rings out today.

Since 1879 Llandaff has had a ring of eight, the additional seven bells being cast by Mears and Stainbank. These bells were dedicated as a memorial to Dean Thomas Williams.

VICTORY AUGMENTATION

Two more bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were given by John Thomas Duncan of Llandaff in 1919 as a thank-offering for peace and victory. These two bells are hung above the older eight and are rather more difficult to ring on that account.

During the 1939–45 war it was forbidden to sound church bells, except as a warning of invasion, and the war damage to the Cathedral was of such a character that it was considered unwise to ring the bells. Thus it was that from 1945 to 1952 the bells were only chimed on Sundays.

Early in 1952 the bells were removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for quarter turning and retuning. They were rehung on ball bearings as part of the 53rd (Welsh) Infantry Division War Memorial, which also includes St. Illtud's Chapel below the tower. This rehanging was completed on March 11th, 1953, but the problem of finding trained ringers was very real. Chiming for services prevailed until Christmas Day, 1953, when the bells rang out for services for the first time since 1939. It was, however, possible to find a team from surrounding towers to ring on the Coronation Day of Queen Elizabeth II. Today this Cathedral and Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul has a thriving band of young ringers, and our peal columns this week are testimony to the prowess of some of its members.

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Christmas Eve Handbell Record

The band and umpire.—Standing (left to right): Neil Bennett (28), Gerald Moorhouse (63), Robert B. Smith (28), Giles B. Thompson (23). Seated: Alan McFall (28), Christine Andrew (umpire, 20), Brian J. Woodruffe (28).

IT was a cold and frosty morning when six ringers and an umpire met in Marple belfry on December 24th shortly after 8.15 a.m. The start of the attempt was delayed until a little before 9 a.m. by a newspaper reporter and an accompanying photographer from the "Manchester Evening News," who said that it would make a good Christmas story.

According to the umpire's checking sheet we went into changes at 8.53 a.m. and each half of the peal took 3 hours and 3 minutes. From halfway the umpire added on 264 changes at the end of each course and, I am pleased to say, arrived at the correct total of 10,032 changes of Plain Bob Maximus at the end of the peal.

It is interesting to note that the previous long peals of Maximus on handbells—quite a number of them—were all 5,280 changes. This means that four of the band broke the old record twice in one week, as they rang 5,376 Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells at Marple on the Thursday following.

The report of the attempt in the "Manchester Evening News" appeared under the heading "They're on the eve of a record" and was accompanied by two photographs (one of the umpire and one of the band with the umpire). In the "Stop Press" of the football paper the same evening the success of the peal was given **above the football results!**

Biographical details of the band are as follows:

1–2.—Alan McFall (Marple). First long peal on handbells. Handbell total about 50, including nine of Maximus.

3–4.—Brian J. Woodruffe (Buxton). Now the only ringer who has rung over 10,000 changes of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells.

5–6.—Robert B Smith (Marple). Fourth handbell peal of over 10,000 changes, but has yet to ring 10,000 plus of Minor on handbells.

7–8.—Neil Bennett (Ashton). Has now rung 10,000 plus of Major, Royal (which he conducted) and Maximus.

9–10.—Gerald Moorhouse (Prestbury). First long peal at 63! Returned to ringing peals two and a half years ago after an absence of 35 years. Happy on any pair both for odd and even bell ringing.

11–12.—Giles B. Thompson (Stretford). First long peal on handbells, although he has umpired a number of long peals on tower and handbells Handbell peals include five of Maximus

The band offer their thanks to Christine Andrew for acting as umpire. R. B. S.

1966 Peal Records

Will all those who rang 25 peals or more during 1966 please let Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wratten, of 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, know the number of tower bell peals rung and conducted and the number of handbell peals rung and conducted.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

The sixth Southampton University Guild dinner was held on November 26th at the Drummond Arms Hotel, Hythe. During the day there had been ringing at Eling, St. Michael's, Southampton, St. Mary's, Southampton, Bitterne Park and North Stoneham, after which a short service was conducted at North Stoneham by the Rev. J. Pibworth.

By just after 8 p.m. we all sat down to an excellent meal. (How many other Societies can claim to provide a five course meal for 21s. 6d.?) Canon Felstead (president) was in the chair and kept the proceedings running smoothly in his witty manner.

After "The Queen," the secretary, Miss H. Walters, proposed the toast to "The Church." This was very ably replied to by the University chaplain, the Rev. J. Arnold. The toast to "The Visitors" was submitted by Mr. A. Luxford, the Vice-Master, who thanked the visitors for helping to make this one of the most successful Guild dinners yet held. Mr R. Heyworth, the Master of the Oxford University Society, replied, and ended by proposing a toast to "The Guild."

The last speech of the evening was the traditional Master's report. Mr. R Partridge gave a brief report on the year's activities, mainly concerning himself with the summer tour, which was held in Leicestershire and had been an enormous success.

The rest of the evening was of a social character with handbell ringing, and many are looking forward to next year's reunion on December 2nd. H. A. W.

RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

By PETER S. ABBOTT

BRINGTON.—The lightest ring of four bells in the county, with a tenor of 5¼ cwt. The bells were cast by C. and G. Mears in 1845 and are one of the only two complete rings in Huntingdonshire by the Whitechapel Foundry. The wheels have rotted away and the bells are swing-chimed by girders attached to the headstocks The are sounded in this manner regularly and are well kept, with a new set of ropes recently provided.

BROUGHTON. — An exceptionally heavy four, in fact the heaviest ringable four in the county, the tenor being 17 cwt., note F. The second and tenor were cast in 1616 and 1661 respectively by Thomas Norris. The treble is by Haulsey (1624) and the third by Joseph Eayre (1748). The tenor is of thick metal, with a beautiful tone. There is a large difference of weight between the second and third (6½–11 cwt.), which does not make ringing easier. The bells were rehung in 1902 in a metal frame, and the treble recast. They go extremely well if one considers their weight.

At present there is a regular card-change band of eight ringers There has been one quarter peal on the bells, on February 5th, 1966.

BYTHORN.—The tenor here weighs 11 cwt. and was cast by Thomas Norris in 1674. Toby Norris cast the third in 1620. The treble was cast by Henry Bagley (1682) and the second by Henry Penn (1711). The bells are hung in two tiers and are completely unringable, with most of the fittings decayed or missing. There is no question of the bells ever being rung again, as the tower has walls only nine inches thick, and part of the spire has already collapsed.

CATWORTH. — These are another very heavy four (tenor 17½ cwt.) The treble has a unique inscription: "Vox mea plene dulces laudes det magdalene." Robert Oldfield cast this bell. The third is by Watts, and the second by George Mears (1863). The tenor was cast by Robert Newcombe (1585). The second and third have the same note, whilst the tenor is a semitone flat of them! All four wheels are decayed, and the safety of the tower is questionable

There is a record on the tower wall of a "peal" rung after the first world war, although there are no Association records, and it is doubtful whether this was even method ringing. Whatever it was, two men were needed to ring the tenor.

COLNE.—These bells have a tenor of 8¾ cwt. cast by Draper in 1607 along with the treble Miles Graye cast the third in 1700. The bells had been unsafe and blocked-up for many years when, in 1892, the back three were placed on the church floor. The whole building collapsed in 1896.

The new church was built in 1900, and the bells hung dead with an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.,

EASTON.—Here the tower and bells are in a very unsafe condition, and it is thought to be dangerous even to chime. The second and tenor are by Newcombe. The tenor, which weighs 11¼ cwt., must have a very poor tone, for the soundbow is honeycombed with air-bubbles. The treble is a Penn bell (1718) and the third was cast by Robert Taylor in 1821.

ELLINGTON.—The tenor weighs 8¾ cwt., cast by Robert Taylor in 1788. The treble was cast in 1699 by R. Chandler, of Drayton Parslow. The second and third are both by John Walgrave. They are quite pleasant in tone, and are hung in a very substantial oak frame.

Unfortunately the churchwardens are rather anxious about the state of the tower, which appears to be sagging and bulging, and ringing cannot be allowed, although the bells are in fairly good order.

To be continued.

Letters to the Editor

WANTS MEETINGS TO TALK ABOUT "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—I am sure you would welcome as many comments as possible regarding the "new look" "Ringing World," so that you may know the feeling of the majority of readers. It would be helpful if District secretaries put this question on their agendas to invite comments and forward them to you. I cannot remember the last time "The Ringing World" was discussed at a ringers' meeting. My own reaction to the "Mancroft" issue was one of complete satisfaction and I hope it will be found possible to delight us with more of these.

It was with some surprise that I read of the suggestion from the St Martin's Guild, Birmingham, that greater prominence should be given to 12-bell peals. I hope this will not provoke another round of correspondence supporting the importance of the five-, six- and eight-bell peals. We have had so much of this over the years that we all ought to judge the value of any peal on its merits and not on the number of bells involved.

I would be among the first to congratulate the ringers of a peal of Doubles, Minor or Triples where there were one or two "firsts" rather than a peal of Maximus with no footnotes. There must be pioneers in every field and we must recognise them all.

I was sorry to read of the passing of Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray. His father and four brothers rang several peals together. They rang a peal of Doubles in two methods at Harby in 1924 on the ring of five, and Ernest rang with his father in the four fathers and four sons peal at Belgrave in May, 1927. They were Ernest and J. Morris, Charles and Richard Belton, Richard and John Grant, and Richard and Ernest Bartram. The only two survivors of this peal are Richard Belton and Richard Grant.

Finally, may I thank all Guild secretaries and others who sent copies of their Guild and Association service sheets to me early in 1966 as a guide for the Leicester Guild, which celebrates its 21st birthday this year. It is 30 years this April since the clock and bells at Leicester Cathedral were hallowed by the late Provost McNutt. How the years roll on! — Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall, Leics.

"THE LITTLE MEN"

Dear Sir, — I would like, through your columns, to make a protest against the "little men" of the Exercise. I do so fully aware that I myself may be termed "little" in the same sense on account of certain recent verbal antics which have been perpetrated. These, I would stress, were intended by their author(s) as jokes and I make no apology for them.

No, the little men of whom I speak are those few ringers (a very small minority, thank goodness) whose chief pastime (apparently) is to stir up ill-feeling and spread misery in the belfry at which they happen to ring, by making adverse criticism, both in public and in private, of the good which other members of the band seek to do for the belfry as a whole. In so doing they show, in my opinion, an abysmal ignorance of the true state of affairs.

These people may be staunch pillars of the Church, good ringers or bad, learners or old hands. They may be regular attenders or, much worse, only spasmodic visitors to the belfry. Their motives may just conceivably, but misguidedly, be good—whatever they may be they are very little men!—Yours faithfully,

P. S. READING.

Kenilworth.

POINTS FROM PEALS

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Bedminster Surprise Royal was rung at Southgate on December 14th, 1963, and I am afraid that the method named Bedminster in the recent peal of Spliced will require renaming as the two methods bear no relation to each other. There would also appear to be a small error in the place notation for Lambourn on page 762: presumably there should be no full stop between 12 and 58.

The first peal of Wycombe Surprise Maximus was rung in 1962, and the method rung to the recent peal is the parent method, of which the Maximus method is the correct extension. Mr. Williams is quite wrong in saying that there is already a method called Wycombe Surprise Major usually rung under its alternative name of Yiewsley. That method when first rung to a peal was renamed because it was not the parent method of the Maximus.

In the issue of March 25th, Mr. W. Barton queries a composition for Lincolnshire, which has never been cleared up. In the issue for December 30th, page 861, there is another peal of Lincolnshire, this time rung to a 27-course block reduced. There are only 24 true courses to Lincolnshire with the tenors together, and therefore I would suggest that further information is required about the composition used, and also the one to which Mr. Barton refers.

Finally I would like to point out the duplication of a peal rung at Crawley, and published on pages 613 and 676, and of a peal rung recently at Eltham, published on pages 830 and 10 (1967).—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney.

COMPOSITIONS IN POPULAR MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—While studying some of the compositions in the recent publication "Compositions in Popular Major Methods" I noticed a small misprint in the second composition for Lincolnshire. The last bob in each part should be a Home, and not a Wrong as printed. This would be immediately obvious to anyone comparing the composition with those given in C. A. Wratten's "Collection of Surprise Compositions," but I think it is worth pointing out none the less. I hope that no one has done so already.

Incidentally, I see that the third composition of Lincolnshire appears in Mr. Wratten's book as well, but attributed to a different author. Is this simply a mistake, or is there some doubt about who is the genuine author? — Yours faithfully,

C. W. DAWS.

Kingswood, Surrey.

BACK TO ORIGINAL METHOD

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Taylor's recent letter concerning the method of presentation of peals in "The Ringing World," I would like to put on record that both my wife and I are in favour of reverting to the original method of presenting peals to the readers.

If merely changing the heading of the front page produced such a barrage of disapproval, how on earth did the original change take place?

Can it be that the Ancient Society were determined to head the list at all costs. . .!— Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Atherstone.

ALL PEALS AN ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Sir,—Why should St. Martin's Guild have more prominence for their 12-bell peals? I see nothing wrong with the present system of peal reports. All peals represent an achievement, and the way St. Martin's churn out peals of Surprise Maximus indicates to me that many more humble peals of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Major, etc., are a far greater achievement for the ringers involved. In the issue of December 30th there are four peals of Londinium Maximus, all rung in a fortnight by nearly the same band, i.e. six ringers were in all of them and nine ringers rang in at least three of them.

I do agree that record peals should be given more prominence, but otherwise if the present method is cheaper for goodness' sake keep it.— Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

TO SOME, BEGINNERS ARE A NUISANCE

Dear Sir,—When I first started bellringing, a number of years ago, one of the first things I noticed was friendly groups of people with whom I came in contact. Beginners were encouraged and great pains were taken to explain any difficulty encountered.

In more recent times there seems to be a certain amount of apathy appearing in the more experienced bands, beginners tend to be regarded as a nuisance, and I have heard it said: "There were too many at the practice tonight, we could not get any decent ringing in." I should have thought that there is no point in a "crack band," all of whom have rung peals in the method, ringing a touch, when there are learners eager to try their hand with an experienced band. I have also heard it said, when a peal is being arranged, "I'm not ringing Plain Bob; my New Year's resolution is not to ring any peals of it." These ringers probably had to be dragged through their first peal by an experienced band, yet they are not prepared to do the same for others.

There also appears to be a new "Association" called the grape-vine; its aim is not to promote better ringing or even more peals of Surprise Major, but to spread idle gossip or rumours.

In my opinion all these things are doing a great deal of harm to the Exercise. If we are to increase membership of the Exercise and flourish surely we must foster comradeship and encourage learners.—Yours faithfully,

D. H. McCORMICK.

Penwortham, Preston.

NEXT HEREFORD COURSE

Dear Sir,—The Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee with the Hereford Guild is arranging another course at the College of Education, Hereford, on April 14th to 16th, 1967. Details about it will appear fairly soon in the "Notices" columns. We hope to do two different things this years. One is to have a smallish group studying composition and conducting of a more advanced nature—for those who can at least compose and conduct Plain Bob. The second is to have a group practising change ringing on handbells for a large proportion of the week-end. This latter group will be subdivided so that we can cater for the complete beginner in this field and for those with a little experience.

Will anyone who is interested in joining one or other of these groups, or who wants more information about any part of the course, please write to me?—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

6, Bar Lane,
Wakefield, Yorks.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES BALL

One of the last of the old brigade of ringers in Northern Hampshire, "Charlie" Ball, as he was affectionately known, passed away on December 18th. The funeral service was held the following Wednesday, when friends from Longparish rang as the cortege left the church, and in the evening other friends rang in a 720 of mixed Doubles.

Charlie was associated with Barton Stacey all his life, and in November a peal of Bob Minor was rung to celebrate his 50 years as a ringer there.

He rang his first peal with the well-known Longparish band led by Leslie Trickey in 1937, this being Doubles. He later took part in the first peal rung on the Barton Stacey bells, Plain Bob Minor conducted by A. P. Cannon and in other peals on the Barton Stacey and Longparish bells until a year before his death, his last being in June last year.

A peal of Doubles was rung to his memory on December 28th by ringing friends from the Andover District. G. D.

MR. ALFRED J. BULL

We regret to record the passing of "Alf," as he was affectionately known throughout the Surrey and Sussex areas.

Mr. Alfred J. Bull started ringing at Horley Parish Church in the latter part of 1918, and continued up to the day before his death. He was a perfectionist, a perfect striker and worked very hard over the years training his always very large band of learners.

Owing to the unsafe condition of the tower at Horley Church, the bells had not been rung for a number of years, and Alf was looking forward to the day when they would be in action again. He was a very keen member of the committee for the restoration of the tower.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at St. John's, Redhill, on December 30th, the day of his funeral.

His many friends throughout the Exercise tender their sincere sympathy to his widow and family.

From his records it would appear that he rang not less than 332 peals, made up as follows:—

Doubles.—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury (conducted 4); 4.

Minor.—Plain Bob 8, Surprise 41; 49.

Triples. — Grandsire 18, Stedman 2, Bob Triples 2; 22.

Major.—Plain Bob 31, Kent 46, London 38, Superlative 34, Double Norwich 27, Cambridge 35, Yorkshire 4, Pudsey 2, Worcester 2, Norfolk 2, Canterbury 2, College Single 1, Rutland 1; 235.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1; 4.

Royal.—Kent 13, Grandsire 3, Bob Royal 1, Cambridge 1; 18.

Of this total 100 peals were rung at St. John's, Crawley.

D. W. and W. S.

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

During 1966 14,000 people, including many from abroad, visited the unique Bell Museum in Apolda, East Germany (G.D.R.), where the many famous chimes recorded on tape include Big Ben, the Kremlin bells of Moscow, the Gloriosa of Erfurt Cathedral in East Germany and the Sibelius tune from the Church of the Mount in Helsingfors, Finland.

A Much-Alive Midland Tower

By GEOFFREY M. COX
(Deputy Ringing Master, Knowle Tower)

RINGERS in the Midlands area will have probably been pleased to see on the B.B.C. television programme "Midlands Today" the handbell ringers of Knowle Church, who performed the carol "Mary's Boy Child" on the Christmas edition on December 23rd. This broadcast represented the climax of over a year's work in the field of tune ringing on handbells by the young band of Knowle ringers.

Seventy-five years ago the Knowle Parish Magazine recorded: "The handbell ringers have been disbanded, but the Vicar sincerely hopes that those who have been accustomed to subscribe annually at Christmas to the fund for which they collected when going round with the handbells, for the church ringers, will continue their subscriptions."

Since that time and the present day many ringers have revived the old tradition of handbell ringing in Knowle, the most notable of which was that of Anthony Upton about six years ago. However, when Anthony left to join the Church (he is now the Rev. A. A Upton, author of the book "A History of the Knowle Collegiate Church of SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne"), with him went the driving force behind handbell ringing, and again the bells fell into disuse.

Just under two years ago, after a short article in the Knowle magazine, which was later reproduced in the local "Solihull News" by the Rev. L. B. Hutchings, himself a ringer at Solihull Church, the Knowle tower was "invaded" by an unprecedented number of interested people who wished to learn the art of bellringing on the tower bells, at one time numbering 3 regular attenders! Two extra ringing nights were arranged (the bells were "tied" to help the local residents' nerves!) to teach the learners, who ages ranged from 11 to "over 21"!! (In fact at one time a mother and her two daughters were interested, the two daughters being the more athletic survivors of the rigours of ringing.) In order to help the ringers in understanding "rounds" and "plain hunting" the handbells were taken out and used by the learners.

Also, about this time, a group of about ten "experienced" ringers and "learners" decided to make use of the handbells to ring at Christmas Copies of music were procured, and the group embarked on the perfection of the art of tune ringing. After considerable practice the group toured the village and played carols to the delight of young and old alike. This part of the activity was to have been conducted in a non-profit making manner, although four of the older members of the band elected to play one night in a local nearby public house with such success that on later nights a tour of local "houses" was conducted, donations being taken for the bell fund.

It was realised that the bells were in poor condition, and the immediate reaction was to take the set to the John Taylor foundry at Loughborough to be retuned, recast and restrapped where necessary. The cost of over £80 had been foreseen, and the problem of raising the money was soon under discussion. The Parochial Church Council offered to help with the payment by loaning the complete sum, and only taking half back in payment. This still meant a sum of £40 being raised, but this has now been completed within the year by two methods—firstly, the ringers decided to pass on 4s. of the money received for wedding ringing into the fund and, secondly, it was decided to make use of the bells by ringing at Christmas, 1966, and other functions to raise the rest of the money.

Thirty-six bells were reconditioned, 12 being hung in the chamber for "method" ringing, and 24 being used for the "tune" ringing. Since the time of the recovery of the bells a team of ringers has regularly given up Sunday afternoons to practise on 12- and 15-bell tunes, and during the year the standard of ringing has improved enormously, culminating in the appearance on television, which was mentioned before.

The previous number of 33 learners has now dropped to about 15 regulars (the tower size is small, and it is often that at the Thursday night practice we cannot accommodate all the ringers in the ringing chamber at once, there being about 20 to 25 of our own ringers and visitors for the eight bells!). The handbell team is now almost entirely made up of these younger ringers, and the eight who appeared on television were all between the ages of 12 and 18, the "older" members "retiring" during the year.

Unfortunately there have been formed in the tower two distinctive schools of thought as to how the bells should be rung. The present leader, Tim Kedge, is of the opinion that the bells should be rung slowly, so that each note sounds clear, while I feel that the tune sounds better if the bells are rung quickly to bring out the resonance of the bells. (It has been likened to picking out a tune on the piano and playing it faster so that the notes run into each other.) I would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone who has views on this subject, and especially from other handbell teams.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Brixham on January 7th and it was well attended by Branch members and visitors from other Branches.

Ringing was under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, the Branch Ringing Master, and consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and rounds. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Hodkinson (Vicar), who extended to the visitors a very hearty welcome.

After a splendidly-prepared tea in the British Legion Hall, the business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Miss Mary Russell).

The secretary's report was adopted, this showing that the Branch had 72 members during 1966, and that three peals and a number of quarter peals had been rung, one of these being prior to the consecration of the new chapel at Buckfast Abbey.

The treasurer's report showed an increased balance from the previous year

At the election of officers Miss Russell was re-elected Branch chairman, and Mrs. C. Pearson was re-elected secretary and treasurer. There were two nominations for the office of Ringing Master and, on a vote being taken, Mr. K. E. Fursdon, of Torquay, was elected. Elected to the General Committee were Messrs. B. E. Bartlett, J. Kelly and Rev. D. P. Angold.

It was resolved to hold a day for instructors sometime during the summer months, and after votes of thanks, ringing took place at Churston

Next meeting: Lustleigh and Moretonhampstead, in April, subject to permission. A. L. B.

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Tower Captaincy Without Tears

(The third of four articles by Osram.)

PART II

Scientific tower captaincy has no room for tears. That was the theme continued in the last instalment of this series, when recognition of the non-attendance and wastage factors was discussed, together with the importance of recruiting youth and of making the most of available time. The last three principles are now to be put before you.

PRINCIPLE 7. KEEPING THE PLATES SPINNING

Were you one of those schoolchildren who were brilliant at reading French but who fumed and fretted every French lesson because the teacher always got the dullards to read (to improve them), and never gave you a chance to show your virtue? He was a bad teacher, of course—he didn't cater for every pupil's needs. Have you sometimes noticed how a perfectly usable new stretch of road can't be opened because one bridge on it still has to be completed, and they're still waiting for a girder? A badly organised job of course—not everything was progressed to come to fruition together.

When a juggler has thrown the first of six plates in the air, he doesn't forget it as the second goes into orbit—he supervises the progress of each plate in its different orbit all the time until his act is complete. You might agree that every good leader is, amongst other things, a good plate-spinner—he keeps all things going along a broad front, not letting any aspect of his province stagnate accidentally. If you do agree then as a ringing leader you will cater for everyone's needs in your team. You have 17 learning to handle, plus two who can ring rounds, plus three plain hunting, plus one ringing Bob Minor. So you don't let the Bob Minor ringer stagnate in plain hunting Sunday in, practice night out, do you? You make certain that regularly (you decide—and stick to it—how regularly) he rings Bob Minor and progresses to Bob Major or whatever, in due course. You would have left that French class if you had been able, wouldn't you, through frustration? Those road-building contractors would have paid a forfeit to the Ministry of Transport, wouldn't they? So is your bright young Bob Minor ringer going to stay with you when you ring rounds all the time "because that's all our band can do and we never get any visitors on practice night," and Middle Wallop's tower captain has promised him progress if he defects.

Consider all your team all the time—are they all progressing, or is one of them stagnating? How are you going to get that plate back into orbit? Perhaps by temporarily devoting a little extra effort to it, to the others' temporary detriment. Perhaps by taking him to a neighbouring practice? Perhaps by arranging for the requisite number of neighbouring ringers to come to your team's practice?

There is, of course, one important qualification. Some people don't want to progress. They have reached their level and they are content to be useful members of society at that level. You will quickly spot them. You arrange their Bob Minor by organising the requisite number of visitors on your practice night—and your protégés don't feel like catching hold. Just relax again, and don't organise any more visitors for them. They're happy, and useful for training learners coming up behind them. Why should you worry?

Recognise the plate-spinning principle. You're spinning the rest of your life on plates—i.e. you lead a full life. Why not spin the belfry on plates, too?

PRINCIPLE 8. WALKING AND RUNNING

When you go somewhere on foot, you walk normally, because it's comfortable and gets you there economically of effort. On occasions you have been seen to run—because the last bus is just pulling out and it will save you an hour's walk if you sprint for six seconds and spend five minutes panting discomfort in the bus.

Why be different in the belfry, when you're handling a band of people just like you—people who, wanting to go places on foot, normally walk there, but run for specific reasons at odd times?

Recognise that progress is made most comfortably and economically by "walking"; by ringing well within the capabilities of the band and not disheartening people by fire-ups. This is quite consistent with some one person in the band doing something for the first time (i.e. with progress being made); but why not let it normally be something just a little advanced over his past experience and supported by a first-class band for that particular exercise? The result—both advancement (another plate further into its orbit) and pleasure all round because of the reasonable striking.

Let that be the norm; but when should you make the band run? Perhaps never—you can judge your team best. But possibly you sense a need to throw caution aside one Sunday evening. Three Grandsire Triples ringers have turned up on a once-off visit to your tower; and you've got a learner who hasn't rung more than Grandsire Doubles "inside" before, plus three of your own ringers who know Grandsire Triples. He's the sort of man who you think might rise to the occasion, and you feel like risking it. Why not risk it? It might come off and give everyone a boost. These "running" sessions may admittedly be subjectively undertaken by you on the spur of the moment; but if you're not the best judge of that, who is? And why isn't he tower captain?

Recognise the basic principle of the balance between the walking and the occasional run for specific reasons. This is part of your responsibility for creative leadership.

PRINCIPLE 9. DELEGATION.

Do you try to do everything yourself all the time? Or do you let your wife buy the food, the bus driver drive you to town, the policeman catch your burglar? You direct your own life, don't you, taking advantage of the various services that various experts can render you? Well, why do you take on tower captaincy and then yourself train all learners, do all the tower correspondence, oil the bells, keep the finances straight, organise annual outings? Is it because you "know" that no one can do any of these things as well as you, and that therefore "I must do it myself"?

This isn't plate-spinning, is it? This is clay-mining, pottery, box-office management, plate-spinning and washing-up afterwards! Why not do what you're there for? Why not direct? A good managing director is quite busy enough directing without getting his hands dirty every day on the production line, or servicing customers. There are grave disadvantages in doing it all yourself. First, it starts your wife off. Secondly, you get a martyr complex. Thirdly, your team isn't learning to gel by taking responsibility for each other's well-being in various ways. Fourthly, what would happen if you fell under a bus? What service have you rendered to your tower if you leave it to collapse for lack of someone to take your place?

How can learners and youngsters possibly be secretaries, treasurers or steeplekeepers? Of course they can. They will make mistakes and they won't do it as well as you. They might even waste more of your time in supervision than if you'd done the job yourself—for a time. But it won't always be like that. Prod them, guide them, praise them, and soon they'll be doing your work-load to leave you free to do the ivory tower thinking and practical directing.

"Brian's only 15, and he's only been ringing two years. How could he possibly train someone else?" If you say that of a competent ringer you have yourself taught to ring, you may well be condemning yourself. Why haven't you trained Brian to train? You might be surprised how intelligent people rise to responsibility. With 17 learners to teach, you've got to choose between thrusting responsibility on suitable people after suitably preparing them, or being in the belfry three nights a week—a compulsive martyr. And you're reading this article because you wish to avoid just that, in order to keep a broad view of life.

Recognise the vital principle of delegation in the belfry. You might decide to train learners yourself to set an example to your other teachers in the band. But recognise that, if you do that you're putting on an operative's hat, and that you've at least temporarily ceased to direct, ceased to plan, progress, ceased to spin the plates. Do it if you must, deliberately—not on the "there's nobody else" principle. Get or train somebody else, and you'll be able to do your proper job better.

[In the final article the aspects of planning and keeping to the plan will be touched on as factors in painless belfry leadership.]

To be continued.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PURBECK YOUTHS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR

FOR the first time in many years, the A.S.P.Y. held its annual dinner in Wareham. Friday evening, December 30th, saw the gathering of the clans, with Saturday the big day, there being three peal attempts and the dinner in the evening.

The morning peal on Saturday was rung at Litton Cheney; Yorkshire was selected. The ringing soon settled down to as good as is possible on such bells. No 65's were spoilt, as Mr. B. O. Nam was on the fourth. However, after two hours of grinding, P.C.S. inserted one too many at home. After much wrangling the bands for the afternoon were sorted out, but unfortunately wheel trouble prevented a start being made at Lytchett Matravers. At Witchampton, in spite of the Vicar's genius for electronics, a fair peal was rung in fast time.

And so to the dinner. True to expectation, Lewis F.C. arrived in time for the third course, Christmas pud, brandy sauce and strawberry melba. (A mixture to be avoided, I can assure you.) However, in spite of this, it was a first-rate meal and inexpensive—A.S.C.Y. please note!

Next stop was the New Inn, which has a landlord with such a "liberal" outlook on life that the "Red Flag" was banned, but "Nonny Nonny" and "The Threshing Machine" were not. Tony Fortin played some Bristol on the piano, including a realistic fire-up! Malcolm and Lewis were at the piano for the rest of the time.

Thus properly prepared, up the tower to ring in the New Year with three fast leads of Bristol, and an even faster rush for the door to catch closing time (12.15).

Up very reluctantly on Sunday, to muster Little Bob and Grandsire for Matins. After this, and our nth cup of John's "cough mixture," lunch was taken at Kingston, followed by an inspection of the superb bells, unfortunately not in ringing order at the moment. From the top of the tower a glorious view can be had of the rolling countryside, over Corfe Castle to Poole Harbour.

Back to John's for the farewell ceremony or "Bonembating." Philip demonstrated the huge strength of his stomach, and George the huge size of his, followed by ten press-ups. Obviously in training for St. Neots tenor.

Tempus fugit. Home via Ringwood and Romsey Abbey. Not without thanks to the Wareham ringers, Mary and Graham in particular, for a first-class week-end, immensely enjoyed by everyone. Roll on 1968!

"ARDEE."

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 7th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Pascoe (first quarter) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, J. J. George 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck (first in two methods) 2, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. Beattie 6.

HALF PEAL

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—On Dec. 31st, 2,664 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Shirley Beanland 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, Susan Mitchell 3, C. J. Groome 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. An attempted peal brought round due to illness. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the year.

DATE TOUCH

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,967 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B., 527 Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Susan Harrison 1, Margaret Eggleston 2, L. J. Parry 3 Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): C. Jeffrey 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H Macve (cond.) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. Pearson 1, Miss A Foden 2, D. Large 3, J. P Burton 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. For Aldridge Grammar School's service.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: P J. Ashby 1, H. Mann 2, T. R. Harris 3, T. P. Harris 4, K. H. Fleming 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6 For Confirmation service.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. Worthington (first quarter) 1. B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, A. A. F. Peters 3, R. Falder 4, M. Worthington 5, D. Hamilton (first quarter) 6, P. J. Crane 7, A. E. Jones 8.

BEVERLEY, EAST YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Thompson 1, Joan Gray 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan (first "inside") 3, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 4. J. M. Brook 5, F. C. Hobson 6, R. Ducker 7, A. E. Shingles 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: 1. F W Allen 1 P. R. Godfrey 2, E. J. Whiting 3, C J Higgins 4, R. F. Baker 5, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At Holy Trinity, Westbury-on-Trym, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. O. Costella 1, D. Huddleston 2, B. A. Huddleston 3, A. Tubb (cond.) 4, R Huddleston 5, E George 6. For Remembrance Sunday

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Hansford (first of Major) 1, Jennifer Quaife (first of Major) 2, T. Sone 3, Christine Webb 4, P. Spice 5, Sheila Copping 6, M. Foster 7, E. Ladd (cond.) 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Ted Mounter.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Norris 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2 C. Cook 3, C. W Simpson 4, P. Saddleton 5, J Southey 6, Miss P. Norris 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 5 and 6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Norris.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's, on Dec. 15th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.: Miss F Templeman 1, J. Drage 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, J. Stockbridge 4, B. J Luck 5, D. C. Chatfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance Eveline Booth, for many years a ringer at this church.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on back five): J. W. Marshall 1, Miss E. J Gill (first "inside") 2, J. P. Cooper 3, T F. Collins 4, E. H Amey (cond.) 5 A 21st birthday compliment and farewell to Miss M. Lush.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Jan. 1st, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: J. W Bull 1, F. A. Benn 2, Veronica E. Dupre 3, Gwendoline G. Meyer 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles T Willis 1, G. Walker 2, P Dickinson 3, Miss J. Bilham (first "inside") 4, C. R. Smith (cond.) 5, D. Tovell 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Jan. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Snelling 1, R C. Stevens 2, E. W Razzell 3, C. M. Foster 4, R. Davies 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7 K. Taber (first of P.B. Major as cond.) 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W F. Cowley 1, B. J. Davies 2, W. Ivings 3, M. W Sayers 4, C. C. Clarke 5, M. W. Coleman 6, A. W Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J Hemmings 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Michael H. R. King, drowned when the Greek ship Iraklion sunk.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Minor (Kent, Little Bob and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Loake 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, Jean Marlow 3, B. Yeomans 4, Mary R. Coleman 5, C. N. Stephenson 6.

HOLWELL, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, J. W. Marshall 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 27th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Brenda Davies 1, Sylvia Knight (first of Treble Bob "inside") 2, P. Richardson 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

HONITON DEVON—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): N Slater (first quarter) 1, C. Webb 2, T. Travers 3, G. Travers 4, R. Watts 5 W. Webb 6, D. Slater (cond.) 7, J. Foster (first quarter) 8.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles R. A. Ley (first quarter) 1, M. A. Price (first "inside") 2, H A. Price 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, W Price 6. First of Plain Doubles 2, 4 and 5.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Barton 3, Judith Loten 4, Joyce Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, A. Payne 8. A compliment to Derek Simpson and Celia Haynes, on their engagement.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Bowcutt (first quarter) 1, H. Folwell 2, N. Stone (cond.) 3, C. Stowe 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Patricia A. Lattimer (first quarter) 1, S. N. Barratt (first "inside") 2, T. N. Kedge 3, G. J. Lightfoot 4, G. M Cox (cond.) 5, D. G. Haynes 6. For Evensong, and as a parting compliment to David Haynes.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D Bentley 1, G. P. Green 2, A. Hough 3, N. Hough 4, C. J. Jones (cond.) 5, N Davies 6. With the best wishes to Miss Janet M. Prescott (local ringer) and Mr. Colin Harper, married this day.

LAUNCESTON CORNWALL.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M Crowell 1, P Coad 2, C. Mutton 3, W Bouchier 4, H Heard 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, C. Sangwin 7, R. Cann 8.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Makin-Taylor (first "inside" Triples) 1, J. Andrews 2, P. Gregory (first of Triples) 3, M E. Fort 4, K Edwards 5, I. Oram 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, W. Davies 8. To welcome the new Vicar, Rev J. Rogan, M.A.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Chapman 1, E. J. Whiting 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P S. Abbott 4, R. F. Baker (cond.) 5.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): K. Richards 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, J. R. Williams 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, Rev. G. Heywood 6.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Shirley Beanland 1, Susan Mitchell 2, S. P. D. Burnett 3, A. C Banton (cond.) 4. First of Minimus 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to Susan Mitchell

MARSTON BIGOTT, Frome, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gifford 1, G. Wareham 2, C. West 3, A. Bratten 4, W H. Mills (cond.) 5, F. Elliott 6. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D Young 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D Day 3, W Clamp 4, R. Preston 5, R. Cook 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, O. Homewood 9, R Manton (cond.) 10.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Coales 1, B Care 2, Miss S. Staley 3, P. Bosworth 4, B. Vickers 5, R. Cowley 6, J G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, C. Stephenson 8. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Eady 1, M. Care 2, B. Care (cond.) 3, R. Coley 4, R. Eady 5, J. Sheldon 6. An engagement compliment to Mary Eady and John Sheldon.

NETHER COMPTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, J. W. Marshall 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5. Rung as thanksgiving for the new organ and other gifts.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J. Lockwood (age 10, first quarter) 1, R. E. Lester 2, G. R. Goodship 3, P. Atkins (first quarter) 4, Mrs. W. Lockwood 5, E. J. Lockwood (first as cond.) 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, A. Foreman 3, M. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, Valerie C Allen 2, C. J. Dunstan (first "inside") 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. Locke 4 A. P. Smith (first of Grandsire Triples) 5 F M. Bowers (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, A. J Davidson (cond.) 7, G. P. Dunstan 8. A birthday compliment to Malcolm Bowers.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cheryl Lay 1, Mary Christian 2, S. Christian 3, A. Walters 4, D. Derrick 5, R. Southgate (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Russell 1, J M. Thorley (cond.) 2, E. Ann Sadler 3, C. J Groome 4, R. N. Scholes 5, J. C. Hudson 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: P Sloman 1, Miss P. Halliwell 2, D. Sloman 3, S. Halliwell 4 J. Belcham 5, G. Bacon (first as cond.) 6, B Sadler 7, P Sadler 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 4 and 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Halliwell 1, P. Sloman 2, B. Sadler 3, T. Jones 4, A. Boyack 5, F. May 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Sandwell 8, M. Hatchett 9, D. Sloman 10. To Liz and Gerald Sandwell on the birth of a daughter (Carolyn). Also a farewell to T. Jones.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles Alison M Mann 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, A. R. Millidge 3 C F. Mew (cond.) 4, D. C. Brookes 5, Christine M Cobb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Madge

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Comber 1, Betty Saggers 2, K. Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, A. T Shelton 5, G A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, W. Slaughter 8. Half-muffled in memory of Alfred J. Bull, captain of Horley ringers, whose funeral was this day

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela E Bartholomew 1, Celia F Hughes D'aeth 2, Valerie E. Ware 3, H A. Bradbury 4, P T. Dale (cond.) 5 D. C. Bartholomew 6 For the wedding of the Rev. Kenneth Francis and Judith Brereton.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Fallick (first of Triples) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, H. J Page 3, M L. Northway 4, W. R Gilks (first of Triples "inside") 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6, I. H Trueman 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. A wedding compliment to Peter J. Jackson and Audrey E. Guttridge.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. S. Marshall 1, Nita West 2, C. Geary 3, W. Simpson 4, W Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. A compliment to ringer of second, on her engagement to Mr. P Marshall.

SHEFFIELD.—On Dec. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J Guest 1, R. Birch 2, D Armstrong 3, A. Frisney 4, L. Smith 5, B. Holland 6, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 7, G. K. Chaddock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. R T. Baker, Cathedral organist for 29 years, interred this day in Ecclesall Churchyard. He died in the vestry on December 18th after completing his duties for Evensong

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,464 Plain Bob Minimus: Janice Gudge 1, T. A. Hiller 2 D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. Longest length in the method for all.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pamela Denney 1, Hilary Knight 2, Jean Aldwinckle 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. L. Pope 1, Mrs V. J. Stone 2, J P Hill 3, E. Dibble 4, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, A. Kent 6. First in two methods "inside" 2, 3 and 4.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Dec 31st, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: J Cunliffe 1, J. E. Andrews 2, R. Jolley 3, J. Illingworth 4, R. K. Lister 5, C Lomax 6, G Fothergill (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. First in the method by all except 7. By the service band

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,920 St. Giles Surprise Major: L. F. Cobb 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Dorothy T. Gardiner 3, D. Wilson 4, J. N. Longridge 5, J. L. Claughton 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7 R. N. Marlow 8. First "touch" in the method for all

WRAXALL SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Drusilla Pickard 1, M. Clark 2, Jean Parsons 3, J Evered 4, S. Cole 5, P. Gardner 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ATHERSTONE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,632 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Peers, jun. 1, P. Rigby 2, J. W. Cotton 3, N. Attaway 4, Mrs. V. Rigby 5, G. H. Lane 6, J. Hodgetts (first touch in method) 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, P. Shipp 2, P. Lock 3, K. Furadon 4, F. Shepherd 5, G. Roberts 6, D. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. Burton 8. First of Stedman 2 and 5. For Evensong, and for the arrival of Mark Michael, first grandson for the tenor ringer. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins (first quarter) 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens 3, K. Furadon 4, P. Lock 5, G. Roberts 6, D. Roberts (cond.) 7 L. Burton 8. For Midnight Mass.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Schofield 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Juliet S. Stoy 3, Kathleen E. Chilcott 4, F. E. Darby 5, R. J. Cook 6, R. J. Talbot 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson 3, W. Robertson 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6. For the 98th dedication anniversary of the church. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, Alex Herman (first "inside") 3, Warne Wilson 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Robertson 6. Rung by the Victoria country band.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Murrell 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, Mrs. P. A. Land 3, A. Tubb (cond.) 4, G. C. King (first of Triples "inside") 5, J. H. Taylor 6, R. J. Bowden 7, G. W. Land 8. For carol service.

DUBLIN, IRELAND.—On Jan. 1st, at the Church of St. George 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Miller (first quarter) 1, G. McGregor 2, Miss A. M. Brown 3, P. W. Brown 4, A. S. Doak (first as cond.) 5, L. N. Kennedy 6. Rung to mark the centennial year of the foundation of Canada.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, A. M. Stacey 2, M. Spracklin (cond.) 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): I. Gillman (first quarter) 1, T. Albury 2, P. Payne 3, C. M. Payne 4, R. Walker 5, Miss W. Berrill (first quarter) 6, B. Gillman (first quarter) 7, D. Griffiths 8.

FULBECK, LINCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, M. Mitchell 2, J. Bennett 3, W. King 4, H. J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, C. Hencher 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong, in memoriam Mrs. W. Hickson, a chorister for many years.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Poole (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, R. E. Dean 3, P. R. Dean 4, J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Shilvock 1, P. J. Brown 2, T. Greenhall 3, M. Lashford 4, L. Clissett 5, A. B. Ellsmore 6, Miss M. I. Ellsmore (first as cond.) 7, H. Shilvock 8. An engagement compliment to Peter J. Brown and M. Irene Ellsmore, also a birthday compliment to Bryan Elsmore.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Vickers 1, K. Chapman 2, Miss S. Staley 3, F. Coales 4, R. Cowley 5, J. G. Mitchell 6, A. Gibbs 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. A. Caldecote 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2, 3 and 4.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Esme Weaver 1, W. J. Marlow 2, C. Ostler 3, H. Balaam 4, P. G. Holmes 5, A. Taylor 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, R. Hassel 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Garrett, buried the previous day.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherryman 1, Mrs. R. Verrall 2, C. Longhurst 3, K. May 4, G. Rix (cond., 720) 5, R. Verrall (cond., 720) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Catlin (13 years, first quarter) 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, D. A. Eddy (first "inside") 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P. Harris 5, D. Brazier (13 years) 6. For the visit of the Bishop of Bedford. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie E. Horne (13 years, first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, D. A. Eddy 3, T. R. Harris (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Susan Catlin (12 years, first quarter) 6. For Midnight Communion.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Wood 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy Austin 3, Doris Dobbie 4, J. Clark 5, G. A. Naylor 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. J. Foster 1, D. W. Brown (first in the method) 2, F. R. Scott 3, L. G. Pearson 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. P. Hilling 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Baker 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, same band. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Single Oxford: D. Dury 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5 C. B. Johnson (first as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Bitterne Park, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Deborah N. Maggs 1, Margaret F. Coombs 2, Margaret A. Smith 3, Heather J. Hinton (cond., Plain Bob) 4, D. B. Brown (cond., Grandsire) 5, Pamela J. Coombs 6, R. V. Smith 7, S. P. Smith 8. First quarter in two methods by all except 5. For New Year, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Travers 1, H. Watts 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Warboys 4, F. Bird 5, T. Camp 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For carol service.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Wilson 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, B. Walton 5, J. White 6. Rung in grateful remembrance of the life and service to music of Sir Steuart Wilson, aged 77, whose funeral took place on December 22nd.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Warr (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, E. Venn 3, H. Warr 4, H. Pester 5, R. Venn 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. Mary Moon, a loyal member of this tower. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Drew (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, J. T. Locke 3, H. Warr 4, R. Dean 5, H. Pester 6. To celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer. First quarter peal on the bells in which a father and daughter have taken part.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Smith 1, P. Jopp (aged 9, first as cond.) 2, D. Price 3, R. G. Morris 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. Beattie 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bouchier 1, M. Crowell 2, C. Mutton 3, H. Heard 4, P. Coad 5, B. Vince 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, R. Cann 8.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Banks 1, R. H. Roberts 2, K. P. Parker (first of Bob Minor) 3, W. R. Gilks 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, D. C. Jackson 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Sutton 1, Miss R. Roworth 2, R. Hulme 3, Miss S. Little 4, M. Scowen 5, W. Merritt 6, P. Minchin 7, M. Penney 8, M. Stanley (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—At the Vicarage, on Dec. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Burnett (first quarter first attempt) 1, A. Shirley Beanland (first "in hand") 2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3—4, S. P. D. Burnett 5—6, Susan Mitchell (first "in hand") 7—8.

TIDENHAM, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bateman (first away from cover) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, R. W. Sweet 3, M. Powell 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, J. F. Pedler 6.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Mary Christian 1, A. R. Walters 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gladys D. Northway 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Hilary L. Widgery (first of Minor "inside") 3, Audrey J. Riley 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, D. C. Jackson 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Coleman 1, Miss J. Sturrock 2, A. Botterell 3, K. W. Knowles 4, S. Matthews 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, G. W. Hughes (cond.)

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Truman (cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. R. Care 3, B. E. Saunders 4, B. R. Eglesfield 5, G. E. Green 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Carter 1, A. Chamberlain 2, Miss J. M. Whait (cond.) 3, C. H. F. Knight 4, A. Carter 5, R. J. Welch 6, S. J. Haines 7, T. E. Harrold 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hester 1, L. Oliffe 2, P. Pearce 3, F. Soden (cond.) 4, D. K. Adkins 5, W. Clarke 6, B. J. Coggins 7, E. Townsend 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Annie Wadsworth. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Clarke 1, T. Hester 2, F. Soden 3, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 4, E. Hill 5, B. Hall 6, B. J. Coggins 7, F. Reed 8. For Confirmation service.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Gwen Roffe (first Doubles) 2, J. Roffe 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton (first as cond.) 5, A. Wright 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Talbot.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise: A. E. Rowley (cond.) 1, Miss K. Tabner (first Surprise Minor) 2, Mrs. T. Harris 3, F. Chambers 4, E. R. Stockwell 5, T. Harris 6. For carol and gift service.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, Marjorie Legg 3, J. Coombs (cond.) 4, J. Lambard 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Bond 1, R. Bath 2, A. Feist 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. Church (cond.) 5, F. Farr 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. D. J. Derrick, of 56, Kensington Road, Ipswich, wants information concerning St. Agatha, patroness of bell founders.

A farewell peal was rung at Breadsall, Derbys, for Pamela Barton, who has gone to college at Cheltenham.

Mr. T. R. Flint, of Worksop, writes that the incident of hanging to which he referred occurred in 1913.

The ringer of the fifth in the peal at Southover, Sussex, on November 19th was John A. Howard and not Joan.

Correction.—The ringer of the sixth bell at Marple in the peal of November 19th was Gerald Moorhouse and not Frank Osbaldiston, as submitted by our correspondent.

In "Odd Ventures" (page 852) the 240 Grandsire Doubles was by Leslie W. G. Morris and not Ernest Morris as inadvertently published.

With the peal of Bob Maximus on January 7th, Mr. C. Barrie Dove has now conducted peals of Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus on both even and odd numbers.

Another young starter is Graham Travers who, at the age of 11, rang his first quarter at St. Paul's, Honiton. At Sully, Glam, G. Whincup (12) also scored his first.

Among the Christmas peals one of special note—and congratulation—took place at Madeley, Salop. Here in a peal of Doubles (three methods) there were five first peals.

The New Year's Eve peal at Blackburn Cathedral was only possible by Miss Jane Reynolds standing in at short notice. The conductor, Mr. John T. Parsons, was truly grateful.

Members of the Midland Region, Railwaymen's Guild, rang a peal at Acton, Cheshire, on New Year's Eve to mark the birthday of Frederick S. Sutton. It was 42 methods/variations.

Coventry Guild had peal ringing activities during the Christmas holidays. Five peals were scored, conducting being shared by Geoffrey W. Randall, Stephen F. Royal and William H. Male.

The Billingshurst ringers would like to thank George Francis and David Smith from Warnham for standing in the first local peal on Billingshurst's recast bells when two of the locals had to withdraw through illness.

David V. Corrott and C. Victor Waite, both new members of the Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs, band, rang their first peal at Willoughby on December 27th. Mr. Jack L. Millhouse hopes that more members of the new tower will soon follow with a peal at their home tower.

In honour of Pembroke's first lady Mayor (Cclr. M. M. Mathias) and 587th Mayor, a New Year's Eve peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Pembroke. Afterwards the band were entertained in the Mayor's Parlour and were privileged to sign the visitors book.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MR. AND MRS. L. BOUMPHREY LEAVE FOR AFRICA

When Leslie Boumphrey decided to take a teaching post in Uganda, the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association lost not only the Ringing Master of the Western Branch, but also a most accomplished ringer and conductor. Accompanied by his wife, Margaret, also a very able ringer, and "Jackie," they flew away on January 1st, unfortunately not like the swallows to return next spring, but to remain abroad for at least four years.

During his stay in Cumberland over the past few years, Leslie has done great work in raising the general standard of ringing, stimulating interest in the art, teaching young people to ring, and generally giving encouragement to everyone. A number of peals has been achieved largely due to his influence and ability, culminating in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in December, 1965, at Cockermouth by an all-resident band of the Association for the first time. This was a moment of triumph after numerous previous disappointments resulting from failures.

The Association will feel the loss of the Boumphreys very severely, and all their friends are most grateful to them for the uplift they provided during their stay in the area. We wish them well in their new sphere of activities and hope that a set of handbells will provide Leslie with the opportunity of spreading the art in a part of the globe where ringing is unknown, and the nearest ring of bells is some 600 miles away. R. W.

A CONTRAST

A peal attempt on August Monday at Durleigh, Somerset, was brought to a halt obout halfway through when a very hysterical woman burst into the church shouting, swearing and brandishing a large pair of scissors with which she wanted to cut off the ropes! Luckily, the door of the ringing chamber of this ground-floor ring was locked, so no damage was done Two would-be first-pealers were very taken aback at such goings-on.

The same band, with one exception, met again the day after Boxing Day to try again, this time at Berrow, Somerset. They were successful, and as the elated band, with three first-pealers in it, left the tower they found by the door a packet of cigarettes, a box of matches and a note, written on the back of an envelope, which read "Thank you for the pleasure of hearing you ring. I am 86 years of age." What a wonderful gesture.

COULD DO IT!

After losing several quarters, the Bramford, Suffolk, band were accused by their instructors of lack of enthusiasm and concentration. To prove that they were not wholly to blame at Polstead, the scene of the infamous Red Barn Murder, they succeeded with Plain Bob after a failure at Hintlesham. Reporting this success, the "rebels" would like to thank their instructors—Messrs. Whettell—for teaching them in the first instance.

A 90th BIRTHDAY AT BROMLEY

The 90th birthday of Mr. Ted Mounter was not overlooked, as until recent years he was a regular attender at both Bromley towers. On the very day (December 18th) a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was conducted by Percy Ladd at the Parish Church. Ted is now kept up to date with ringing news by regular visits from Mr. P. J. Spice, the captain of Bromley Parish Church band.

RETFORD MAN RECEIVES BRAVERY AWARD

The honorary testimonial, inscribed on parchment of the Royal Humane Society has been presented to Mr. H. John Womack (18), an apprentice plater, who is a ringer at St. Michael's, West Retford, Notts.

The citation stated that a 27-year-old man fell into the sea while fishing from a motor boat at Dawlish, Devon, on July 2nd. John was in another boat about 100 yards away with his father. They rowed over and found that the man had stopped struggling and was floating just under the surface. John dived in and held him above the water until assistance arrived. The man revived after the application of artificial respiration for about 10 minutes.

At the presentation Mr. W. H. Bradley, chairman of Retford Magistrates, described John's act as "extreme bravery." So much had been said about the younger generation, he went on, but if they were all of Mr. Womack's calibre there would be nothing to worry about.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BAND RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING

Congratulations from throughout the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Walden on their golden wedding. The congratulatory peal on the Cathedral bells on December 29th also marked Mr. Walden's 60 years of membership of the Guild.

By pure coincidence it also marked the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Randles and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pack. Mr G. E. Fearn was on this occasion ringing his 500th peal.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S LEADING CONDUCTOR

Mr. John T. Dunwoody is the first to conduct 100 peals for the Irish Association. He is justly proud of his 100th peal, which was Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at Holywood, in which six of the band were making their first attempt for a peal in the method. John T. was also conducting his first in the method.

NEW 12-BELL RECORD

A new record in 12-bell ringing was set up on December 17th at Manchester Town Hall with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 24 methods. This peal surpasses the previous record of 18 methods rung on April 13th, 1963, also at the Town Hall, which was conducted by the late Derek Ogden. Both peals were rung by members of the Lancashire Association.

LODSWORTH TACKLING SURPRISE MAJOR

Recently we called attention to the enthusiastic band that has been formed at Lodsworth, Sussex, by the Rev. John Greene. Mr. Leslie Weller informs us that four of the Lodsworth band, including the Vicar, are now regularly practising Cambridge Surprise Major at the Billingshurst practices on Friday evenings. The same four ringers rang their first peal at Lodsworth on December 20th with confidence, competently ringing four Minor methods.

150 MAJOR METHODS REACHED

The 150 Spliced Surprise Major methods to a peal has been reached by Anthony R Peake's band at Knowle, Somerset, on New Year's Eve It was his 200th peal as conductor. There were nine new methods in the peal.

ST. ALBANS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The end of 1966 saw the nineteenth St. Albans Music Festival. In 1963 two handbell sections were introduced. One section was for change ringing, where at least 250 changes on eight bells or more had to rung.

Three teams of four were entered, the first being a St Albans group, Reg Darvill 1—2, and Geoff, Joyce and Frances Dodds 3—4, 5—6 and 7—8 respectively. 272 changes of Bob Major received 98 per cent on an excellent performance.

Next, a Cambridge University Guild team, Richard Youdale 1—2, Alan Scolfield 3—4, Ellis Thomas 5—6 and Charles Hobson 7—8, rang non-conducted Spliced Plain and Little Bob, spoiled only by uneven intensity of clappering and a few slight hesitations

Lastly, a mainly Harpenden team, Sheila Brown 1—2, Jean Dale 3—4, Wendy Brandon 5—6 and Roger Brown 7—8, rang another 272 of Bob Major. With a faster beat, a slight hesitation in the last lead lost them four points.

The second section was for tune ringing and this year the same three Dodds, as above, with Barbara Goodspeed, came an easy first, being the only entry. This was their first try and they rang 4-in-hand a delightful carol "A Boy was born in Bethlehem," a rearrangement of Peter Warlock's arrangement of "Yarmouth Fair," and the Irish tune, "The Galway Piper," In the last two speed was sacrificed for accuracy, but the overall effect was very good and, with 95 per cent, they were asked to open the festival concert of prizewinners.

The adjudicator this year was Walter Ayre, who gave detailed criticism and fatherly advice on each item. He even had his own set of handbells available outside in case a team turned up without any! T. L. W.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH'S 50th PEAL TOOK SEVEN ATTEMPTS

With the number of peals on the bells remaining stubbornly at 49, Withycombe Raleigh ringers met on December 27th to make their seventh attempt to ring a peal of Plain Bob Triples. It was originally intended to ring this peal to mark the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung, the first attempt being on May 1st, 1965, then for the induction of the new Vicar (he had to be content with a quarter peal), and now as an "extended service touch" for Patronal Festival Mass, at which the Bishop of Crediton was to be the celebrant.

Two peal attempts during this period by visiting bands had also failed, and when after about 18 minutes a slip was made which evaded correction it seemed as though attempt number nine would also result in failure. However, with 2 hours and 55 minutes left to service time, a fresh start was made and this time success was achieved with five minutes to spare, the bells being lowered without stopping just in time to allow representatives of the band to attend the service. The Bishop later congratulated the band for providing such an appropriate welcome and disclosed that he had also learned to ring many years ago

Thanks are due to Dick and Lis Bowden for accepting an invitation to take part in this attempt, and to the conductor, Frank D. Mack, for his perseverance in getting the 50th peal on the bells rung by as many as possible of the local band.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr 23 lb. in C.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall ..	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Frederick C. Sandy	7
Trevor A. Cross	3	Harry J Gaylard	8
*Derek S Beaufoy	4	Thomas E. Setter	9
Gordon Gaylard	5	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Caters.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt

Geoffrey Marchant ..	Treble	*Graham Nabb	4
*Valerie J. Stone	2	Michael J. Stone	5
Cecil T. Clarke	3	*Edwin L. Pope	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.
* First peal First as conductor

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 24 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp

Rodney H. French	Treble	Jack S. Dear	5
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Alfred E. Rushton	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Martyn J. Marriott and Kathleen A. Rivett on their engagement

BARTON-LE-CLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Tues., Dec. 27 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr

Anthony H. Smith .. .	Treble	Alfred E. Rushton	5
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	Stephen Ivin	6
Robert L. Piron	5	Philip Mehew	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Rodney H. French	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

EDLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	Jeffery Claughton	4
David Redfearn	2	John W. Sinfield	5
Ian Knox	3	Rodney French	Tenor

Conducted by John W Sinfield.
Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. W F. Gladman.

CADDINGTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt in G.

Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	Treble	*David Redfearn	4
D Kay Adkins	2	John W. Sinfield	5
*Brenda P. Redfearn ..	3	John R. Mayne	Tenor

* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Walter Mooring, aged 93, Vicar's warden at this church

TEMPSFORD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Sheila I. Smith	Treble	Reginald J. Houghton ..	4
Philip G. Rogers	2	Anthony H. Smith	5
Audrey R Alexander ..	3	Alan S. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Sheila I. Smith.
* First peal as conductor.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed, Dec. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Arthur B. Cooper	Treble	John S. Rank	5
F. Charles Hobson	2	Richard D. Gibson	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Howard C. Palmer	7
Robert C. Hawtree	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by Howard C. Palmer.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Thurs., Dec. 29 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Richard D. Gibson ..	Treble	†Christopher L D. Munday	5
Frances Fairbank	2	John S. Rank	6
Howard C. Palmer	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
*Robert C. Hawtree	4	‡R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by R Kingsley Mason
* First "blow" in method † First peal in method. ‡ 25th peal in method. First peal of London Major for the Society.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In three methods, being three extents of Oswald and two extents each of Edinburgh and Kentish Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Graham K. Smith	Treble	Richard D. Gibson	4
Ronald Ducker	2	Howard C Palmer	5
Robert C. Hawtree	3	F. Charles Hobson	Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
First peal of Delight by all the band.

NORTH FERRIBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 26 1966 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR
In six methods, being two extents of Oswald and one extent each of Barham, Edinburgh Pembroke. Kentish and Berkeley.
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb in G

Graham K. Smith	Treble	John S Rank	4
Ian G Campbell	2	Richard D Gibson	5
Robert C. Hawtree	3	Howard C. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Howard C Palmer.

HESSLE Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven extents, being two of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond Sharpe	Treble	*Robert H. Jordan	4
*Keith Gatman	2	Robert C Hawtree	5
Roderick Horton	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Frederick Ross and Miss Rosemary Bailey

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Mon. Dec 26 1966 in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Robert B. Smith	Treble	Harold C Lonyon	7
John E. Bibby	2	Frank Osbaldiston	8
Derek F. Yates	3	Basil Jones	9
Peter Border	4	Alan McFall	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	11
John Worth	6	John R. Bibby ..	Tenor

Composed by John Carter Conducted by Robert B Smith.
Rung as a welcome to a daughter (Jacqueline Anne) for Derek and Barbara Yates. Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Dec 31 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 22 lb.

G. Arnold Moore	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
Christopher J. Jones ..	2	David J. Midgley	6
Barry Corbishley	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Michael Thomson	4	Brian Schofield	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. E. Boothby, a ringer at this church for 52 years and tower captain for the last 14, and for Mr. T. Hancell lay reader at St Peter's for over 50 years.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations: One extent each of St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Giles, St Nicholas, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, St Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Luke, St John, Ryton, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Place, St. Columb Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Salwarpe, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Windrush, Norfolk, Dedworth, Primrose, Newborough, Grandsire Reverse St Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune. Tenor 14 cwt

*George A. Packer	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	4
*Frank R. Morton	2	John R Scott	5
John E. Brough	3	Wilfred Smith	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* 25th peal together. First peal in 42 methods/variations for all the band, in the tower and for the Guild.
Rung by members of the Midland Region of British Railways S.A. Guild on the birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Treble	William H. Male 5
Peter C. Randall 2	†Anthony J. Cox 6
*Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3	Richard J. Danby 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	John K. Foot .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William H. Male.
* 50th peal for the Guild. † First of Triples.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Peter C. Randall .. .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal 5
Shirley E. Jones 2	*Richard M. Andrews .. 6
Anthony J. Cox 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 7
Paul S. Reading 4	James W. Belshaw .. .. Tenor

Arranged by Michael Maughan. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal of Major.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Double Court, (4) Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Delphine Holman .. .. Treble	*Robert W. Sherriff 4
Peter C. Randall 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 3	John F. Thorne .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* 25th peal for the Guild.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) Bourne, (3) Ipswich, (4) London, (5) Durham, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

John F. Thorne .. .. Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4
Peter C. Randall 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Anthony J. Cox 3	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

WOOTTEN WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) London Surprise. (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher J. Royal .. Treble	Anthony J. Cox 4
Peter C. Randall 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
*James W. Belshaw 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to F. Mark Robottom and Susan Fletcher on their engagement.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

David W. Friend .. .. Treble	Clive A. Thrower 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	David W. Parkin 7
Gordon A. Halls 3	Malcolm P. Phipps 8
George L. Roobottom .. 4	Harold Taylor 9
John K. Smith 5	John B. Stennitt .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David W. Friend.

LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Arthur Sheppard .. .. Treble	Jack Chadwick 5
Peter Church 2	Chris Starbuck 6
George Futers 3	Peter Bellamy-Knights .. 7
David Stainsby 4	Simon Humphrey .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Linda Greasley .. .. Treble	Jonathan Poe 4
Pamela Burton 2	Bernard Greasley 5
John Greasley 3	Gordon A. Halls .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third and a farewell to Pamela Burton, who has gone to Cheltenham.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	†Hugh L. Crisp 5
*Fred Williams 2	‡George T. West 6
†David A. Wills 3	Frank D. Mack 7
Richard J. Bowden 4	†Arthur E. Knight .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank D. Mack.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Triples. ‡ First of Triples. 50th peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival Mass.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Janet E. Blake .. .. Treble	Richard Hayes 5
Ann Jenner 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Harold Evans 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

David Wright .. .. .. Treble	*Andrew J. Slade 5
Anthony M. Faulkner .. 2	*Ian L. Dear 6
Kenneth Warner 3	†Dennis Ellisdon 7
Colin G. Wright 4	Dennis A. Hewitt .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th for the Association.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Warner, parents of the ringer of the third.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joe E. G. Roast .. .. Treble	†Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	George E. Thoday 6
Susan Rothera 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
*†James L. Towler 4	Peter G. Brown .. .. Tenor

Arranged by John Reeves. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast
* 200th peal. † 100th peal together.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Alfred E. Honeywood .. Treble	Janet M. Besant 4
Alan R. Andrews 2	Frank H. Pike 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Albert Diserens .. .. Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Robert C. Kippin 2	Tom Page 7
John N. Diserens 3	David P. Hilling 8
Jonathan S. M. Porter .. 4	Ronald F. Diserens 9
Frank W. Lewis 5	Noel J. Diserens .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 4-part. (C.C.C. 36.) Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

*Sarah Hughes .. .. .. Treble	*Simon A. Reed 5
Charles H. Kippin 2	Robert C. Kippin 6
Hilary N. Kippin 3	Harold P. Reed 7
Peter J. Joyce 4	Beryl R Simpson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells.
Rung by the local band to celebrate the marriage of Miss Jacqueline Forrest to Mark Hutchinson, son of the Rector of Farnborough, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	Treble	Ronald F. Diserens ..	5
*Helen M. Diserens	2	Tom Page	6
*Jonathan S. M. Porter ..	3	*David P. Hilling	7
Frank W. Lewis	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Glasgow.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

James W. Priest	Treble	Roy Collins	5
Peter J. Privett	2	†George E. Coldman ..	6
*Patricia C. Hill	3	E. John Wells	7
*Anne S. Pickering ..	4	Dennis G. Blows	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Dennis Blows.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KNOWLE, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 150 methods, containing 64 changes each of Aldenham, Claybrooke, Colerne, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Superlative, Thorne and Wordsworth, 32 changes each of Acton, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Bedminster, Benington, Bicester, Benson, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Codicote, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Henbury, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kettering, Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Marshfield, Mickleton, Minsmere New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Thornbury, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wootton, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr 3 lb. in G.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	*Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. 200th peal as conductor. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

Axminster:	—38—14—12—16—14—58—16—5.	b.
Ashburton:	—38—14—12—16—14—58—16.34.5.	b.
Henbury:	38—58.14—12—38—14—1258.36.12.36.1.	f.
Revelstoke:	38—38.14—12—36.12.34—1258—16—1.	f.
Sidbury:	—56—16—58—16—14—58.14—14.5.	f.
Redruth:	—56—16—58—36—14—1458—34—5.	f.
Bideford:	38—38.16—58—16—34—58.36—16.7.	f.
Ipplepen:	—38—16—56—36—12—1238—14—5.	f.
Chard:	—36—14—1258—16—14—58—16.34.7.	b.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MADELEY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, 12 extents Plain Bob, 12 April Day, 16 Grandsire and one 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Miss C. Tranter	Treble	J. Tranter	4
Miss P. Alford	2	H. Tranter	5
A. J. Molinoli	3	A. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by H. Tranter.
First peal for all except the conductor.

BREDWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 26 methods/variations, being one extent each of Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Newborough, Dedworth, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Old, Hudibras, Plain Bob, Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, two each of St. Columb, Champion, and 15 of Grandsire.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Richard J. Lloyd	Treble	John W. Hope	4
Margaret J. Hope	2	Thomas Bounds	5
W. John Clayton	3	Arthur W. Williams ..	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Hope.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and Six Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5624 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Richard Castledine	Treble	Peter Woolven	5
J. Stuart Hutton	2	Michael Trigg	6
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	C. Michael Orme	7
David Rothera	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Richard Castledine.

WARE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 7. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	Robert E. Hardy	5
Andrew J. Wilby	2	C. Martin Press	6
Walter Ayre	3	Michael D. Frost	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mr. Brazier, a sexton at this church.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Eric Edmondson	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Gillian M. Brearley	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
Francis Kirk	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7
Julia A. Fellows	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. Tenor 13 cwt.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Netherseale, Norwich, Beverley, Wells, Surfleet, London and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F

Margaret M. Roden	Treble	Richard Castledine	4
C. Michael Orme	2	George E. Bonham	5
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

Andrew J. Wilby	Treble	Eric Edmondson	4
Stephen P. Darvill	2	Keith J. Walpole	5
Gillian M. Brearley	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
Rung as a belated 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Ayre.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

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

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal in the method at first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor and his 100th peal as conductor; first to do so for the Association.
Rung for the start of the Canadian Centennial Year.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. .. Treble	*Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Richard Hayes 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Peter M. Wilkinson 3	Martin L. Howe 7
Christopher T. Osenton.. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Harold Evans .. .. .. Treble	Anthony J. Leeves 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
*Richard Weeks 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal "inside." Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec 30, 1966 in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 Bristol, 1,216 London, 640 Cambridge and 320 Superlative, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley .. Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Frederick J. Cullum 6
Arthur G Mason 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's five-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Olive D. Tester .. .. Treble	‡Susan P. Nicholson .. 5
*Jillian M. Dunmall 2	Eric J. Brunger 6
Colin A. Tester 3	Edwin A. Barnett 7
†Jenny Brunger 4	Walter J. Lemon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by E. A. Barnett.
* First peal "inside" and first on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First on eight bells. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band since December, 1937.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich, London, Surfleet, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Martin A. Gay .. .. Treble	D. Paul Smith 4
†Judith M. Corby 2	‡Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
Ian H. Oram 3	Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Minor. ‡ 50th peal.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Percy J. Spice .. .. .. Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan 4
*D. Paul Smith 2	*Richard G. Crosland .. 5
*Judith M. Corby 3	Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

ELSTREE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Oxford T.B. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth 4
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb.

Edward Jenkins .. .. Treble	*Ian H. Oram 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	Richard J. Parker 8
J. Colin Ashworth 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 9
Margaret E. Fort 4	J. Barry Pickup 10
Jeffrey Kershaw 5	Neil Bennett 11
John H. Fielden 6	Derek Butterworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 7 lb.

Jane Reynolds .. .. .. Treble	*Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
John H. Fielden 2	*John T. Parsons 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
*Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Richard J. Parker .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal of Rutland.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert Greenhalgh .. .. Treble	James Andrews 5
*Keith Livsey 2	William O. Farrimond .. 6
James Cunliffe 3	John Ashcroft 7
*Lester Briers 4	Horace Grounds .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Gray, aged 80, a member of the local band for 53 years.

WIGAN, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Patricia A. Etchells .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5
F. John Nelson 2	John Robinson 6
Kenneth R Davenport .. 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Philip G. K. Davies .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal. Tenor 29¼ cwt.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tom Metcalf .. .. .. Treble	Christopher L. Watson .. 5
Jane Reynolds 2	Peter Gardner 6
Richard Palmer 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
*Roger Barnes 4	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Tenor

Composed by R. Barnes. Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* 25th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in F sharp.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Thomas Hobson .. .. Treble	†Keith Livsey 5
†Christopher Lomax .. 2	Albert Greenhalgh 6
†Roy Collier 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
†James Andrews 4	John Ashcroft .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in method. First in method as conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method Tenor 18 cwt. 91 lb. in E.

F. John Nelson .. .. Treble	Neil D. Lomas 5
Jeffrey Brannan 2	Philip G. K. Davies 6
*Sidney Hough 3	Denis Mottershead 7
*Geoffrey Gardner 4	John Robinson .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Jane Reynolds .. .. .. Treble	†Philip S. Woods 5
*John T. Parsons 2	Dennis McCormick .. 6
†John L. Riley 3	Brian A. Tomlinson .. 7
Christopher L. Watson .. 4	M. John Halliwell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* 50th peal. † First in the method.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp

*Philip Wilson .. .. .. Treble	Jeffery Simcox 4
Pat Gardner 2	Roger Barnes 5
Richard Palmer 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal. The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower" to peals during 1966.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Neville W. Price	Treble	John Watkins	5
†Robin A. Gilliver	2	Brian L. Burrows	6
Steven C. Wells	3	K Paul Gilliver	7
Christopher M. Sturgess	4	William Johnson	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major "inside." First as conductor on eight bells. First in the method by all the band and for the Hinckley District.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Hilary Joy Sturgess and Alexander Macdonald. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HATHORN, Lincolnshire.— At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Celia Harris	Treble	C. William Hall	5
David Swift	2	Frank Chambers	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	John Tickle	7
*Charles Woods	4	Tom Harris	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Tom Harris.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells after augmentation to eight. Tenor 9 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Robin A Gilliver	Treble	John Watkins	4
*Stephen Wells	2	Brian L. Burrows	5
K Paul Gilliver	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. C. G. Powell, Rector of Sapcote 1954 to 1959.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., Dec 29, 1966 in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Raymond F. Smith	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
*George E. Feirn	2	Jack Bray	8
Norah M. Randles	3	George H. Randles	9
John Freeman	4	John Walden	10
Herbert Lowman	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
H. Leslie Pack	6	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by John Freeman
* 500th peal.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden and to mark John Walden's 60 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob rung alternately. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A

Margaret A. Parker	Treble	*C. Victor Waite	4
Christopher J. Sharp	2	Jack L. Millhouse	5
*David V. Carrott	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L Millhouse.
* First peal.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods/extents: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Lightfoot, (4) Wearmouth, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

*Septimus Neave	Treble	Frank Bloomfield	4
*Ronald Chafer	2	*C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Jack Bray	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in nine methods.
Rung with best wishes to the Rev. Fred Ross and Miss Rosemary Ruth Anne Bailey, married at Hessle on this day.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966 in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Mandi McCallion	Treble	*Charles P. Quartley	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	8
David J. King	4	D. John Hunt	9
Richard W. Sweet	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Royal. First in the method by all except the ringer of the ninth, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to the Archbishop of Wales on completing 21 years as Bishop of the Diocese of Monmouth. Tenor 19 cwt.

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Ruth E. Havard	Treble	David J. King	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Diana M. Chapman	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	8
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	Peter Bridle	9
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P Edwards.
* 50th peal for the Association First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Dec 29 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	Nicholas W H. Simon	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	*Magnus M. Peterson	7
Edmund J. Morris	3	†M Jack Pryor	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Brian J Woodruffe	9
Ellis N. Thomas	5	William J. Petty	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters "inside."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Vernon Green	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
*Valerie E Ware	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal of Major.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. George and Mary
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966 in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores in eleven methods: 360 each of Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Kennington, April Day, Seighford and Old Doubles, 480 each Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Norman W. Attaway	Treble	Gordon H. Lane	3
Leslie L. Willis	2	Derek P. Jones	4
		*David Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P Jones.
* First peal in eleven methods. First peal in eleven methods on the bells.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Paul Atkins	Treble	Harold Dowler	6
*Madeleine McCallion	2	*David J. Midgley	7
Norman Sherratt	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
T. Felicity Webber	4	Dennis Latham	9
Hilary F. Pardoe	5	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside."

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966 in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb.

Hilary F. Pardoe	Treble	Richard Wharton	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Harold Dowler	3	Dennis Latham	7
David Midgley	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Composed by Norman Sherratt.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb.

Roy Worrall	Treble	Norman Sherratt	4
*Leslie Stringer	2	Raymond J. Ballard	5
†Phillip Beckett	3	Harold Dowler	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J Ballard.
* First peal. † First "inside." The treble ringer has now "circled the tower." First as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Frank Sutton	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Robin R. Churchill	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Roger D. Bailey	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Paul Cattermole	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Eleanor Spriggs. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey

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

Rung as an engagement compliment to Peter Adcock and Hilary Webb. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	Robin R. Churchill ..	5
H. William Barrett	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
*George P. Adams	3	*†Timothy G. Pett	7
*Sidney Marshall	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 25th peal together † 50th peal for the Association.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Hilary Webb and Peter Adcock. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

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

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt.

Owen P. Claxton	Treble	Shelagh R. Collins	4
Richard A. J. Bower ..	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	5
*William Clover	3	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 500th peal for the Association.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Richard A. J. Bower ..	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
William Clover	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

BLO' NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Wells, Durham, Ipswich, York, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Owen P. Claxton	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	4
Robin R. Churchill	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Henry Tooke	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr.

Patricia Diserens	Treble	Brian J. Luff	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Frank W. Lewis	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	David P. Hilling	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
J. Keith Ward	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

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

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 2 Version. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Alan R. Patterson	7
Frank C. Price	3	J. Keith Ward	8
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
David E. Rothera	5	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5166 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Arthur Newton	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	6
Arthur Clutton	2	William Birmingham ..	7
Robert H. Newton	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Dennis Knox	4	Geoffrey Harrison	9
Derek Francis	5	Sydney M. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal of Plain Bob Caters by all except the ringer of the eighth.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 7 lb. in C.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	*Peter G. Smart	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Tom Page	6
G. Kenneth Williamson ..	3	Frank C. Price	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major on the bells.

SHENINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5400 DOUBLES

Being 88 methods/variations in the following 45 extents: (1) Forncett Bob, Fundenhall Bob, Itchinghead Slow Course Bob, Knapton Bob, Oakley Slow Course Bob, Ockham Slow Course Bob, Intwood Bob, Haddiscoe Bob, Chipstead Slow Course Bob, Ellingham Bob, Thornborough Slow Course Bob, Longford Slow Course Bob, (2) Grandsire, Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, (4) St. Matthias, St. Philip, (5) Minster, Abbots Ann, (6) Rushall, All Saints, (7) St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, (8) Horsley, St. Cecelia, Sarratt, (9) St. Chrysostom, St. Thomas, St. Luke, (10) Church Gresley, (11) St. Richard, (12) St. Cleer, (13) Lapley, St. Mary, Heyford, (14) St. Giles, (15) Nuffield, (16) Shareshill, (17) St John, St. Crispin, Chilton, (18) St. Miles, (19) Wadham, 20) Ryton (21) St. Osmund, St. Simon, St. Martin, (22) St. Ninian, St. Austell, Amersham, (23) St. Patrick, Cassington, St Peter, (24) St. Ambrose (25) St. Werburgh, (26) St. Felix, (27) Eynsham, St. Jude, St. Ignatius, (28) St. Albans, (29) Somerville, (30) Elford, (31) St. Leonard, St. Lawrence, Churchill, (32) St. Paul, (33) Magdalen, (34) Austrey, (35) Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (36) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Royston, (37) St. Colomb, (38) Southrepps Pleasure, (39) Campion, (40) Little Aston, (41) April Day, Litchurch, May Day, (42) Old, (43) Kennington, (44) Hudibras, (45) Seighford Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

Alec W. Ivings	Treble	Michael W. Coleman ..	3
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	Barry J. Davis	4
		Ernest G. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

Most methods/variations yet rung by all the band and on the bells. First peal in 88 Doubles methods/variations for the Guild

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Murray A. Coleman ..	Treble	Denis G. Pearson	6
Arthur Gibbs	2	*John E. Skerritt	7
Sheila J. Staley	3	Richard J. Cowley	8
John G. Mitchell	4	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	9
*Philip Bosworth	5	*Christopher N. Stephenson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First of Caters. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

PETERBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

R. Frank Baker	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Diana M. Frost	2	John H. Bluff	6
Raymond H. Daw	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Barry Hendry	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1696, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr 16 lb. in D.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

BRIGSTOCK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 39 extents of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*John Beasley	Treble	*Richard Kunc	3
*Keith Clipsom	2	Michael Hawkins	4
		Stephen B. Bell	Tenor

* First peal. First as conductor. ‡First peal by a local band for 36 years.

KELMARSH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

*Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	4
†Brian R. Danby	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Robert J. Edden	3	John K. Foot	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

PEMBROKE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

Arthur F. Walters	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	5
*Stella M. Lewis	2	†Derek H. Walters	6
†Richard L. Underwood	3	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	7
†Phil R. Huntbach	4	W. Gwyn Thomas	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by W. Gwyn Thomas.
* First peal. † First of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Councillor Mrs. M M. Mathias, first Lady Mayor and 587th Mayor of the Borough of Pembroke.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*Merryn Hutchings	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
Muriel Reay	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Susan Rothera	3	David P. Hilling	9
John R. Insley	4	David J. Purnell	10
James Insley	5	John A. Anderson	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal of Maximus Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	James Insley	6
John C. Eisel	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
*Richard A. G. Inglis	3	George E. Fearn	8
Edward W. Colley	4	Peter Border	9
John R. Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of London Royal

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	George E. Fearn	6
*Raymond Aldington	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
*Stephen W. Barton	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
John R. Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
James Insley	5	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal

YARDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*E. Anthea M. Sparshott	Treble	Merryn Hutchings	5
*Paul S. Reading	2	Harold Fitter	6
*†Richard A. Hutchings	3	Alan S. Burbidge	7
*Shirley E. Jones	4	James W Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal of Major. † First "inside."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Trevor E. Marks	Treble	†Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	5
†Melvyn J. Hiller	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Christopher T. Osenton	3	Martin L. Howe	7
†Derek S. Beaufoy	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt.

David Orledge	Treble	Charles F. Andrews	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	6
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
David Burt	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

MELBURY OSMOND, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Osmond.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Joseph T. Barrett	Treble	Sidney W. White	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Albert W. Dyer	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
First peal since the addition of the new treble.
Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of the tenor and treble.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

*Albert Simpson	Treble	*David Oliver	5
*Neil Handley	2	†Sydney Adams	6
John Eborall	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
*Arthur Newell	4	*Leslie Butler	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton
* First peal of Triples. † First of Bob Triples. First of Bob Triples as conductor.
Rung by the band of St. Peter's, Ruddington, for the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's reduced.. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	Harry Poyner	5
†Linda M. Wilkinson	2	Peter Wakefield	6
Mary C. Poyner	3	‡John A. Coates	7
William L. Exton	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Major in the method

BULWELL, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5058 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	Susanna Poppleston	5
George A. Dawson	2	Peter R. Humphrey	6
*Christopher P. Starbuck	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Peter Church	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Major on tower bells and first peal of Surprise.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

John Coates	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	6
Harry Poyner	3	Geoffrey Paul	7
Harold F. Gibson	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Katharine Burchnall	Treble	A Harry Hawcroft	4
*Benjamin Day	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	*Sidney Carnall	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal and first attempt. The tenor ringer has "circled the tower."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

Pamela Key	Treble	Cyril T. Haynes	6
William J. Leach	2	Kingsley Jones	7
George L. Roobottom	3	Barnabas G. Key	8
Jennifer Toon	4	John K. Smith	9
Margaret Woolley	5	Michael Webster	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Woolley.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Lucy Ann Key	Treble	George L. Roobottom	4
Charles C. W. Eyre	2	Ian Friend	5
Barnabas G. Key	3	John K. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.

*Wendy Ellis	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Robert Cassidy	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Stephen Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.
* First peal (aged 13). First peal as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Bryan C. Burrough	Treble	Geoffrey C. Rix	5
*Ian M. Robinson	2	George Francis	6
Harold F. Wood	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
*David D. Smith	4	Bernard E. Matthews	Tenor

Conducted by W Leslie Weller.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since recasting.

CHICHESTER, Sussex.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Henry C. Weaver	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Kenneth C. Knight	2	*Phillip Stevens	6
Ernest Treagus	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
Harold W. Clark	4	Andrew G. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal of Triples.
Rung in memoriam George Pullinger.

KEYMER, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian.
On Sat., Dec 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four methods, consisting of two six-scores of Stedman, 10 each of Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*Wendy Everest	Treble	Edna Everest	4
John R. Norris	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
†Christopher Robinson	3	George Harniess	Tenor

Conducted by Roger E. Peckham.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	†John Mitchelmore	5
Anthony J. Davidson	2	Graham F. Dunstan	6
*Valerie C. Allen	3	Robert A. Southwood	7
Alan Carveth	4	Denis F. Wheeler	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.

* First peal. † First eight-bell peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYMINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Pitstow's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*David M. Hughes	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
†William T. Perrins	2	John H. Gilbert	6
Jeffrey L. Claughton	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
†David Wilson	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First in method as conductor.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Lewis F. Cobb and Elizabeth G. Kitney.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 360 Kennington and Northrepps and 720 Old and Grandsire and 1,440 April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Keith Joiner	Treble	Frank R. Tonge	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Albert Green	5
*Miriam Green	3	*Bernard Doe	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal.
Rung in memory of Charles Ball, captain at this tower for many years, who died on December 18th. R.I.P.

WARNFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 25 extents of Grandsire and 17 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Sally G. Palmer (13)	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
*David G. Hatherly (13)	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
†Maureen J. White	3	Basil E. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* First peal and first attempt. † First "inside."

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcester.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 104 lb. in C sharp

Donald G. Clift	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
*Edgar C. Shepherd	3	R. Roger Savory	9
Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Edward J Chivers	10
Gerald C. Hemming	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Brian J. Luff	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* 200th peal on 12 bells.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.
On Mon., Dec. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Geoffrey J. Hemming	Treble	Ian Lloyd	5
*Peter Robertson	2	†Martyn Hawkes	6
James Attwood jun.	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*John Clements	4	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Worcestershire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(And Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

David Nichols	Treble	Stuart Armeson	6
Elsie Chaddock	2	*†Norman Chaddock	7
Michael Meadows	3	George S. Lee	8
*Herbert O. Chaddock	4	†John N. D. Chaddock	9
Neil Donovan	5	Philip Walker	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 4.) Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* 120th peal together. † 130th peal together.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Elizabeth M. Snell	Treble	Christopher Moxon	5
*David Hunton	2	Peter Carbutt	6
Arthur Dunn-Birch	3	Michael King	7
Edwin P. King	4	Michael R. Meadows	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Michael R. Meadows.

* First peal of Major.

(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Neil Donovan	2	Michael R. Meadows	6
Andrew J. Jobson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
Cyril Rusby	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, sen. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Rung as a compliment to Eileen J. Osborne and Geoffrey Goodall, married at this church this day.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in E flat.

Vernon Bottomley	Treble	Frederick A. Munday	5
Iris Lemare	2	S. Barry Schofield	6
Kenneth B. Sissons	3	Harold B. Schofield	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley	4	Donald R. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Frederick Ross and Rosemary Bailey, married this day at Hessle.

(Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-UPON-SPALDING MOOR, E. Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Simon P. D. Burnett	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
A. Colin Banton	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton

Rung as a wedding compliment by the Huntingdon Guild to the Rev. Frederick Ross and Miss Rosemary Bailey, married later this day at Hessle.

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WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. A. Wills 1, F. Williams 2, J. H Payton 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, J. N. Longridge 5, H. L. Crisp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 3 and 4. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Helen, first daughter of Lesley and Brian Bladon.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Despite a bitterly cold night 30 ringers attended the Ilchester Branch practice at Long Sutton on January 3rd, under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner). Ringing varied from rounds to Cambridge Minor on this fairly heavy six (tenor 17 cwt.). Messrs. G. W. Rendell, W. E. Turner and G. Rendell, who had previously entertained the over 60 party at East Coker, gave selections on handbells after the ringing.

Next meeting: Ilchester, February 4th, subject to consent.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The Durham University Society held its annual dinner on December 3rd in the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham. We were pleased to entertain many life members this year.

Our guest, Mr. Denis Bayles, in proposing the toast to "The Society," pointed out his many connections with us. Canon Foley thanked us for services rendered at Brancepeth, and Mr. A. G. Craddock stepped in at late notice to reply to the toast to "The Guests."

The Master, Mr. S. C. Wells, reported on the Society's activities throughout the previous academic year and expressed the hope that the Society, at its strongest for many years, would enjoy some worthwhile ringing during his term of office.

A peal attempt in the morning at Tynemouth was successful, the method being Plain Bob Royal. Ringing in the afternoon at Fenham and Lowelswick ranged from rounds to Surprise. P. A.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, P. J. Daniel 2, E. Nunn 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, D. Ley 5, J. P. Coad 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

BRYANT.—On December 30th, 1966, at Exeter, to Clive and Joyce Bryant, a daughter, Katharine Anne, sister for Jane. 757

YATES.—To Bill and Kay, of 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, on January 10th, 1967, a daughter, Sarah Kathleen, sister for Richard. 783

ENGAGEMENTS

ARNOLD—MASON. — Peter, third and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Arnold, of Mason Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hampshire, and Christine Lesley, student-nurse, Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, formerly Coventry Diocesan and Ladies' Guilds (Chilvers Coton Church of All Saints' tower and handbell teams); since free-lancing Soton district belfries (commensurate with nursing claims), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanley Mason, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. The betrothal is given loving approval and every blessing. 753

MITCHELL—JOHNSON.—The engagement is announced between Irene Johnson, of Amersham, Bucks, and Roger G. Mitchell, of Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. 756

PERSONAL

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.—Romans xiv, 13.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 6 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 10032 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Neil Bennett	7–8
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	Giles B. Thompson	11–12

Composition traditional. Conducted by Robert B. Smith
Umpire: Miss Christine Andrew.
Longest peal ever to be rung on handbells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Neil Bennett	7–8
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	*John Worth	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Goalan, daughter of Gerald Moorhouse.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Dec. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*David Salter	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on handbells.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Enid Lawson	1–2	Margaret Lawson	3–4

Kenneth Lawson (cond.) .. 5–6

MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Sun., Dec. 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Enid Lawson	1–2	Ann Lawson	3–4

Kenneth Lawson (cond.) .. 5–6

MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Enid Lawson	1–2	Kenneth Lawson	5–6
Margaret Lawson	3–4	Ann Lawson	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Ann Lawson.
Rung as a welcome to Sarah Jane, infant daughter of Marjorie and Alan Woodall.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	John W. Gander	9–10
*Christopher T. Osenton	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 250th peal.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Stuart Sandford	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Ballard	1–2	John Vernon	3–4

Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5–6
Rung as a birthday compliment to John A. Acres.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

HEIGHTON. — January 9th, 1967, at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Bridget and David, of Saxlingham Nethergate, a son (Richard William), a brother for Fiona. 793

LEACH.—On December 31st, 1966, to Beth (née Goddard) and David, of 39, Irvine Drive, Farnborough, Hants, a daughter, Alison Elizabeth.

ENGAGEMENT

ORAM—FORT. — The engagement is announced between Ian Howard, son of Mrs. F. J. Oram and the late Mr. C. Oram, of Orpington, Kent, and Margaret Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mrs. E. Fort and the late Mr. T. Fort, of Leigh, Lancashire. 789

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GILBERT.—The address of Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert is now 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield 13. 766

GOODALL.—The address of Geoffrey and Eileen is now 50, Buckfast Drive, Formby, Lancs. 771

SAWYER.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Derek M. Sawyer is now Apartment 808, 261, Dixon Road, Weston, Ontaria, Canada. We shall always be pleased to hear from and meet any ringers either in or visiting Canada. 779

SITUATION VACANT

RINGERS particularly invited to apply for post of head teacher, Gayton Primary (Controlled) School—40 on roll—vacant from July. Detached house available (3 bedrooms). Application forms from County Education Offices, Northampton. Closing date for completed applications January 30th. Further particulars from E. G. Orland, Gayton Rectory, Northampton. 761

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASHTEAD, Surrey. — Ringing suspended until further notice owing to clapper damage. —D. E. Symonds. 798

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Change of Date

Annual Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, is now on **February 18th.**

Tickets (price 21s.) now available. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Chesterfield. 790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Officers and members, please note. A.G.M. in Bristol, April 1st. Details later. Management Committee meeting, March 4th. Nominations for officers, Ringing Master, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Peal Secretary to come from the Branches, and notice of motions for the A.G.M. agenda MUST be received by me on or before Saturday, February 18th, together with names of proposers and seconders, and contest in writing of those nominated.—Charles Rouse, 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 784

LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER
February 11th, 1967, at the
Great Northern Hotel, Leeds.
Tickets, at 25s., are obtainable from:
G. Cooper, 53, Ash Grove, Leeds 6. 755

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS
ANNUAL DINNER
On February 11th, 1967, at the
Kenwood Hotel.
Tickets (price 24s.) available from:
Miss Carole Patey (Hon. Sec.),
c/o University Students' Union,
Sheffield, 10. 759

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS send congratulations and best wishes to Fred and Mrs. Salter on the occasion of their golden wedding, January 20th, 1967. 797

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting. St. Mary's, Warwick, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea to follow. Numbers for tea, **please.**—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 629

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting at Ilkeston, January 21st. Bells 3.30 to 8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbys.—D. J. Marshall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, January 21st. Bells: Godmanchester (8) 2.45 to 3.45; All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45 to 4.15 Service All Saints' 4.15. Tea, followed by annual meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea —Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 732

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—ANNUAL meeting, Saturday, January 21st Bells, St. Mary's, Wisbech (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, Wisbech, 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. St. Peter's bells (10) after tea.—J. Fox, Dis Sec. 742

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford on January 21st. St. Nicolas' bells 3 p.m. Service, St. Nicolas', 4.30. Tea, Lantern Café, 5 p.m. Ringing after meeting in Holy Trinity Vestry. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3, Seymour Road, Godalming. 787

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—Annual general meeting at Clifford, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m.—E. R. Chillingford, Hon. Sec. 775

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting Hatfield, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A Chapman. 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 697

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 21st, at Braughing. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing in the evening at Barkway until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to P. J. Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing, Ware.—D. H. K., Dis. Sec. 754

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Gravesend Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss I Everitt 90, Windmill Street, Gravesend, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 685

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at New Romney, Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Phelps Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone-on-Sea Kent.—A. P. S. B. 680

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Rawtenstall (8), Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 758

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells afternoon and evening up to 8 o'clock Tea 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Grandsire Triples. Names to George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 688

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 21st, 1967

Ringing: St. Lawrence Jewry (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12) 3.45 to 4.45. Tea 5.15 St. Martin-in-the-Fields, followed by meeting in the Vestry Hall. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 749

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts 738

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M Prittlewell, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting Evening ringing as required. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell 640

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Rooms Names to Mr F W Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 743

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Merry Kettle for those who send names to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 719

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice, Wendron, January 21st, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m All stages catered for. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. Names to F. M Bowers, Idaho Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. All welcome. 701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Annual general meeting at Romsey, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in new Church Rooms, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Names for tea to Mr. J. Page, Fairacres, Woodley Lane, Cupernham, Romsey, please.—M. Francis, Hon. Sec. 698

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Redditch (8), Saturday, January 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business Names for tea to Michael V White, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warks (phone Studley 2519), please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 666

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting at Banwell (8), January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea essential to M. Hebden, 4, Church Street, Banwell. 645

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Milborne Port (8), January 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 765

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Rockwell Green (6), Saturday, January 28th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 776

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business at 5.30 in Church Hall Names for tea to Mr. Basil Hulatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 26th. 684

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Stockport, January 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 799

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting on January 28th at Stockton. Ringing 3-9 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6.40 p.m. Names for tea by January 26th to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 777

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Annual meeting to be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. Peter's Church, Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton, as soon as possible.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 788

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Meeting at Warmley, Saturday, January 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and extraordinary meeting, re revision of boundaries to follow. Names for tea to A. W. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley.—R. H. Driver. 711

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing at Eggbuckland (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood. Branch Sec. 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891), by Monday, January 23rd. 670

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. approx. at W.V.S. Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 724

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 28th. Bells, St. Nicholas' (6), 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30. Cathedral bells after meeting. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford, by Wednesday, 25th. 791

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—January 28th, District annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 785

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, Wickhambreaux (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Cash, together with names, to Mr. S. Walter, The Green, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than 26th inst. o17

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at The Annunciation, Chislehurst. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr I. H. Oram, 74, Chislehurst Road, Orpington, by Wednesday, the 25th. 700

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Leigh, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. E. Fort, 45, Hope Street, Leigh, by Wednesday, 25th. 786

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. Harold Schofield, "Gaystrills," 145, Highfield Road, Idle, Bradford. 774

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Holmes, Groundsman's Cottage, North Parade, Grantham, Lincs, by January 23rd.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 781

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, January 28th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. E. Finn, 30, High Street, Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by January 25th, please.—C. A. H. 726

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Derby, Saturday, January 28th. Towers available: Duffield (10), 10.30-12; Derby: S. Alkmund's (8), 11.30-12.30; St. Luke's (8), 2-3.30; St. Peter's (8), 3-4.30; St. Andrew's (10), 4-5.30; Cathedral (10), 5.30-7.30.—D. R. McLean, Sec., N.U.S.C.R. 760

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by previous Wednesday to Sister Riley, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk. 752

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Church Rooms, Amersham, Saturday, January 28th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea and ringing 6-9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 696

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Potterspury on Saturday, January 28th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to W. A. Yates, Dadford, Buckingham. 782

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — A.G.M., Saturday, January 28th, at St. Peter's, Northampton. Usual arrangements. Tea in St. Mark's Institute. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, are essential by Tuesday previous. 697

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas', Salisbury, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Also available: St. Paul's, 2.30-4; St. Martin's, 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 770

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 28th, Mansfield. Bells (8) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 763

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—A.G.M., January 28th. West Retford bells 3-4.15. East Retford 3-4.30 and afterwards, Babworth also available in the evening. Service at East Retford, 4.30, followed by tea in the Ebsworth Hall for those who notify H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Wednesday, 25th. 661

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at Eye (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., including dedication of peal board. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, January 25th. 754

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M., January 28th, at Beddington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall, Beddington Lane, Beddington. Bells in evening. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea to Mr. S. Kimber, 112, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey, by previous Wednesday. 687

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th (NOT February 4th, by request). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Roberts, Haylers Cottage, Balcombe, not later than Wednesday, January 25th.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 721

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Jan 28th, Hellingly (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing 6.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday previous. — G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 729

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road Basingstoke, by Tuesday, January 24th. 710

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting and films after tea.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 792

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting Bridgnorth, February 4th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m., followed by service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Leonard's in evening. Names for tea not later than February 1st to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley. 780

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting. All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Mary's Hall. Evening ringing at Torr, Torquay (6). Names for tea by January 28th to Miss V. Stephens, 90, Warbro Road, Babbacombe, Torquay. 769

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — A.G.M. at Norwich on Saturday, February 4th. St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), 2.30-3.30; St. Michael Coslany (St. Miles') (8), 3.30-4.30; St. George Colegate (6), 7-8.30 p.m.—J. M. A. 764

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, February 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, January 30th.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 748

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, Chapel Street, Diss, by Wednesday, February 1st.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 762

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, February 4th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to R. Daw, Secretary, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 778

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Annual District meeting, February 4th, Christchurch. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall 5.15 p.m. Bells to follow at Christchurch and Sopley. Names essential to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 772

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, March 27th, at 12 noon.

Nominations for officers and notices of motion with names of proposer and seconder must reach me by Feb. 13th.

—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 734

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Carolyn Osborne 1, A. E. Hicks 2, Sonia M. Norgrove (first "inside") 3, D. Floyd (cond.) 4, N. I. Bridges 5, E. D. Patching 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Laud (first quarter) 1, G. Avent 2, W. Arnold 3, B. Hullah 4, R. Smith 5, D. Bell 6, D. Laud (cond.) 7, G. Seaman 8, R. Bell 9, S. Laud 10.

QUARTER PEALS

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. K. Smith 1, J. M. Brook 2, S. K. Thompson 3, M. J. Wilson 4, A. T. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, R. D. Gibson 6. First Grandsire 2 and 3.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Beasley 1, K. Clipsom 2, M. Hawkins 3, S. Bell 4, J. Clipsom (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Susan Spencer and Richard Chambers.

CHELTENHAM GLOS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. A. Farmer 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, C. Burridge 3, F. G. Nurden 4, Miss V. Willard 5, Miss F. Fairbank 6, I. Goulter 7, P. Baker 8, E. T. Newbury 9, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 10. First of Surprise Royal 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9. By the Sunday service band for Morning Prayer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Watkins 1, Pamela Osborne 2, R. Fisher 3, P. Barrett 4, C. Hilliet (cond.) 5, B. Osborne 6. For Holy Communion.

GODSHILL, I.o.W.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Gray 1, C. Calloway 2, Miss M. Coldman (first quarter of Doubles) 3, A. Hardman 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, G. Coldman 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. Ellis 1, Susan Cowan 2, Nina Thomas 3, Gillian Brearley 4, K. Walpole 5, S. Darville 6, A. Rushton 7, A. Wilby (comp. and cond.) 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): G. Travers (first quarter, age 11) 1, D. Salter 2, F. Stamp 3, I. Travers 4, R. Watts 5, C. Manley 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, F. Lane 8.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 London S. Minor: P. Gay (cond.) 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Hilary Pardoe 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, C. A. S. Webb 6.

KENTISBEARE, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: T. Travers 1, D. Salter 2, A. Crabb 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Butler 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, H. Baker 3, B. Johnson 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, A. Miles 3, B. R. White (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, P. Trinder 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Clifton.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Alexander 1, C. Longridge 2, T. F. Collins 3, T. Bleathman 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Randall 1, A. J. Cox 2, J. W. Belshaw 3, C. J. Royal 4, J. F. Thorne 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6.

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New Ways of Life will Affect the Exercise in 1967

By P. A. CORBY, Secretary, Kent County Association.

IN Church circles the shortage of ordained clergy is forcing a new look at the part the laity could and should take in pressing the urgent missionary needs of the worldwide Church and not least in the vast new housing areas that have mushroomed in the post-war years. The Stewardship Campaigns that have taken place up and down the country have brought out the need for people to offer, not only their money, but their time and talents.

So it is with the Exercise and especially in the production of "The Ringing World." Many of the proposed new features of the paper have been contemplated in earlier years, but it has not been possible to carry them out through lack of volunteers to do the necessary work. Thus the task of "The Ringing World" Committee in 1967 is not merely to be "ideas men"—that is vital in itself—but also to organise, urge, encourage and expedite those upon whom they must rely to provide the articles, the pictures, the historical facts, the local information without which there can be no success in providing a "Ringing World" that will attract a wider readership and give an even better service to the Exercise.

Many who have hitherto been mere armchair critics will be called up to give up spare time to carry out the tasks that we look to our appointed committee to organise for us, as willing volunteers, on a detailed and comprehensive basis, so that nothing is left to chance. The committee must work out the strategy and we who are asked to assist must do so cheerfully and to the timetable laid down for us.

Ringers as a body are worse than most for looking over their shoulders nostalgically at the habits and conventions of the past. This particular trait, conjointly with the recollection of many happy Central Council week-ends made pleasant by the selfless efforts of Association officers and others in numerous places, will no doubt induce a reluctance in members to face the fact of a new way of life in the mid-sixties, resulting from increased leisure for all and a five-day working week for the vast majority.

The Council at its 1967 meeting will have to recognise that future meetings will not be able to ignore the impossibility of ringing bells in busy city business areas on a Monday that is a working day rather than a bank holiday, and that bank holidays are in any case being experimented with according to local needs which are different in different areas. Will the Council meetings in the future have to be on Saturdays?

The peal is the sacred cow and Alan Pink has appointed St. Daisy as the patron saint of all peal ringers. No doubt before 1967 is over there will be the annual plea for the shortening of the standard peal length. Predictably there will be on several occasions during the year, either by bold statement or subtle hint, the time-honoured distinction between the "goodies" and the "baddies"—the non-peal ringers and the peal ringers, the former being the true servants of the cause, and the latter the infidels.

What nonsense this all is—we are all one body of people, some who like ringing peals and other who do not. Some of us go to church, others do not: some of us arrive punctually and regularly for Sunday ringing, others do not: some of us spend many hours teaching learners others do not: some of us support the work of our Associations, others do not. Peal ringers and non-peal ringers alike fall equally into their various categories and it is just nonsense to pretend that the one lot wear devils' horns and the others have harps of shining gold.

They do have a point, however, who say the numbers of peals rung—which will almost certainly increase again in 1967—is not of itself a reliable criterion of the strength of the Exercise. This activity benefits greatly from increased leisure, greater affluence and improved travelling facilities, and many bands are able to ring two peals on a Saturday which was a rare event before the war, being in the main restricted to bank holidays. It is traditional to say that peal standards are not as good as they used to be—in my opinion they are generally much better than thirty years ago.

The more good ringing that is done, whether in peals or at other times, the greater the benefit to the general health of the Exercise. Whereas there is an increasing degree of activity by itinerant bands of ringers, whether peal ringers or tower grabbers, those of us responsible for the affairs of our various Associations find a disquieting continuance of the mixture as before—indeed, if anything, although these things are hard to judge, there is probably a falling off in the amount of Sunday ringing being achieved in our village churches, or for that matter many town churches, especially in down-town parishes.

This is an inevitable corollary of the nation-wide decline in church going. Whereas forty years ago many young people attended three Sunday services and afternoon Sunday school as well, the diminished number of those attending church at all these days more frequently attend one service only. This must affect the number of Sunday attendances by the more casual ringers. If these things are true the only answer is high pressure recruiting. Perhaps those of us who have been able to maintain larger local bands must be prepared for some of our extra members to assist in towers that would otherwise be short of ringers. Also we must find the best teaching methods so as to keep the inevitable wastage of recruits to a minimum. We tend to forget that ringing is a team effort and the learner needs the rest of the team—this cannot be obviated by some magic process of personal instruction.

How then does the Exercise stand at the threshold of 1967? The sport side of the art was probably never stronger and we confidently look forward to many fine peal ringing performances. The duty side of the art is perhaps much less strong even than it appears. Let each one examine the contribution he intends to make to strengthen this aspect of our affairs.

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Tower Captaincy Without Tears

(The last of four articles by Osram.)

PART IV

This series is saying that three ways of effectively yet tearlessly serving your church as tower captain are by:—

A. Recognising a few basic principles.

B. Making a plan consistent with those principles and with set objectives.

C. Executing the plan with self-disciplined persistence.

To remind you, nine principles have been posited:—

1. Balance unfrustrated leadership with frustrated second-fiddle playing.
2. A leader need not put in more appearances than the members of his team.
3. Calculate and recognise the non-attendance factor.
4. Calculate and recognise the wastage factor.
5. Recognise youth as a factor in economic recruiting of hobbyists.
6. Recognise the conflict with time.
7. Recognise the plate-spinning concept of leadership.
8. Recognise the concept of balancing walking and running.
9. The use of delegation.

B. FORMULATING A PLAN

Recognising principles, of course, is not being a tower captain. Being a tower captain means **practical application** of principles.

It means more than that. You go through life planning and then executing those plans, don't you? You plan a holiday in Spain next May. You plan to be chief engineer in five years' time. So life, for most of us, contains a series of enthusiasms to get things done and a series of satisfaction when the job is complete. Why not get and give the same satisfaction in the belfry—by planning and carrying through those plans?

This is what was meant by tower captaincy being more than practical application of principles. It is the practical application of principles to the **execution of a plan, with specific objectives.**

Now every tower captain would formulate a different plan with different objectives from his peers if asked, and there is no reason why everyone should not be absolutely right for (a) his own tower, (b) his own personality. This is why it would be dull for everyone (except the writer) to talk here about what your detailed plans and objectives should be. Only you can formulate detailed plans for your tower: that's what you're there for. Only you can decide the degree of personal involvement (which should only be part of your plan) in your tower's activities you wish to have yourself.

What you are urged to do is to **have a plan** with specific objectives, and work to it. Why not recognise the time factor here, too, and make it a plan for a specific period ahead (say a year)?

What also can be done here is to remind you that if you accept the need for a plan then you will accept the need for a plan in **all** the spheres of tower captaincy—a plan for **all** the plates you need to keep spinning. What are **all** the spheres of tower captaincy? Putting them in no special order, they are:—

1. Relations with the church.
2. Relations with other towers (outings included).
3. Personnel — recruitment, training, hierarchy.
4. Relations with the local ringing Association (including meetings).
5. Belfry appearance/maintenance
6. Finance (including investment).
7. Standard of ringing performance.

Perhaps there are more and, if so, why not spell them out and formulate a plan for each sphere?

You might like to have an example to see what is meant by planning. Take item 3, then —training. And within that category take training of members as better ringers (not better instructors, or better team-men).

Ringing levels are easily divisible into broad categories, e.g.:—

1. Learning to handle a bell.
2. Learning to ring rounds.
3. Learning to plain hunt.
4. Learning five-bell methods "inside."
5. Learning six-bell methods "inside."
6. Learning eight-bell methods "inside."
7. Learning ten-bell methods "inside."
8. Learning 12-bell methods "inside."

Why not chart your tower membership split down into these categories? Seventeen in category 1, five in category 2, etc. That is you as currently. Why not then chart out how you think the membership (which, incidentally, you may plan to increase, on the wastage principle) should break down in a year's time? You could split this down into targeted breakdowns by month, showing exactly what progress you hope to achieve stage by stage. Or why not just chart your year-end target and fill in what actually happens each month? I once saw in a tower a chart which did just this, putting each category in different colours so that one could see at a glance which categories were increasing in number, etc. Here was a tower with a plan, at least in the sphere of members' ringing progress.

Why not **plan** every sphere of belfry activity, setting specific objectives and comparing your periodic achievement with those objectives?

C. DISCIPLINE

This article started as an attempt to point a way to tower captaincy without tears. It pointed to the recognition of certain basic principles. It pointed to planning as a feature of leadership. What it didn't say, and what is now to be said, is that because you are a leader (presumably by the majority consent of those you lead), the chances are that more of your judgments in the belfry on leadership will be more right than anyone else's in the team. So why not have the courage of your convictions and, having decided on a plan, execute it doggedly and with self-disciplined persistence? If you accept that punctuality is important, why not hammer **every** latecomer **every** Sunday until you've stamped out lateness and can get on with the job with the full time available?

If your steeplekeeper hasn't organised the belfry maintenance as you asked him, why not remove him from office? People will recognise that you mean business, and either sack you, leave, or conform. You might be amazed how many will conform. But whatever happens, there is no reason why you should not confine your ringing hours to whatever proportion you decide and still be an excellent and progressive captain—without tears.

(Concluded.)

WHOLE PULL AND STAND MARKS END OF 1966

On New Year's Eve the ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Montacute, Somerset, held their annual celebrations. Ringing took place on the heavy 23 cwt. six from 7-8 p.m., followed by an excellent traditional dinner provided by the captain and lady members at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rendell.

Ringing was resumed at 11.30 p.m. when, for the first time at the tower, members rang "66 whole pull and stand." The midnight hour was tolled on the tenor by Mr. Graham Parkin, after which the band rang rounds. Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles until 12.30 a.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 7th at St. Michael with St. Paul's, the Abbey bells being available in the evening. The choral service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Holden, who also preached, the lesson being read by the secretary, Mr. A F. Lee.

The meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Francis Pollard, followed tea. Members stood in silence to mark the passing of four Branch members during 1966. They were Mr. R. Cousins (Upper Weston), Miss Susan Lonsdale (St. Saviour's), Mr. E. King and the Rev. P. Howell (Twerton).

The secretary, in his report, stated that membership had risen by three to a new record total of 170, and several towers had shown marked increases in their bands; these were Freshford, Dunkerton, Bathford and Widcombe. Members were thanked for their co-operation in conjunction with the Central Council meeting held last Whitsun. Another successful venture was the introduction of a striking competition in October, which had been won by Corston "B" team. Peals in the Branch had risen by one to 13.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Rev. Francis Pollard (Freshford); vice-chairmen, Rev. C. Holden (St. Michael's), G. J. Hawkins (St. Michael's), L. R. G. Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Alan F. Lee (Twerton-on-Avon); Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Owen (Abbey), Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston). It is hoped to hold meetings at Upper Weston (April), Batheaston (July), also to have a combined meeting with the Frome Branch in October. Other activities include a striking competition and Corporate Communion at Bathampton. Nine new members were elected, four from Freshford, three from Dunkerton (all sisters), one each from the Abbey and Weston.

The Branch agreed to support the Chew Deanery in recommending John Gilbert as General Secretary, and also that Eric Naylor be nominated to serve on the Central Council. The chairman stated that he would be willing to admit new members into the Association at one of the quarterly meetings if they were not admitted at a church service in their own parishes.

Visitors were welcomed from Bristol, Warmly, Pilton, Midsomer Norton and Wells—the total number of ringers attending was 78.

A. F. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

The venue for the annual meeting of the Northern Branch on January 14th was St. Giles', Norwich, when about 50 members attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. F. Drury who, in his address, said this was the time when ringers should take stock of spiritual feelings as well as the affairs of the Association.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, was re-elected; Mr. M. Cubitt elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. Leslie Bailey (who resigned); Mr. C. Bird re-elected secretary; Mr D. Cubitt and Rev. W. F. P. Kelly, Standing Committee; Messrs. P. Bower and W. R. West elected, with the re-election of Messrs. S. Mortlock, J. H. Tinsey, G. H. Pullin to the Branch Committee. The president (Mr. F. N. Golden) thanked the officers for their work during the year.

Michael A. Frost (Drayton) and Susanna M. A. Pole (Intwood) were elected ringing members, P. Bell, G Londcaulk, Miss P. Londcaulk, Miss B. Long, K. Tinsey and C. Thurston, all of the Barnham Broom Group, probationary members.

Mr. J. H. Tinsey expressed concern as to the number of churches with ringable bells without ringers. He asked what could be done to remedy this.

The chairman thanked the Rev. T. F. Drury, Mr. Boatman for playing the organ and Mrs. F. N. Golden and her helpers for an excellent tea.

BAFFLED BY THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

There were very few readers who submitted an entry for the Christmas quiz. None was correct. The nearest was J. Seagar, 16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs. The questions and answers were:

SECTION 1—RINGERS

1. Who was the first ringer to accomplish 1,000 peals?—Rev. F. E. Robinson.
2. Who "had taken much delight in ringing but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it. . ."?—John Bunyan
3. Name two present-day Diocesan Bishops who have rung peals.—The Bishops of Chester and Ely
4. Who were the first husband and wife to ring a peal together?—Mr. and Mrs. George Williams
5. Who conducted the first peal on 12 bells, and what was the method?—Matthew East, Grandsire Cinques.

SECTION 2—COMPOSERS

1. Two pioneers of Spliced Minor composition used the pseudonyms of "Minormania" and "The Mad Hatter." Who were they?—George L. Joyce, Albert G. Driver.
2. Who is the only lady to have a peal composition of hers rung?—Miss Stella Hughes.
3. Who composed (a) Duffield, (b) Forward?—Sir Arthur Heywood, John Carter.
4. Who composed the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major and what were the methods?—Joseph W. Parker: Spliced Cambridge and Superlative.
5. Who first included a single in a composition in a Treble Bob hunt method?—James Lockwood.

SECTION 3—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS

1. What is the longest false peal rung?—18,240 Kent Treble Bob Major.
2. Where was the first peal rung on nine bells?—Basingstoke.
3. A peal of Cinques and one of Maximus have been rung by bands of the same Christian name What is it?—John.
4. Where was the extent of Bob Major first rung?—Leeds, Kent.
5. Where and in what year was the first peal of Surprise Royal rung?—Wakefield, 1822.

SECTION 4—MISCELLANEOUS

1. Who was Harvey Reeves?—Founder and first editor of "The Bell News."
2. How many editors has "The Ringing World" had?—Three.
3. John Powell Powell installed a ring of 12 bells at his own expense. Where?—Quex Park, Birchington.
4. Name the weekly journals other than "The Ringing World" which have been devoted exclusively to ringing.—"The Bell News," 'Campanology' 'The Bellringer."
5. Augmentations from eight to twelve are not unusual. Names two towers where the bells have been reduced from twelve to eight.—Christ Church, Spitalfields; Christ Church, West Bromwich.

GRATITUDE

Dear Sir,—I am most grateful to all for "The Ringing World" and a most sincere thank you to all for same.—Yours truly,

HARRY MOODY.

Warminster

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 31

DAVID RENNOLDS,
The Gloucester and Bristol Association.

THE first of this series for 1967 comes from the Gloucester and Bristol Association. David Rennolds was born at Bristol on Christmas Day, 1952.

David is attending Lockleaze Comprehensive School, where he is in the Grammar stream and hopes eventually to obtain his G.C.E.s, particularly in chemistry. A keen chorister, singing in the choir at his parish church, St. Werburgh's, Bristol, and at Bristol Cathedral, David started ringing lessons in March, 1965, his tutor being Richard W. Sweet. Hard work in the belfry and at home studying the mysteries of method ringing resulted in his scoring his first quarter peal in the short space of five months, and three months later his first quarter as conductor. At twelve years of age a performance such as this is surely something to be proud of.

Shortly after his quarter peals his first attempt to ring a peal was successful. This took place at St. George's, Bristol, when he rang the second to Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by Mr. D. John Hunt.

David's peal total to date is seven, of which he has conducted three. His first peal as conductor took place at St. Werburgh's on April 23rd, 1966, when he conducted two Doubles methods, and it is interesting to note that three members of the band were first pealers. He has since conducted two peals of Bob Minor Progress increased rapidly for this brilliant young ringer for it was not long after when he scored two peals in one day. The morning peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Kingsdown, where he rang the treble, scoring his first peal of Surprise. In the afternoon he rang his first peal of Surprise on a working bell at Bitton, when he rang the second to Cambridge Surprise Major.

David has a keen interest in the theoretical side of ringing, enjoys composing touches and has already composed a number of peals; his ambition is to achieve a high standard of ringing, to ring many more peals in many more methods and to conduct a peal of Stedman Triples

This excellent record from one so young is a great credit to those who have helped him and, indeed, a challenge to all youngsters throughout the Exercise. Congratulations, David, and good luck in the future.

NORVING.

SELBY & DISTRICT COME OF AGE

THE 21st A.G.M. of the Selby and District Society was held at Selby Abbey on January 7th, when ringing took place on the fine ring of 10 bells at the Abbey.

A service (fully choral) was held in the Abbey at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. P. Kent (president of the Society), assisted by the Rev. H Lawn (Vicar of Huntington) and the Rev D Burnett (Vicar of Tadcaster). The president gave an address, his subject being "Why we are ringers and members of the Church." Tea was served in the Corunna Cafe, followed by the business meeting.

Mr W F. Moreton (honorary general secretary of the Yorkshire Association on behalf of the Yorkshire Association congratulated the Society upon attaining its "majority" The report of the secretary/treasurer was presented, each member present having a copy which showed the Society was thriving, the average attendance at eleven meetings being 35 The annual ringers' outing was held on Whit-Monday, visiting Kildwick, Skipton-in-Craven, Lower Bentham, Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh, and was supported by 90 members and friends Ringing at monthly meetings had ranged from Plain Bob to Surprise methods, and mention was made of the efficient manner Mr. R R. Warford (Ringing Master) had carried out his duties.

Officers for 1967 were elected as follows: President, The Rev J. A. P. Kent (Vicar of Selby Abbey); vice-presidents, incumbents of the various churches in the district; chairman, Mr H Walker (York Minster); Ringing Master, Mr. R. R. Warford; honorary secretary and treasurer Mr L. M. Woodhead; committee, Messrs. T. H. Foster, G. F. Terry and Miss M. E Wilkinson. The two delegates appointed to represent the Society at the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' functions are Messrs. L. M Woodhead and A. Sheppard, with Miss M E. Wilkinson as substitute.

Tribute was paid to Mr. H. S. Morley, chairman since the formation of the Society twenty years ago, who was unable to carry on owing to his disability. The president was thanked for the use of the bells and for conducting the service by Mr. H. L. Roper, who also thanked the local company for arrangements. Further ringing on the Abbey bells until 9 p.m. brought a successful meeting to a close. L. M. W.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the New Year was held on January 7th at St Marie's and Sheffield Cathedral. An excellent tea was served in the new Cathedral Hall by the Cathedral company.

During the business meeting Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert presented a Parker "61" pen to Mr. J. Seager. Mr. Seager retired as secretary in March and the gift was a tangible token to him in recognition of the work which he had carried out

A slight mishap at the Cathedral took place when the 11th bell on being rung up went right over However, the steeplekeeper soon put this right and ringers were able to enjoy ringing on the bells till 9 p.m.

A. K.

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Letters to the Editor

SELECTING RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—In the preamble to Part I of the present series "Tower Captaincy Without Tears" "Osram" excuses his "subjective opinions" by stating that the reader will benefit from the resultant thought. True as this may be, he does well to excuse himself, for in Part II of the series (page 19) I was not a little surprised to read his advocation of discrimination in the selection of recruits to the Exercise, purely on the premise of wishing to train a "Londinium Maximus band." Surely it is far more advisable willingly and enthusiastically to welcome any similarly enthusiastic volunteer—so that the bells may continue to ring—rather than turn him away because he is judged to be of a lower intelligence level than the author regards as being suitable. This proposed discrimination is all the more inadvisable as it is based on that dubious educational "filter"; the 11-plus. One can ill afford to consider seriously any long-term plans if the prospective recruit is anyway as unpredictable as "Osram" earlier suggests (cf. the first paragraph of Principle 4).

In conclusion I question also the suggestion that one should continually pester a local headmaster for his suggestions for recruits. If we are to believe the teachers' statements; are they not busy enough already? and surely there is no surer way of prejudicing the reputation of the Exercise than by pursuing this practice?—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM BENJAMIN.

Cranbrook, Kent.

CHOIRBOYS AND SCOUTS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I've been reading with interest and some agreement your series "Tower Captaincy Without Tears," but I feel I must disagree when Osram says that choirboys and Scouts are not your best potential ringers because "you don't want two-hobby people."

Hasn't he noticed that the busy people with enthusiasm and many interests are the ones who find time to do more things?

It is these active, alive people we need. In adddition to this choirboys and Scouts have a certain amount of dedication and stickability which is so necessary in bell ringing.

Thank you for an interesting series providing food for thought. It must have—I've never written to an Editor before!—Yours sincerely,

R. J. VIDLER.

Headcorn, Ashford.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Christmas bells broadcast I'm afraid I must disagree with some of those people who say they sounded quite good. Wells and St. Michael's yes, but the rest were too fast, too "fussy," some out of tune and the lead came in far too soon in the call changes.

It makes me wonder why the B.B.C. cannot pick six "melodious" towers out of the thousands available. I have on my tape (which I am building up) thirty-five different examples of ringing towers and would be pleased to assist anyone who requires any "bells-on-tape." I feel sure the general public prefers a ring of bells which is in tune.

I found the article about rhythm ringing very interesting and helpful.—Yours faithfully,

S. SAYER.

5, Ebor Avenue,
Hornsea, Yorks.

PROFESSOR'S RECOLLECTION QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—If the Professor's comments on page 8 of the January 6th issue of "The Ringing World" are examples of the "erudite extracts" which H.C mentions on the front page of the December 30th issue then I am sure the public would be more grateful if he kept them to himself. Firstly, he should get his facts right. The peal in 130 methods on handbells on May 26th, 1961, was not the record for Spliced Surprise Minor since not all the methods, by any means, were Surprise. It was, and still is, the record number of Minor methods on handbells. The record for Spliced Surprise Minor stands at 60. This was achieved in a peal at Stisted, Essex, on February 16th, 1962, which was conducted by Howard W. Egglestone, and was then the most Surprise methods rung to a peal.

Secondly, the Professor scorns methods which contain fifths place without the treble behind. I would like to defend them in the following way. There are only just over 40 regular Surprise Minor methods which do not contain fifths. Therefore, if one wishes to extend the Surprise Minor record, one must first include irregular methods, which the Professor seems to like Now the only argument I have heard put forward against methods containing fifths place is that they produce 65's at backstroke. However, in the case of many of the irregular methods which do not contain fifths, one cannot obtain a true extent without producing 65's at backstroke and so if one is prepared to include these methods, there is no reason for not including the ones with fifths. In fact, the number of Surprise Minor methods which can be obtained in seven extents is severely limited unless these methods with fifths are included.

In any case the argument against 65's at backstroke is purely one of musical quality. No one complains about the 82's and 83's in the Surprise Major record peals simply because a peal in so many methods could almost certainly not be rung without them.—Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Herne Hill, London, S.E.

TEN BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers from the West Country give me information concerning a way of ringing call changes on six bells, which was known as the ten bell changes? These used to be rung when my father was tower captain at Ilminster, 80 years ago, before he succeeded in teaching the local band the elements of method ringing. It was done thus. Using very thick padded muffles, the 3rd was muffled to strike an open blow at handstroke only (inaudible at back), and the tenor muffled to strike open only at backstroke Calls were then made on 1245, with 3rd and tenor striking together thus:

1 2 4 5 3 1 2 4 5 6

(T) (3) and so on.

Was this method known elsewhere?—Yours sincerely,

H. SHIRE.

Welwyn Garden City.

BLAGDON SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—As the method we have named Bedminster Surprise Major ("R.W." January 6th, page 10) is not a true contraction of the method Bedminster Surprise Royal I wish to rename it Blagdon Surprise Major.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon.

RINGING WILL BE MADE EASIER

By Gilbert Thurlow

A GLORIOUS church must have glorious bells. The story of Wymondham bells could be sparklingly written up, as a facet of England's history—medieval quarrels between monks and people as to who should ring them and when, the building of a monastic "central tower" which, far from being central, actually took over part of the people's nave, and so forth.

Modern bells are far finer than those of the past and the Wymondham ring is "very scrappy" compared with modern ones. The bells date between 1606 and 1903—the date on one, 1653, if correct, shows sturdy Norfolk men were casting bells even during the Commonwealth! Some of the bells are thin, and frame and fittings badly need an overhaul.

The work being done here is the most important work on Norfolk bells since Great Yarmouth's new bells came in 1959 Care is being taken to ensure that tower, bells and ringing arrangements are as fine as today's methods can make them. The tower has been badly split in past years. It has been strengthened by the most modern means.

LOWER IN TOWER

The bells will be rehung several feet lower than before. This will make ringing easier, with shorter ropes. It will greatly reduce the oscillation set up in the tower when ringing, and will improve the sound, which will be quieter near by but will carry further afield.

The fine old bell frame, a magnificent piece of work by Day of Eye, will be re-used. But it will be carried, as at Yarmouth, on a reinforced concrete grillage grouted several inches into the walls, and spanning the tower three times in both directions, making a monolithic structure of great strength Adaptation of the frame enables two more bells to be added, making ten. Who would like to give two new bells to achieve this?

The bells will be tuned in modern style. Two generations ago Canon Simpson did valuable research into bell tuning, so that today the 13 different notes which a bell gives can be tuned to accord with each other as the tuner wishes.

The note of the tenor bell (which will weigh 27½ cwt.) will be D in the modern low pitch, with 294 vibrations a second. The work is being carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

With acknowledgment to "Norwich Churchman."

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

The officers of the Sheffield University Guild are now: Master Mr. R J. W. Tibbetts; vice-Master. Miss Patricia Rogers; secretary and treasurer, Miss Carole A. H. Patey, 47, Middle Hay Close, Gleadless, Sheffield 14.

PRINTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—I felt compelled to express a word of sympathy with Mr. Taylor and his friends in St. Martin's Guild (page 856), who view the juxtaposition of their peal and ones of Doubles and Bob Major with justifiable indignation.

The idea appalled me: that these two peals, each containing a "first" and no doubt other novices, making them fine achievements, delighting many and offending few, should be placed next to one which achieved nothing (except the "longest peal of Stedman Cinques" as if that meant anything), which was almost guaranteed from the start, and left the participants no better equipped to serve the Exercise or Church.—Yours faithfully, R. BUTTON.

King's College, Cambridge.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. CECIL EVANS

The passing of Cecil Evans came to me as a great shock Up to his death he was Master of Aldenham ringers and was primarily responsible in having the fine ring of eight bells rehung recently

Cecil had many fine qualities and amongst these he had a very musical ear and was quite an expert at tune ringing on handbells. I think he was disappointed over the fact that he was unable to further this particular art, owing to no one else being sufficiently interested. He was a devout member of the Hertford County Association, and had very recently completely 50 years' continuous membership. To commemorate this a certificate was presented to him at the 1966 A.G.M., appropriately held in Watford. He served at various times on the Watford District Committee and was rarely absent from any meeting.

It was always a great pleasure to meet him and Mrs Evans, both of whom the writer knew personally as friends.

Peal ringing was not a great love of Cecil's but the following list may be the outstanding peals he stood in. His first peal was of Grandsire Triples on 17-12-19 (conductor M. Hibbert) The first peal of Surprise he rang in was one of Yorkshire S.M on 18-4-53 (conductor G. W. Seaman). The third one of note was on 5-10-55, this being Stedman Triples (conductor J. R. Mayne) The last was a specially arranged peal of Aldenham S.M. rung on his completion of 40 years' membership of the H.C.A., this being rung on 15-9-56, conducted by J. R. Mayne. The writer was fortunate to stand in the peals of Stedman and Aldenham S.M. Incidentally, all the peals mentioned were rung on Aldenham bells. To my knowledge he did not ring many (if any) outside his own tower.

A short memorial service was held on December 8th in Aldenham Church, followed by the ashes being laid in the garden of rest in the churchyard

Cecil will be sorely missed by his fellow ringers and friends. Sincere sympathy from the Watford District is extended to Mrs. Evans in her sad bereavement.

K. R. D.

MR. E. C. STACEY

The ringers in the Doncaster area have suffered a great loss in the death of E. C. (Ned) Stacey who died on January 1st, 1967.

Ned first became a ringer at Sprotborough 70 years ago, under the tuition of his father.

In those days Sprotborough had a ring of six, and eventually it became unringable. Ned then became a ringer at Doncaster Parish Church, in the days when Stedman Triples was the order of every Sunday, and even a course of Ken was quite adventurous. He became Ringing Master both at his own tower and of the Doncaster and District Society. A modest and almost humble man, he spent his working life as a gardener and revealed great skill in his calling. In his earlier years he was an amateur cricketer of no mean repute in the villages in the south of Yorkshire.

These three interests, floriculture, cricket and bell ringing, formed a triad from which he drew a tremendous fund of tales—and was never happier than when he was able to exhibit his very great talent as a raconteur. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1919, and had rung 26 peals; like many of his contemporaries he was no great peal ringer; nevertheless we miss him sorely.

W. E. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Wimborne Branch

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch took place at Wimborne on January 7th, attended by 63 ringers and friends, including quite a few visitors from Hampshire. Ringing on the ten bells of the Minster ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Plain Bob Royal.

The Guild service was conducted by the new Vicar, the Rev. D. Strickland, who also preached an interesting sermon on the Epiphany. The lesson was read by Mr. L. J. Lockyer.

After an excellen tea a long and lively business meeting followed. Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, Wimborne; vice-chairman, Mr D. R. Fuller, Swanage; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson, Wareham; Ringing Masters, Mr C M. Heawood, Poole, and Mr. H. I. Pitman, Canford; committee members, Mr. P. Cumberland, Cranborne, and Mr. P. Keough, Wareham.

In her report, the secretary stated the membership was now at 96, an increase on previous years. Meetings held during the year had been poorly attended even though new ventures, including a cricket match and barbecue, had been introduced in the hope of attracting more ringers. The Branch held a dinner in July and the response to this had been overwhelming with 80 people attending. It seems ringers would rather pay 16s. to attend a dinner than 2s. 6d. for a tea at a meeting! The Branch had undertaken to teach a new band at Poole and regularly for a year each of the four active towers sent a contingent to that tower together with a few locals. Progress had been good and two of the new ringers had scored quarter peals. The secretary congratulated the two towers that had rung peals with an all local band, namely Canford and Wareham. Also 21 quarter peals had been rung during the year.

It is hoped to introduce monthly practices in each of the five practising towers in turn, in order to encourage new methods and also help those "in a rut." Meetings for the year are as follows: April 15th, Wimborne St. Giles and Cranborne; July 15th, Lytchett Matravers and Wareham: October 21st, Swanage and Kingston; Annual, January 6th, 1968, Poole.

5,376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
(for handbells)

By ROBERT B SMITH

23456	M	W	H
42356			1
25463	2	2	
34562	1		1
63542		1	
46325	2	2	2
43265		1	2
64235		1	
35426	1	2	2
23456		1	

3-4 course between the middle and wrong in every course.

As rung at Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Marple, Cheshire, on December 29th, 1966.

MR. ARTHUR ROBERTS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Arthur Roberts, aged 73, a member of the St. Andrew's band at Cobham, Surrey, for over 50 years and a sidesman at St. John's, Cobham, for many years. He was a regular member of the team for Sunday morning service ringing and an active member right up until the time of his death.

RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

(Continued from page 35)

GLATTON.—Tenor 9 cwt in E flat, cast by Thomas Eayre in 1736. The two trebles are by Watts and the third by Taylors of Loughborough (1863). The bells were rehung (1904) in an iron frame, with steel headstocks, and are the easiest-going ring of four in the county, with quite a nice tone as well.

There are three method-ringing locals, who ring occasionally with help from outside.

GRAVELY.—All these bells were cast by William Haulsey of St. Ives in 1624 The tenor weighs 7 cwt., note A The bells were rehung in 1910 and go quite well with a new set of ropes recently provided. Their tone is beautifully sweet and mellow, and they are tuned Nos. 2-5 of an octave (i.e D sharp. C sharp, B, A), very vague and extremely lovely to hear, although augmentation is rather hindered by this.

This is a popular ring with the "Minimus Kings of Huntingdonshire" and there have been two quarters rung here the first believed to be the first quarter of Minimus in the county, and the second the first in two Minimus methods in the county. The bands stood:—First: F. J. Hughes 1 D. J Prescott 2, G. E. Bonham 3, P. Woollven (cond.) 4; second: C. J. Higgins 1, Hilary Knight (cond.) 2, T R. Garrett 3, P S Abbott 4 The method for the first quarter was Plain Bob, and for the second Plain and Double Bob.

HAMERTON.—Another excellent ring. The tenor weighs 9 cwt, 1 qr 20 lb. in F sharp, and was cast in 1706 by Penn. It is a thin bell, as its note suggests, but nevertheless of good and full tone The bells were rehung in 1931 by Taylors, after 25 years' silence, and were heard again on Christmas Day of the year stated. The treble was cast by C. and G. Mears (1854), the third by Thomas Norris (1628) and the second by T Eayre (1728).

Although the bells go well have a lovely tone and are well maintained, there is only one resident ringer but ringers from other villages come and give a hand when needed. There has been one quarter on the bells, on March 26th, 1966.

HILTON.—The second and the tenor were cast by J. Eayre (1744), the latter weighing 10 cwt., note A flat The treble was cast by Holdfield in 1604, and the third by Thomas Norris in 1657. They have a pretty tone for what one would expect to be a nondescript ring judging by the weight and key. There is, I am told a resident band who ring card-changes regularly

OFFORD CLUNY.—The original tenor was cast by Miles Graye I in 1624, and weighed 11 cwt. In 1842, being cracked, it was recast by Thomas Mears, and now weighs 10 cwt. The front three were cast by James Keene, of Woodstock (1630) They were ringable until a few years ago but, from what information I can obtain, they are now reputed to be unringable and are only chimed

OLD WESTON.—Tenor 9 cwt. in A minor (undated) by Toby Norris, who cast the second and third in 1612. The treble is a very ancient and interesting bell, but the inscription is unintelligible. The bells were in a terrible state in 1890, but have been rehung at some time since then The wheels have now decayed again and the frame is rotting. All four are chimed on Sundays.

ORTON WATERVILLE. — Tenor 7¾ cwt., cast by J Eayre (1755), who cast the second in 1754. Thomas Norris cast the treble in 1670, and Toby Norris the third in 1606. The wheels are all broken and the tower is not at all safe.

(To be continued)

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DATE TOUCH

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,967 Doubles (being 4 extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day Old and 47 changes of Original) Elizabeth Hill 1, Maureen Green 2, G. Allcock 3, M. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

HALF PEAL

WEST MEON HANTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hatherly 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6, B. Walton 7, R. Stone 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Amanda Powell 1, I. Wiltshire (first "inside") 2, C. H. Macve 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

ANGERSLEIGH SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, G. H. Baldham (first "inside") 3, A. H. Reed 4, R. F. Arscott 5. For Christmas.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, Miss J. S. Coles 3, G. H. Jones 4, M. G. Dodson 5, G. Robson 6, R. W. Rice 7, W. S. Rice (cond.) 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella Soper 1, P. R. Hills 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in the method 1 and 2. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Stella J. Soper 1, Amette E. Bradbury 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in seven methods by all the band.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul on Jan. 1st, 1,272 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, A. Swatton 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Surprise for all except 4.

BATTERSEA, LONDON—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Margaret A. Robinson 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter 6.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, S. Bedford 2, R. Cassidy 3, J. Marioram 4, A. Knights (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

BICKER, LINCS.—On Jan. 3rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, R. Howard 2, R. Freeston 3, J. P. Morriss 4, J. H. Taylor 5, N. B. Fovargue 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7. C. Stubley 8. A birthday compliment to C. Stubley.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—At All Saints' on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gibbs 1, S. Gibson 2, G. Lister 3, Diana Seal 4, D. Young 5, E. E. Gosling 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. Foord 8. For the Feast of the Epiphany.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): D. Russell 1, Juliet Hall 2, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, D. Fowles 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and to congratulate ringers of 4 and 6, on their recent engagement.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. R. Hussey 1, S. Bateman (first "inside") 2, J. Collard 3, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 4, T. Newlands 5, J. Williams (first quarter) 6, B. Martin 7, N. Dawson (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Martin (first of Stedman) 1, J. Collard (first of Stedman) 2, F. J. Sampson 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt (first of Stedman as cond.) 4, T. Newlands (first of Stedman) 5, J. F. Pedler 6, D. J. Hunt 7, F. R. Hussey 8. By the Sunday service band.

CADOXTON, Neath, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, A. R. Lewis 2, B. Williams 3, W. J. Thomas 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. M. Hughes 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jane Seaman (first quarter) 1, Anne Galloway 2, Felicity Mussell 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Lesley Ward 1, A. R. Andrews 2, M. J. Bew 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, B. Vaughan 5, P. Thompson 6, P. G. Oliver 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major "inside" 5 and 6. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, B. Downie 3, B. Webb 4, M. J. Bew 5, H. J. Millatt 6, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For service of Nine Lessons.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,266 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): S. G. King 1, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 2, C. J. Brown 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond., Plain Bob) 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond., Double Court) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Hohl 1, J. A. Adams (first quarter) 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Pullin 6, B. Gogle 7, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 8.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. L. Dollins 1, J. R. Sach 2, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 3, P. D. Ross 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At All Saints', on Dec. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Reynolds 1, Ann Harris 2, Janet Percy 3, Christine Baldock 4, Betty Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, I. Smith 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. First of London by all.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, D. Vince 5, H. E. Wells 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, J. H. Napper 8.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Cockman 1, D. Oakshott 2, Miss A. Gibson 3, Miss J. Oakshott 4, R. Fentiman 5, P. Munday 6, J. Davidge 7, J. Munton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Box 1, J. H. Nibbs 2, G. B. Davis 3, G. Carter 4, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 5.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. G. Hart 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, Miss H. Walters 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. M. Britchford 5, J. Hill 6, V. Green 7, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 5.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss P. A. Copas 1, A. K. G. Twin 2, Mrs. J. Hill 3, M. W. Seymour (first in the method) 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, W. H. Coles 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. W. Seymour 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, Miss R. Myllys (first in the method) 3, J. M. Britchford 4, G. K. Marchant 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, M. J. Palmer 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres (first quarter first attempt) 1, R. Newton 2, Judith Soton 3, R. Barton 4, Joyce Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, A. Payne 8. Also on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barton 1, Joyce Barton 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, S. Bailey 8. To mark the 75th anniversary of the first peal by a local band at this tower, after a peal attempt failed.

LANREATH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Boucher 1, C. Sangwin 2, P. J. Daniel 3, D. J. Ley 4, H. Stacey 5, J. P. Coad (first as cond.) 6. Believed to be first quarter on bells.

LANSALLOS, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Sangwin 1, C. Mutton 2, P. J. Daniel 3, W. C. Boucher 4, J. P. Coad (first of Major) 5, D. J. Ley 6, B. G. D. Vince 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8 in fulfilment of a lifelong ambition of the conductor.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At 29, Dimbles Hill, on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): Lucy Smith 1—2, C. M. Smith 3—4, J. H. Allen (cond.) 5—6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwen Bidgood 1, Susan Harber 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. A. James 4, Ann Pilgrim 5, D. S. Bishop 6, F. W. Corney 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8, M. Pilgrim 9, D. G. Clift and S. Fenwick 10. For Epiphany Carol service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,300 Doubles (six methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. Butcher 3, H. F. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Readshaw (first quarter) 1, D. Feek 2, W. Moore 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. 50th quarter on the bells.

NEWBURY BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Henning (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Lawrenson 2, Miss H. J. Pike 3, F. Turner 4, M. Goodwin (first "inside") 5, R. B. Pike (cond.) 6, H. Lawrenson 7, R. Pratley 8.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 1—2, J. N. Longridge 3—4, C. F. Longridge (first "in hand") 5—6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Duguid 1, J. Hunt 2, A. Page 3, C. Harris 4, G. Gammon 5, L. Duguid 6, A. Burbidge (cond.) 7, M. Siddorn 8. Half-muffled for the Watch Night service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Mew 1, Janet Hudson (first on eight) 2, L. W. Allen 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, A. R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brookes 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. Rung half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Miss Ada Alvey.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Janet Hallett 1, M. Hallett 2, D. Belcham 3, M. Carter 4, R. Tomlin 5, T. Jones 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A farewell to T. Jones who is leaving the district.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. D. J. Beal 1, G. M. Wood 2, Jennifer M. L. Wood (first quarter) 3, E. J. Kennett 4, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 5, E. C. Barton 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. M. A. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowlands 2, Alan Wheall 3, D. Heath 4, W. J. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. First in more than one method 3.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Collins 1, Isabel M. Pearce 2, Lucile M. Corby 3, Doris E. Colgate 4, Judith M. Corby (cond.) 5, R. V. Fuller 6, P. A. Corby 7, A. I. Corby 8. Rung for the evening service, as a birthday compliment to Bob Collins.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Corry 1, C. F. Longridge (first as cond.) 2, D. J. Knight 3, M. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge 5, T. G. Bleathman 6.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Jacqueline Quickfall (first of Minor) 1, Susan Webber 2, R. Kimber 3, J. Tandy 4, M. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Gay 6. By Keele University Society.

SNODLAND, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. R. Chidwick 1, M. J. Chidwick (first "inside") 2, M. Hitchcock 3, B. R. Trill 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, B. J. King (first quarter) 6. For the christening of Marcus John Webb.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Robinson 1, Doreen Robinson 2, R. Bower (first "inside") 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Halsey 6. Half-muffled.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rev. A. E. Clayton 1, B. J. Luff 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, D. Lees 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. D. Fellows 8.

TWERTON, Bath, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. A. C. Perry 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. E. Newman 3, A. Swatton 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6, D. C. Hawkins 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Triples 4, 6 and 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. J. Devrell, who were married at this church on January 3rd, 1942.

VICTORIA, B.C.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. H. Crook 1, Mrs. Woolston 2, Miss P. John 3, J. Izard 4, D. Boniface 5, A. Batten 6, A. Izard (cond.) 7, L. Kerridge 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Stedman Triples to be rung in Canada.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pain (first quarter) 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, H. V. Booker 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, P. G. Davies 5, I. P. Stoter 6, D. J. Stoter 7, J. C. Baldwin 8. Half-muffled. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. White 1, I. P. Stoter 2, H. V. Booker 3, A. R. Wood 4, P. G. Davies 5, J. C. Baldwin 6, D. J. Stoter (first as cond.) 7, H. White 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Nalliah 1, Elizabeth Cherry 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows 5, A. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. J. Davisson 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, H. F. Bardell 3, T. Tocock 4, B. Ware 5, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6, R. Lathom 7. First of Minor 1 and 5. For Confirmation. Also on Jan. 14th 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Muller 1, Miss J. I. Barton 2, P. R. Dean 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, for their golden wedding anniversary.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Winterbourne 1, Miss L. Holbrook 2, R. B. Pike (cond.) 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, E. Payne 6.

Thousands Hear School Handbells Around Sheffield

Ecclesfield (Sheffield) handbell ringers have an international reputation. Michael King tells of the vicissitudes of an old set of handbells bought secondhand in 1902, and of the use made of it by a school team in the autumn and at Christmas.

A SET of handbells, approximately 80 years old, has been used so much recently that if they could talk they'd probably say, "Gee, mister, give us a rest!" The bells belong to the Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapletown, near Sheffield. Originally bought secondhand in 1902 by the Ecclesfield village ringers, they were replaced in the 1920s by a newer set. One of their last big appearances with this team was at the last Belle Vue, Manchester, handbell ringing contest.

In 1933 they were loaned to the new grammar school, built at Ecclesfield, and a team of staff and pupils was tried. With one or two short breaks, the bells were in use until 1961, when so bad was their condition that the then Grammar School team began to use the village team's "newer" set, which had recently been renovated by Mears and Stainbank.

The old set were then "laid to rest" in a box in a dark cupboard until October, 1964, when I approached Mr. G. Mitchell, science master at the Grammar School, and also leader of the Ecclesfield village ringers, with a view to using some of the old bells at my school, then at High Green. Permission was given and 10 volunteers were found and a slow start was made to introduce tune ringing into the school.

The school moved to new premises in February, 1965, and gradually the bells came more and more into use. Practices began in earnest in September, 1965, and the bells "reappeared" in public prior to Christmas, 1965, at a school concert, after a break of nearly five years. The Wentworth handbell ringers also used the bells that year.

CLIMB TO FAME

Last May the "climb-to-fame" for the team and bells really began. The school's newly-formed dramatic society was putting on two half-hour plays and the handbell ringers were asked to provide a musical interlude. This they did with relish, with the audience joining in the chorus of "Ilkla' Moor." With this came a front-page photograph in a local newspaper, and invitations to two garden parties at Ranmoor, Sheffield, and Elsecar, near Barnsley. The old bells travelled with the Ecclesfield village handbell ringers to the rally at Hazel Grove. Although the old bells, only 35 in number, couldn't compare with the 170 bells of the Ecclesfield set, they gave as good an account as other bells at the rally, despite the fact that about 15 of them looked like hospital cases with "Elastoplast" around their aging handles. A clapper of one of the bells fell out just before the start and so part of a Hazel Grove tree branch was placed in to act as a temporary clapper staple!

CIVIC INVITATION

After the rally, one of the bells, 20E, which had been cracked through old age and over use, was sent with three of her companions to Taylors to be recast. Back she came after a two-week absence. Practices could now restart properly as during the absence of these bells, an invitation had come from the Sheffield newspapers, acting on behalf of the Sheffield City Council, for the team to ring during the opening of the Christmas lights on the steps of the City Hall on December 1st. The invitation was accepted and the resulting publicity of photos and interviews duly took place.

The night was extremely windy and cold as the team braved the elements, in the presence of a crowd of 10,000 and the Lord Mayor. The sound of the bells was relayed by microphone. Afterwards the ringers went with the official party on a coach tour of the lights.

December was a very busy month. Practically every dinner-time the bells were rung for about 30 minutes at practices for engagements undertaken on December 14th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. These included a Red Cross concert at a Working Men's Club, the school concert and a church carol service at Walkley, Sheffield, a truly arduous time for a team of six girls and six boys, all aged about 14 or 15 years.

AND TWO WERE LOST

Twenty one bells from the set were in action on December 22nd at a practice by the Wentworth handbell ringers. Two days later, after being recorded, they were taken into various houses of the village on a Christmas Eve tour. Rapturously received at one of the public houses, they were then carried into the village's second pub. Oh! but tragedy! Two of the bells were removed from the tables and, although the police were informed and appeals made in two local weekly papers, they are still missing. Fortunately two spare bells from Rawmarsh enabled the Wentworth ringers to complete the second half of their tour and so help to raise £16 16s. 6d. for Christian Aid, the Handbells Restoration Fund and the Parish Church's Belfry Fund.

The bells were also heard at the Wentworth choral service on New Year's Day.

What of the future? The school has started its own restoration fund to raise the £60 or more needed to renovate the set. An extra £20 will be needed to replace the two bells, unfortunately lost by the sour deed of some drunken joker.

In 1967, the set will get hammered no doubt. Twenty volunteers want to learn before Easter. Some of them will replace Easter leavers in the team. After the summer break, what then? Hunshelf School is to be amalgamated with the neighbouring Grammar School to form a 1,750 pupil comprehensive school. The Grammar School team at present uses the Ecclesfield village team's bells. The new comprehensive school is going to have a rare distinction—on its premises will be two sets of handbells, one of 170 bells, the other of nearly 50 bells. All being well, both sets will be in good condition, and no doubt at least two school teams and probably two village teams will be using them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Walter Ayre conducted his 100th peal on the bells of Apsley End on January 6th.

Footnotes to the peal at Nazeing (page 26) should read: First of Minor P. M. F. Searles; first in two methods P. Owen.

The bells of St. Edward's, Leek, Staffs, have been to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and are to be rehung.

A four-day conference on "Acoustic Noise and its Control" is being held at the Institute of Physics and the Physical Society in London. It started on January 23rd.

Miss Hazel Day informs us that for the Christmas Day broadcast St. Paul's Church, Sketty, band were ringing call changes on eight bells and not six as was inadvertently published.

Members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will congratulate their librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, who is now 80 years of age, on ringing a peal at Clent on December 27th.

A loss to Leicester ringing was the departure on January 4th of Mr. and Mrs. Derek M. Sawyer to Toronto. To cheer them on their journey a peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung at Leicester Cathedral on January 2nd.

Silver wedding bells were rung at Redenhall, Norfolk, for Mr. J. Flatt (the tower captain) and his wife. Mr. Flatt participated in the peal on January 7th; he is now teaching a completely new band.

The peal of Yorkshire S.M. at Holy Trinity, Hull, on December 4th, was not the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A peal of Cambridge S. Major was rung there on May 6th, 1950, conducted by George E. Feirn.

The parents of three ringers—Mr. and Mrs. C. Brain and Mr. and Mrs. Smith—received silver wedding compliments in a peal of Triples at Olveston, Gloucestershire. For seven of the band it was their first peal of Triples and for the conductor, Anthony W. Gibbs, his first of Triples as conductor.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Adams, of Staveley, Chesterfield District chairman for over 15 years and now a vice-president of the Derby Diocesan Association, has been suffering recently from a bad attack of fibrositis which has of necessity strictly curtailed his ringing activities for a while at least. However, we gather he is still in good spirits and hopes to be out and about again when the weather gets warmer.

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SINCERE THANKS

Once again readers are indebted to Mr. R. L. Roper for providing a very comprehensive index to "The Ringing World" of 1966. Mr. Roper has patiently undertaken this task since 1957 and each succeeding year it has grown. After 10 years of labour he pertinently asks if ringers still want an index. Our opinion is that they do; repeatedly, the Editor has found the index of the greatest assistance. Thank you, Mr Roper.

NEW RECORD "ALL THE WORK"

A new record has been set in "all the work" Spliced Surprise Major. On December 11th at Burley Leics, a peal in 19 methods was rung. Norman Smith was the composer and conductor.

FORMER CAPTAIN TRIES OUT NEW BELLS

Ringers in the Tonbridge District and further afield will be delighted to see the name of Bob Collins in the quarter peal columns. Due to awkward working hours and to a long spell of ill-health he has only recently been able to take up ringing again. He cared for the old bells at Sevenoaks as captain and steeplekeeper for many years, and was very glad to be able to take part in a quarter peal on the new bells, with which, like the rest of the local band, he is highly delighted.

LADY IN CHARGE OF HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

In view of the increased demands on his time by being in charge of ringing at Guildford Cathedral, Mr. David Tubbs has resigned the position of conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Appreciation of his service in office for the past three years was expressed at the annual meeting and dinner of Holy Trinity Society on January 9th. Miss Janet Cleeve was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Stanley G. Ponting, the secretary, is also secretary to the Cathedral Society, which has been reorganised. This involves attending at the Cathedral on Sunday mornings. Mr. Ernest Warner offered to relieve Mr. Ponting of certain of the secretarial duties and this was accepted. The Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) presided, and his attention was drawn to the unsatisfactory "go" of the bells and the urgent need for attention.

VANCOUVER WEDDING

New Years Eve was a special day for the ringers at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, when Delia Barkworth and John Rossi, two popular members, were united in marriage.

Other members of the band rang for the bride's arrival and also as the happy couple left the Cathedral. Those ringing were E. E. Lee, Mrs. Charles Luttrell, Margaret Izard, Gail Anderson, Fred Westlake, Ron Hyatt, Jeff White, John Akroyd and John Eason.

Mary Barkworth, another ringer, attended her sister as maid of honour. Bernard Rossi, also an up and coming ringer, played the organ and read the lesson at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Father Beatch. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barkworth.

Later, the New Year was rung in, in the traditional manner, and was broadcast by the C.B.C., along with the bells of Victoria.

As it is centennial year in Canada, it is hoped there will be some Canadian peals in "The Ringing World."

NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 400th PEAL

On Boxing Day Mr. Norman Chaddock rang his 400th peal, of which number he had conducted 195. It was intended to make the attempt at Sheffield Cathedral but the clapper of the 11th broke on Christmas Eve and the peal was transferred to Rotherham, where 83 of his peals have been rung. Mr. Chaddock rang his first peal (Bob Major) on June 9th, 1934, and in the last 34 years has averaged a peal a month—a slow rate in comparison with many today!

He is indebted to many ringers for opportunities to ring peals and help others. Outstanding among these are Mr John J. L. Gilbert (Sheffield), his brother Herbert, son John and wife Elsie, Messrs. W. E. Critchley (Doncaster), W. F. Moreton and J. Henry Fielden (Halifax), all of whom have impeccable Sunday service ringing records.

Mr. Chaddock writes that his peal total includes 70 of Plain Bob, mostly for first pealers, and the following: Treble Bob (Major, Royal and Maximus), Double Norwich (Major and Caters), St. Clement's, Winchester Bob and Spliced T.B Major, Little Bob (Major Royal and Maximus), Cambridge (Minor Major, Royal and Maximus), Grandsire (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques), Stedman (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques), a variety of Surprise Royal and Maximus methods, peals in 23 different Surprise Major methods, peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 3, 36, 42, 48 and 53 methods (the record for 11 years), peals of Spliced Surprise Major (all the work) in 4, 5 6, 7 and 8 methods, peals of Spliced Surprise Royal in 4, 6, 12, 18, 21, 27, 32 and 42 methods (record), Minor in 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 15 methods.

HIS 73rd YEAR IN THE CHOIR

Attention was drawn last October by Mr. Raithby to the long record as a chorister of Mr. John Thomas Gascoigne, of 15, Brandon Close, Balderton, Notts. The service then recorded was that at North Muskham (1897-1962) and Balderton (1962-). Mr. Gascoigne now informs us that he started in the choir at Somerton, Oxon, in 1894 and after 2½ years there moved to North Muskham. As he is still in the choir, he has now entered his 73rd year as a chorister. As to ringing, he started to learn in 1897 and rang until 1965. A very good innings!

ELTHAM PEAL OF WELCOME

The peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung to welcome Fr. Lacey to the parish provided John Sims with an opportunity of writing an explanation of the principles of change ringing for the Eltham Church News. There is also an excellent picture of the band, which stood E. Coode 1, Mrs. C. Sims 2, Mrs. B. Coode 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6, R Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8.

RUDDINGTON BAND START PEAL RINGING

After ringing several quarter peals of Bob Triples and Bob Major, the band of St. Peter's, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, rang their first peal of Bob Triples (at Basford) at the first attempt. This was the first peal on eight by the regular Sunday service team and was the first of Triples for most of the band. They look forward to their first peal of Major in the near future.

"THE BISHOP'S FLOCK" IN LONDON

Tony Bishop's West Country holiday party held its reunion in London on January 7th. Eight London ringers, four from Hampshire and one from Hereford met at the first tower, St. Mary's, Battersea, at 9.45 a.m. We were very pleased that Gillian Lewis was able to make the journey from Hereford.

A fair start was made to the day on Battersea bells, with ringing of Bob Major, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples. Moving across to East London, where we joined a party from Slough at St George's-in-the-East, Shadwell, the remarkably bright octave was much enjoyed bearing in mind the 6 cwt. tenor. At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, however, the ringing was not helped by the springy ropes.

After a "pint and a roll" in the Globe at Southwark some of the party went to get the bells up at Rochester Row, while a few remained behind to assist the Slough party at Southwark Cathedral; these arrived at St. Stephen's just in time to hear the last bell being pulled up. Justice, alas, was not done to this fine octave, but a fair course of Cambridge was rung. Thence to St. James', Clerkenwell, where a good course of Yorkshire was rung on the fine Gillett eight.

Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich at Putney and a fair course of Yorkshire on the odd-struck bells at Wimbledon closed the day's ringing and the party then adjourned to Tony and Deborah's flat in Raynes Park to commence arrangements for this year's West Country tour.

"FATHER O'LEARY."

FRONT PAGE HEADING

The Northern District of the Hertford Association are in favour of the old style heading which is now back in use, but thought the new style heading went well with the photographs. Hope was expressed for more of these excellent photographs. We hope to fulfil this wish in issue of February 3rd.

SOUTH MANCHESTER PRACTICE NIGHTS

Monday.—Stockport St. George, Marple, Macclesfield Christ Church, Dunham Massey, Fairfield, Northenden, Denton.

Tuesday.—Bowdon, Stockport St. Mary, Hyde, Cheadle, Disley, Macclesfield St. Michael, Reddish, Stalybridge Holy Trinity, Taxal.

Wednesday.—Mottram, Wilmslow, Saddleworth, Sutton, Prestbury, Macclesfield St. Peter, Knutsford.

Thursday.—Norbury, Ashton St. Michael, Old Glossop Stalybridge St. Paul, Bosley.

Friday.—Ashton St. Peter, Burbage, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Poynton, Mossley St. John.

HULL TRAWLER DISASTER

The quarter peal rung at Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, before Choral Evensong on January 8th was a token of respect to the members of the crew of the Hull Trawler S T. Saint Finbarr, 1,500 tons, who died when their ship exploded and later sank in the fury of the North Atlantic on Christmas Day. Also this month is the anniversary of the loss of the Hull Trawlers S.T. Lorella and S.T. Roderego, in which all 44 men perished.

The quarter peal on January 8th was rung half-muffled on the middle six. It was 1,380 Grandsire Doubles, the ringers being M. Harding 1, H. Pickering 2, J. Singleton 3, F. Reed 4, D. Stipetic (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fletcher 6.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation — Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Trevor Newlands	Treble	Richard W. Sweet	5
*Margaret Wright	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
David Rennolds	3	Patrick J. Bird	7
Gillian M. Hunt	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Cambridge.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WYLAM ON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St Oswin

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge — Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	George S. Deas	4
William Davidson	2	James Crowther	5
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Thompson, of Whickham

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb in G.

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	John G Gipson	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Stuart Brown	7
Ian M. Smith	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb in E flat.

Brian J. Howard	Treble	Harry J. Millett	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Edward P. Duffield	3	James L. Towler	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, consisting of 768 each of London, Bristol and Rutland and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr 11 lb. in G.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	James L. Towler	5
Susan Rothera	2	Peter G. Brown	6
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	7
Dennis A S. Symons	4	Philip J Rothera	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966 in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven methods/variations, six extents each of the following: St. Martin, St. Leonard, St Simon, Eynsham, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. — Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A sharp

*Keith W Scudamore (11)	Treble	*Peter Pearce	4
Frank Reed	2	William F. Scudamore	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Ernest H. Jefferies	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.

* First peal in multi-Doubles methods

Rung as a compliment to Ernest H Jefferies on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Dec 27 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb in D

Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	†Austin T Wingate	6
Gillian Sims	2	Marcus C. W Sherwood	7
*Robert A. Hatcher	3	Thomas E. Wood	8
Peter D. Sell	4	‡Thomas Cooper	9
John F. I. Turney	5	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Fielden. Conducted by Marcus W. Sherwood.

* First peal "inside." † 200th peal for the Guild. ‡ First on ten.

LUDLOW, Shropshire.—At the Church of St Laurence.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt 3 qr. in D

*Peter D. Sell	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	5
Ralph C. Godsall	2	Marcus C. W Sherwood	6
Robert A. Hatcher	3	Austin T Wingate	7
John F. I Turney	4	George T Cousins	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Jointly conducted by George T Cousins and Marcus C. W Sherwood.

* First peal on eight bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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

On Sat. Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. — Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 18 lb.

C. Valerie Mills	Treble	†Francis M Byrne	4
Walter Ayre	2	Reginald E J Sheppard	5
*George A. Reading	3	‡Brian M Barker	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge. Rung for the Christmas Festival.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 24 methods, containing 288 each of Albanian, Aldenham Belgrave, Cambridge Lambeth Pontefract, Prittlewell, Superlative Wigston, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull Southwark and Stoneygate with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 42 cwt 81 lb in B flat

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Basil Jones	2	Derek Butterworth	8
John Worth	3	F. John Nelson	9
Tudor P Edwards	4	John H. Fielden	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
Neil Bennett	6	Robert B Smith	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden.

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the greatest number of method rung to a peal on 12 bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels

On Wed., Dec 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Edward Jenkins	7
*Christine Andrew	2	*Neil D Lomas	8
John Worth	3	Basil Jones	9
Neil Bennett	4	*Derek Butterworth	10
*Margaret E. Fort	5	Robert B Smith	11
*Richard S Starkie	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by G Lindoff — Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Sun., Dec. 11, 1966 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 19 methods, being 448 each of Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire and Rutland 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative Uxbridge, Wembley Whalley and Yorkshire, with 153 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 18 cwt in E.

Walter E. Wilkinson	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Norman Smith	2	Philip J Crossthwaite	6
Neil Bennett	3	Richard J Parker	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, containing all the work of each method for each bell.

WHALLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

.58—58.14—58—16—34—38.56—16 H.L. 58 2nds place l.e. 142

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 224 London, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, 672 Cambridge, 704 Bristol and Lincolnshire, 896 Yorkshire and 960 Rutland, with 111 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. — Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

Christopher L. Watson	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
Maryl R Crossthwaite	2	Richard J Parker	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Richard S Starkie	7
John H. Fielden	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. J. Parker.

First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 21 methods, being 448 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 153 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Walter E. Wilkinson	Treble	Norman Smith	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Neil Bennett	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for each bell.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

Walter E. Wilkinson	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Neil Bennett	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
Norman Smith	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.
Umpire: Derek Butterworth.

The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major containing all the work of each method for each bell, and the maximum possible without exceeding normal peal length unnecessarily or using "Little" methods.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Kershaw	Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
*Michael J. Alletson	3	J. Colin Ashworth	7
William G Wilson	4	David V. Hodgson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by David V. Hodgson.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble has "circled the tower"

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. B. E. Mills, of Walsden, Lancs.

(Preston Branch)

BRINDLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Lawrence Walmsley	Treble	David Marsden	4
John Nelson	2	John Nixon	5
Bernard Moss	3	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

First peal on the bells since being rehung

RIBCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Wed., Dec. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Nigel J. Ward	Treble	Christopher L. Watson	4
John L. Riley	2	Roger Barnes	5
Philip S. Woods	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Parsons.

* First peal attempt.

Rung in memory of Thomas Sagar for many years tower captain at Ribchester.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Martin E. Snape	Treble	Edmund Rothwell	4
*Kenneth F. Wilson	2	Norman Heaps	5
†Alan N. Wilson	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside."

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb. in G.

Raymond D. Helliwell	Treble	†Anthony J. Helliwell	4
*Kevan Dean	2	Roger Leigh	5
David Haworth	3	Michael Bell	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond D. Helliwell.

* First peal "inside." † 50th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARLAXTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
*Walter Weston	2	Graham J. N. Colborne	5
Peter A. Slight	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal in seven methods "inside."

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec 27 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Anthony D. Walker	Treble	†Brian W. Cox	4
Frederick T. Carford	2	Roy S. Wilson	5
*Geoffrey Spencer	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal, first attempt † First peal "inside."
Rung in honour of the Nativity

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Nicholas W. H. Simon	Treble	James Clatworthy	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	†Geoffrey Kerley	6
Susan Harber	3	David K. Barrington	7
Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 50th peal. † First of Major. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966 in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	John S. Mason	6
Magnus M. Peterson	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Ellis N. Thomas	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to David and Penelope Llewellyn. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

LLANTRISANT, Glam.—At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Gwynno and Tyfodwg,
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald G. Clift	Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas	5
*Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
*Magnus M. Peterson	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
*Christopher Ricketts	4	Rev Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	Christopher Aldridge	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	Gwyn I Lewis	6
Thomas Yeomans	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Magnus M. Peterson	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate.
On Sat., Dec 31, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arthur F. Warren	Treble	Jeremy R Pratt	5
Brian C. Burrough	2	Brian C. Watson	6
Dennis A. Hewitt	3	Bernard E. Mathews	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	John W. Euston	Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts Conducted by John W. Euston.

Rung to honour Edward Alleyne, born 1566 and baptised at this church. He founded Dulwich College, at which the ringer of the fifth is a student, and the towerkeeper, Mrs. E. Davis, is now resident at the original old college. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G

James W. Forder	Treble	Godfrey G. Walpole	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Frederick C. Gunton	5
Ernest A. Long	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung on the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells, and a birthday compliment to Mr. Baden Barber, for many years a member of the local company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINFARTHING, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise. (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb

William Clover	Treble	Wilfred Saunders	4
Owen Claxton	2	Thomas Spight	5
Desmond Mortlock	3	Frank C. Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by William Clover.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb in G.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Richard Wharton	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Roger M. Heyworth	6
Harold Dowler	3	Dennis Latham	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Norman Sherratt
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the seventh. First peal of Glasgow for the Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.— At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Roy E. Barton	Treble	Roy Woodruff	5
*Judith M. Loten	2	Joyce I. Barton	6
Roland Biggs	3	†David A. Cornwall	7
*Arthur White	4	Arthur G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal on the bells

PEASEMORE, Berkshire.—A the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Kay Winterbourne	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	4
Henry Lawrenson	2	*Roger B. Pike	5
H. Jillian Pike	3	*David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B Pike.
* 25th peal together.

NORTHMOOR. Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being 240 each of Longparish, Newborough, St. Helen. Daffodil, St. Quintin, Ladbrooke, 960 Plain Bob, 1,080 Kennington and 1,560 Grandsire (30 changes of method). Tenor 11 cwt.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	*†Leonard R. Porter	3
John A. H. Betts	2	Garth A. C. Porter	4
		*Roy H. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
* 40th peal together. † 40th peal.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Miles and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Jones.

STOWE, Bucks.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*Richard W. Yates	Treble	Raymond A. Vickers	3
Frederick Vickers	2	George W. Holland	4
		William A. Yates	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.
* First peal of Doubles Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G

Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
David J. Marshall	3	Charles E. Truman	7
James Linnell	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Rung to welcome James Alan Paul, son of the ringer of the second.

EDENHAM Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., Dec 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
H. Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb

Raymond H. Daw	Treble	R. Frank Baker	5
Victor Chamberlain	2	Harry Foster	6
Harold S. Peacock	3	John H. Bluff	7
William A. Holmes	4	Brian F. Sims	Tenor

Conducted by Brian F. Sims.
The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals of Major

DEENE. Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 23. 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Oxford T.B. (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5. 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt

Ronald Russell	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Stephen Bell	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley
Rung as an engagement compliment to Robin R. Sparrow and P. Mary Reynolds, members of the Rutland Branch.

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,440 Reverse Canterbury, rung in alternate blocks of 720 Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	3
Roger N. Scholes	2	Ronald Russell	4
		J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
First peal on the bells for 34 years.

BENEFIELD. Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 28. 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford Bob, Double Court St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Philip Bosworth	4
Geoffrey E. Watson	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
Stephen B. Bell	3	*Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. N. Pearson.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G

David D. Smith	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Tom Page	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	5
Rev. David Sansum	2	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Merryn D. Hutchings	3	Peter C. Randall	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary, Cuthberga and All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S and St. Clement's C.B., and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	John W. Blackwood 4
*Michael J. Young 2	George E. Bonham 5
*Phlip R. Keough 3	Anthony K. Fortin .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Minor and most methods to a peal. Believed to be the first "scientific" peal for the A.S.P.Y.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 17 methods. (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden, (2) Willesden and Newdigate, (3) College Bob IV and Old Oxford, (4) Norbury and Ockley, (5) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk, (6) Kingston and Capel, (7) Oxford, London Scholars and Sandal. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb. in B flat.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Brian M. Buswell 4
*William L. Exton 2	Frank Bradley 5
Doreen Bradley 3	R. Brian Mills .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills
* First peal in 17 methods. First peal in 17 methods on the bells.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 11 variations: Four extents of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Derek J. Tysoe .. .. Treble	F. William Midwinter .. 3
†Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	Ruth Blackshaw 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal at first attempt. † 125th peal for the Guild.
Rung as a welcome for Andrew James Henly.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720

John J. Laverack .. .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
Paul Raithby 2	Harold Stevenson 5
F. William Midwinter .. 3	Peter Wakefield .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung for Christmas and on the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper. Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. John-of-Beverley
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

*Brenda Exton .. .. .. Treble	Thomas G. Goodwin .. 4
J. David Clarke 2	Brian M. Buswell 5
Thomas D. Greasley .. 3	William L. Exton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since their rehanging earlier this year, and rung to mark the completion of the first stage of the bell restoration scheme.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. .. Treble	George W. Pipe 6
B. Gillian Schofield 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 3	Ernest G. Pearce 8
Peter J. Harris 4	George E. Thoday 9
Roderick W. Pipe 5	Clifford R. Lovett .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the Old Year.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, viz.: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method; "all the work." Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

Michael J. Howes .. .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Roger L. K. Whittell .. 3	Leslie G. Brett 7
B. Gillian Schofield 4	George W. Pipe .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(St. Mary's, Beddington, Society)

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Kathleen E. Chilcott .. Treble	†Nigel Thomson 6
*Juliet S. Stoy 2	John Schofield 7
Jean L. Kimber 3	Raymond J. Talbot .. 8
†Derek G. Spittle 4	‡Frank E. Darby 9
R. James Cook 5	Stewart F. Kimber .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber
* First of Royal "inside." † First on ten bells. ‡ 500th peal.
First of Surprise Royal for the Society.
Rung to mark the engagement of Robin J. Lee, formerly a member of the local band and now of High Wycombe, to Susan Houlton, of Dover.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret
On Sat., Dec. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Heather Alford .. .. Treble	*Neil Carter 5
Martin Turner 2	†Phillip R. Miles 6
Irene Gocher 3	David D. Smith 7
Diane M. Mullins 4	George Francis .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by David D. Smith.
* First peal on eight bells. † First "inside." First on eight bells as conductor. First peal by a local band for 42 years
Rung for the Christmas Festival and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Turner

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Martin L. Howe .. .. Treble	David D. Smith 5
*Ian M. Robinson 2	Peter S. Muchlinski 6
Richard W. H. Hayes .. 3	John A. Howard 7
George Francis 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal in the method.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

C. Martin Press .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Patricia A. Morris 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Russell S. Morris 7
Tom Page 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Clifford J. Garlick .. .. Treble	*Howard E. J. Smith 4
*Lynette M. Holbrook .. 2	†Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
H. Jillian Pike 3	Roger B. Pike .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* First peal attempt. † 50th peal.
Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of the treble and third.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt 18 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown .. .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
Charles William Cooper (80) 2	Peter L. Bill 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
John C. Eisel 4	Arthur D. Fellows .. .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker.
Arranged by James E. Groves Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Thurs. Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
*Peter L. Bill 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Gerald C. Hemming .. 3	*Robert Edwards 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	John C. Eisel .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise Major.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Dec. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

*Martin J Wooldridge	Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
Peter L. Bill	2	Michael J Fellows	6
Robert Edwards	3	John C. Eisel	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Peter L. Bill.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor of Major.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Peter L. Bill	Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
*Peter J. Brown	2	Martin D Fellows	6
Robert Edwards	3	Brian J. Luff	7
M Irene Ellsmore	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung as a compliment to Peter Brown and Irene Ellsmore upon their engagement.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Kenelm.
On Mon., Dec. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Court (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob. (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

Leonard J. Walters	Treble	James Ward	4
C. William Nutt	2	R George Morris	5
Thomas Cooper	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr 27 lb. in C.

Arnold Cole	Treble	George Hancock	6
Kenneth B. Sissons	2	Peter Dawson	7
Iris Lemare	3	Alan E. Hartley	8
Robin Brown	4	John Potts	9
Ronald H. Dove	5	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 8 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*John Potts	5
M Susan Jackson	2	Philip J Crossthwaite	6
Arnold Cole	3	Rev. Giles C. Galley	7
Jane A. Carruthers	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Giles Galley, senior curate at Leeds Parish Church. Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

GOOLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St John the Evangelist.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 changes each of London and Rutland, 704 of Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method.

Robert C. Hawtree	Treble	R. Kingsley Mason	5
F. Charles Hobson	2	John S Rank	6
Ian G Campbell	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
*Howard C. Palmer	4	Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 50th peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb. in F.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 31. 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Frank Reed	5
W Eric Critchley	2	Gibson Jackson	6
Ernest Padgett	3	Frederick J. Jackson	7
R. Kingsley Mason	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by N Smith. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(St. Peter's, Leeds, Society)
LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Dec. 19 1966 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 120's (ten callings)
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 23 lb in B flat

*Sarah J. Haskins	Treble	†Josephine M Haskins	4
Ronald H. Dove	2	†C. Barrie Dove	5
†Arnold Cole	3	*William P. Haskins	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt † First of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKLAND, BERKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. I. J. Pearce 1, J. Strawford 2 R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4 L. R Porter 5, F. C. Carter 6, J. Hutt 7, J. Carter 8. For the wedding of Mr. Charles Nicholas Hornby and Miss Amanda Fitzwilliams Hyde

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Burgess (first quarter) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Hannah Penfold 3, H. Thomas (first of Minor) 4, A. Skilton 5, J. Hayns (cond.) 6. Following the induction of the Rev. John Trevor McCabe as Vicar, and to welcome him and his family. The ringer of the 4th is the Vicar's uncle.

CHARING, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rochel J. Sinden 1, H. Baker 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, K. Butler 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Wickens 1, J. Laker 2, A. J Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G Wickens 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, R. Cotton 3, N. Cotton 4, D. Perry 5.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, J. Ranford (cond.) 2, R Sayers 3, J. Cale 4, R. Cooper 5, F. Pugh 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bellamy, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lush 1, D. R. Bould 2, W. C. Shute 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, R. H. Duke 5, J. N. Longridge 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, R. N. Marlow 8.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corry 1, Miss S. Corry 2, C. F. Longridge 3, R. N Longridge 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, R. Jeans 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Butler 1, A. S. Binfield 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, Ruth Richardson 4, P. C. Sinden 5, Rachel J. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GORING, OXON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull (first "inside") 2, N. Tull 3, Carol Tull 4, Mary Trent 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, L. Haines 8. For carol service.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): H. Johnson 1, E. C. Biggs 2, P. L. Hughes 3, W. P. Nash 4, P. D. Sell (cond.) 5, T. Sell 6, S. Bowyer 7, F. Bishop 8. First of Bob Doubles 1, 3 and 4.

KIRKWORTH, LEICS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Allen 1, F. K. Measures (cond.) 2, Dr. R. Adams 3 E. G. Slater 4, J. Watkins 5, A. S. Bolton 6, N. W. Bolton 7, F. Wheat 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Bolton, aged 87, a ringer at this church for over 50 years and a member of St. Wilfred's choir for 78 years, who died on December 18th.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, Delphine Holman 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. I. Royal 5, P. C. Randall (cond.) 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Swain 1, D. Phillips 2, A. Bainham 3, P Chambers 4, L. Bainham 5, R. Stewart 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Bainham (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4, 6.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, R. Davis (first quarter) 1, W. Miller (first "inside") 2, G. Furxman (first quarter) 3, F. Andrews 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5 H. Creed 6. A birthday compliment to H. Creed.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. I. Bowron 1, D. Irwin (first quarter) 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, R. Parker 4, G. Rendell (cond.) 5, G. W Parkin (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Annette Jill Warr, daughter of the tower captain, to Richard Chant.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turrell 1, N. L. Walker 2, C. R. Hayward 3, J. Vernon 4, G. Vernon 5, J H. Bailess 6, M. Vernon (cond.) 7, M. Angrave (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Read.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's, on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Potten 1, J. Rea 2, S. Howard 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, M. Uphill 5 W Shanks 6, A. Griffin 7, N. Smith 8. For Matins.

SULLY, GLAM.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Havard 1, G. Whincup (first quarter) 2, K. Taylor 3, F. Taylor 4, R. G. Havard (cond.) 5, Catharine A. Havard 6.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Schofield 1, P. Bamford 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Also on Dec. 18th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: R. Schofield 1, P. Bamford 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett (first of Minor "inside") 4, R. J Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. J. Wilcox 1, K. W. Eaton 2, J. R. Scott (cond.) 3, G. A. Edwards 4, L. A. Perry 5.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Smith 1, Mrs. H. Smith 2, F. Henbest 3, A. Burton 4, M. J. Smith 5, D. A. Theedom 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, D. Bird (first on eight) 8. For the induction and as a welcome to the Rev. A. J. Fearn.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Shingler 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Livsey 3, R. Huddleston 4, D. Huddleston (cond.) 5, E. George 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. J. Fox 1, M. L. Howe 2, T. A. Cross 3, T. E. Marks 4, B. L. F. Groves 5, D. Beaufoy 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, F. G. Sandy 8, T. J. Setter 9, C. T. Osenton 10.

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BIRTH

HOLLAND.—On December 31st, 1966, at Robroyston Hospital, Glasgow, to Ian and Marion, the gift of a daughter, Katrina, a sister for Alison. 811

ENGAGEMENTS

ARNOLD—MASON. — The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Arnold, the parents of Peter Arnold, is Manor Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hampshire, and not as published in the issue of January 20th.

GARLICK—PIKE. — The engagement is announced between Mr. Clifford J. Garlick, of East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berkshire, and Miss H. Jillian Pike, of Newbury, Berkshire. 809

PERSONAL

Will Mr. P. E. D. Grove, of Solihull, please send his address to the Editor. His copy addressed 48, Emerald Court, Chelmscote Road, Ulverley Green Road, Alton, Solihull, has been returned "unknown."

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed."—Amos iii., 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ACRES.—The address of John A. Acres (late of Leicester) is now: Chigwell House, High Road, Chigwell, Essex. Regret infirmity causing absence from practical ringing. 820

BOND.—As from Saturday, February 4th, the address of the Rev. Peter N. Bond will be: St. James' House, 36, Nelson Road South, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Telephone: Great Yarmouth (STD Code OGY 3) 4445. 825

PRESS.—The address of Martin Press is now: Top Floor, 54, Highgate Hill, London, N.19. Regret no phone. Friends welcome. Messages may be left during day at EUS 5861. 822

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SIDBURY, DEVON.—Bed, breakfast and evening meal (optional). Situated about four miles from sea in picturesque countryside.—Mrs. M. E. Coles, Filcombe Farm, Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon. Phone: Sidbury 266. 802

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MISCELLANEOUS

MALMESBURY, WILTS. — Until further notice, practice nights will be on Tuesdays, 7.15 p.m.–9 p.m. All visitors welcome.—H. E. Blacker, Tower Sec. 837

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER

This year's dinner is on February 18th at the Travellers' Rest, Caversham. Tickets 24s. Send cheques (payable to "Reading University Society of Change Ringers") to M. G. Ingram, Windsor Hall, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Ringing details with tickets. 801

ST. ALBANS GRAMMAR SCHOOL. — Would any Old Boy interested in ringing for the retirement of the headmaster, R. F. Bradshaw, M.A., contact A. W. R. Wilby, 8, Spenser Road, Harpenden. 812

ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORWICH.—New ring of six will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Sunday, February 5th at 3 p.m. Refreshments in Village Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road, Drayton, Norwich. 725

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Established 1755)

The 79th Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 4th at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, at 7 p.m.

Chairman:

Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.

Tickets 26s.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Ftwall Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

Ringing arrangements will be published later. 830

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

Annual Dinner

will be held at the Grand Hotel, Northampton, on February 25th, 1967, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Tickets (23/6) obtainable from: R. Kingsley Mason, 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. Please send cash and s.a.e. by February 11th at the latest.

Ringing Arrangements

Holy Sepulchre (8) .. .. 3.15–4.15 p.m.
St. Edmund's (8) .. .. 4.30–5.30 p.m.
All welcome! Bar until midnight. 827

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Sat. Feb. 4th, 1967, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Ringing Arrangements:
10.30 to 11.45, St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); 12 to 1.15, St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8). 1.30 to 2.45, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12); 3 to 4.15, St. Michael's, Cornhill (12); 4.15 to 5.15, St. Olave's, Hart Street (8).

A few tickets still remain, price 23/6, from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 842

SURREY ASSOCIATION DINNER

April 8th, 1967

At the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon,

6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets now available from Mr. C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15 at 27/6. Please send remittance with stamped addressed envelope and also names, please. 839

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Rag Week Outing on Saturday, February 18th, in Monmouthshire. If interested, write for details to: Miss H. Essen, Aberdare Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff. 836

WEST TILBURY, ESSEX. — Inquiries regarding West Tilbury bells and requests for permission to ring should now be addressed to the churchwarden, Mr. E. Hunt, Sunnyside, West Tilbury, Essex. Phone: Tilbury 3190. 826

ORDERS are now being taken for bound copies of 1966 "Ringing World." Price 3gns. plus 3/6 postage. — Write: "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Milborne Port (8), January 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 765

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Stockport, January 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. F. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 799

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Annual meeting to be held on Saturday, January 28th at St. Peter's Church, Fairfield. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton, as soon as possible.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 788

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littledean, Glos. on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to W. Shott, 19, Church Street, Littledean. 810

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. approx. at W.V.S. Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Turner, 6, Babbs Mead, Farnham, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 724

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — January 28th. District annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kench, 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead. 785

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, Wickhambreaux (6). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 2s. each. Cash, together with names, to Mr. S. Walter, The Green, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury. 617

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Holmes, Groundsman's Cottage, North Parade, Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 781

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Derby, Saturday, January 28th. Towers available: Duffield (10), 10.30–11.30; Derby: St. Alkmund's (8), 11.30–12.30; St. Luke's (8) 2–3.30; St. Peter's (8) 3–4.30; St. Andrew's (10), 4–5.30; Cathedral (10), 5.30–7.30.—D. R. McLean, Sec., N.U.S.C.R. 760

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Sister Riley, Harleston House, Park Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk. 752

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual committee meeting, Church Rooms, Amersham, Saturday, January 28th, at 3 p.m., followed by tea and ringing 6–9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 696

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 28th, Mansfield. Bells (8) 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 763

SUFFOLK GUILD — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, January 28th, at Eye (8). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., including dedication of peal board. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Last, Hegilsdune, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. 754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th (NOT February 4th, by request). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Roberts, Haylers Cottage, Balcombe —Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 721

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 28th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting and films after tea.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec 792

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on January 31st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: St. Paul's Cathedral, January 31st; St. Michael's, Cornhill, February 7th; St. Lawrence Jewry, February 14th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 21st.—J. G. A. Prior. 824

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Ilchester (5), Saturday, February 4th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. — Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon Branch Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil. 817

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meeting at Dunster (8 bells) on Saturday, February 4th 7 p.m. 840

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Kempston, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Note change of tower. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne. 850

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry Branch.—Meeting at Lillington on February 4th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 832

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above at St. Bees, Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by February 1st. 816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and York Surprise. 844

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting Bridgnorth, February 4th. Ringing at St. Mary's 3 p.m., followed by service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Leonard's in evening. Names for tea not later than February 1st to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley. 780

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Teas.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 831

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Campton (5), Saturday, February 4th, 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m Pirton (5) 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 848

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at St. Mary's Hall. Evening ringing at Torr, Torquay (6) Names for tea by January 28th to Miss V. Stephens, 90, Warbro Road, Babbacombe, Torquay. 769

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — A.G.M. at Norwich, February 4th. Change of arrangements.—Towers now open: Scole (6) 10.45–11.30; Long Stratton (6) 12–12.30; Mulbarton (6) 12.45–1.15. Towers in Norwich: St. George's, Colegate (6) 2.30–3.30; St. Miles' (8) 3–4.30, followed by business meeting; St. Giles' (8) 5.45–6.45; St. John-de-Sepulchre (8) 6.45–8.—J. M. A. 764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Please send names for tea to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe, by Wednesday, February 1st. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 823

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.— Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs. 818

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland (6) on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—K. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening meeting at St. Mary de Castro's, Leicester, February 4th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 767

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, February 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, January 30th.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 748

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—First of bi-monthly evening meetings. Donington, February 4th. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Lincolnshire S. Major. 845

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 828

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr R. C. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 833

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Diss, Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, Chapel Street, Diss, by Wednesday, February 1st.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec 762

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, February 4th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea and meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 1st, to R. Daw, Secretary, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 778

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Long Buckby, Saturday, February 4th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 841

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon (6), Saturday, February 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Drewitt, Manor Farm Cottages, Upavon, Pewsey, Wilts. 803

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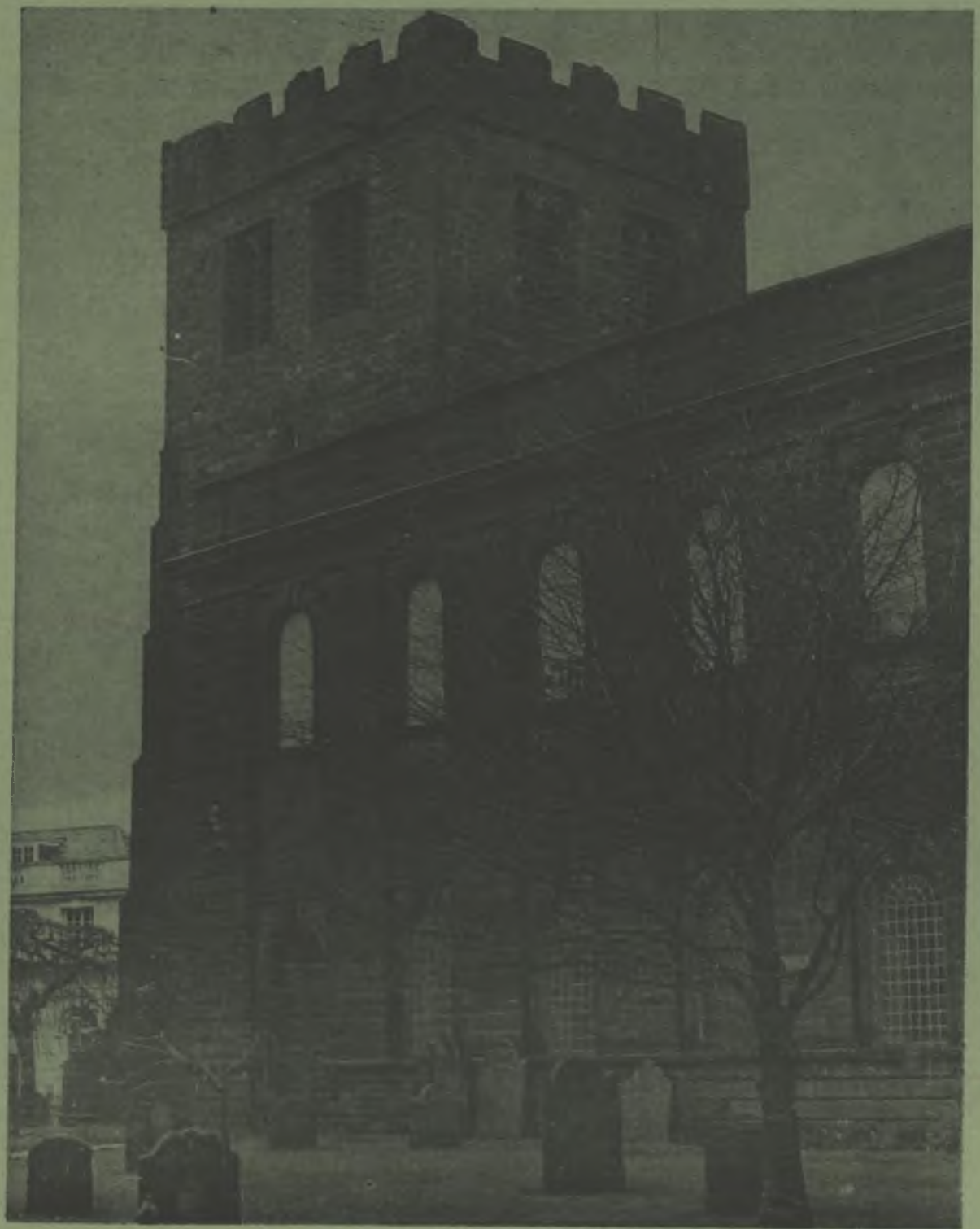

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COMMENT

POTT SHRIGLEY BELLS

By R. M. W. CLOUSTON

MR. SCHOFIELD'S letter on page 20 asks for comment on the preservation of ancient bells, and this is a matter which will perhaps interest readers generally.

Our parish church and their fittings, which include bells, come under faculty jurisdiction. This means that before any work other than very minor repairs are carried out a faculty has to be applied for and obtained to cover the work. This is granted by the diocesan chancellor after he has obtained the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, and he acts in accordance with powers delegated to him by the Bishop. Thus church possessions in a particular parish are not the property of the present parishioners to do what they like with them without diocesan permission.

The Diocesan Advisory Committees, of which there are some 42 in England, are provided with guidance by the Council for the Care of Churches, which is a Standing Committee of the Church Assembly. In the case of church bells a number of resolutions were passed by the Council in 1952. These were revised in 1959 at a meeting held between representatives of the bell founders, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and the Council for the Care of Churches, and the resulting agreed statement of policy was published in the 15th Report (1961) of the Council for the Care of Church and reviewed in "The Ringing World" on pages 533–534 of the issue of August 11th, 1961. Two of the eight resolutions read:—

(a) Bells cast before 1550 should not be recast, as all such bells are of archæological importance. Sound bells should be retained in use in the church to which they belong. If of good tone they should be kept in the ring; if musically unsuitable they can be hung as single bells. Bells which are cracked or otherwise incapable of use should be preserved in the church or loaned to a museum.

If, for exceptional reasons, it is desired to recast bells of this early date, the proposal should in each case be referred to the Council. The petitioners will be expected to put forward proposals for the mounting and display in the church of the crown and inscription band of the bell.

(b) Bells dated between 1550 and the middle of the 18th century should not be recast unless cracked. If it is desired, on special grounds, to recast a bell of this period, information should be sought from the Council for the Care of Churches as to the rarity and arcæological value of the bell. This application for advice should be accompanied by a statement of the opinion of the bell founder, as to the musical qualities of the bell. If such bells are allowed to be recast, their inscription should be recast in facsimile on the new bells with the date of recasting added.

Turning now to the particular bells at Pott Shrigley, Cheshire, the writer has not personally examined them. The two trebles were cast at one of the pre-Reformation London bell foundries and bear a shield with the initials R.C. on it. This founder was most probably Richard Crowch, or less likely, Richard Cresswell, and as he was only working in the period 1420 to 1426 approximately, bells bearing this shield are rare.

A list of them is given in "The Church Bells of Essex," page 32, but only one is noted at Pott Shrigley. Allowing for the two bells here the total is 14. There are no others in Cheshire, but they are found as far apart as Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Essex, Hampshire, Kent, London, Northants, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

Another factor is that the Chester Diocese now has very few pre-Reformation bells, in fact one list made before a complete survey of the county had been commenced listed only two others, Bunbury tenor and Handley treble, and since then Mr. Clarke has published an account of the Dodleston fifth.

Mr. Schofield suggests that both the Crowch bells are cracked, but only the treble is reported to be cracked; in this case in the soundbow, most probably caused by clocking, which was still carried out on the other two at least till recently.

The Bramford tenor of 11¼ cwt. cast by Miles Graye I of Colchester in 1632 was similarly cracked, and after a welding repair in Denmark the tone was fully restored. The bell has been rung to a number of peals since rededication and so far the tone has not deteriorated at all.

The British Welding Research Association is working on this problem and has commenced using the Danish technique on bells here which will save the high cost of transport to and from Denmark and the attendant delays with Customs, etc. The Pott Shrigley treble would seem to be a suitable bell for them to repair in due course.

OUR PICTURE

PENRITH BELLS

By G. NELSON

THE town of Penrith is undoubtedly ancient, but it is not known whether of British or Saxon origin. Its market, famous since 1223, was opened and closed by the ringing of a bell. The curfew, rung nightly for about ten minutes at eight o'clock, ended with the requisite number of strokes to indicate the day of the month—a unique survival which ended in 1939.

A likely man to have had a hand in providing Penrith Church with "Gret Belles" worthy of its fine tower would be Bishop William Strickland (1400–1419), who gave to Carlisle Cathedral "Quator Magnas Campanas." "He, descending from a famous family in these parts, did in 1395, at his own charge, draw hither a water-course from the little River Peter. In the year 1552 Penrith had only 'ij gret belles,' one of them the mediæval (Jesu Maria). Did Henry VIII's visitors take the others for 'ye Kinge's use,' as a Mr. Richarde Wasshingstone of Kendal hadd the bell of the poor Penrith ffreers (MS.)."

In 1639 Penrith was the only parish church in the diocese to have a ring of five; change ringing, then in its infancy, must have been introduced by Thomas Stafford. This bellfounder, if not a native of Penrith, resided here for some years, making bells for Cartmel and Kirkby Stephen.

During the time of the Commonwealth the then Presbyterian Vicar of Penrith had no love for bells and allowed them to fall into disuse, the big bell especially causing a great deal of trouble and expense. How many of the five bells were in use at any given time or what sort of system regulated the ringing, it is not easy to say. It was customary in those days for the parishioners to assemble round the Cross, "a tall, narrow building in the centre of the town," where a quantity of ale was consumed and a number of tar barrels burned. On most occasions these were paid for out of church money, viz.:—

'Pd to Alex Hewer for ale to ringers 7s."
"1708. Ale for ringers and treating the soldiers 14s."

In 1745 Penrith, having again undergone the experience of being occupied by an invading army, had a fortnight's rejoicing after the danger to which it had been exposed was passed. Two large chandeliers were purchased with "ye fify guineas given by the most noble William Duke of Portland to his tenants of ye honor of Penrith associated in defence of the Government and town against the rebels."

In 1763 six new bells were cast by Lester and Pack at the cost of £332. Also in that year "a water engine bought by order of the vestry." This was kept in the tower and duty and care of the same was assigned to the bellringers at 15s. per annum to each man. The additions of a new tenor and treble by John Taylor in 1889 made up the fine ring of eight we know today. The best bell to be cast in Penrith was in 1963, made by Mr. G. Nelson and Mr. A. Idle (moulder) to commemorate the bicentenary of the old six.

[Photograph by Eric Davidson.

ROTHERHAM RINGER SEEKS PASTURES NEW

Rotherham ringers gave Mr. John N. D. Chaddock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock, a splendid send-off when he left home for a new teaching appointment at a Church of England school at Beverley. At the annual dinner of the Rotherham Parish Church Society, held at the Red Hart Hotel, Blyth, on January 3rd, he was presented with a transistor radio set from the Parish Church ringers. In making the presentation, the Rector, the Rev. G. Hollis, thanked John for his services to the church, which started with seven years as a choir-boy, followed by ten years as a bellringer.

In our picture (left to right).—Front row: Mrs. N. Chaddock, John N. D. Chaddock, Rev. G. Hollis and N. Chaddock. In background: A. Holroyd, A. Howland (hidden), N. Donovan (glass in front), D. Nichols and S. Armeson.

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EGGLESTONES' CHRISTMAS BASKET AT HENLEY

WHEN Howard and Margaret Egglestone came to Suffolk from Essex, teaching beginners was their main objective. So hard have they worked in this and all other facets of Guild work that it seemed quite appropriate they should be the organisers of the social! So, what started as their Henley Christmas party (Henley is a village with a young band, six miles from Ipswich) is now very much a Guild affair.

The Christmas, 1966, one was an outstanding success—well over 100 ringers and friends attending, including several from Essex. Henley were aided and abetted by Bramford, and between them a lively evening was the result.

Stan Bloomfield started the evening showing his colour slides of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand and, in the richest dialect, giving an account of his ringing travels.

There were a number of humorous sketches interspersed with the ever-popular "one-man affairs." Lawrence Pizzey (soon to become Reverend, so we made the most of this licence!) imagined himself as political correspondent to "The Times" dealing with such important Bills as the Suffolk Guild and "The Ringing World." Then Patrick Saltmarsh, special guest from the Deep South, took on the role of Old Testament News Reader around Tyre and Sidon.

The buffetings and innuendos that the Guild officers had to grin and bear were softened to some degree by some of the "nicer" items on the programme: delightful songs and piano solos by the Henley girls, followed by Jim Pipe reciting Jonah and the Whale and singing two old favourites. It is quite plain, despite lobbying by our younger long-haired ringers, that Jim is reluctant to get the big beat; bass to Stedman Cinques perhaps—no further!

The Offton and Grundisburgh ringers did their stuff with musical and handbell items, and a splendid buffet supper rounded off the entertainment.

"New Idea" this year was a Rogues Gallery, devised by Joyce Christian, the Bramford Vicar's good lady. A competition was held to guess 14 different Suffolk ringers from photographs taken when babies. What a hoot!

After the supper a draw with many good prizes concluded the evening. To all those who contributed in any way to the organisation and entertainment, especially the versatile David Derrick and the Henley and Bramford bands, a hearty thank you.

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200th Anniversary Peal

THE first peal on the bells of Cirencester Parish Church and the first peal on 12 bells outside London was rung on Wednesday, January 7th, 1767, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were invited to ring the peal by Mr. Samuel Blackwell, of Williamstrip Park, Coln St. Aldwyn, who was a member of the College Youths and later Member of Parliament for Cirencester Borough.

The peal was one of 5,082 changes of Grandsire Cinques rung in 3 hours and 57 minutes by the following ringers: William Underwood (conductor) treble, James Darquit 2, Thomas Bennett 3, George Meakins 4, William Moss 5, Winstanley Richardson 6, William Mills 7, John Lokes 8, William Scott 9, William Clay 10, Robert Bly 11, Joseph Monk and Thomas Fifield tenor.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the event the present band of Cirencester ringers invited the Ancient Society of College Youths to repeat the performance on Saturday, January 7th, 1967. Before the peal, the band, led by Mr. Alan J. Frost, Master of the College Youths, were entertained to lunch by local ringers. Amongst those present were the Vicar of Cirencester (the Rev. Roland Hill), Mr. H. Cooke (tower captain) and Mr. Frank J. Lewis, sen., Cirencester's oldest active ringer, aged 85. On display at the lunch were the handsome oak chair, and ram's horn drinking cup presented to the Cirencester ringers by Mr. Blackwell just before his death in 1785. The drinking horn bears the following inscription on a silver plate: "Prosperity to the Cirencester Ringers, 1785 : In tactum sileo, percute dulce cano," the motto of the College Youths.

The oak chair was occupied during the lunch by Mr. Frost, and later he was the first to drink from the horn, which then circulated among the whole company. This is thought to be the first time the horn, which was recently recovered from the attic of the Vicarage, has been put to its proper use for over 100 years.

In thanking the Cirencester ringers for their hospitality, Mr. Frost spoke of the strong links between the Society and the local ringers, and brought them the good wishes of the Society members everywhere.

The 1967 peal was also one of Grandsire Cinques, 5,015 changes, specially composed for the occasion by the conductor, Mr. Albert M. Tyler, of Bristol, and was rung in 3 hours and 32 minutes by the following: Albert M. Tyler (St. Stephen's, Bristol) treble, Austin T. Wingate (Hereford Cathedral) 2, Andrew N. Stubbs (St. Paul's Cathedral) 3, Cyril A. Wratten (St. Mary's, Cheltenham) 4, D. Kay Adkins (St. Mary's, Whitney) 5, A. Leslie Barry (Gloucester Cathedral) 6, Robert E. J. Dennis (St. Vedast's, City of London) 7, Christopher H. Rogers (St. Paul's Cathedral) 8, Frank Reed (Cirencester Parish Church) 9, Alan J. Frost (St. Paul's Cathedral) 10, Michael P. Moreton (St. Paul's Cathedral) 11, William F. Scudamore (Cirencester Parish Church) tenor.

The peal attempt had been given more than usual advance publicity in the local Press, and the whole of Cirencester town, which is always conscious of its ancient heritage, appreciated the fact that ringers had travelled so far to write another page in its history.

E. M. B. and W. F. S.

A NEW NORFOLK SIX

Next Sunday (February 5th) a new ring of six at St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, to replace three poor bells will be hallowed, the ceremony being conducted by Canon Gilbrt Thurlow, president of the Central Council.

The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who also supplied the frame castings.

Nearly half the sum of £1,500 has already been raised, and at a Candlelight Dinner-Dance at the Village Hall on January 19th the sum of £160 was raised for the Restoration Fund.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deaneries Branch

At the annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch at Spalding on January 15th all the retiring officers were re-elected. (Secretary, Mr. K. R. Davey, as in Ringers' Diary).

It was also decided as an experiment to replace the normal quarterly afternoon and evening meetings with an evening practice, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., to be held on alternate first Saturdays in the month beginning with February. This will enable the Branch to meet in towers often neglected because of the difficulty of arranging a tea, and it is hoped that many new faces will be seen in addition to those who normally attend.

The annual meeting will take place as usual at Spalding in January, 1968.

It was pleasant to hear of new bands being formed, particularly at Moulton. A flourishing practice takes place at Gosberton on Thursday evenings, where many Surprise Minor methods are attempted. E. T. L.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was held at Marshfield on January 14th. A gathering of some 60 ringers enjoyed the pleasant ring of bells during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. A. K. James (Vicar) took the service, Brian Neale read the lesson, and M. B. Knowles acted as organist.

Tea was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Neale and helpers, to whom Mr. Richard Stewart voiced the thanks of the company.

The business flowed smoothly, and Mr. Richard Stewart was elected Branch Ringing Master. Fourteen new members were elected, being one from Blaenavon, four from Chepstow, two from St. Woolos, two from St. Mellons, two from Monmouth, and three from Bassaleg—a good start to the year's activities.

The proposed programme of meetings for the year was decided upon, being Caerleon May 13th, Rumney July 8th, and Usk October 14th, with Abergavenny in January next year.

TOWER GRABS OF 1966

Dear Sir,—I understand that Barrie Dove is not compiling the tower grabbers list for 1966. If ringers who have rung in 100 or more new towers during 1966 will they let me know:—

(a) How many new towers they rang in during 1966,

(b) Their total number of towers at the end of 1966,

I will compile a list for last year.

I will leave what constitutes a tower "grab" to individual consciences.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER GROOME.

22, Duke Street,
Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants.

Cathedral Tablet for St. Martin's Record Peal

THE annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held in St. Martin's Hall, Birmingham, on January 7th, with an attendance of about 90 members.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting the Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram) referred to the passing of Percival Richards, a member of the service band at St. Martin's Church. A moment's silence was observed to his memory.

A letter from the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths was read conveying their congratulations to the Guild upon ringing the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral. Their good wishes were much appreciated. The meeting decided that a tablet should be erected in the Cathedral tower to record this performance, which was a great honour for the Guild.

The Misses Susan Morgan (Packwood), Joyce Hall (Harborne) and Linda Deebank (Coleshill) were elected resident members, and the following tower elections as life members were ratified: R. W. Sherriff (Southam), A. J. Cox (Kenilworth), P. C. Randall (Warwick), N. Thomson (Wallington), D. P. Hilling (Slough), Miss A. M. Sparshott, P. S. Reading and Miss S. E. Jones (Kenilworth).

Satisfaction with the present officers of the Guild was shown by their re-election for 1967, as follows: Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, Messrs. S. O'C. Holloway and Bryan A. D. Woolley; auditors, Messrs. Henry H Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. W. G. Chaplin; hon. secretary and treasurer, George E. Fearn.

Notice of motion was given that at the next annual meeting a proposal to increase the annual subscription would be presented, the proposer pointing out that although the Guild's finances appeared to be in a healthy state, considerable expenditure was urgently necessary. A new bookcase was required to house the volumes of "The Ringing World," also a fireproof cupboard in which to keep the peal books.

The ringers of Solihull Church invited the Guild to hold the next meeting at Solihull on April 8th, an invitation which was gratefully accepted.

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on March 4th, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow will preside.

The striking competition will be held at Yardley on October 14th. A small sub-committee was formed to examine the rules for the competition and, if necessary, offer suggestions for alterations at the next quarterly meeting

Portions of the long peal of Stedman Cinques, including the start and finish, have been recorded, and will be on sale shortly.

ANOTHER LADIES' PEAL

Bath and Wells ladies are in the news again. Miss Marjorie Legg reports a ladies' peal, which she conducted, at Locking on January 14th. It was five methods of Doubles—the most ever rung by a ladies' band for the Association.

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Looking Back on the Six-Bell Scene

DEVON IN 1966

DOMINATING the competition-ringing world in Devon, the County Six-Bell competition, with its northern and southern semi-finals and its final between the six leaders of each half, is undoubtedly the ultimate goal of every ambitious call change band. During the last 13 years two bands have dominated the Devon Six-Bell—West Down and Down St Mary. West Down have won the George Facey Shield no less than eight times since 1953, and they won it last year at St. Budeaux from Talaton, a band which does not generally reach quite these heights but which on this occasion beat Down St. Mary into third place. West Down rang in ten competitions in 1966—not a very great number by the standard of some bands; they won six of these, and in the other four had one second and three thirds. Their highest marking was 34 at Dolton—but it was good enough to give them the Shield there. Their lowest was a winning 11 at Bishop's Tawton. Only three bands have beaten them, their old rivals, Down St. Mary at Swymbridge and Witheridge, the Swymbridge band at Northam and Bickleigh, and Plymstock at Swymbridge. Swymbridge ringers have always been among the unpredictable bands of Devon. In the North v. South competition at Clawton a few years ago their first peal was the worst of the day and their second was the best. In many competitions they seem no threat to the leaders, but when they hit their form they can ring superbly.

One of the most remarkable things about West Down's achievement was the fact that in only three of these events did they have a practice on the bells beforehand; normally the tower is closed for teams competing a fortnight before the day of the competition, but competing teams try to get there before that time to try the bells. West Down trust their ability to find the measure of any bells without previous practice and in fact on two of the occasions when they did have previous practice on the bells they were beaten.

Down St. Mary are a much more travelled band. They competed 21 times for eleven first, five seconds and four thirds, were never below third place, and have a most impressive collection of silverware—five shields, five cups and a rose bowl Their poorest marking was a 49 in the heavily-marked event at Dolton, where they came third; their best was 12¼ at Diptford, which oddly enough gained them only third place. This was Beric Bartlett's invitation competition, and the standard was very high, as we shall see when we discuss the winners.

Thanks perhaps to their willingness to travel and their central position in the county, which makes travelling easier, Down St. Mary are probably the best-known band in Devon, and I strongly suspect that if you asked 100 people in Devon villages who the Wright brothers are they'd say without hesitation that they ring treble and tenor for Down St. Mary.

North Devon has had an ascendancy over the South for many years now; it's never been very much, but it's always there. It's very seldom that the six-bell shield goes to South Devon, and some years they've had no one in the first three. John Hine's band at Plymstock is certainly the one which the North has most reason to fear, and they have had a good season with 15 competitions, out of which they had eight firsts, three seconds, three thirds and one fourth. Their average marking came to 22 1/3rd faults per peal, compared with West Down's 24 and Mary-Down's 26 1/3rd, but this may not be a fair comparison. It is certainly held by the North Devon ringers that judges in the South are more lenient, and this is partly borne out by the fact that it was on a sally into North Devon that Plymstock had their heaviest marking—44¼ at Witheridge. However, against that one must set the notable achievement of tying with Down St. Mary to beat West Down at Swymbridge with a fine peal with 17¼. Their best peal of the year, which beat Down St. Mary, was the one which won Beric Bartlett's competition at Diptford with 9¼. In the Devon Six-Bell at St. Budeaux they came fourth.

Perhaps most notable among the rising bands of the county is Meavy. This little village, clustering round its incredibly ancient oak in the foothills of Dartmoor, has brought both its two bands into the county reckoning this year, and I heard them do some very fine ringing when they were at Dolton. Whether they will be able to surmount the last barrier, which, like the four-minute mile and the even-time 100 yards, seems to lie between the very good and the outstanding, remains to be seen. There are plenty of bands which with real keenness and pots of practice can turn in peals with between 30 and 40 faults; it's the getting into the 'teens that takes something extra. If I knew what that something was I'd be the most sought-after ringer in Devon

J. G. M. S.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch A.G.M.

St John's Church, Midsomer Norton, was the venue for the Frome Branch annual general meeting on January 14th. Due to a long meeting agenda the service was held half an hour earlier, to the consternation of those who do not take "The Ringing World" (shame!) and at least one who does.

Tea was provided by Jackie Purnell and a host of willing helpers, and the meeting that followed was every bit as long as had been anticipated All serving officers were re-elected as were vice-presidents and the chairman, the Rev. A. V. Durston. Special thanks were accorded to the secretary, Ted Chivers, for working so hard all the year and providing an interesting report and balance sheet, both of which were adopted. David Robertson had to give up being Press correspondent due to the pressure of other activities, and Max Heymann is his successor.

John Gilbert was proposed as the Branch nomination for general secretary when Gwyllym Salmon gives up in March, and John's request for members' views on training courses was read. Interested members should advise the secretary.

A proposal that ran into trouble was that wreaths be bought for practising members who died, and as a conscience salver the secretary was instructed to write letters of condolence to the bereaved. From this innocent beginning, which highlighted a serious lack of funds, came the first rumblings of what might well be a move to propose an increased subscription for the Bath and Wells.

The Branch, having already proposed that annual reports be in members' hands before the annual general meeting, now reinforced their previous resolution with a request that the Executive Committee consider bringing the date of the end of the financial year forward, thus enabling secretaries to render their returns earlier.

Special reference was made to three peals rung during the year—one of Grandsire included the Rev. Mr. Durston and was conducted by his daughter, Jennifer; one of Spliced Surprise Minor by Chilcompton Sunday service band; and one of seven Surprise Minor, which was John Maggs' first peal. The Branch lost three members but gained 13 during the year, which is a healthy sign. Ringing was resumed after the meeting and produced amongst other things some Little Bob Major, Grandsire and Bristol, none of which came round, and some Stedman and London which did.

M. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S CONFIDENCE

At the annual meeting of the Northern District at Hitchin on January 7th the secretary (Mr. C. M. Orme) spoke confidently of future ringing in the District as there appeared to be a fresh crop of youngsters learning "the ropes." All the evening meetings last year had been well attended, but more support was required for the quarterly afternoon meetings.

It was decided that as the monthly meeting at Norton had received such little support these bells would be rung for a quarter peal once a month under the directions of the Ringing Master, M J. Trigg. This would give all towers in the District a chance to allow their members to partake and Mr. Trigg requested ringers wishing to ring in them to contact him.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Secretary, C. M. Orme; Ringing Master, M. J. Trigg; assistant, A. R. Agg; press representative, Mrs. J. K. Orme; General Committee, Messrs. E. G. Buck and J. R. Castledine; District Committee, Messrs. D. Taplin, C. Worboys, A. R. Agg, M. J Trigg; trustees, Messrs. A. C. Harris and J S. Dear.

The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Meredith) presided and conducted the service, and an excellent buffet tea was arranged by Mrs. Agg and helpers.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District Annual Meeting

Bingham District held its fifth annual meeting at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 14th. Ringing before the service was a learner's paradise but the experts rang the service touch. The Vicar (the Rev. G. L. Halsey) conducted the service, which was followed by tea—the excellent meal prepared by local ladies being enjoyed by a company of over 50.

At the business meeting new members elected were Mr. A. Haines (Radcliffe) and the Misses S. Anthony and R Bellaby (Gedling). The chairman, Mr. D. Clarke, and the District secretary, Miss R. Blackshaw, were both re-elected. In future the District is to have three Ringing Masters and these are Messrs. D. Stainsby, R. D. Marsh and M. W. Harrison, who was also elected to the committee.

The chairman gave a special welcome to Mr. J. Dawson (Gedling) after his recent illness. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Buswell, and the collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to £3.

The attendance exceeded 70 for the evening ringing.

Next meeting: Hickling, March 11th.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch A.G.M.

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Heavitree Parish Church, when 25 members and visitors attended. After touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Little Bob Major, a service was conducted by the Vicar, Prebendary E. Royle. During the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by N. Mallett, J. Longridge, R. Pargetter and C. Bryant.

Tea and the business meeting followed, when the following were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. F Wreford; secretary and treasurer, G. Skinner; Ringing Master, Mr. N. Mallett. It was decided to hold Branch meetings at Bramford Speke, Upton Pyne and Newton St. Cyres during the coming year, with monthly Branch practices and a visit to each of the silent towers in the Branch for Sunday service ringing.

Further ringing then took place at the Cathedral with touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Erin Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Major.

N. M.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Cruickshank (first of Minor) 1, A. Richardson 2, I. Campbell 3, A. F. Warren 4, P. B. Taylor 5, B C. Watson (cond.) 6. W. Harwin cover. For Evensong.

Letters to the Editor

12-BELL PEALS BY ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barry Corbishley is one of, I believe, a very small minority of ringers who chooses to denigrate the achievement of members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham in successfully completing four peals of Londinium Surprise Maximus over a comparatively short period, the details being published in the issue of December 30th last. He comments that they were rung by nearly the same band but the facts suggest otherwise—a total of 17 ringers from the Birmingham band and one visitor took part; each peal was called by a different conductor; three compositions were employed, all of which used four or five short courses.

This does not indicate the static position implied by Mr. Corbishley. Anyone who knows the problem of organising a Maximus band will appreciate that to ring these peals with this large number of ringers from one area is an achievement in itself, involving considerable long-term planning and training. One of the peals was rung on the noble, heavy but rather awkward to handle 12 at Worcester Cathedral, when ringing of the very highest standard was achieved, as many of the numerous listeners would testify.

I am sure that no member of the St. Martin's Guild belittles the performance of any band simply on account of the number of bells on which they ring.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Birmingham.

SPEED OF HANDBELLS IN TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. M. Cox's account of the Knowle handbell ringers is most interesting (page 37, January 20th, 1967).

To answer the point about the speed of ringing handbells, surely there is no hard and fast rule whatsoever. The speed depends on the tune, e.g. "English Country Gardens"—fast, lively ringing; "Silent Night"—slow, "quiet" ringing.

Another factor is the number of bells involved. A full set of 50 plus handbells with four plus bells at a time playing intricate harmony should be rung fairly steadily, if possible, but again the music dictates (also the ability of ringers to ring heavy handbells quickly).

What Mr. Cox and Mr. Kedge ought to do is to see other handbell teams in action, preferably at the October rally of handbell ringers being held at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, then they would see teams of from three to fourteen players and using from 12 to 170 bells. From their observations I think then they would quite clearly see that there is no hard and fast rule.

If, however, this fails, then I suggest that the Knowle team tackles two tunes of differing beats and speeds and rings them before an audience. If both are rung well, I don't think an appreciative audience will clap more loudly for either tune. I myself with my school team at Hunslett, Chapeltown, have embarked on a programme of differing tunes, these being versions of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Winchester Cathedral," "Summertime" (Gershwin) and "Morning Town Ride." How they will work is anyone's guess! But only by contrasting tunes can handbells be rung to their full capabilities, whether slowly or quickly.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL KING.

Wentworth, Yorks.

LEST WE FORGET!

Dear Sir,—It is interesting to see that Mr. Tubb is quoting "Berkeley, Glos" under his recent epistles. To the uninformed, this is his place of employment—he lives at Filton, Bristol. Still, I suppose it does make a refreshing change to think that he has managed to get his own name right this time. A year ago his acrimonious correspondence was published under the pseudonym "Plain Hunt."

Mr. Tubb seems to possess a rather short memory or is screaming a little belatedly over the Bristol Society. He appears to have forgotten that he rang a peal of Stedman Triples at St. George's, Bristol East, on Good Friday, 1966, which was accredited to the Bristol Society with his full knowledge and consent. After the peal each person, including Mr. Tubb, donated one shilling, which was given to the Vicar for the tower rope fund. He either entered blindly into something without first finding out what he was letting himself in for, or he agreed at the time and has later turned sour. I think I can say without much doubt that the latter is more accurate.

Since Mr. Tubb seems so interested in who the officers are I suggest he condescends to emerge from hiding and spend a little of his spare time in supporting Bristol ringing functions—he would then be able to meet them in person.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. HUNT.

Brislington, Bristol.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the band who rang the 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus on Christmas Eve. To put the record straight, I must remind R. B. S. that a handbell peal of 5,376 Kent Maximus was rung at Hampton, Evesham, on November 21st, 1923, in 3 hours and 20 minutes, which was composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Joseph D. Johnson. The bells were size 20 in E.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. HENNING.

Evesham.

Note.—Also to send congratulations is William Shepherd, of Addlestone, who took part in 14,031 Stedman Caters in 7 Hours and 3 minutes on June 1st, 1912; 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hours and 32 minutes on August 31st, 1912; and 13,139 Grandsire Caters in 6 hours and 34 minutes at Bournemouth on January 31st, 1953.—Ed.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL, N.Z.

Dear Sir,—I have just received from my New Zealand friends, Nelson and Rita Sloan, a most delightful gift in the form of a book entitled "Bobs and Singles at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand." The book contains the history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers. I understand that 500 copies have been printed and it will shortly be advertised in "The Ringing World."

I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs. Patricia Ward, the writer of this excellent work, and thank her and all other members of the Cathedral Society who have helped to make it possible for the book to be made available to the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

"PETER" OF EXETER AND LLANDAFF

Dear Sir,—It was suggested that I might like to comment on the story that five of the Exeter bells were exchanged for "Peter" in 1484. It seems to be a very old story and like most old stories probably contains some element of truth; I think that there may have been some such transaction but I can't see how it can have concerned "Peter" as a complete bell.

The inscription on the bell of 1484, repeated by Purdue in the 1676 recasting, is:—

Plebs Patriae Plaudit dum Petrum Plenius Audit.

Ex Dono Petri Courtenay Episcopi Exon Anno Dom 1484.

Now if the bell came from Llandaff in 1484, how can it have been a new bell in 1484, as the inscription implies? Moreover, the Latin rhyme is one which is almost exactly the same as one very frequently used by the Exeter founders from about 1440 until the Reformation, for it was one of their "stock" inscriptions. This being so, I have no doubt at all that the bell was cast in Exeter, and it may not be a coincidence that the Exeter founder of that time, Robert Russell, was Mayor the the city the following year.

But the Cathedral Fabric Rolls contain entries from 1329 onwards referring to a bell called "Peter," and I can hardly believe that the foundation dedicated to St. Peter can have gone on for over 400 years without a bell named after its patron saint, and that one of the biggest.

It seem, then, that Russell recast "Peter" in 1484 from an older bell; but it is not unlikely that some exchange was made with Llandaff involving extra metal to make him bigger, and that Bishop Courtenay may have made the Llandaff metal part of his contribution to the work.

Until the last century, incidentally, the name "Great Peter" was never used. He was either "Peter" or "The Peter Bell." The name "Great Peter" properly belongs to York Minster.

The new cover design is first-rate; to put the old heading above these excellent pictures would ruin them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. G. SCOTT.

Newton St. Cyres.

"A GREAT PERFORMANCE"

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate Mr. Peake and his band on their brilliant achievement in ringing the peal of 150 Surprise Major methods.

When we rang the peal of 148 Minor methods at Ashbocking in July we certainly expected our record to be beaten in a short while but I am quite sure that nobody expected a Major band to pass our total.

Yes, a great performance and one which reflects great credit on Mr. Peake for the obvious enthusiasm and hard work he has put into these peals.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Henley, Suffolk.

TO PEAL CORRESPONDENTS

Will correspondents submitting peals please observe the following sequence regarding footnotes, which has been in operation since "The Ringing World" started:

Against first name with footnote *.
Second name †.
Third name ‡.
Fourth name §.

Errors will be avoided if this is followed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The A.G.M. of the Syston District was held at Syston on January 14th, attendance being 74. Ringing on the eight bells preceded the service, which was from the Guild's proposed service booklet. The Vicar (the Rev. C. Wall) officiated. Tea was taken in the Red Cross Hall.

Opening the business meeting the chairman (Mr J M Morley) thanked the Vicar, Mr. Holmes (the organist) and the ladies who had prepared tea. He was sorry to hear that Mr. E. F. Payne had retired from being Ringing Master of the Syston tower, but was pleased that his son had taken over the post.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Faulkner) reported that in 1966 there had been 37 new members elected (10 adults, 27 juniors); paid up members were 82 (69 adults, 13 juniors). The average attendance at Saturday meetings was 39, and for evening practice meetings 27. He hoped that the ringers would help the learners as much as possible.

The Ringing Master (Mr. B. S. Payne) reported that the accent at meetings had been on assisting learners and therefore "rounds" played a prominent part. The more experienced ringers have been very helpful in this, and the large number of new members this year shows that it has all been worthwhile. He had noticed, however, a tendency to ring the handstroke lead too quickly and then an attempted correction by holding up the backstroke, which was the wrong way. Good rounds were not easy to ring. Method ringers should avoid the temptation to regard rounds as an unimportant preliminary. If the correct beat was not established the change ringing would not be good. He urged conductors not to call "Go" until good rounds were achieved.

There seemed to be a lack of conductors in the District and perhaps an afternoon session could be arranged for advancing conducting. There was a temptation to leave all the conducting in a tower to one person. They should not be satisfied until every member of the band could call something.

Methods rung during 1966. — Doubles: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, London Single, St. Simon's.

Minor: Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., London S., Norwich S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Primrose S., Bourne S.

Triples: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, St. Edmundsbury.

Major: Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Kent T.B., Cambridge S., London S.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, J. M. Morley; secretary, F. W. Faulkner; committee, M. E. White and D. Lowe; Ringing Master, R. A Clarke; Deputy Ringing Master, Miss J. H. Cox.

Thanks to the chairman and secretary were proposed by Mr. B. S. Payne, and Mrs. Smalley thanked the ladies who had prepared tea.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT BATES

The death took place at Farningham, Kent, on December 30th, after a short illness, of Mr. Albert Bates, one of the oldest members of the Kent County Association, at the age of 81.

Mr. Bates never hit the headlines in "The Ringing World," but he gave a lifetime of service to Farningham and Eynsford towers. He probably learned to ring at Eynsford as a boy, when they had a ring of six, with a band who, at the end of the last century, taught themselves to ring from scratch and who become proficient ringers in the plain methods. With the addition of a new treble to the then ring of five at Farningham in 1903, he took charge of the tower and with varying degrees of success maintained a band there ever since.

For most of his working life Mr. Bates was a gardener and a chauffeur and, apart from service in the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force in World War I, he lived at Farningham all his life. A quiet, self-effacing man, he wasa familiar figure at meetings of the Lewisham District, to which he would often bring his set of ancient cup handbells with boxwood clappers, which taxed the ingenuity of competent handbell ringers on many occasions.

His peals, all in the plain methods, were not many—he may have rung one or two at Dartford, where a brother of his (killed in an accident about 1930) was a ringer, the remainder being at Farningham, Eynsford or Shoreham. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and to his daughter, Mrs. Scott, whom he taught to ring at Farningham. E. B.

MR. FREDERICK C. BOREHAM

Lavenham has lost yet another of its ringers by the sudden death of Mr. Frederick Charles Borcham on January 16th.

Fred learned to ring during World War I and had rung regularly at Lavenham tower till a few weeks before his death. To coincide with the deceased's age the tenor bell was rung 67 times, and at the burial service, which took place at Lavenham Church on January 22nd, 20 ringers were present, including M T. Symonds (Ringing Master) of the local company, and Miss E. Cansdale, District secretary. In the evening touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Grandsire Triples were rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers as a last mark of respect. M. T. S.

BISHOP HARVEY

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were rung half-muffled for the burial service of the Rt. Rev. T. A. Harvey, former Bishop of Waterford and Dean of St. Patrick's (1933–35), who died on Christmas Day.

As a student at Dublin University in the 1900's he was capped for Ireland at rugby, cricket and athletics and had the enviable distinction of having caught and bowled Dr. W. G. Grace.

MR. C. E. RICHINGS

We regret to record the death on January 10th of Mr. Charles Edward Richings, who was tower captain at Leckhampton, Glos, for nearly 20 years. He had been in poor health for just over a year but continued to ring as his health permitted, having been in church on the Sunday evening previous to his death.

Mr. Richings was well known locally and, though not a prolific peal ringer, had served Leckhampton Church faithfully for very many years.

At his funeral service at Leckhampton on January 13th the bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from his own tower and from Badgeworth, Charlton Kings and Cheltenham Parish Church. Past and present members of Leckhampton tower rang a memorial quarter peal on the same evening.

MR. HAROLD WHITE

A member of a well-known ringing family, Mr. Harold White, of Basingstoke, died on December 30th at his home in Worting Road. He enjoyed Christmas thoroughly, but on December 30th he decided to have a day in bed and passed away the same evening.

Harold was the only son of Mr. Henry White, who was well known in the Winchester Guild and one of the founder members of the Central Council He had four sisters, Alice, Dora, Nellie and Delia; the first two became famous for their peals in the 1890's. Harold was progressing with ringing but was called up in the first world war, and he lost his father in 1918. He served in the Post Office but did little ringing, and probably his last visit to a tower was to have a ring at Guildford Cathedral. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow, Mrs. Eileen White, and his two children, Sheila and John. W. S.

MR. SIDNEY PROCTOR

The band at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, has lost another of its older members with the death on January 13th of Mr. Sidney Proctor at the age of 78

When I joined St. Wulfram's band in 1937 I quickly formed the impression that I would never completely measure up to Sidney's exacting standards, the acme of which appeared to be the mastery and perfect striking of Stedman Triples and Caters In ringing under his leadership the reward in having taken part in a well-struck touch was found not only in the personal and collective achievement, but in Sidney's quiet but obvious pleasure.

In recent years his activities had been curtailed but his brain was as active as ever. The last time he rang was at a quarterly meeting at Heydour in July, 1965, when he conducted a near-perfect 252 of Stedman Triples from the 2nd after a lapse from ringing of six or seven years.

It is interesting to note that although his main interest was in Grandsire and, to a greater degree, Stedman, he was mentioned by the late Ernest Morris in his work "The History and Art of Change Ringing" in connection with a Surprise method. He also took part on December 28th, 1929, in the first peal of Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral. This peal of Cambridge Surprise was the first of Maximus for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and was conducted by that legendary figure the Rev. H. Law-James. Sidney's peal total was roughly 100, of which he conducted 50 or so.

A quarter peal of 1,241 Grandsire Caters was rung on the half-muffled bells of St. Wulfram's, Grantham, to his memory on January 19th by the following: D. A. Frith (conductor) 1, V. P. Evans 2, G. Vinters 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, F W. Pinchbeck 5, T. A. Relf 6, J. R. Holmes 7, H. L. Squires 8, H. R. Woods 9, K Ketteringham 10.

T. A. RELF.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable nomination meeting was held on January 14th, with ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, and St. John's, Deptford. The hospitality of the local company at Camberwell was very greatly appreciated.

At the well-attended business meeting, nominations for the officers for the coming year were: Masters, H. W. Rogers and C. M. Meyer; Deputy Master, D. Hewitt; hon treasurer, W. G. Wilson; hon. secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; assistant secretary No. 1, L. Way; assistant secretary No 2, C Dalton; senior steward, A. F. Udall; junior steward, Miss J. Spurgeon; trustees, J. H. Lott and C. A. Hughes.

The election of new members included the Misses Rosemary Cotton, Ann Griffith and Jennifer Murphy. Messrs. John Bull, Jeremy R. Pratt and Alan J. Taylor.

Our thanks to the incumbents of both towers and to Mr. and Mrs. Oakley and Miss C. Jones for their excellent hospitality.

V. E. D.

FOR THE BEGINNER

Some New Touches of Grandsire Doubles

By ANTHONY P SMITH

In spite of the fact that much Grandsire Doubles is rung, there are very few different touches called. This is a pity, because Grandsire has a large number of touches of varying length even in the Doubles stage.

This collection is the result of a complete analysis of the touches in the method. No originality is claimed for any of the touches. Even-length touches can be called starting from any lead giving a total of 83 different touches.

20	30	39
2345	2345	2345
4523	2534	2534 S
2345	2453	3425 S
	2345	3542 S
		(3254) S

40	40	40	49
2345	2345	2345	2345
5423	2534	4523	4523
3254 S	4325 S	3245 S	4352
4532	4532	4532	4235
2345 S	2345 S	2345 S	3542
			(3254)

49	59	59
2345	2345	2345
5423 S	2534	2534
3254 S	4325 S	4325 S
3425	2543	4532
3542 S	3425	4253 S
(3254)	3542 S	3542
	(3254)	(3254)

59	59	59	60
2345	2345	2345	2345
4523	4523	5423 S	2534
3245 S	3245 S	3254 S	3425
3524	4532	4532 S	3542
4235	4253	4253	4235
3542 S	3542 S	3542 S	4523
(3254)	(3254)	(3254)	2345

60	69	69
2345	2345	2345
5423 S	5423 S	4523 S
2354	2354	4352
2435 S	4523	4235
5324 S	4352 S	5342 S
2453	4235	4253
2345	3542 S	3542
	(3254)	(3254)

69	69	79	79
2345	2345	2345	2345
5423 S	5423 S	2534	4523
5342	2354 S	4325	4352
5234	2435	4532 S	2543
4352	2543	3245	4325
4235 S	3425	3524	4532
3542	3542 S	4235 S	4253
(3254)	(3254)	3542	3542 S
		(3254)	(3254)

79	79	80	80	80	89
2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
4523	4523	2534 S	5423	2534	5423 S
3245 S	3245 S	3425	5342 S	4325	2354
3524	3524	3542	4253	3542 S	4523
3452	2435	4235	4325	2354 S	4352
2534 S	2543	4523 S	5243	2435	4235
3425	3425 S	3245 S	5324 S	2354 S	5342
3542	3542	4532	2453	4523 S	4253
(3254)	(3254)	2345 S	2345	2345 S	3542
					(3254)

89	89	99	99	99	99
2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
5423 S	5423 S	2534	4523	4523	5423 S
5342	2354 S	4325 S	3245 S	4352	3254 S
4253	2435	4532	4532	2543 S	4532
4325	3524	3245	4253	4325	4253
5243 S	3452	3524	4325	4532	5342
4352	2534 S	2435 S	5243	3245	5234
4235	3425	2543	4352 S	3524 S	4352
3542	3542 S	3425	4235	4235 S	4235
(3254)	(3254)	3542	3542	3542	3542
		(3254)	(3254)	(3254)	(3254)

99	100	109	109	120	120
2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345
5423 S	2534	5423 S	4523	2534	2534
3254 S	4325 S	5342	4352	3425 S	4325
4532 S	2543	4253	4235	3542	2543
4253	3425 S	4325 S	5342	4235 S	3425
4325	3542	2543	5234	4523	3542
5243 S	2435 S	2354	3452 S	3245 S	2435
4352	3524 S	4523	3245	3524	3524
4235 S	4235	4352	4532	2435 S	4235
3542	4523	4235	4253	2543	4523
(3254)	2345	3542 S	3542	4325 S	3245
		(3254)	(3254)	4532	4532
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PLAIN HUNTING IN CRAVEN

EARLY in 1966 the Western District of the Yorkshire Association debated the proposal that evening practice meetings be held with the primary aim of encouraging learners and providing them with opportunities for advancement.

Ringing Masters reading this will probably smile cynically and mutter "Yes, and I wonder how many turned up!" In fact the first practice meeting held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, would fully justify such cynicism.

However, the immediately following September quarterly meeting was, as it so happened, at Skipton, and the dismal tale of the Holbeck disappointment was recounted. Imagine the reactions of the officers organising the practice meetings when members from the Craven area expressed a keen desire for such practices to be held.

The scene now moves to Kildwick (a lively eight midway between Keighley and Skipton, and the date to early October. Approximately 30 ringers fill the tower and the night calm is rent by plain hunting, call changes plus Plain Bob and Stedman. The standard of striking is less than desirable, but the enthusiasm apparent compensates.

November came and with it a practice at Ilkley. Progress was discernible in the standard of the ringing and also in an extended vocabulary of methods. One felt Jasper Snowdon would have approved.

The most recent practice, held on the fine-toned eight at Skipton fully confirmed the decision to hold these meetings. As well attended as many quarterly meetings, both by learners and the more experienced, an evening of solid ringing took place. As far as one can see, and hope, these monthly practices are likely to become a permanent feature in the Skipton area. Naturally the success of these is very much a joint affair—the core of experienced ringers which has made these possible must be enlarged and one hopes that increasing numbers of learners will come along.

Presumably one should try and seek a moral in this story? Several spring to mind from "taking a horse to water . . ." to Doctor Johnson's definition of a second marriage "the triumph of hope over experience"!

However, perhaps the important factor is that whilst many ringers may "need" help, it is only with those that "want" help that ventures of this sort can become a success.

M. J. T.

SUFFOLK GUILD

N.W. District

The N.W. Suffolk ringers met at Barrow on January 14th and were warmly welcomed by the Rector and Mr. Rawlings, a ringer and churchwarden. Mr. John Underwood, the new District Ringing Master, had a band of young recruits from Barrow with him and three were made members of the Guild. The service was taken by the Rector, who gave a most appropriate address. Tea was served in the Church Room, for which Mr. Rawlings and his helpers were thanked. This was followed by tunes on handbells by Mr. Rawlings and his team and Plain Bob Major by Messrs. A. Balham, J. Underwood, George Pipe and Andrew Beckworth.

At the quarterly meeting, with Mr. C. Hancock in the chair, Mr. George Pipe, the Guild Master, spoke appreciatively of the work done in this sparsely populated district, and Mr. Andrew Beckwith, Guild secretary, also spoke.

Members were reminded that the Suffolk striking competition will be at Horringer on May 6th.

February meeting at Rougham, and that for March at Lakenheath.

G. R.

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HALF PEAL

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5, H. G. Wells 6. First half peal 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Kathleen M. Duxbury, aged 17 years, interred at this church.

ALDRINGTON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Morris 1, P. Morris (first "inside") 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, R. D. Brown 6. To celebrate the engagement of Pamela R. Gough and Mr. Dennis Wears. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Mixed Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. Morris 1, Wendy Morris 2, Katharine Gorvin (cond.) 3, Ann Sharpe (cond.) 4, Pamela Gough 5, D. Hibbett 6. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Valerie Mepham and Tom Haxton, and to wish them all the best for their future happiness in Scotland.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA.—On Dec. 31st, at the City Hall, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Martin 1, A. Herrman 2, B. Robertson 3, J. Martin (cond.) 4, G. Waldron 5 J. Smith (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Ethel Lloyd, of Ballarat, whose engagement to Mr. Kelvin Rowe was announced on Christmas Eve.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Biggs 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, A. Newton 3, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. H. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, M. J. Best 7, W. Lee 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wingrove.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Joan Gray 1, Elizabeth Foster 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan (first of Major) 3, G. W. Randall (first of P.B. Major) 5, R. D. Gibson 6, J. M. Brook (first of Major as cond.) 7, M. Maughan 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Mrs. J. Russell 3, H. Luck (cond.) 4, A. Stone 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Tumber 8. To mark the opening of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Head 1, Catherine Powell 2, Angela Wright 3, Audrey Evans 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, M J. Bew (cond.) 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, B. J. Stone 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hussey 1, J. Collard 2, B. Martin 3, F. J. Sampson 4, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 5, T. Newlands 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. Williams (first of Triples) 8. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor: M. P. Inskipp 1, Helen E. Gilbert 2, Linda M. Groves 3, Rosemarie A. Frith (cond.) 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Hawkins 4, A. W. Davis 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Phillip Brown (first quarter) 1, Craig Herbert (first quarter) 2, Pam Gough (first "inside") 3, Ray Stanton 4, William Rowe (cond.) 5, Ross Bampton 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Venn (first quarter) 1, Josephine Pole 2, J. Britchford 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. A compliment to Derek Fowles and Wenda Harris, on their engagement.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. J. Taylor (first away from cover) 1, Paula Healing 2, R. Jean Henderson (cond.) 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, R. L. Jones 5.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH, IRELAND.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. McGregor 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, C. J. Reede 3, F. E. Dukes 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, G. Brew 6. Rung in honour of Canada's centennial year, 1967.

DUBLIN.—At SS. Augustine and John's, on Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Reynolds (first on tower bells) 1, Helen H. Hubert 2, T. H. Wilson (first "inside") 3, P. W. Brown 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, P. J. Mills (first on tower bells) 6. To convey to the Prior, the Very Rev. Leo O'Sullivan, O.S.A., the respect of the John's Lane bellringers, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reynolds on the birth of a daughter (Rita Bernadette).

QUARTER PEALS

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,020 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Evans 1, N. Cox 2, P. J. Hall 3, R. Mitchell 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, R. J. Snack 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Mitchell.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, Christine Lanegan 3, Gillian M. Boyd 4, Renee Sturgess 5, J. Gunstone 6, R. K. Hawkins 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): W. Bristow 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss S. Main 3, K. Knight 4, P. Wills 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. First in more than one Minor method for all except 6. Rung with the congratulations of the band to Susan Main and Patrick Wills, on their engagement. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Main 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss S. Main 3, R. Wake 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cullen 1, Miss N. Stroud 2, Mrs. C. Bott 3, Miss R. Weal 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, T. J. Wellen 7, J. Hagley 8. Rung for the engagement of Miss D. Street (a local ringer) to Mr. Stuart Holland.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Judge 1, J. Hollingsbee (first in two methods) 2, D. W. Grimwood (joint cond.) 3, H. J. Payne (first in two methods) 4, J. B Keeler (joint cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Penfold 1, M. Lakin 2, C. E. Wright 3, G. Cecil 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HERTFORD.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. W. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, J. A. D. Woolford 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, S. James 6, J. W. Thorp (first in method as cond.) 7, J. M. Kemp 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. T welcome Jim and Jean Woolford to Hertford. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. W. Foley 1, Mrs. James 2, Gwynneth James 3, S. James 4, C. Springham 5, J. M. Kemp 6, M. Ostler 7, P. M. F. Searles (first in method as cond.) 8. To welcome New Year, and a birthday compliment to Gwynneth James. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Kemp 1, B. J. W. Foley (first "inside") 2, Mrs. James 3, S. James 4, Gwynneth James 5, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 6, P. M. F. Searles cover. To mark the birth of Alison Kemp, niece of treble ringer.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Harrop (first of Major) 1, E. Shipp 2, W. Cousins 3, C. Cousins 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Tovell 6, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 7, R. Shipp 8. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Harrop (first Stedman Triples) 1, Shelagh Collins 2, H. Tooke 3, L. Bailey 4, L. W. Houghton 5, M. Cubitt 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, E. Shipp 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Shelagh Collins 1, W. Cousins 2, L. W. Houghton 3, R. Harrop (first T.B. Major) 4, C. Tovell 5, R. Shipp 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis (first in the method) 4, R. W. Clouston 5, A. R. Knight 6, C. Poulson 7, W. Jarvis 8.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Newman 1, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 2, A. C. Newman 3, D. R. Newcome 4, T. R. Boreham 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, A. H. Harrison 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Charles Edward Richings, tower captain for many years, whose funeral was held this day.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: L. Gribble (first quarter) 1, I. R. Marshall 2, J. Clarke 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: K. B. Mingay 1, I. R. Marshall 2, A. W. Froggatt 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. Half-muffled to ring out the old year.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOS. — On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, E. D. Wilson 2, E. Prout 3, R. Chew 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, A. E. Stevens 6. A compliment to the tower captain, W. H. Shott, on his 80th birthday; also to Mr. C. Jones, a fellow ringer, 82 years.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Haslop (first quarter) 1, M. J. Wake 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake 3, P. Wills 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, J. Charlton (first quarter) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, Lynda Hopkins (first "inside") 3, W. C. Budd 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Tantum (first quarter) 1, W. E. Simpson 2, D. J. Marshall 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, J. Hunt (cond.) 2, C. Harris (first in method) 3, L. Duguid 4, A. Burbidge 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6. A compliment to ringer of the 3rd, on his retirement.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Andrews 1, H. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, C. Biggs 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. With compliments to David and Helen Gwynne on the birth of a son, and grandson of G. Gwynne. Also to John and Susan, on their engagement.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Kent and Plain: L. W. Houghton 1, W. Cousins 2, J. E. Fox 3, P. Brown (St. George's, Dublin) 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to J. E. Fox.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keough 1, Miss C. Brown (first "inside" Grandsire) 2, Miss F. Brown 3, G. Elmes 4, C. Brown (cond.) 5, V. Baker 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After 46 years in the electricity industry Mr. G. E. Fearn, the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, has retired.

Mr. Robert E. Harding writes correcting Kent friends. Elstree is in Hertfordshire and the weight of the tenor is 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in C.

The dinner in celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Durham and Newcastle Association will take place at St. Aidan's College, Durham, in September.

Details of a quarter peal rung in the Exeter area was recently sent to the local newspaper stating that the preformance was by the local band. The news item was headed "Local Bandsmen Ring Quarter Peal."

The quarter peal at Beaconsfield to honour the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wingrove was rung following a peal attempt breaking down after an hour's ringing. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Wingrove.

One of our Lancashire correspondents desires to make the following peal corrections (page 48, column 2): Standish peal, Keith Livsey should read Keith Lister; Farnworth peal, Roy Collier should read Roy Jolley. Apologies to all concerned.

Chiddingfold handbell ringers collected £16 10s. for the Lifeboat Institute over Christmas.

Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, of Tottenham, has now rung in all the possible towers in Kent. (Special information for the Rev. P. N. Bond and Mr. Ian Oram.)

The peal rung at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on September 8th, 1955, and referred to on page 42, was Grandsire Caters by Frank Lufkin, and not as stated, writes Mr. Norman V. Harding.

Mr. J. H Musson received congratulations from the Rector for some fine ringing in a peal at Horbling on December 27th. The band contained two first attempts and a first "inside."

At St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on January 5th, Mr. William Birmingham rang his 50th different Surprise Major method (Quornden) to a peal and his 350th for the Oxford Diocesan Association.

Correction to peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Wellington, Somerset, on December 10th (page 9). The footnote should read: First peal on eight bells for ringers of 2, 3, 4, 7, 8. First peal of Major 5, 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A BEACONSFIELD GOLDEN WEDDING

On January 11th Mr. Henry Wingrove, foreman at St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Beaconsfield, and his wife celebrated their golden wedding They were married at Holy Trinity Church, Kilburn, in 1917.

Harry was born 73 years ago of an old Beaconsfield family, whose history he can trace back for 500 years. As a boy he sang in the Parish Church choir and on leaving the choir he learned to ring. He became a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1911, and has given many years of service to his church. Many older ringers will remember his prowess as a conductor of the many Surprise methods composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

On the evening of the 11th Harry and his family entertained numerous friends and the local ringers at their home in Malthouse Square, where a good time was enjoyed by all. Many good wishes were expressed to the happy couple. During the evening some touches were rung on the tower bells and also on handbells.

On Saturday, January 14th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Beaconsfield, and a peal was rung at Hughenden on Monday, January 16th, in honour of the event. The quarter peal band was entertained to tea on the 14th. D. M.

ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY REUNION

The day (January 7th) started with a peal tempt of Yorkshire at Battle, Sussex, unfortunately called round after nearly an hour because of the poor quality of the ringing. However, this enabled a quarter to be scored. Coffee was then taken through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Westham and Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church). Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Surprise Major. Perhaps the highlight of the ringing was a course of London on the difficult heavy eight at St. Saviour's; an attempt or spliced at Christ Church unfortunately came to grief.

We then descended on the Baldocks' home at Westham to enjoy a sumptuous spread prepared by Christine. The evening was spent listening to records, and tape recordings of ringing, interspersed with handbells, and drowned at times by campanalogical chantings from the sofa.

Owing to large distances to be travelled the evening came to an end about 10.30. Many thanks to Alan and Christine for putting up such a good show. Let's hope next year's culprits will do as well.

(Tour this year: Cornwall, September 2nd to 9th—all members please note.)

I. V. J. S.

MEMORIAL TO OLD WOKING RINGER

A memorial plaque has been erected in the ringing chamber of Old Woking Parish Church to the late Mr. James Brackley. Mr. W. Shepherd informs us that there is in the tower a photograph and his record of service in tower and choir for 62 years (1904 to 1966). Mr. Shepherd called "Jim's" first peal at Horsell on May 20th, 1911, and one of his last peals, at Staines in 1946, is recorded on a peal board at St. Peter's Church, Staines.

Theale, Berkshire, ringers have been busy on behalf of their restoration fund. A whist drive realised a profit of £12: a gentleman in Salisbury who read of their money-raising efforts sent them a donation.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild Festival will be held at Fordington St. George in May.

WELL DONE, THE WIRRAL

An example of concerted effort to improve ringing standards comes from the Wirral peninsula. This week's issue contains ten peals from this area, in which 47 members of the Wirral Branch participated. Nineteen rang their first peal, there were two firsts as conductor and six rang their first peal of Major. Of the peals four were on eight bells and six on six bells. Another pleasing feature for those who have to see that "The Ringing World" is solvent was a cheque for £1 14s. —at the rate of 6d. a rope per peal.

Mr. Alex J. Martin writes: "The peals were arranged to enable some of the Branch Sunday ringers, who surely have an opportunity for peal ringing, to ring a peal. It was intended to complete the programme within a month, but lost attempts, rearrangements and clashing of dates made this impossible."

RUSHDEN NO LONGER A SILENT TOWER

For some time now the bells of Rushden in Hertfordshire have only been heard when ringers from nearby Sandon have come over to ring for a service. Now Rushden can boast of a band of its own, thanks to the hard work of Mr. L. Hatchett, from Sandon, who has painstakingly taught a group consisting of six adults, one girl and three boys, the children all being under 14.

The band can now ring Plain Bob Doubles but would appreciate a visit from any of the ringers in the area on practice nights (Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.).

PEALS AT WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH

With regard to the 50th peal at Withycombe Raleigh Mr. W. Shepherd writes that on Aug. 7th, 1900, he rang his first peal there and the only local ringer was Adolphus H. Snow, who rang the tenor. On April 13th, 1903, he had the pleasure of conducting a peal there, the band including Julius and Ernest Snow, William J. Manley, John R. Hayman and Harry T. Burch. Sixteen years later (July 19th, 1919) John R. Hayman conducted a "Peace" peal and, being on holiday, Mr. Shepherd was invited to take a rope "A lucky tower for me," concludes W. S., "no failures in peals or quarters."

DUKE'S AWARD A SPUR AT GUISELEY

Guiseley, in the West Riding, is the Friday night practice venue for a number of enthusiastic ringers from neighbouring towers. Youth is much to the fore, and "The Ringing World" in the past has chronicled such events as the ringing of Yorkshire Association qualifying 720's of Bob Minor.

In the same method, but for a different purpose, was the recent ringing of a 480 containing six bobs and two singles. Readers may query the importance of noting the number of calls? However, those who are familiar with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme will appreciate that the calling of a touch containing a minimum of six calls may comprise part of the silver level award.

Thus, with the completion of 480, Ivor Stevens, of Otley, completed a further step towards his silver level award.

BUCKLEBURY'S VETERAN

A fine record to St. Mary's Church, Bucklebury, Berks, has Mr. A. Hawkins, for whose 80th birthday a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung on January 15th. He is a regular member of the Sunday service band, a service he has undertaken for 45 years, also for 30 years a chorister and 28 years sexton. Congratulations, Mr. Hawkins.

A MILESTONE FOR ESSEX UNIVERSITY

The quarter peal of Bob Minor rung at Wivenhoe in January represents a milestone in the progress of the University of Essex Society, as it was the first by a band drawn entirely from the University. It contained two first quarters and two firsts for several years by two others.

At a meeting held recently, the following were elected into office: President, Michael J. Bew; vice-president, John Mattingly; secretary, Helen Millward, and treasurer, Abby Ballinger.

Mr. Brian Downie, last year's president and founder of the Society, is to be greatly thanked for getting things so efficiently off the ground before taking on the greater burden as president of the Students' Union this year. Thanks must also go to Mr. Harry Millatt, of St. Peter's, Colchester, for his help and encouragement in bringing on our recruits, and to the ringers of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, for strengthening our practices once a fortnight at St. Peter's. M. J. B.

50th QUARTER PEAL AT MARCH

With the culmination of a quarter peal of Bob Doubles recently March bellringers recorded the 50th quarter at the tower. A happy coincidence was that Miss Anne Readshaw, who rang her first of this length very well, was the 25th person to achieve a quarter peal at St. Wendreda's Church, since the first peal was rung a few years ago. Two full peals have also been rung by March ringers, and two half peals.

All but three of the quarters have been rung on Sunday mornings. Ten methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise have been employed In the last 20 years over 100 young people have been trained to ring the bells, and the tower has three teams at present —18 ringers, including a girls' team, one lass of whom is an ardent Methodist. Together with young ladies from March and Whittlesey, March High School has 18 pupils who are keen ringers, a number having already rung quarter peals Is this a record for a girls' school? Despite the fact that March bells, being on the weighty side, are not exactly easy to ring, some excellent quarters have materialised, and all concerned are looking forward to the 100th!

IRISH NEWS

After ringing his first quarter peal on tower bells on January 11th at SS. Augustine and John's, Dublin, Mr. Paddy Mills recalled being a member of the band at St. Paul's, Arran Quay, until the bells were rehung for chiming in the early 1930's. With Jim Reynolds he learned change ringing on handbells in the John's Lane band when Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon rang there in 1950.

A BATTERSEA OCCASION

Friday, January 13th, was a "Battersea occasion" at Southwark Cathedral, when the ex-Rural Dean of Battersea and Vicar of St. Barnabas', Clapham Common (Canon R. V. Bazire), was installed as Archdeacon of Southwark. After the service the Battersea ringers and friends rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters to celebrate the event and included in the band were two of the new Archdeacon's ex-choirboys (Bob Cooles and Jeremy Pratt).

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

RINGING AROUND WIRRAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)

WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Hilary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob, and two extents each of Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Melanie A. Joynson ..	Treble	Vivian T. O. Boase	4
*Lynda M. Roberts	2	John V. P. Lochner ..	5
Marjorie E. Webster ..	3	T. Roy Humphreys	Tenor

Conducted by John V. P. Lochner.
* First peal attempt. First as conductor.
Rung in honour of the Wallasey Festival of the Arts.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire and April Day, and six extents of Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Ralph Maudsley	Treble	F. Leslie Coventry	4
†Derek Hobbs	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
*Andrew P. Wilkinson ..	3	*William Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal. † First "inside."

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Nov 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

Graham Beecroft	Treble	*William A. Boote	5
Ernest T. Carvell	2	Robert Peers	6
*John V P. Lochner ..	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Vivian T. O. Boase ..	4	F. Leslie Coventry	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. Leslie Coventry.
* First peal of Major and first attempt First as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Kathleen Davies	Treble	Alexander J. Martin ..	4
†William Harrison	2	Ernest T. Carvell	5
†Antony Fox	3	Derek Hobbs	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest T. Carvell.
* First peal. † First "inside." First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Donald Peers	Treble	*Susan A. Wallace	5
*Ian M. Robertson	2	Christopher J. Eden ..	6
†Anthony Goodwin	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Margaret K. Newton ..	4	Charles F. Pocock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles F. Pocock
* First peal of Major. † First peal

NESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each of Grandsire and April Day and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Jean Thompson	Treble	†T. Henry Norman	6
*Elizabeth L. Manning ..	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Doreen Thompson	4	Edwin Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal and first attempt. † First of Doubles.
Rung to mark Mr E. Jellicoe's completion of 78 years as a chorister at this church.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Anthony Salisbury ..	Treble	Donald Peers	5
†Colinda J Dearden ..	2	Charles F. Pocock	6
James M. Pemberton ..	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
†Terry J. Pope	4	‡Ernest T. Carvell	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin
* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to B. H. Martin and E. T. Carvell.

HESWALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 10. 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob, and six extents of Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Lifton	Treble	†Gillian Morrison	4
†Ann Parsons	2	Alexander J Martin ..	5
†John B. Andrew	3	†Michael Benson	Tenor

* First peal away from cover bell. † First peal.

NESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen.
On Tues., Dec 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Anthony P. Foster ..	Treble	Robert Peers	5
David J. Jukes	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Charles F. Pocock	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Donald Peers	4	Terence M. FitzGerald ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." First in method as conductor.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Wed., Jan 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Andrew, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St John, Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Alan G. Glass	Treble	Andrew P. Wilkinson ..	4
*Ronald F. Cleaver	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
William Hall	3	*Duncan J. Anderson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 17. 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
No 87's. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
*Anthony K. Fortin	2	John C. Slater	7
*Ronald J. Snack	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	C Martin Press	9
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.
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* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire —At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Nigel Dean	Treble	Anthony J. Helliwell ..	4
Raymond D. Helliwell ..	2	Michael Bell	5
Roger Leigh	3	Douglas Deakin	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond D. Helliwell.
* First peal.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Peter Eagle, a former ringer at this church. Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Philip Wilson	Treble	*Jeffrey Simcox	4
*Pat Gardner	2	Tom Metcalf	3
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal in two methods.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 27 lb

*John G. Draper	Treble	Frank E. Fagg	6
†Rosemary J. Kemp ..	2	John A. G. Ball	7
Roger K. Hawkins	3	S. Alan Scott	8
Gillian M. Boyd	4	Alan H Sturgess	9
Renee Sturgess	5	John W. Stevenson	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess
* First peal. † First of Caters.
Rung by members of the Fareham band on New Year's Eve and as a farewell to the Rev. Derek Parry, curate at this church.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 22. 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Catherine R. Slater ..	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*Josephine M. Haskins ..	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
James S. Webb	3	John Potts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOODLESFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of College Exercise and Norbury T.B., two of Plain Bob, one of Oxford T.B. and two of Kent T.B. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Alan Newbould	Treble	Alan Clifton	4
Margaret White	2	Guy Cox	5
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
HISTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*James W. R. Quinney	Treble	†Harold J. F. Muncey	4
Frank E. Haynes	2	Derek E. Sibson	5
*Henry C. Foster	3	†Kenneth Oates	Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.
Rung fully muffled to the respected memory of the Rev. Frederick William Jeeves, who died on November 27th, 1966.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Austin T. Wingate	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Frank Reed	9
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Alan J. Frost	10
D. Kay Adkins	5	Michael P. Moreton	11
A. Leslie Barry	6	William F. Scudamore	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and the first peal on 12 bells outside London (5,082 changes of Grandsire Cinques rung at Cirencester on January 7th, 1767).

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DULVERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	*John Maggs	5
*Robert E. Beck	2	David Mackay	6
Phillip Jones	3	†Adrian P. Beck	7
Arthur H. Reed	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Adrian P. Beck
* First peal of Major. † First in the method and first touch of Major as conductor.

AXBRIDGE,—Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being the following seven extents. (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (5 to 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Alan Tubb	Treble	John H. Taylor	4
Richard J. Bowden	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	5
Hugh N. Evans	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Tubb.

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Union, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Jane Markham	Treble	Sheila Hallett	4
Marjorie Legg	2	Brenda Boyce	5
†Yvonne Criddle	3	Mrs. Crocker	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* First peal. † First "inside." Most methods by all except the conductor. Most methods ever rung by a ladies' band for the Association.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Som.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Keith E. Beale	Treble	Robert Parker	4
Philip G. Popplestone	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal of Minor on the treble.
Rung for Christian Unity Week.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Six Singles. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Rodney F. French	5
*Linda Ellison	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Alfred E. Rushton	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	Keith H. Fleming	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells since rehanging by J. Taylor and Co.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Harold C. Lonyon	7
Jack Millhouse	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	8
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Michael Crowder	9
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Alan McFall	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John Worth	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John Worth.
Tenor ringer's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	John E. Brough	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	5
Leon A. Perry	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt in G.

L. Michael Callow	Treble	Herbert G. Summers	5
Ian F. Garvie	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Colin Sweeney	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Margaret Mitchell, lately Rector's warden.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Alex Richardson	Treble	F. Martin Stanway	4
Gladys Richardson	2	Timothy Wylie	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter E. Heywood	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
*Michael Bramwell	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
* First peal

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Christine H. Telfer	Treble	Andrew G. Craddock	5
Peter H. Gardener	2	James Crowther	6
C. Duncan Davis	3	George S. Deas	7
Malcolm Johnson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Stephen D. Humphrey	Treble	†Adrian G. Semken	5
*Miss Vivian A. P. Cross	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
†Miss Lesley Ward	3	†Brian J. Vaughan	7
Neil V. Avis	4	†David E. Culham	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Major on treble. † First of Cambridge Major "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob. (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford and Plain Bob. (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

David E. Culham	Treble	*Michael J. Bew	4
Miss Vivian A. P. Cross ..	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin
* Most methods to a peal.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt

Stephen D. Humphrey ..	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
*David I. Cobb	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
John A. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Ipswich, (3) College Exercise, (4) Cambridge, (5) Kent, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Teno: 12 cwt.

Thomas R Roast	Treble	Peter J. Came	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Ivan J. M. Saunders ..	5
John West	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung by the local band in grateful memory of the life and work of Frank Stuart Hopkirk, Rector of Danbury 1936 to 1960, who died on December 10th, 1966.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*Malcolm R. Brain	Treble	*William Lampard	5
*Elizabeth A. Webb ..	2	*Ian G. Smith	6
*Edric J. Ovens	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	7
*Derek M. Smith	4	*Kenneth G. Weeks ..	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as silver wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, parents of the ringers of 4 and 6, and to Mr. and Mrs. C. Brain, parents of the ringer of the treble.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Plain Bob and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Rev. Roger O. Fry	Treble	Barry S. Sheppard	4
Anthony R. Peake	2	*Harold Ball	5
Brian Bladon	3	E. William Ford	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal.
A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Moulton, of Blunsdon.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ESHER, Surrey.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Peter J. Privett	Treble	†Christopher D. J. Webb	5
*Sally Parrott	2	John F. M. Maybrey ..	6
†Roy D. Mills	3	Alan Bagworth	7
†Peter Henry	4	*Christopher W. Daws ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Lincolnshire.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoff and Beryl Williams and an engagement compliment to Roger Ashmore and Janet Crane.

PIRBRIGHT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent of Cambridge S. and two extents each of St. Clement's C.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 75 lb. in G.

Douglas A. R. May ..	Treble	Martin J. Kirk	4
*Michael J. Church	2	Peter G. Sherwood	5
†John A. Collier	3	Dennis G. Blows	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor and in four methods. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Petter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford, Double Oxford, St Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	4
Austin T. Wingate	2	Peter D. Sell	5
Thomas Cooper	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Sara K. D Woolley ..	Treble	Vernon Green	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	*Keith J. Walpole	6
*Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
David Burbidge	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Robert Hardy and Katharine Maylott, who were to be married on the following Saturday.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
C. Martin Press	2	Gerald Penney	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Antony R. Kench .. .	7
David E. Rothera	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Julia A. Fellows.
First peal as conductor.
Rung with best wishes to Katharine S. Maylott and Robert E. Hardy, married later this day at St. Albans. Tenor 13 cwt.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being one extent each of Cambridge and Primrose S. (12 changes of method), Double Oxford and Thelwall (24 changes), Ipswich S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall, S. Oxford and Plain Bob (six changes). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in more than seven methods. 100th peal on the bells as conductor.
Rung as a delayed birthday compliment to the conductor, and a welcome to Simon Good, grandson of A. V. Good.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1667, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,120 Rutland, and 1,280 Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Ralph Bird	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Ian H. Oram	7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."
Rung in memoriam Albert Bates, for many years captain at Farningham, Kent, and a member of the above Association for over 50 years. R.I.P. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Christopher T. Osenton ..	2	John W. Smith	6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	Frederic. J. Cullum	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. approx.

*John Palmer	Treble	Harold Evans	4
John A. Howard	2	Richard Hayes	5
†Phyllis R. Chidwick ..	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal. † First peal in the method on an inside bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Christine Andrew	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Derek Butterworth	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	9
*John P. Partington	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
Margaret E. Fort	5	John H. Fielden	11
J. Colin Ashworth	6	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* Completes Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and 100th peal of Surprise. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Tues., Jan 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5051 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
David V. Hodgson	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Richard Barnes	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Christine Andrew	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
J. Barry Pickup	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

BROUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: One extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 16 lb.

Philip Wilson	Treble	*Jeffrey Simcox	4
Jayne Reynolds	2	Roger Barnes	5
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	Christopher L. Watson	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal in four methods. Average age of band 16.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Grant	Treble	David Wilford	6
Martin Green	2	John Bramley	7
David A. Moore	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Shirley Burton	4	William J. Root	9
Rupert A. Clarke	5	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Derek M. Sawyer and his wife. Susan, who leave for Toronto, Canada, on January 4th; also to welcome the birth of a second daughter, Christine, to John and Doreen Hunting. Tenor 25 cwt.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr 20 lb. in D.

*Roland T. Wakefield ..	Treble	William A. Lacey	6
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Howard C. Palmer	7
†Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Roland H. Cook	9
‡Rupert A. Clarke	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Robert Bindley	Treble	N. Roderick Ellway	5
Edward W. Martin	2	Edward Guy Slater	6
Dr. Ron W. Adams	3	Raymond H. Martin ..	7
Arnold S. Goad	4	G. Harry Bray	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung to mark the silver jubilee as priest of the Rector, the Rev. Canon D. A. Ireland, M.A., R.D.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Roland W. Morant	4
Graham J. N. Colborne ..	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Vaughan P. Evans	3	H. Leslie Squires	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
First in 14 Doubles variations by all and on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouth.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Dennis A. Chapman ..	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	*John Brain	7
Diana M. Chapman	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
Eric Naylor	4	Peter Bridle	9
D. John Hunt	5	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." First of Royal in the method by all the band.

CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Donald G. Clarke	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	David J. Hughes	6
David L. Philips	3	James L. Fitzgerald	7
David Pike	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung as a welcome to Timothy Michael, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hallett, and Nicola Anne Louise, daughter of Anne and James Fitzgerald.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Iorweth John	Treble	D. Geoffrey Kerley ..	5
*David W. Kerley	2	†George E. Kerley	6
James Clatworthy	3	Leslie N Melton	7
Desmond L. Kerley ..	4	*Leslie Darch	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Bob Triples "inside." First peal in the method as conductor
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to D. Geoffrey Kerley, and also to mark his engagement to Miss Jennifer Sanders.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Harry Boyce	Treble	William J. Thomas ..	4
*Alwyn R. Lewis	2	†Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Benjamin Williams ..	3	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.
* First peal away from treble. † 150th peal for the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARLINGTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EFFINGHAM DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

Ruth M. Foreman	Treble	Cyril F. Low	5
Gillian A. Leale	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Robin G. Leale	3	John Hill	7
John D. Rock	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the marriage on this day of William S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex Association, and Barbara Walpole.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Gillian A. Leale	Treble	*Cyril F. Low	5
*Kenneth J. Darvill	2	*John Hill	6
*Christopher H. Rogers ..	3	Robin G. Leale	7
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal in the method at the first attempt.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

P. Ruch	Treble	P. Woodgyer	4
C. Stevenson	2	J. Britchford	5
D. Fowles	3	G. Merchant	Tenor

Conducted by G. Merchant.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara Walpole and William Deason, who were married this day.

STANWELL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being in four methods: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent T.B., 1,440 St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Howard E. J. Smith ..	Treble	David G. Pickett	4
Monica Blagrove	2	David D. Smith	5
Diane M. Mullins	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the wedding of Barbara Walpole and William Deason, and for the engagement of Diane Mullins and David Pickett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Samuel J. Haines	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Martin Green	2	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Howard C. Palmer	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in E.

Ernest A. Shipp	Treble	Richard H. Youdale ..	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Robin Shipp	3	Keith J. Triplow	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Norman V. Harding ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Robin Shipp.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

REDENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

George W. Howlett ..	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton ..	5
William J. Flatt	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	6
*Anthony H. Roberts ..	3	H. William Barrett	7
Albert G. Harrison ..	4	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Flatt, who entertained the band after the peal.

CASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

William Clover	Treble	Pamela J. Cadman	4
Henry Tooke	2	Leslie F. Bailey	5
Desmond P. Mortlock ..	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

J. Keith Ward	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
David P. Hilling	2	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	Thomas J. Lock	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
Frank W. Lewis	5	A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUORNDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*David C. Brown	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	William Birmingham ..	6
Brian W. Hall	3	Charles Coles	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the Feast of Epiphany.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Roger B. Pike	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
Kay Winterbourne ..	2	Ronald Christopher	6
Michael J. Smith	3	Harold Smith	7
*Peter R. Hunt	4	Walter Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Walter Hunt.
* First peal at first attempt.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Patricia Lewington	Treble	John N. Diserens	5
Patricia Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
*Eunice A. Lewis	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
*Peter J. Shipton	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany by the Sunday service band.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5760 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being the eight different compositions, reversed with the fifth as observation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

William Birmingham, jun.	Treble	William Birmingham ..	4
David E. Brown	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Monica Blagrove	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman ..	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	6
Alan J. Frost	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Avril Ivin	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Diana M. Frost	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	9
David J. Marshall	5	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
Rung for the 250th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Caters. rung on January 11th, 1717, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,440 St. Clement's Bob, 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B., 720 Kent and Oxford T.B. Spliced. 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Davies	Treble	*John Milton	4
Victor Chamberlain	2	Frank Sismey	5
Maureen Simons	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	C. Martin Press	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Joan Beresford	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
James A. D. Woolford ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Michael J. Fellows	9
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal in the method.

NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
.3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.14.58.14.9T.14—14.9T.
This method has Londinium work above the treble.

BIRMINGHAM—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	6
*Merryn Hutchings	2	Michael J. Fellows	7
George E. Fearn	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	8
Maurice G. Ingram	4	John C. Eisel	9
Stephen W. Barton	5	Peter J. Stretton	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Royal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Gillian R. Hunt	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	David P. Hilling	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.
Rung as a 54th birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon, and a compliment to William S. Deason and Barbara Walpole, married this day.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in D.

Frank C. Knight	Treble	Henry G. Keeley	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Cuthbert W. Powell	6
Mrs. C. W. Powell	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Melvyn J. Hiller	4	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
Rung for the Epiphany.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	*Philip Taylor	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Bradley Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Kent Minor on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*C. Barrie Dove	Treble	*Irvin Slack	7
†Iris Lemare	2	*Kenneth B. Sissons	8
*James S. Webb	3	Alan E. Hartley	9
Ian North	4	*Peter Dawson	10
Patricia Lockwood	5	*John Potts	11
*Christopher A. Moxon	6	*Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Plain Bob Maximus. The treble and tenor ringers have now rung a peal on every bell in the tower. The 100th peal on the bells for the Association.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	Michael Maughan	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	Gibson Jackson	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	Frederick A. Munday	8
Patricia Rogers	4	Richard E. Price	9
Ian North	5	Ernest Padgett	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(Selby and District Society)
CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*A. Shirley Beanland	Treble	‡Susan Mitchell	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	A. Colin Banton	5
†Christopher J. Groome	3	‡Simon P. D. Burnett	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Kent Treble Bob Minor. ‡ First of Kent.
Rung by members of the Huntington Guild of Bellringers on the occasion of the 21st A.G.M. of the Selby and District Society.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Jan. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
Simon P. D. Burnett	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
*Andrew N. Pearce	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Minor and first "inside."
Rung by the Huntington Guild for Epiphany Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Jan 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

Valerie Willard	1–2	Cyril A. Wratten	3–4
Hugh N. Evans (cond.)	5–6		

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Jan 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Gerald Penney	1–2	*S Kathleen M. Baldwin	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
*Roger Baldwin	9–10		

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 300th peal together. First handbell peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At All Saints' Belfry.
On Sat., Jan 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5096 PLAIN BOB FOURTEEN
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
Frank J. Matthews	3–4	Edward J. Beer	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12
John W Gander	13–14		

Arranged and Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of 14-in by all the band and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Jan. 6, 1967, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Grandsire, (2) College Little Bob, (3) Single Court Bob, (4) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joseph Whalley	1–2	*Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

* 30th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal. 25th at Bettyfold.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON York.—At 3, North Lane.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 34 extents (ten callings) and four 240's. Tenor size 5 in F sharp.

*Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3–4
*Susan Mitchell	5–6		

* First peal in the method. First "in hand" for all.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Annette Mitchell.

NON-ASSOCIATION
NETHER EYE, Suffolk.—At Endaway Cottage.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5182 CHUNDERWELL BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Fiona Purdie	1–2	Nicholas Garland	5–6
Barry Humphries	3–4	Barry McKenzie	7–8

Composed by Barry Humphries. Conducted by Nicholas Garland.
First peal in the method

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BIRTHS

BALDWIN.—On January 23rd, 1967, at Wantage Hospital, to Beryl and John, a son (Simon John), a brother for Judith. 881

BENNETT.—To Freda (née Curtis) and Michael, of 19, Cordelia Way, Rugby, on January 19th, 1967, a daughter, Andrea Catherine.

JONES.—On January 21st, 1967, to Mary (née Browne) and Philip, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, and a son, David William.—16, Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

ENGAGEMENT

BERRY—SINDEN. — The engagement is announced between Alan P. S. Berry and Rachel J. Sinden, both of Folkestone. 858

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WILLIAMS.—The address of Susan Williams, from Hemel Hempstead, is now: Apartment O4, 45, Avenue Wendt, Geneva, Switzerland. 859

PERSONAL

" He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."—Proverbs xxviii, 13.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice on February 8th, but ringing from 7–8 p.m. for Ash Wednesday service. All visitors welcome.—A. J. Smart, Tower Sec. 866

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. — Please note that all correspondence about ringing at the Cathedral should be addressed to J. B. Webb, 7, St. Michael Road, Lichfield. N.B.—No more requests for peals can be accepted before 1970. 870

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS
The Annual Dinner will be held on February 25th in Derby Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Tickets, together with details of afternoon ringing, available from D. R. McLean, 3, Taunton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, HILLINGDON.—The annual supper will be held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Hillingdon Circus, on Friday, February 10th (7 o'clock for 7.30). Bookings may be made with F. W. Goodfellow, Ivor (IXO 1039) until February 6th. 879

READING UNIVERSITY DINNER
This year's dinner is on February 18th at the Travellers' Rest, Caversham. Tickets 24s. Send cheques (payable to " Reading University Society of Change Ringers ") to M. G. Ingram, Windsor Hall, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Ringing details with tickets. 801

ST. MARGARET'S, DRAYTON, NORWICH.—New ring of six will be dedicated by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Sunday, February 5th ,at 3 p.m Refreshments in Village Hall. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road, Drayton, Norwich. 725

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER

Sat. Feb. 4th, 1967, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Church House Restaurant, Great Smith Street, Westminster.

Ringing Arrangements:

10.30 to 11.45, St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); 12 to 1.15, St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8); 1.30 to 2.45, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12); 3 to 4.15, St. Michael's, Cornhill (12); 4.15 to 5.15, St. Olave's, Hart Street (8).

A few tickets still remain, price 23/6, from D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 842

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — Practices during Lent on Tuesdays, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, March 7th and 14th. Wednesday practices resume after Easter. All welcome! 861

ORDERS are now being taken for bound copies of 1966 " Ringing World." Price 3gns plus 3/6 postage. — Write: " The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry Branch.—Meeting at Lillington on February 4th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa. 832

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's Church, Fenham, Saturday, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to E. N Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle upon Tyne 4. 871

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham on February 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and York Surprise. 844

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, February 4th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 880

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual meeting at Leatherhead, February 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. More ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—M. M. 867

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Annual meeting, Watford, February 4th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel. 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Campton (5), Saturday, February 4th, 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m Pirton (5) 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 848

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Upholland (6) on Saturday, February 4th, 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—K. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 843

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick (8), February 4th, at 3.30 p.m. (Residents please note later time to allow for wedding.) Service 4.30. Names for tea not required. — R. M. W. 856

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—First of bi-monthly evening meetings. Donington, February 4th. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Little Bob and Lincolnshire S. Major. 845

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 828

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Wentworth, (6), February 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec., Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham. 800

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, February 4th. Bells 3.30–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Youth Centre. Cathedral bells 6.30 till 9. 821

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, Timsbury (6), near Bath, Monday, February 6th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 868

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 6th, 7 p.m.. Also Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Tuesday, February 7th, 7.30–9 p.m. 885

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Hanborough, Friday, February 10th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching. 872

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
The February meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 11th, by special invitation from the ladies. Names for tea must be sent to Major Clark, St. Mary's Street, Penistone, by the Wednesday previous to the meeting. Method for the day: Double Norwich.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting at Clifton on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Everyone made welcome. —K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 895

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Hessle, February 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting and presentation of Albert Sellers Memorial Cup. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Sharp, 4, Kirkham Close, Hessle, by February 9th. 864

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—East Devon Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Whitford Village Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec., Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth, by February 8th. 846

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, February 11th, at Sevenoaks (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent. 806

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 873

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting at Hempstead (6), Saturday, February 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only followed by meeting and ringing until 7.30 p.m.—D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester. 875

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, February 7th. 862

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing afternoon only. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–5.30 p.m.—Mrs E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road. 878

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster District.—Annual meeting at Leominster on Saturday, February 11th, at 3 p.m. Bells (10). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after.—J. F. Fox. 894

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Also Great Munden (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Regret no service. Names for tea to me at 55, North Road, Hertford, by February 10th latest.—P. M. F. Searles. 877

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Millom on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ullock, 135, Albert Street, Millom, Cumb. — T. F. Metcalfe. 886

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, by Wednesday, 8th, please.—M. E. D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, February 11th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. A.6 road, frequent buses, alight Chorley Road Junction traffic lights.—L. Walmsley. 847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 865

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Birstall on February 11th. Bells available: Thurcaston 2.15–3.15; Rothley 2.30–3.30; Wanlip 2.45–3.45; Birstall 3–4.15 Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Cooked tea 5s. (juniors 3s.). Names to Mr. J. Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, February 7th, Seating accommodation limited, therefore no names, no tea.—A. J. Poynor, Gen. Sec. 855

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Newton Nottage on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam, by Monday, February 7th. 773

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, February 11th. St. Giles', Cripplegate 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5.30. Service 5.30. Tea, business and social evening 6 p.m., Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential.—Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. Renown 4423. Please note dinner date—February 25th. 852

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W District.—Annual District meeting at Twickenham, Saturday, February 11th, Ringing, St. Mary's, 3.30–5 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at All Hallows' from 7–8.30 p.m. — W. S Deason. 814

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries, Wroxham, Saturday, February 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton Hall, Hoveton, Norfolk, by Wednesday, February 8th. 876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing: St. Laurence's 2–4.30; St. Mary's 7–9. Service at St. Laurence's 4.30. Tea and A.G.M. at St. Mary's Church House, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading, by Wednesday, February 8th. No names, no tea. 882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford, Saturday, February 11th. Names for tea to W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 863

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on February 11th from 2.30. Names for tea to Dr. Graham-Service, 17, Cleveden Gardens, Glasgow, W.2. 853

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Wrockwardine (6), February 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to R. A. Brewin, 28, Longnor Road, Wellington, Salop, not later than Wednesday, February 8th. 802

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—Meeting at Worksop, February 11th. Ringing to start at 3.20, otherwise arrangements as usual. Names for tea to Miss Phillips, 19, Cuthbert Street, Worksop, by Wednesday, 8th. 893

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Whatton, February 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Aslockton, 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 829

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ludbrook, Forge Cottage, Kelsale, Saxmundham, by Wednesday, February 8th.—T. N. J. B. 807

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, February 11th Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 888

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Wyke, at 6 p.m., Business meeting after tea. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sid. 325. 892

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Annual District meeting, Winchester, February 11th. Meeting in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, at 2.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Evensong 5.15 p.m. at the Cathedral. Cathedral bells available 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, February 6th. 851

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m Names for tea essential to me by February 11th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York and Huntington, February 18th. Minster bells available 2 p.m. to 3.55 p.m., after meeting to 7 p.m. Huntington bells available evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Watkin, 40, Meadowfields Drive, Huntington, York.—R. Ducker. 890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston. Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 854

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

A Ringing Festival will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 17th, 1967. Service at St. John's Parish Church, Halifax, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later. —Arthur Farrand, Secretary. 883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Halstead was the venue chosen for the Northern District's annual general meeting on January 14th, when many methods up to four-spliced Surprise were rung.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A W. Swallow), the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea.

In his report the Master said that 13 peals had been rung in the District during the year, a highlight of which one was in 145 Minor methods at Rayne—at that time a record. They were pleased to welcome the band responsible at their meeting. Two members rang their first peal and seven their first quarter.

Mr. R. J. Lindsell was re-elected Master and Mr. R. Threadgold elected secretary on the retirement of Mr P. Wood from this office.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

(Three methods)

By P. G. K. DAVIES

23456	M	W	H	
42356			—	R R R R R R
54326		—		R Y C C Y
32546		—	—	R C R
43526		—		R Y C C Y
62534	—	—	—	R C R
56234			—	Y Y Y C Y C C
25634			—	R C R
63254		—	—	Y Y Y C R
26354			—	C C C Y R
35264		—	—	R Y R
23564			—	C Y Y C Y Y C

Twice repeated. Contains 1,824 Rutland, 1,632 Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Has 120 combination roll-ups, with 2 and 3 never in sixth's.

First rung at Tettenhall on December 3rd, 1966, by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

5,184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By R. BARNES

23456	W	B	M	H
64235	—		—	—
52436			—	—
43526	—			—
26435		4	—	—
42635				—
64352		—	—	—
34256			—	

Repeat five times. Calling S home halfway and end.

Rung at Samlesbury, Lancs, on Sunday, September 18th, 1966, conducted by D. McCormick.

A WORPLESDON GOLDEN WEDDING

By the presence of the immediate Past Master (Mr. D. A. G. May) as conductor, the felicitations of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. S. Petter on January 13th by a peal of Minor in four methods rung at St. Michael's, Pirbright. It was the 50th anniversary of their wedding, which took place on January 13th, 1917, in the neighbouring Church of St. Mary, Worplesdon, where Sam was captain of the ringers for many years.

Sam was born at Rogate and came to Worplesdon from Milland, where he first became interested in ringing at the age of 19. Now 89 years of age, the same age as his wife, he is no longer a regular ringer at St. Mary's but he rang there on the Sunday morning before the anniversary. Mr. Cherryman, another well-known local ringer, motors Mr. Petter most Sunday mornings to church so that he can sit and listen to the bells that have given him so much pleasure over the years. J. C.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Remembrance Day, 1,280 Doubles (five methods/variations): D. G. Crawley (first quarter) 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, A. J. Cox (cond.) 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, A. K. Griffiths 5, J. H. Royal 6. Half-muffled.

THE CRITIC — *By "Fifth Observation"*

VERY FAIR BOB MAJOR . . . YES, INDEED

BIT OF A SCUFFLE AMONG THE LITTLE BELLS

A TRIFLING INDISCRETION, TREBLES WILL BE TREBLES

SOME FOOL'S MISSED HIS 3-4 DOWN, SURELY

NO, NO, THEY'RE STRAIGHTENING OUT

TREBLE SHOULD BE AT THE BACK BY NOW

WHAT *DOES* THE IDIOT THINK HE'S RINGING? STEDMAN?

OH, NO!

INCOMPETENT LOT . . .

THEY NEED ME

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): J. R. Rowson 1—2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3—4, M. C. E. Hodge 5—6. By the Abingdon School Society of Change Ringers.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Fransella 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, K. Hughes 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, G. Lonsdale cover. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Confirmation service.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 7th, 1,568 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. J. M. Cox 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. McLean (first Major) 3, A. R. Baldock (125th quarter) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, H. W. Evans 6, T. F. Metcalfe (first Surprise) 7, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 8. By St. Katherine's Society. A peal attempt called round.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Lesley Philips (first quarter) 1, E. J. Philips 2, Lesley Stracey (first quarter) 3, Alastair Stracey (first "inside") 4, Arthur Stracey 5, J. H. Philips 6, S. F. Carter (cond.) 7, S. D. Butcher 8. First quarter in the method for all the band.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, R. Hayden 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Bird. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, A. Richardson 3, P. Warboys 4, E. White 5, T. Camp 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, K. Westwood 8. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B.: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, G. Goodman 4, T. Camp 5, E. White 6, D. R. Hutley 8. A farewell to Rev. Mr. Cooper. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys 2, R. Hayden 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Bird 5, E. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. R. Hutley 8. For Deanery Eucharist.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Gillingham 1, Susan Chapman 2, A. Syder 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, G. Barker 5, P. G. Brown 6, Jennifer Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For the carol service, and for Jonathan Michael Fitt, christened this day at Clerkenwell Green.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, T. Padbury 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. J. Bull, who died on December 26th, aged 74. He was a one-time member of Burstow and for many years captain at Horley.

QUARTER PEALS

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Atkin 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, Richard Edgley 4, Roger Edgley 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Starkie (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, F. Kelly 3, T. Holmes 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. F. Hughes.

DISS NORFOLK.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. King 1, J. Mowle 2, J. C. Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung on the back six as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Poyntz, of Saxtingham Nethergate.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 and 7 covering): Patricia M. Thomas 1, Elizabeth B. Thomas 2, Alana J. Thomas 3, Jean M. Weddell (first in the method) 4, H. G. Blick (cond.) 5, W. G. Morgan 6, J. H. Thomas 7, W. J. L. Groom 8. Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Mr. H. G. Blick on completing this day 50 years as a ringer at this church.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Harrison 1, D. Winchester 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, T. Metcalfe 4, I. Smith 5.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet I. Rogers 1, M. J. Drury (first "inside") 2, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. J. Ellis 5.

GODALMING, SURREY. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Abbott 1, Miss N. Stroud 2, Miss R. Weal 3, R. J. C. Hagley 4, J. Hagley 5, N. Stroud 6, J. H. Payton (cond.) 7, H. Jones 8. Rung for the wedding of Elizabeth Stevinson and Dr. Henry Rossell.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Taylor 1, P. J. Bratt 2, G. A. Taylor 3, H. Monks 4, C. W. Shaw 5, M. Thomson (cond.) 6. For the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and as a thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. A. Cornwall 1, Miss J. I. Barton 2, J. Muller 3, P. R. Dean 4, R. E. Dean 5, J. Young 6, L. J. Young 7, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, on their golden wedding anniversary.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, R. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemarie Walton 1, Prisca Hornby 2, K. Sansom 3, T. S. Bowles 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, Lesley Read 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, M. Palmer 8. A birthday compliment to Kay Tremeer (January 17th), on her way to New Zealand.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Stone 1, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 2, Susan E. Davis 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. W. Price 5, P. J. Joyce 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Heather A. Walters, by S.U.G.C.R.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Pearce 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. Locke 3, A. J. Davidson (100th quarter) 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. To mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. Foreman (cond.) 5, A. Driver 6. Rung half-muffled, followed by ringing in the New Year.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss J. Fellows 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. Ewer 3, Miss E. Barber 4, W. Little 5, M. D. Frost (cond.) 6, G. Dodds 7, G. Penney 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Catherine Maylott and Robert Hardy, also for Anne Richmond, a former members of the band, now in Switzerland, and George Pascoe, who was retiring as verger on January 15th.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Robinson 1, J. Mowle 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, H. B. Fuller 4, O. P. Claxton 5. Conducting shared by 4 and 5 (alternate 120's).

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Jean Henderson 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, R. J. Cooles 5, M. J. Uphill 6, A. R. Millidge 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. R. Pratt 10. Rung for the collation and institution of the Ven. R. V. Bazire as Archdeacon of Southwark, and the Revs. H. Bear and C. D. Pronger as Hon. Canons.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Grant 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, D. G. Pickett 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5. In memoriam Norman Davies and Mrs. Burton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Etherton 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss H. Alcock 3, Miss D. Mullins 4, M. Carter 5, D. G. Pickett 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8.

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The Night The Cathedral Fell Down — A Fantasy

THE usual, midweek, evening peal came to a successful conclusion, and in the uneasy silence which followed the setting of the bells each member of the band breathed an almost silent sigh of relief. Another twelve bell peal, another superlative performance which would soon be swallowed up in "The Ringing World" among the miscellaneous peals of Doubles and Minor of the surrounding alien Guilds and Associations.

The formalities over, the ringers tottered down the stairs and headed across the Cathedral yard in the general direction of a nearby alehouse. The bells had been set but twenty minutes but already the ringers were settling down to the social chitchat which, if the truth were known, was almost as much an attraction as the ringing. As closing time drew near the ringers were distracted from a discussion on freemasonry by a hideous sound which rooted them to the spot. With an ominous rumble, accompanied by a slight tremor of the ground, came a cacophony reminiscent of "the bells of Bethlehem." With one accord the ringers leapt to their feet and ran from the alehouse in the general direction of the disturbance. George, the first arrival on the scene, stood dumbfounded at the scene which he beheld.

The Cathedral tower had collapsed!

The rest of the ringers were soon on the spot, each expressing individual cries of astonishment and disbelief. The tower had indeed disappeared and the picture before them resembled something from science fiction, the dramatic effect heightened by the now superfluous floodlighting which illuminated only the circling starlings screeching at having been so rudely dislodged from their home. Huge jagged pieces of masonry lay in a grotesque heap, with here and there fragments of the bell frame protruding, but of the bells there was no sign. The crumpled cupola, once a proud part of the city's skyline, had fallen and now lay like a crude hat atop the pathetic pile which, until a few minutes ago, had been the city Guild's pride and joy. Over the whole unhappy scene hung a thick pall of dust which seemed unwilling to settle on such a hallowed spot, and all the while starlings in their thousands screeched noisily overhead.

The ringers, with the exception of George, who seemed to be suffering from shock and unable to move, suddenly ran forward and began clawing at the debris in a state of frenzy. (This latter state produced by their recent consumption in the alehouse.) Like men possessed they attacked the shattered masonry, determined to catch a glimpse of their beloved bells, although the prospect of any surviving intact seemed unlikely. For many hours they toiled but to no avail. At irregular intervals a cry of anguish would be heard as a fragment of the once noble ring was extracted from the ruin and reverently placed within the precincts of the church. As dawn approached, eleven begrimed, weary ringers clambered from the wreckage and made their way from the disaster area, their work completed; the smashed ring, the excellent products of a bygone foundry, lay at rest in the Cathedral nave.

As the noise of the collapse had subsided the previous evening, a shadowy figure could have been seen lurking in the background. His feelings on the disaster were very mixed. Although he himself was an excellent ringer and an officer of the Guild he had never liked the eighteenth century Georgian style of architecture of which the Cathedral tower had been an almost perfect example. He was a "Gothic" man himself and so the loss of the tower itself did not unduly worry him. As he peered at the dusty scene he recalled the words of Pugin to the effect that domes and cupolas were "inventions of the devil."

The loss of the bells, however, was another prospect altogether which he did not relish. He had rung many peals here and would feel the loss deeply himself, in fact he wondered if the Guild could survive this second blow. (The first had been six years previously when a fine octave had been sacrificed in the interests of a road widening scheme.) He was sure that the Cathedral authorities would not be keen to rebuild the tower in the foreseeable future—the Bishop was at present spending all available money on towerless churches for the new estates which were being built in the suburbs of the city. "No," he decided, "the Cathedral would remain a mere shadow of its former self, its west end bricked up with some of the surviving masonry." He shuddered and wandered off in search of a night service bus.

Meanwhile, George had remained in close proximity to the disaster area, apparently in a state of severe shock. His whole world lay literally in ruins about him, his hopes and ambitions dashed in a single evening. In the cold grey light of the dawn he took stock of the situation and silently vowed to himself that in the interests of succeeding generations of ringers he must do all within his power to have his beloved bells rehung—but where? He had no doubt that the necessary finance would be forthcoming to pay for the purchase and recasting, but there was nowhere in the city where they could be hung to advantage. With a sigh almost of despair he turned to move away from the scene and then—it happened. As the morning mist cleared the roof-tops of the city centre buildings he caught sight of the newly constructed post office tower. A gleam of hope came into his eyes.

"Why not?" he muttered and, snatching his trusty bicycle, he pedalled away furiously into the suburbs.

At home he sat down wearily and, beneath the heading of the Guild note-paper, began to write a letter.

"To the Postmaster General...." it began.

LITTLE JOHN.

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Suffolk Veterans Hold Pre-Christmas Party

The veterans (from left to right): George R. Finch, Willoughby E. Maulden, Charles J. Sedgley, James Bennett, George E. Symonds, Percy May, Gilbert R. Goodship and Frederick J. Crapnell. (Average age of the eight 79 years, 5 months.)
[Photograph taken in Grundisburgh belfry prior to the Ufford gathering.

A VERY happy afternoon was spent at Ufford on December 21st, when Cecil Pipe arranged a little pre-Christmas gathering for ten veterans of the Suffolk Guild.

Ringing took place at the Parish Church and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major with everyone having a ring and making a good job of it, too! This was followed by "ringers' tea" (ham, sausage rolls, etc.) at Ufford Crown, and many a tale was spun around the roaring fire in the parlour. Cecil Pipe spoke to each of the old 'uns in turn, highlighting their ringing careers, and George Pipe, much to their amusement, gave a verbal sketch of each one in turn as he remembered them when he started to ring!

Below is a pen picture of eight of them:—

Percy May, born 1895 at Kelsale, Suffolk, first peal at age of 13 with the famous Bailey brothers of Leiston. Peals include Superlative, Maximus and Treble Ten "in hand." A railwayman.

Willoughby (Sonny) Maulden, born 1891, Framlingham, Suffolk. Contemporary of Horace Howlett and William G. Crickmer. Rung over 200 peals including several "in hand" during his stay in Guildford in 1912–15 with A. H. Pulling. A cashier.

George Finch, born 1890 at Wickham Market. Sixty years a ringer and chorister, taught to ring by Charles E. Fisher, rung about 50 peals. A master gardener.

Gilbert Goodship, born 1888 at Reading, Berks. Taught by Ambrose Osborne and has rung about 130 peals. Elected to Oxford Guild when F. E. Robinson was Master in 1905. Rang with R. T. Hibbert and C. W. O. Jenkyn and Gabriel Lindoff whilst living in Dublin. Taught bands at Basford, Harrow Weald, Little Missenden and Offton, Suffolk. Member of five Associations, including A.S.C.Y.

James Bennett, born 1887 at Ashbocking and taught to ring by the sexton, Walter Butcher. One of the most famous ringers of all time, having rung 1,300 peals, 321 of them with William Pye and in 50 different 12-bell towers. Has rung in four continents and chimed on the fifth. A Royal Marine.

Charles J. Sedgley, born 1887 at King's Lynn and taught to ring by his father, John W. Sedgley. A well-known composer and conductor and 12-bell ringer, the only survivor of the second peal of Cambridge Maximus in 1910. Rung over 350 peals, many of them with the Motts, Catchpole and Barrett brothers For 30 years a printer.

Frederick J. Crapnell, born 1881 at Clopton and taught to ring there. A devoted Churchman, over 70 years a ringer and sidesman. Rung 52 peals up to Royal, including many with beginners. A blacksmith.

George E. Symonds, born 1875 at Oakley, Suffolk, learned to ring at Brome (5) 80 years ago, taught by Fred Day, the Eye bellhanger. First peal was Treble Ten at Camberwell in 1897, joining the College Youths in 1898. Over 100 peals of Maximus in his 467 peals (conducted 254). A master of Stedman and Grandsire and "off-beat" methods (Albion, Forward, Duffield Maximus). Conducted Holt's Original 20 times. Oxford Maximus "in hand" and many other fine performances. A chorister for many years. Celebrates his diamond wedding this year and intends to ring a peal for it. (92!)

Charles E. Fisher and **Harry Hall** joined these eight, and the average age of the ten men was 79 years and 7 months. Suffolk is proud of them. G. W. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

A disappointing year was reviewed by Mr. W. Savill, who presided, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District held at Holy Trinity Vestry, Guildford, on January 21st. He said attendances at meetings had been small, there was no striking competition, and often the secretary had difficulty in arranging meetings through lack of support from local tower captains.

Good wishes were extended to Miss Stevinson, on her marriage, by the chairman, and Miss Diane Street, the retiring secretary, was congratulated on her engagement.

The District faces 1967 with new officers. Mr. David Tubbs, who is in charge of ringing at the Cathedral, becomes District Ringing Master, and Miss Yvonne Eloie, the Guild librarian, District secretary. Mr. J. Payton (Chiddingfold) is Assistant Ringing Master and Mr. J. Horsman (Shalford) auditor. Mr. W. Savill was appointed to the Guild Committee.

The Guild service was held in St. Nicolas' Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. Goddard) officiating and giving a short address. Ringing was at St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity Churches.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

The reunion of the Society of Raving Ringers was held at Northampton this year with headquarters at the Angel Hotel on the first full week-end in January.

Ted Venn did the organising, and it was damp and dismal on the morning of January 7th. Before long, snow began to fall, but we soon warmed up on the handy eight at Desborough, where the party was completed by the arrival of Ted and Marion Richards. Rothwell bells were rung to a good variety of methods, the highlight being a well-struck course of London. After an hour on the ten at Kettering, the Master and a Past Master present had lunch with two of our older members, Dennis and Christine Bowen, now residing in the town. In the afternoon, after the well cared for five at Barton Segrave, we rang methods up to eight spliced at Burton Latimer before finishing on the sixes at Isham and Wilby.

Dennis and Christine attended the dinner at H.Q., and afterwards a party of about 20 adjourned to a private room at the Old White Hart. With Chris Clarke in the chair the annual meeting was soon completed. Chris remains Master, with Ron Russ and Jim Linnell as joint Ringing Masters. The retiring Ringing Master, Michael Coleman, was thanked for his services. We received a progress report on the 1967 tour, which is to be in Kent and Sussex, with headquarters at Tunbridge Wells, during the last week in July. The rest of the evening was spent singing ringers' songs and watching a film show of the Cornish tour.

On Sunday morning we split up to provide service bands at both St. Edmund's and St. Giles', Northampton. With all our regular conductors at St. Edmund's, the St. Giles' band managed to keep right long enough in Grandsire Caters to allow the Master to call his first touch! Those who attended service at St. Giles' afterwards were pleasantly surprised by the large congregation. Here is a town church that is far from being in the doldrums.

After lunch Clare Higby (née Chambers), another old member, joined us in ringing on the fives at Walgrave and Orlingbury. A broken rope at Walgrave put us a bit behind time, but did not prevent us enjoying the music of the fine-toned six at Mears Ashby. Ringing finished at Earls Barton, where the eight were rung for evening service in methods up to Bristol. Farewells then concluded another enjoyable reunion. R. K. R.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, B. Wootton 5, R. Tandy 6, A. D. Roden 7.

GREAT DAY FOR SMALL KENT VILLAGE

THE low-lying flatlands which form the valley of the Kentish Stour east of Canterbury contain many tiny villages and hamlets with such delightful names as Marshside, Pluck's Gutter, etc., and many fine rings of bells, such as Ash, Chislet, Wingham and others which will be well known to Kent ringers.

Lying close to the diverging valleys of the Great and Little Stour are the united parishes of Stourmouth, Elmstone and Preston-by-Wingham Of these, Stourmouth and Elmstone churches have but three bells each, but for 250 years there has been a ring of five at St. Mildred's, Preston. Alas, for nearly a quarter of that time these bells have been silent and unrung owing to the decayed state of the frame in which they hung. On Wednesday, January 18th, the silence of over 60 years was broken, and the bells rededicated by the Ven. Alexander Sargent, Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Interest in bells has never been entirely lacking in recent years in the "Three Parishes," for in 1960 the derelict ring of three bells at Elmstone was completely restored by the Whitechapel foundry, though lack of funds precluded their being rehung for full swing ringing The story of the restoration of the bells of Preston is one of vision and great courage, for the village is one of the smallest in this part of Kent.

There are no records of the bells that hung in the church in the Middle Ages, but one may safely assume that the church probably possessed bells at an early date. The church itself is Early English in its original style, but was much enlarged at a later date, as the fine moulded Perpendicular arches of the south aisle show, in marked contrast to the stumpy pillars of the earlier north aisle. The tower itself is low and massive, capped by a plain tiled pyramid spire, and is pierced by single lancet windows.

MADE A RING OF FIVE

We do know that by 1700 at least there was in this tower a ring of four bells, though no record survives of their weights or inscriptions. As the present ring of five was cast from their metal, it may be calculated that the tenor of this ring weighed about 12 to 14 cwt. Perhaps some of the bells were survivors of the mediæval ring, or cast by the celebrated founder Joseph Hatch. In 1712 it was decided to have them recast and made into five, and the bells were taken down and sent to the Whitechapel foundry, then owned by Mr. Richard Phelps. While they were away the frame in which they hung was altered to take five bells, and the new bells were duly hung in it

There is no record of any major restoration after this. As may be expected in a small country parish, the churchwardens were always buying new bell ropes, as they required the old ones for use on their farms! No doubt many minor repairs were carried out. When the writer of this article saw the bells first in 1963, he noted several patchings on the fittings appeared to be of the 19th century type.

No doubt ringings became fewer as the years went on. We have no record of any peal on the bells, but we do know that in 1905 the bells were rung by a band from nearby Wickhambreaux, one of whom is still alive. This is probably the last time that the bells were rung By 1963 they had become derelict, the tower dangerous, the frame rotten and the fittings had largely rotted away, the bells being sounded by clocking. Estimates were taken before this, and a plan to have them altered to a chime was fortunately not proceeded with.

A RESTORATION

In 1965 the Rev. C. T. Spurling became Rector of the Three Parishes and determined to have something done about the bells at Preston. When he was Vicar of Otham his son, a ringer, had put the three bells in order and trained ringers. Hopes soon crystallised into action, and shortly before Easter the bells were removed to the foundry from which they had first come. The frame, fittings and upper tower floor were all removed and placed in the churchyard for disposal. After removal, the tenor was found to be cracked in the crown, and was recast later in the year. Meanwhile at Preston money was being raised so that the bells could return as soon as possible. Early in December they were returned, having been cleaned, tuned and quarter-turned, and were rehung in a new cast iron and steel frame with new fittings throughout by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On January 18th a goodly congregation assembled in the church for the dedication. Amongst the many ringers present were Mr. B. J. Luck (chairman, Canterbury District) and Mr. K. I. Davis (District secretary). After the bidding and the singing of the second hymn the procession made its way to the tower, and the Archdeacon blessed and hallowed the bells, charging the Rector to see "that they be ever and only used in God's service and to His glory." As the procession re-formed the bells were rung in rounds, and the band included 84-year-old Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreaux, the last surviving ringer to have rung in the tower in 1905.

In his sermon the Archdeacon commended all those who had worked hard to make this service possible, and addressed himself particularly to those who heard the bells and their message of "Come." He said that the Church was going through a particularly difficult period, and that not everyone would respond to the message of the bells, but it was their own personal witness which counted.

A collection was taken towards the bells fund during the singing of the Ringers' Hymn, and the service ended with prayers and the Blessing. After the service many members had their first ring at Preston.

THE BELLS

Treble (3¼ cwt. in D): R. Phelps Fec: 1712. Robert Wyborne Gent: Benefactor.
Second (4¼ cwt. in C): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Third (5 cwt. in B): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Fourth (6¼ cwt. in A): Richard Phelps made me. 1712.
Tenor (7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G): Richard Phelps made me. 1712. Mr. John Harrison William Lvckit Chvchwardens. Recast 1966. Mears, London.

The five bells tuned, quarter-turned and rehung and the tenor bell recast, with new fittings and frame for six bells 1966/67 by Mears and Stainbank.

Donations for the Preston Bells Fund will be thankfully received by the Rev. C. Terence Spurling, The Rectory, Elmstone, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent, and gratefully acknowledged.

D. L. C.

[Photo by N. Spurling.

MR. R. KINGSLEY MASON'S 300 PEALS

Mr Kingsley Mason, of Knighton, Leicester, rang his 300th peal, Wigston Surprise Major, at Shepshed, Leicestershire, on Christmas Eve. Details:

Surprise Maximus 6.—Cambridge 4, Lambeth, Yorkshire

Cinques 1.—Stedman.

Surprise Royal 52 (conducted 14).—Albanian 2 (1), Anstey, Asfordby, Belgrave, Blaby, Cambridge 9 (4), Diseworth, Elmsthorpe, Foston, Glenfield, Hemington, Horninghold, Ibstock, Jacobstowe, Lincolnshire 3 (2), Lindsey, London 2, New Cambridge, Noseley, Pudsey 2 (2), Solihull, Swindon 2, Woodstock, Wye, Yorkshire 14 (5).

Royal 9.—Plain Bob 5, Little Bob 3, Kent T.B. 1.

Caters 9.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 3.

Surprise Major 163 (46).—Aldenham 4, Ashtead (1), Belgrave, Bristol, Cambridge 17 (2), Chiltern, Claybrooke, Ealing (1), Enderby, Gainsborough 2, Haselbech (1), Helmingham, Hitchin, Ipswich, Johannesburg, Kendal, Kenninghall, Langley (1), Llanfair P.G., Lindum, Lincolnshire 16 (7), London 24 (3), Mancetter, New Cambridge 3 (1), Pudsey 6 (4), Quedgeley (1), Rutland 7 (3), Southwell 2 (1), Stand (1), Superlative 11 (2), Tring (1), Turramurra, Uxbridge (1), Vancouver, Warwickshire 2, Watford (1), Wembley, Whitwick, Wigston, Wychwood, Yorkshire 29 (14), Zurich.

Spliced Surprise Major 8.— 3 methods, 4 methods, 6 methods, 9 methods, 11 methods, 14 methods, 15 methods, 17 methods.

Major 14.—Plain Bob 7, Hereward Bob, Loughborough College Bob, Ogden College Bob, Double Norwich C.B. 3, Kent T.B.

Triples 9.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 7.

Surprise Major 18.— Beverley, Cambridge 5, Durham, London, Westminster, York, 7 methods 7, 15 methods.

Minor 14.—Plain Bob 4, 2 methods, 4 methods, 5 methods, 7 methods, 9 methods 2, 10 methods, 12 methods, Oxford T.B., Warwick Delight.

Doubles 5.—One each of 2, 5, 21, 31 and 32 methods

Total 300 (conducted 60).

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Letters to the Editor

"STUPENDOUS ACHIEVEMENT"

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer my congratulations to the band who rang 160 different methods to a peal on January 21st. It is a stupendous achievement and must earn the unqualified admiration of all ringers—it certainly has mine.

Seeing, as I do, several members of the band frequently in Bristol, I have come to accept without question that each attempt will be planned, gone for and achieved without fear of failure. It is a very long time since an attempt has failed and the attainment of such certainty in a precarious world is not the least of the triumphs of this band. I do know, however that behind all this there has been a lot of time spent by each member of the band in doing their homework.

As much as one boggles at the skill of all eight members of the band, the skill of Tony Peake, in particular, surpasses them all. Not only has he conducted all the peals, he has also arranged all the recent compositions and spent countless hours selecting methods which will not go false in the peal and proving the compositions. Without Tony's leadership and single-minded devotion I am sure this Everest of the ringing intellect would not have been scaled.

Congratulations to you all. — Yours sincerely, PHILIP GRAY.

A BELL'S NOTES

Dear Sir,—I have understood that there are five main notes in a true harmonic bell—(1) nominal, (2) fifth (quint), (3) third (tierce), (4) fundamental, (5) hum—and that there are others which make the total nine, and even eleven.

Now I see by Canon Gilbert Thurlow's article in "Norwich Churchman" on the Wymondham restoration ("Ringing World," January 27th, 1967, page 60) that there are now "13 different notes which a bell gives."

Would Canon Thurlow be so good as to give us the names of these, please, and add what are the other 12 notes if the fundamental is middle C on the piano.

Any advance on 13 now or in the future?—Yours sincerely, CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixtowe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—We are concerned that the views of this Guild have been misrepresented on the subject of the publication of peals.

Our members do not expect their peals to have preference over any others but they do consider that the old system of peal classification was better.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. INGRAM, Master.
J. A. AINSWORTH, Ringing Master.
G. E. FEARN, Secretary and Treasurer,
St Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.

BYTHORN, HUNTS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the article "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire" by Peter S. Abbott, particularly the reference to Bythorn, the bells of which I am sorry to learn are not likely to be rung again. About 1922–24, with two friends, I used to cycle regularly from Raunds to Bythorn to ring with the two local lads and then return to Keystone for a couple of 120's of Plain Bob on the hard-going heavy ring of five.

Incidentally, my father often told me that the late Henry Chapman, whom I met on several occasions, was born at Bythorn, and he returned there on his retirement after living and ringing in the Manchester district for many years.—Yours truly,

Hemel Hempstead. FRANCIS KIRK.

CHIMES—TENS AND NINETEENS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter on "Ten-Bell Changes." This was done at the two Plympton towers until the early 1930's by means of swing chiming, ringing for divine service being only permitted one Sunday a month, the first Sunday at St. Maurice's and the last at St. Mary's. This system had been going on from time immemorial, as the chimers, some of whom were not ringers, received a fee annually and the ringers did not. It was a big struggle to get this abolished in favour of ringing every Sunday.

Here is the chime known as Tens:

15243
15246

3 and 6 had to be dropped and picked up.

Then we had Nineteens, which sounded very beautiful when well struck and which was really a work of art to perform, 3, 5 and 6 having to be dropped:

14235
14265
14235
1426

Just at the turn of the century I have seen an old chimer at St. Maurice's, Jack Luscombe, perform on 1, 4 and 2, one in each hand and one by his foot.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton, Devon.

ORIGIN OF GRANDSIRE WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am writing to ask if any of your readers know the origin of the word "Grandsire"—repeated inquiries from various people have so far produced no result. When the method was originally invented was Grandsire the name of a place, person or suchlike?

The only connection I can find between the word as we use it and that in the Oxford Dictionary: "esp. of animal's sire, also=ancestor, old man. . ." is when Grandsire Triples is sometimes jokingly referred to as "Grandfather's Troubles"(!).

Perhaps there is an explanation for this much-used and well-known (in the Exercise, that is) word.—Yours faithfully,

P. D. DAWSON-TAYLOR.

Beddington, Surrey.

CHORISTERS AS RECRUITS

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing or presuming to criticise the articles written by "Osram," I, like Mr. Vidler, must disagree with his exclusion of choirboys from the category of "best potential ringers."

We have always looked to the choir for recruits, and never more than at present. We have taught a number of 11-year-olds over the last few years, some in the choir and some outside it but, generally speaking, it is the choirboys who have stuck whilst the others have fallen by the wayside. My experience has been that the double interest strengthens the link with the church and that the two things tend to support, rather than detract from, each other. The backbone of our present band includes five choristers, one server and several ex-choristers.

I think it very unlikely that I should have been writing this letter had I not first been a chorister and the son of a chorister.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE BAINHAM.

All Saints', Newport.

ADVANCE ON SPLICED SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—At the time of writing, Mr. Norman Smith's compositions of Spliced Surprise Major with all the work of between 13 and 23 methods have not been published (we hope this will soon be remedied) but, having seen the figures, may we express our admiration for Mr. Smith's achievements, both as the composer and as the conductor of several of the peals. The simplicity of the basic arrangement is perhaps the most outstanding feature and in our view the series represents the most striking advance in Spliced Surprise Major composition since the first "all-the-work" peal was produced.

We would also like to offer our congratulations to the rest of the band.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT,
D. BERESFORD,
D. E. SIBSON,
J. A. D. WOOLFORD,
JOAN BERESFORD.

London, W.C.

THE PROFESSOR'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—The Professor regrets that the word "Surprise" which inadvertently crept into his statement about Spliced Minor should have so upset Mr. Timothy G. Pett, although he feels that persons with a normal I.Q. should have recognised the intruder as a slip of the pen. He would otherwise, he says, have taken steps to correct the mistake immediately. Delete the word "Surprise" and the statement is, of course, correct.

With regard to 5ths place without the treble behind he would point out that, having long maintained that 65's at backstroke add rather than detract from the musical interest, he therefore regards the increased possibility of such change endings as the only redeeming feature of these methods.

Both single change and methods containing 5ths without the treble behind were common enough during the past but after allowing them, in our wisdom, to die a natural death we find they are suddenly resuscitated. The Professor's objection to them is that they increase stagnation both musically and methodically although he admits that many so-called regular methods (including some Surprise) are stagnant enough

Much rubbish has been rung, he insists, under the magical name of "Spliced," particularly of Minor and Doubles. Anything that tends to increase the amount of rubbish is, he declares, a retrograde step.—Yours sincerely, H. C.

A DEVON OPINION

Dear Sir,—A recent letter to "The Ringing World" suggested that Guilds and Associations when meeting should discuss the new look of the front of the paper and convey their observations to the Editor as a possible means of guiding the Editorial Committee on what was most acceptable to the readers.

This matter was raised for discussion at a recent meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and became the subject of much comment. The result of these discussions showed the members to be roughly equally divided: one section favoured the new style lettering when produced in conjunction with a full size front plate, illustrating one of our historic churches or cathedrals provided this was printed on good quality embossed paper to enable it to be cut out and possibly framed. The remaining members' view was that the frontal appearance of the paper was relatively unimportant providing the internal reading matter was of sufficiently good quality to appeal to a wide selection of ringers. R. A. SOUTHWOOD,

Secretary, South West Branch,
The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING

THE meeting for the Spring Term of the Northern Universities was held on January 28th at Derby, Nottingham University being the hosts.

Ringing began on the fine ten at Duffield, where contingents from the nearer Universities appeared in force. Following Duffield, the assembled company invaded Derby, beginning the day's ringing in earnest at St. Alkmund's Owing to time table alterations, the lunch break consisted of an hour and a half. Any tower grabbers with both enterprise and/or transport were promptly lured off to ring for a wedding at Beeston, Nottingham University's home tower. Comparing numbers at Beeston with those seen earlier in the day, we assume that a goodly proportion were content to grab a pub instead!

Fortified with some form of midday repast, all met at St. Luke's to tackle the heavy eight. This was followed by ringing at St. Peter's (a very nice eight), nestling in the heart of Derby. Those who chose to leave St. Luke's early and arrive at St. Andrew's late enjoyed a good ring here. At St. Andrew's the capacity crowd of St. Luke's materialised again, and the ten were put through their paces, though some experienced difficulty owing to the height of the ropes.

Ringing concluded at the end of a busy day at Derby Cathedral. While a touch of Spliced Surprise Major floundered, a touch of Double Norwich provided some of the best striking of the day. Another notable event was an invitation to Manchester University, who had come armed with a strong contingent to parade their own Royal band. They declined—they said—being unable to decide on which version of London!!!

The usual impromptu "business meeting" was held at the Cathedral. Here the suggestion, mooted at the previous meeting, to form an Association on an organised basis was reviewed and dropped. The Northern Universities will continue in its own sweet, but unofficial, way!

It was also decided that the venue of the Summer Term meeting would be Liverpool on June 17th

A vote of thanks is due to all local ringers who met us and, of course, to all visiting Societies for making the day a successful one.

D. R. M.

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OBITUARY

MR. SIDNEY PROCTOR
A popular member of the band at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, whose death was reported in our last issue (page 79).

M. ALBERT HUNTER

The death is regretted of Mr. Albert Hunter, a member of St. Martin's, Ruislip, band of ringers since just after the First World War

Before coming to Ruislip he was a ringer at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and was then a well-known member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He rang a few peals in his early days and was most reliable for service ringing. A member of the Parochial Church Council, he had been a sidesman at Ruislip for many years. A widow and three sons are bereaved. He will be greatly missed at St. Martin's

The funeral service was held at St. Martin's Church on January 25th and was followed by cremation. May he rest in peace. T. C.

MR. CLAUDE RANDALL

Claude Randall was the last of the old band at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mansfield, Notts. Reluctantly, he had to give up active ringing in October, 1964, at the age of 77, after 55 years' service. A regular attender at practice and twice every Sunday, he set a fine example to the younger members who made up the band.

Since giving up ringing, Claude's health failed chiefly due to being thrown from the platform of a moving bus and he died on January 22nd. His lasting memorial will undoubtedly be the stone-cum-concrete stairway to the belfry, which he so expertly repaired some years ago. Mr. Randall was a life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

5,120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
By PETER BORDER

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Repeat.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral on 19/1/1967.

THE MEETING THAT WAS ALMOST TOO POPULAR

FOR some time the secretaries of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association had been uneasy about the attendance at the average ringing meeting and the progress achieved. Although there were usually 20 to 30 ringers present they were nearly always from the same few towers while most towers were not represented. There were ringers who would be seen if a meeting was held at their own tower but seldom, if ever, were seen at District meetings and hardly seemed to advance in their ringing.

Feeling that as we are an "Association of Church Bell Ringers" we should try and cater for all our members, it was decided to hold a meeting for learners only. Speculating on attendance, we felt that if we got 20 we would be doing well. but it would be pure gain and success if we attracted learners from two or three towers to ring strange bells with strange people.

Gateshead was chosen as being convenient to all areas, having easy-going bells, no problems over noise, and the Eastern District secretary, Miss Margaret Thow as tower captain. Unfortunately we can only ring on the front six, as the seventh is badly cracked. The meeting was duly announced for January 21st as "**Learners only**: Rounds, Call Changes, Plain Hunt, Plain Bob."

During the week Miss Thow grew more and more surprised and alarmed as over 50 names arrived by Wednesday. In all 55 sat down for tea and. with other visitors, there must have been nearly 70 ringers there, with ringers from as far afield as Hartlepool, Sedgefield, Shildon and Bishop Auckland with nine other towers represented.

Ringers began to arrive at 2.30 p.m. and soon packed into all possible nooks and crannies, while we attempted to give everyone a try at rounds. It was not the easiest thing to organise, not knowing the capabilities of many ringers, trying to avoid too many unsure ringers at once and keeping some reliable ones on the treble to set the pace. However, by tea most ringers had rung twice and a set of handbells in the church to practice Plain Hunt reduced the congestion a little. After tea half an hour was spent ringing plain courses of Bob Minor, then back to more rounds and call changes.

An attendance of 60 proves that there is a demand for this type of meeting; for some ringers it was their first meeting and for some it was the first time that they had rung outside their own tower. At a short discussion after tea it was agreed to hold a similar meeting soon, at Shildon if possible.

Finally, if other Districts have our original problem, we can only suggest: "Go thou and do likewise." There was a profit of £4 10s. on the tea, which will go into the Bell Fund, bringing the fund total to £87 12s. 6d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A well-attended meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Headcorn on January 14th. Ringing was under the supervision of Messrs. B. Groves and G. Evenden, and methods rung included Yorkshire Surprise Major, Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

The service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Pharoah, who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors. After a splendidly prepared tea Mr. Pharoah presided at the business meeting.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. P. Carter, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES IN HERTFORDSHIRE

The extremely mild weather encouraged many members and welcome visitors to attend the annual District meeting of the St. Albans District at Hatfield on January 21st Methods rung during the afternoon ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. The Rev Michael West conducted an interesting service and then joined the members for tea in the Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting the president of the Association, Mr. Ken Dunstan, took the chair. Before the business, all present stood in silence in memory of members who had died during the past year—Mr. Fred Spicer (St. Albans), Mr. J. Wells (Kimpton) and Mr. J. T. Watkins.

It was decided to hold the annual District meeting of 1968 at St. Albans.

The secretary read his report, in which the past year's activities were enumerated—the District outing, car rally, dinner, advanced ringing course, a series of evening practices, the first District peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and the loss of Tewin to the Eastern District.

When it came to the election of new officers, the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, announced that he would not be seeking re-election and had pleasure in nominating Mr. Keith Walpole, of Wheathampstead, to succeed him. Keith was unopposed and elected to office. The committee presented a small gift to both Roger and Sheila Brown and, on behalf of the entire District, Mrs. Amy Coburn thanked Roger for his work over the past two years.

Mr. Gerald Penney was re-elected as Ringing Master, and Miss Julia Fellows as "The Ringing World" representative. The District Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. M. A. Coburn, Miss J. Fellows, Messrs. Roger Brown, Geoffrey Dodds, Eric Edmondson, John Ewer and Gerald Penney. Mrs. Coburn was no longer standing for the General Committee, and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds was elected to join Gerald Penney on this committee. Miss Fellows was elected to write up the District peal book, and the Ringing Master mentioned a few points he had noted about 1966's "District Peal Programme" — 16 peals were rung, of which ten were on tower bells and six "in hand." Five members rang their first peal, 19 rang something new, and altogether 37 District members took part

The proposed activities for 1967 were discussed—unfortunately there was very little response from the District as regards the car rally, dinner, further courses and practice meetings. It was decided that the committee would carry on and organise something on these lines, but it was pointed out that if anyone had any bright (or otherwise!) ideas, the committee were there to hear and discuss them. Suggestions already received are a course on belfry maintenance and instruction of learners.

Under any other business, some discussion followed on the possibility of a visit by the Central Council, and it was pointed out that if the Association were to be hosts a good deal of money would have to be raised by each District, and there was no time like the present to think seriously about ways of raising as much as possible.

Finally the meeting was closed with votes of thanks. Evening ringing continued until 8.30 p.m

J. A. F.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at Hertford on January 14th Mr. E. Newnham was proposed as president of the Herts County Association in succession to Mr. K. Dunstan. Mr Newnham intimated that he was prepared to accept nomination..

The District secretary, Mr. P. M. F. Searles, and the District Ringing Master, Mr. S. James, were both re-elected, and elected to the District Committee were Messrs. S. James, D. Harris, J. Thorp, P. Owen and B. Foley. To the Association Committee Messrs. R. Berry and S. James were elected. Eleven new members were elected from Hertford, Cheshunt, Tewin, Benington and Little Munden.

It was agreed that during 1967 a series of practice meetings be arranged on a tower's own practice night to assist learners in method ringing, particularly the towers that lack outside support.

Mr. D. Harris suggested that advanced ringing practices should be held to help those ringers who are learning the more advanced methods but are reluctant to "catch hold" during meetings and when visiting other towers on practice night. These practices will be arranged by the District Committee.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies who prepared tea was proposed by Mr. S. James.

Next meeting: Little Munden, February 11th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

N. and E. District

The January meeting of the N. and E. District was held on the 14th, at the very fine Church of St. Andrew, Kingsbury, which also has a fine octave cast by an organ builder, Lewis of Brixton, about 100 years ago. Unfortunately only about 20 people attended the afternoon ringing.. The bells, owing to local complaints, are not very often available for meetings. Ringing included Stedman, Cambridge and Yorkshire

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Springford), who gave a talk on the history of the church. He told of the building of the church in Wells Street in the West End of London in 1847 at a cost of £10,300 without internal fabric—of how it was moved stone by stone to Kingsbury in 1934. He said that the church architect had recently stated that today he would not even start to draw up plans like this unless he knew that there was at least £1,000,000 in the building fund.

Tea was followed by the business meeting. Nine new members were elected—the Misses W. and L. Ferguson, S. Taylor, E. Pearce, together with M. Pearce and D. Gazeley (Hendon), C. Pike (Kingsbury) and D. Willcocks and P. Blakebrough (Southgate). The provisional election as a non-resident life member of Mr. Jeremy R. Pratt, of Clapham, prior to a peal at Bishopsgate, was ratified.

Evening ringing took place at St. Mary's, Hendon.

D. T. C. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Biggleswade was a popular venue for the District annual general meeting on January 14th. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. K. Fleming) in his annual report mentioned the formation of two new bands—at Potton and Old Warden—and that the young people were among the most regular attenders at meetings.

Officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, Mr. P. Mehew; secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; committee, Messrs. R. Giddings, P. Rogers, R. Sharp and A. H. Smith; Belfry Repair Fund treasurer. Mr. G. Mayer; organists, Messrs. H. J. Lockey and P. Rogers; Press secretary, Miss L. Ellison.

The general secretary (Mr. A. S. Smith) in his speech stated that the Striking Committee's report would be considered at the Association's annual general meeting in May, and expressed the hope that within the next few months a District Ringing Master would be appointed.

The president (Mr. A. Rushton) closed the meeting by noting the high percentage of youth present and also thanked the ladies for a splendid tea.

Ringing under the joint management of Messrs. A. H. and A. S. Smith was then resumed until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting: Clifton, February 11th. L. E.

THE END OF SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT

About 80 people (61 of whom are District members) were present at what is scheduled to be the final annual meeting of the Southampton District, which took place at Romsey Abbey on January 21st. During the afternoon and evening ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. The service was conducted by Canon K. W. H Felstead.

Tea was served in the new Church Rooms, and the chairman (Mr. J. Hartless) commenced the business meeting by thanking Canon Norris for his cordial welcome to the ringers and by proposing a vote of thanks to the local ringers and their wives for such an excellent tea.

The treasurer's report showed that membership during the year had increased from 105 to 115, there was an 11 per cent. increase in the balance in hand, and the number of towers paying affiliation fees had increased from four to twelve. Seventeen new members were elected.

With District boundaries due to be changed at the Guild annual general meeting in July, it was thought advisable to arrange only the April quarterly meeting. The Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Faithfull, proposed that it should be a memorable one, held in Southampton, with ringing at St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Bitterne Park on April 15th.

Mr. A. V. Davies, chairman of the Christchurch District, proposed that a joint meeting of towers in the New Forest area should be held in September. As there was general agreement, arrangements are being made for September 16th.

M. F.

LEICESTER DISTRICT HELD ITS OWN IN 1966

In his report presented to the annual general meeting of the Leicester District, held at South Wigston on January 7th, Mr. R. Hughes, the District secretary, said 1966 had been a year in which the District could be said to have held its own, perhaps even bettered itself ever so slightly. This must be a very good thing in these days, when pessimism was so rife concerning things cultural, artistic, religious and otherwise generally worth while.

New and rejoined members totalled 20, six being from Bitteswell. thus putting this tower more firmly on the map. Paid-up membership was 137 as compared with 134; there were also 39 outstanding subscriptions. The average attendance at meetings was 25, a slight but encouraging increase.

Mr Brian G. Warwick presided over an attendance of 39, representing 11 towers. An apology was received from the Guild president, Mr. Bernard S. Payne, and it was reported that John A. Acres, a long-standing friend, was in hospital at Chelmsford. It was decided to send him the good wishes of the District with a little present of cigarettes.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. B. G. Warwick; secretary, Mr. Ron D. Hughes; Ringing Master, Mr. Sid Harrison; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Poynor. A very heartening sign was the election of ten new members, six being from Blaby.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth thanked the ringers and friends at South Wigston for a much enjoyed tea, the Vicar (the Rev. Neil Robinson) for conducting the proposed new Guild service, and the organist.

Ringing afterwards included London and Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

In the truly massive tower at Ramsbury, the Marlborough Branch held its first meeting of 1967 on January 21st. Twenty-three members and visitors from Wooburn, Bucks, Wroughton and Swindon were present The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley and tea prepared by Mrs. G. Westall and helpers.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had helped with the arrangements and congratulated Miss P. Mundy on scoring her first quarter. Mr A. Watts, tower captain, thanked the near neighbours who had helped with the Christmas ringing There were plenty of opportunities for beginners in the ringing, which was under the direction of Mr. Fred Read.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Surprise Minor (three methods): E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in three Surprise 4 and 5. For Matins, and as an engegement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. D. A. Day 1, J. H. Cook 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, R. E. Manton 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to H. T. Bonshor, Mrs. D. A. Day and her twin sister Mrs. M. Muggleton.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen E. Kendrick 1, T. Lloyd (first quarter) 2, Rachel Williams (first quarter) 3, B. R. Millward 4, D. M. Collins (cond.) 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, F. C. Millward 8. Rung with 1, 2 leading, by the Sunday service band as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. T. James, who is leaving to become Vicar of Abergele.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Brenda H. Boyce 1, R. C. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 2, R. Rice 3, P. J. Hall 4, P. England 5, W. R. Rice 6, M. G. Bartlett 7, E. T. Skipsey 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CALDECOTT, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): Katharine M. Thorley (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, J. C. Hudson 3, J. Woolley 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. C. Button 1, C. W. Daws 2, G. H. Jones 3, D. P. Sturge 4, R. S. Bradley (first quarter) 5, S. J. Woodcock 6, F. C. Hobson 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Rumbold 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Marion Dallison 3, Alice Ward 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, K. Dallison (first as cond.) 6. In memory of Alfred J. Bull.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. R. F. Cole 1—2, A. J. Slade (cond.) 3—4, M. B. Jefferyes 5—6, R. Durrant 7—8. First quarter "in hand" by all the band. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pickett 1, Miss J. S. Young 2, Miss J. Whitnall 3, E. Newnham 4, Miss C. R. F. Cole 5, R. Durrant 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to E. Newnham.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Boyle 1, W. Scheerer 2, Ann Boyle 3, C. Hague 4, John Webb 5, James S. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter first attempt 1 and 3. For Matins.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Smith 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, Miss V. Stevens 4, A. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. Baines 6. Rung with best wishes to Miss Vivienne Stevens, at the start of her career in the W.R.A.C.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Barnsby (first Triples) 1, J. K. Foot 2, G. F. Thompson 3, A. A. Chown 4, H. M. Johnson 5, K. R. Holtom 6, M. J. V. Chown 7, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bennett on the birth of a daughter.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): T. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, J. Flint 2, P. Clarke (first quarter) 3, Derek Manton 4, David Manton 5, D. D. Carr (cond.) 6, P. S. George 7, C. D. Cosby 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, J. Hedgcock 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, L. Mannering 5, D. J. Carr (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringer of 3 and 7.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5. For the induction of the Rev. Colin Sambrook Smith as Vicar.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. R. Randall (first of Doubles) 1, H. C. Bennett 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, A. J. Cox 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): D. R. Randall 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, H. C. Bennett 3, P. C. Randall (cond.) 4, A. J. Cox 5.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Offen (first quarter) 1, M. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, M. Hitchcock 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, Q. Partis 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Groves 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, S. Wigg 3, P. S. Muchlinski 4, M. L. Howe 5, Q. Partis 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,440 Cambridge, Ipswich and London Surprise Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, D. A. Burt 2, J. E. Newman 3, D. J. Orledge 4, D. G. Massey 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Minor (seven methods): R. H. Roberts 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First by all the band.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Barton (first of Bob Major) 1, Mrs. J. Fynes 2, C. B. Fynes 3, G. Rix 4, M. Etherington (first "inside") 5, H. W. Franklin 6, D. D. Smith 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Curtis (first quarter) 1, D. Johnstone (first "inside") 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. Boreham, whose funeral was at Lavenham

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Merrilyn Chambers 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, G. Blower 6, A. House 7, D. Bedford 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, C. Fisher 3, N. Handley 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

STAINES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Skipsey 1, T. Skipsey 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, M. S. Loveday 4, N. Somerhayes 5, R. Wiggins 6, R. C. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Maybury 8.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: L. Houghton 1, W. Houghton 2, W. Cousins 3, J. Fox 4, R. Newson 5, Shelagh Collins (cond.) 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. For Christian Unity Week.

TREDINGTON, GLOS—On Jan. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pouncey 1, Miss E. Pouncey 2, S. Attwood, sen. 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, R. Liddell 5.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Dunstan 1, A. J. Davidson 2, C. E. Lanxon 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. A welcome to Patrick Carveth, born January 3rd.

USK, MON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Kear 1, D. Hughes (first as cond.) 2, Miss S. Byford (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Clench 4, F. Hobbs 5, R. Clench 6, L. Jones 7, C. Richards 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Susan Thomas 1, June Whitcher 2, D. Wilson 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, A. J. Slade 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. Duncan 8, R. Durrant 9, R. Chapman 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. Sloman 1, A. House 2, A. J. Boyack 3, I. Dear 4, J. Stephens 5, R. Chapman 6, D. Ellisdon 7, C. Wright 8, K. Warner 9, D. Hewitt (cond.) 10.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, T. Shepheard-Walwyn (first "inside") 3, Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Jane Terry 1, Ann Funnell 2, P. Carter 3, P. K. King 4, D. Parks 5, Pamela Dence 6, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 7, S. Taylor 8. First quarter 4 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): R. G. Crossland (cond.) 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, W. A. Hollamby 5, J. E. Cannell 6. For Evensong, and the 21st anniversary of St. John's Youth Fellowship. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, S. Gay (first T.B.) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. H. Long (Spring Park, first quarter) 4, M. Gay 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Evans 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Caroline Madge (first "inside") 3, A. Bishop 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, P. Willatts 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Caroline Madge.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Ranshaw 1, R. Isgrove 2, P. J. Hardwick 3, Jennifer Andrews 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. Mattingly 6. First quarter 1 and 3. By Essex University Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Coventry Diocesan Guild is holding its 60th anniversary dinner on November 25th.

After a lapse of 25 years, Mr. Arthur Cook is peal ringing again at Grimsby.

Surprise Major is becoming more and more popular in Somerset. There were five first quarters of Yorkshire at Burwell on January 13th.

Double Court, and not Double Bob, was rung in the first extent of the seven Minor methods peal at Ightham, Kent, reported on page 864, writes Michael J. Uphill.

For the benefit of those who keep individual records, Jane Reynolds and Jayne Reynolds, of the Lancashire Association, are the same person.

Great Barton, Suffolk, has two promising youngsters in Martin J. Drury and Robert J. Ellis. Their quarter of St. Clement's Bob Minor on January 25th was their first touch in any method except Plain Bob.

Mr. Joseph A. Fenton, whose death was reported on page 5, lived for 20 years at Melton Mowbray, and to his memory a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at Melton Parish Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

AMERICAN ORGANIST'S APPRECIATION

Mr. Frank I. Eldridge, a professor of music at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, writes his appreciation of England and English ringing in the following terms:

"In the brief time I had in England I shall long remember the glorious ringing at 10.01½ hours at St. Paul's; the astonishing bells at Liverpool Cathedral; the delightful eight in F (it says 'E' in 'Dove'!) at St. Mary's, Ely; and the revelations and completely delightful time with those of you participating in the joint meeting at Longstanton.

"For never to be forgotten moments of shooting the breeze, I especially want to send greetings to Messrs. Douglas and William Hughes, Paul Taylor (all to whom I owe special thanks for time freely given from their businesses), Donald Murphy, of Sutton, Cambs, Peter Bedford (and his delightful family) of Aldeburgh, and Mrs. Wilfrid Moreton. To Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, my appreciation for wonderful hospitality for a weary traveller.

"I want the Exercise to know that yet another American has returned to the States deeply moved and really 'turned on' by all that the Exercise means in the world of today. If fate shall determine that I am not successful in spawning a ring of bells and active ringers in central New York State, perhaps my message will be received by someone who will one day be able to carry the torch. At least I have been personally thrilled and inspired!"

RECEIVED OFFICIAL APPROVAL

Ten-year-old Katharine M. Thorley rang her first quarter peal at Caldecott in Rutland with four officials of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Guild; it was very well struck. She is the fourth successive generation of her family to reach this standard. She previously trebled a 720 of Minor at Edith Weston to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. She was born in Leeds and it is not long since she was using the upturned box of the eleventh at the Parish Church as a play-pen.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON RINGING IN LONDON

Mr. F. Fowler, jun., of 9, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts, wants to record London bells available between 11.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. He asks particularly for the times of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes', Westminster Abbey, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and others available.

ELY DIOCESE RINGING MAP

A map showing the state of ringing in the Ely Diocese is included in the January issue of "Sentinel," the Association's news letter. Depicted in it are towers with resident Sunday service teams; ringable but no team; few ringers; little ringing; unringable. The map is exceedingly useful for tour organisers and to them is well worth the 2s. charged.

ODD VENTURES

E. C. S. writes: "I am sorry that two errors crept into the notes on Grandsire Doubles, the publishing of one 240-block twice, and the attributing of another well-known block to the wrong Mr. Morris. I hope that my old friend Leslie will forgive me. The mistakes were mine and not the Editor's, and I can plead only the old excuse: 'Men are not wise at all hours.'"

PREACHER WAS ONCE TOWER MASTER

The Rev. Roger O. Fry, Rector of Portishead, returned to St. Michael and All Angels', Twerton-on-Avon, where he was tower master before entering a theological college in 1958, to preach at the Festal Evensong to mark the 81st anniversary of the rebuilding of the church. A feature was the church being lit by 81 candles. Previous to the service Roger rang the tenor to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, in which three of his pupils took part —D. J. Barnett, A. F. Lee and T. J. Milsom. It is interesting to note that since 1955, when he introduced ringing for three Sunday services, the bells have never failed to ring three times and often four times on a Sunday.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arising from the good response to his request for touches of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell writes: "Two interesting things have come to light over this which some of our experts could comment upon. Firstly, nobody could give me a touch of 98 changes; two people said it was impossible but could not say why. Secondly, it was not possible to work out 'round blocks' of touches with an odd number of changes as it is with touches of an even number of changes, i.e. calling the same touch but starting from a different place."

FIRST FOR 1968

Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale, Matlock has pegged a claim to be the first "Ringing World" subscriber for 1968. This promptness in meeting an obligation might serve as a reminder to those who have not yet paid Mr. Jeater their subscriptions for 1967.

A CHRISTMAS OUTING

About a dozen ringers from South Cambridgeshire and Saffron Walden took part in a day's outing on December 27th organised by Mr. Ian G. Stracey. The occasion was marred by an accident at Linton, the first tower visited, which has a rather difficult heavy five. After ringing, Miss Jean Sanderson slipped on the way down and fractured her ankle. It is possible that another two months will elapse before she is ringing again.

Owing to the accident, the programme was a little behind time at Great Thurlow. It was at the next tower, Belchamp St. Paul, that the best ringing of the day took place—Cambridge Surprise. Spliced Doubles were rung on the noisy five in a round tower at Pentlow.

At Glemsford the Vicar expressed pleasure at hearing the bells rung for the first time over the Christmas festival. The six bells here are not the easiest to ring, but Plain and Little Bob Minor were rung. Other towers before lunch were Hartest and Whepstead.

Much of the afternoon's ringing was Doubles but at West Stow some Kent and Oxford Spliced was rung with the assistance of a local ringer. One car load failed to locate Dalham, our last tower, where the pleasant-sounding five were rung by the light of candles and hurricane lamps. The Rector rang with us and mentioned that the bells were only rung very occasionally. M. E. S.

GETTING READY FOR UNITY

Among latest recruits at All Saints', Huntingdon, is the daughter of the local Methodist minister.—"Sentinel," news letter of Ely Diocesan Association.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

IT was asking for trouble in the first place, and was perhaps even presumptuous. Until nine months ago there had been hardly opportunities to do any ringing—the job which brought in the bread and butter made it almost impossible There were a few towers near, but work always seemed to prevent ringing. Altogether during the past seven years two peals, perhaps half a dozen practices, no Sunday service ringing at all—it was not very encouraging. So it was really asking for trouble to accept an invitation to stand in a peal of Maximus. Three peals on 12, two of them Maximus, the other Cinques, and all rung eight or more years previously, was not very promising.

My thoughts ran on these lines when the peal of Maximus was first mentioned; and I had very mixed feelings when offered a rope. But the Ringing Master of what was now my home tower (I had moved last May) asked me, and seemed to have more confidence in me than I had myself. Since last May we had been concentrating on learners, and the whole 12 had only been rung twice on practice nights, and then only in rounds. Would I be able to stand up to it physically? After all, it would mean about 3¼ hours of ringing, and I was seven years older and out of practice.

Incredibly, in the event it all went well. Much of the ringing was splendid, and the striking good (after one or two crisp comments). It was bitterly cold in the tower, at least five degrees warmer outside than in when we came down the steps eventually. At one awful moment I thought cramp would cripple my arms; and towards the end it felt as though my hands would be pulled off the ends of my arms. But not even one small blister resulted from all that unaccustomed exercise! It was my 25th peal.

The point of writing this? Not to do any personal trumpet-blowing, but to place the credit where it belongs, namely to those who taught me so well—they were and still are the Ringing Masters of Cleeve Prior and Evesham, and both are still teaching. It is also written in the hope that it might encourage others who have been unable to ring (for whatever reason) to return and try again. A. W.

JACK WORRALL RINGS AGAIN

A panel meeting of the Southern Regional Examination Board in Southampton on January 23rd was the occasion of a minor University of Bristol reunion between Heather and Ivor Trueman and Jack Worrall on the previous Saturday at the home of the Truemans. Circumstances prevented them attending the major reunion at Bristol on the same day.

For Jack Worrall, who was over from Germany for the week-end as representative of the Forces Schools at the panel meeting, it was an opportunity for ringing at Romsey and Southampton. This is only the second time in the seven years he has been absent from England that Jack Worrall has had a chance to ring, the previous one being at Cambridge two and a half years ago.

KEENNESS DESPITE DUAL ROLE

Osram's article has provoked a reply from Miss Ruth Blackshaw, who writes that at the small Church of St. Edmund, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, all the ringers are choristers. While they do not claim to be expert ringers, all are very interested in church work The choir is manned twice each Sunday and the District meetings claim a full attendance each month. Also, time is spent in helping learners in other towers.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Rodney B. Meadows	7
David P. Hilling	2	Brian D. Threlfall	8
David E. Parsons	3	Stephen J. Ivin	9
*John Hill	4	Frank E. Darby	10
John D. Rock	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Alan J. Frost	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 400th peal. Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAGDEN, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Leonard England	Treble	John C. Sheppard	5
Victor Savage	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Victor G. Roberts	7
Christopher R. Jenkins	4	Richard C. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
* First peal. First on eight as conductor.

SHEPTON-BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES

*Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	Peter England	5
Herbert W. Knight	2	George Prescott	6
Roy W. Rice	3	Sidney G. Smith	7
Walter S. Rice	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Herbert W. Knight.
* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all except the ringer of the sixth. First in the method for the Association.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John H. Thompson	Treble	†Peter J. Devrell	5
†David C. Hawkins	2	Alan F. Lee	6
Thomas W. Harris	3	*Ian P. Cox	7
*Julian E. Newman	4	*Robin L. Coles	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.
Rung to mark the 81st anniversary of the dedication of the rebuilding of this church. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 160 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Benson, Benington, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Clay-Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Henbury, Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kettering, Keynsham, Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marlborough, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Tetbury, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt.

Victor Griffin	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.
Rung to the memory of Bert Price, former tower captain at Yatton

Cleeve:	38—56.14—56—38.14x14.58—36.14.7.	f
Crowan:	—56—14—56—36—14—3458—12—1.	e.
Mangotsfield:	—38—16—12—16.34—14.58.14.36—3.	f.
Highworth:	—56—14—58—38—34—38.56—36.5	f.
Melksham:	—56—14.56—56.1238—14—38—16—1.	f.
Okehampton:	—36—14—58—16—34—1458—36—3.	f.
Keynsham:	—38—14—58—16—14—58.36.12.56.7.	b.
Helston:	—58—16—58—38—12—58—56—3	f.
Marlborough:	—36—14—1258—36—14—38—14—5.	l.
Aldbourne:	—38—16—12—36—12—58—56—5.	e.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Westminster, Hull, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 27 lb in F

George J. Hawkins	Treble	*David A. Burt	4
David J. Orledge	2	*Raymond E. J. Baker	5
*David G. Massey	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

STOCKLAND-BRISTOL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 18 methods, being one six-score each of Reverse Grandsire, New Antelope, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, two each of New Doubles, New Grandsire, Huntspill, Stedman Slow Course, three each of Antelope, Stedman, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Union and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*John S. Walton	Treble	*Stanley Lewis	4
†Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
*John Coombs	3	‡Geoffrey Duckham	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott
* First peal in 18 methods. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Priory Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Christine Smith	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
Dennis Knox	2	Rodney H. French	6
Ian Knox	3	John W. Sinfield	7
*David Redfearn	4	Ivor N. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.
* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St George, Bristol East.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Richard O. Humphries	5
*David Rennolds	2	David E. Rothera	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Brynley A. Shackleton	4	Jonathan S. N Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker (2½) Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

N. R. J. Tumber (Em.)	Treble	R. Dyckhoff (King's)	4
C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	2	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Threlfall.
Rung by an Old Wykehamist band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Philip A. Beckett	Treble	Harold Dowler	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	5
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Latham.
Rung as a compliment to Rosalie and Ivor Nichols on the birth of a son, David Martin

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THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight, (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk, Treble Bob, (4) Morning Star, Treble Bob, (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight, (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Alex Richardson	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
Brian Schofield	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
*Timothy Wylie	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in 25 methods.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWSTON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Geoffrey M. Brewin	3	*C. Martin Press	7
*David E. Rothera	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by C. Martin Press.
* 25th peal together. First in the method by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey	5
Heather M. McArthur	2	Brian J. Vaughan	6
Vivien A. P. Cross	3	David E. Culham	7
Adrian G. Semken	4	Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Composed by Horace Howlett. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Carlisle, (2) Chester, (3) Netherseale, (4) Bourne, (5) York, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
*†Josephine A. Quilter	2	‡James L. Towler	5
*Peter G. Brown	3	‡Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 25th peal together. † First of seven Surprise. ‡ 100th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Ivor Goulter	5
Peter Baker	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
Frances Fairbank	3	†Leonard Edwards	7
Valerie Willard	4	William A. Farmer	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mary and Alan Carveth, of Truro, on the birth of a son, Patrick (January 3rd).

TETBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

William F. Scudamore	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter Pearce	3	Frank Reed	7
Michael R. Rose	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band. First on the bells since rehanging.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank Reed	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Frederick W. Soden	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefords.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 14 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being: St. Matthias, St. Philip, St. Guthlac, St. Polycarp, Minster, Abbots Ann, Wolsey, Bodicote, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Grandsire, Newborough, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, April Day, Seighford, May Day, Litchurch, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Royston, St. David, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur W. Williams	Treble	*W. John Clayton	3
Margaret J. Hope	2	*Thomas Bound	4
John W. Hope	Tenor		

Conducted by John W. Hope.
* First peal in 42 methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Rosemary Spicer	Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock	5
Frank W. Croft	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
Robert H. Vigor	3	Jack S. Dear	7
David L. Gullick	4	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
First peal on the bells since the completion of the ringers' gallery.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Robert A. Swift	Treble	†Colin Wyld	5
Brenda M. Davies	2	Robert Swift	6
Margaret M. Jones	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Frederick G. Huckstepp	4	*John C. Clark	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. First on the bells since rehanging.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

CHATHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt in E flat

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Thomas Cullingworth	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Tony Lewis	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Ralph Bird	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Graham N. Benjamin	Treble	Anthony J. Leeves	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	Richard Hayes	6
†Harold Evans	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Ian Oram and Margaret Fort.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	Dennis Latham	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	8
John H. Fielden	4	Denis Mottershead	9
Philip G. K. Davies	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., Jan. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John H. Fielden	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
John P. Partington	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Rachel Kathleen, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. A. R. M. Seaman, M.A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	*Allan Keen	5
*James Cunliffe	2	Bernard Moss	6
James E. Andrews	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*Roy Jolley	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

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

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Ashcroft, mother of the tenor ringer, and an engagement compliment to Margaret E. Fort, Bolton Branch secretary.

(Preston Branch)

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*David Rigby	Treble	Pat Gardner	4
†Dennis H. McCormick ..	2	Jeffrey Simcox	5
‡Philip Wilson	3	†Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

* First peal attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal "inside."

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor. Average age of the band 15½.

(Bolton Branch)

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, comprising two extents each of Surfleet and Beverley and three extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	‡John Illingworth	4
*R Keith Lister	2	*James E. Andrews	5
†Roy Jolley	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in three methods. † First of Surprise Minor "inside." ‡ First of Minor and of Surprise.

Rung by the local band as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Robert Shaw, assistant curate at Westhoughton, and Miss Patricia Speakman.

(Preston Branch)

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

John D. Nixon	Treble	Graham J. Mee	4
John Nelson	2	David L. Marsden	5
Bernard Moss	3	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Conducted by John D. Nixon.

First as conductor. First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Alan Evans	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	*Geoffrey W. Randall ..	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
*Peter C. Randall	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser

* First peal in the method and 25th peal together.

COLEORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

J. Edward Cawser ..	Treble	Alfred Ballard	5
*Sheila Parsons	2	Gerald Reynolds	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Alan Evans	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Martin Green	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Roland H. Cook	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B Speed. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First peal of Leicestershire Surprise Major by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

LUBENHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

John Hunt	Treble	Judy Morris	3
Edward Guy Slater	2	Edward W. Martin	4

Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Geoffrey R. Parker ..	Treble	Peter A. Sharp	5
Harold F. Gibson	2	Louis Willders	6
John Walden	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, married at this church on December 23rd, 1916.

(North Lindsey Branch)

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

Joseph J. Willows	Treble	*David J. Kennington ..	4
John H. Parker	2	Arthur Cook	5
Frank Kennington	3	Arthur Pashley	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal "inside" and also a birthday compliment to this ringer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
†John K. Smith	3	Howard C. Palmer	8
Richard J. Clifton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 100th peal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk —At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet Dagley	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Angela M. Wright	2	H. William Barrett	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Peter Adcock	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and in the county. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Rung by the Norwich ringers as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gogle on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
William Clover	2	Martin Cubitt	5
David Cubitt	3	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
THREE PEALS IN A DAY

All rung for the engagement of Mr. Roger Mitchell and Miss Irene Johnson.

PENN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Southrepps and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Diane J. Presdee	Treble	Aidan C. Butcher	4
*Douglas K. Whitlock ..	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
F. Leslie Floyd	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal "inside."

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Nigel J. Cox	Treble	P. John Hall	4
Douglas K. Whitlock ..	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Brian J. Edwards	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 40 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) Somerville, (3) Elford, (4) St. Albans, (5) Eynsham, (6) St. Simon, (7) Nuffield, (8) Shareshill, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Lapley, (11) St. Giles, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Paul, (15) St. Leonard, (16) St. Martin, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) Winchendon Place, (20) St. John, (21) St. Miles, (22) Campion, (23) Little Aston, (24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Clifford's Pleasure, (26) Southrepps, (27) Wychbold, (28) Marston, (29) Cadbury, (30) Hudibras, (31) Seighford, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Plain Bob, (35) Dedworth, (36) Tichborne, (37) Folke, (38) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (39) Northrepps, (40, 41, 42) Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Douglas K. Whitlock ..	Treble	P. John Hall	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
*Nigel J. Cox	3	Brian J. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Christopher F. Freeman	Treble	Robert A. Partridge	5
Harry E. Wells	2	Frank Godden	6
†Andrew R. Cope	3	Robert B. Blond	7
‡Angela M. Ayres	4	William J. Irving	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ 25th peal and first in the method.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr 13 lb. in F.

*Gordon W. Limmer ..	Treble	*William Birmingham, jun.	5
†David C. Brown	2	William Birmingham ..	6
‡Walter G. Knight	3	*Howard Oglesby	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside." ‡ First of Surprise Major. Mr. A. R. Pink's 500th peal as conductor for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Maurice F. Edwards ..	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Muriel Reay	2	Brian J. Luff	8
†Merryn Hutchings	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
Susan Rothera	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
George E. Fearn	5	John C. Eisel	11
Philip J. Rothera	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus on an inside bell.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

Merryn Hutchings	Treble	John R. Insley	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
James Insley	3	George E. Fearn	8
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	John C. Eisel	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOURPAINE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Christopher F. Longridge	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	4
Timothy Bleathman	2	John N. Longridge	5
Timothy F. Collins	3	William T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.
First peal on the bells.

MARDEN, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in three methods consisting of five extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, five extents Plain Bob and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*Bert Smith	Treble	Colin Smith	3
*David H. Stone	2	K. Barry Osborne	4
Colin C. Hillier		Tenor	

Conducted by Colin C. Hillier.
* First peal in three methods. First as conductor. First on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Yorkshire, 672 Pudsey and 576 Aldenham, with 129 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*J. Dennis Holden	Treble	Michael Elson	5
*Michael W. Fairey	2	*Arthur Pritchard	6
*Anthony W. T. Cleaver ..	3	*Eric E. Speake	7
*Roderick J. Lees	4	†John H. Allen	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal of seven-spliced Surprise Major. † First of Spliced Surprise. First of seven-spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

CHETTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and one extent of Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Christine Slater	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	4
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Philip R. Johnson	5
Richard B. Dorrington ..	3	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Dennis A. Frith	Treble	Roland W. Morant	5
Minnie I. Foskett	2	Peter R. Humphrey	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	George H. Clift	7
David Stainsby	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by R. Inglis.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Salter, January 20th, 1967.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

William F. J. Cope ..	Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell	6
*Stephen T. Kirby	2	John H. Hunt	7
†Jennifer M. H. Smith ..	3	John H. Taylor	8
Joseph Saunders	4	‡K. Paul Gilliver	9
‡Geoffrey J. Gammon ..	5	Andrew Howard	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	Treble	*Walter H. Raxter	7
Rev. Albert Webb	2	‡John J. Stanier	8
*†Gerald Bowen	3	Ian Lloyd	9
James Attwood, jun. ..	4	Arthur C. Berry	10
*David G. Franklin ..	5	Thomas W. Lewis	11
Malcolm Powell	6	Gerald C. Hemming ..	Tenor

Composed by R. Roger Savory. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal on 12. † Completes the method from Minor to Maximus ‡ First of Maximus. 50th peal together by ringers of 8 and 11.
Rung by a resident Worcestershire band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Reginald Rowe	Treble	*Royston J. M. Grosvenor	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	John J. Stanier	7
Gerald L. Bowen	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by T. G. Pett — Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Major.

Specially rung for the wedding of Mr. Paul David Hart Richards, only son of the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. M. Richards, and Mrs. Richards, to Miss Gillian Amelia Shirley-Priest, of Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5032 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25¾ cwt

Frederick A. Munday	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	6
Roger J. Lumley	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	S. Barry Schofield	8
Mary H. Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Arranged to mark Bradford becoming a University City.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Gibson Jackson	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Harold Wagstaff	6
Howard Scott	3	Frederick J. Jackson	7
Ernest Short	4	Cyril Toyne	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

Rung half-muffled in gratitude for the life and work of E. C. Stacey, member of the Yorkshire Association for 48 years, formerly Ringing Master at Doncaster Parish Church and of the Doncaster and District Society. Aged 82 years, died January 1st, 1967

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Watford, Lincoln, Dorchester and Cassiobury, with all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb in E.

Michael R. Meadows	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
Susan Jackson	3	John N. D. Chaddock	7
John Robinson	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. — Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

First peal of Spliced as conductor

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., Jan. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 102 methods, viz.: (1) Forncett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Vedast, St. Hilary, Lyng, Blackburn Place, Hascombe, Bedingham, Ellingham, (3) St. Alkmund, Pleasley St. Denys, (4) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (5) Drax, Felkirk, Gisburn, (6) Ackworth, Bradshaw, Crofton, (7) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (8) Meanwood, Nidd, Wykeham, (9) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lyneham, (10) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (11) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (12) Eynsham, St. Jude, Elford, (13) Lapley, St. Mary Shareshill, (14) St. Leonard, St. Lawrence, Austrey, (15) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (16) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (17) Grandsire, St. Helen, Newborough, (18) Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall, (19) Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, (20) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (21) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (22) Wallflower, Chiddington, Cowslip, (23) St. Richard, St Werburgh, (24) Campion, Hudibras, (25) Plain Bop, Southrepps, (26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (27) Stedman, (28) Somerville, (29) St. Albans, (30) St. Simon, (31) Nuffield, (32) St Nicholas, (33) St. Giles, (34) Magdalen, (35) St. Paul, (36) St. Martin, (37) Wadham, (38) St. Crispin, (39) Ryton, (40) Winchendon, (41) St. John, (42) St. Miles.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. The most methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, Miss J. Piggott (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 St. Clement's and Cambridge S. Minor. R. Collins 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, R. H. Jones 3, M. J. Church 4, D. Floyd 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, W. J. Pettigrew 3, D. T. Finnemore 4, J. W. Pettigrew 5, A. S. Burbidge 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. R. Inman 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 1, E. T. Lee 2, P. Bridle 3, Diane M. Chapman 4, P. J. England 5, D. G. Yeo 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First of London Major 5, 6 and 7.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, Ian Wickens 4, E. Brazier 5, G. Wickens 6. Conducted by Carol Gosling, Eric Brazier and Ian Wickens.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, J. Tyler 2, G. W. Simmons 3, F. Stephens 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, A. Ruck 6, J. Culley 7, W. Newman 8. A compliment to the Vicar of Charlton Kings, the Rev. T. R. Deakin on the occasion of his appointment as Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Willans (cond.) 1, Suzanne Withers 2, J. G. Rose 3, B. H. Goodliffe 4, V. H. James 5, C. V. Coombs 6.

DARLINGTON.—On Jan. 26th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, D. Cox (first "inside") 4, P. M. Park (cond.) 5, R. Park 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Saarsteiner (13) 1, D. A. McEndoo (13) 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, A. S. Doak 4, C. J. Reede 5, C. R. P. Broughton 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. P. O. Barry 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs J. A. Parsons 1, N. Summerhayes 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, S. R. Elliott (first in method) 4, D. E. Parsons 5, C. White 6, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 7, W. A. Peck 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. E. Hicks 1, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 2, Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 3, N. I. Bridges 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Susan V. Banks (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. Wills (first "inside") 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. J. Drury 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, J. A. Underwood 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. J. Ellis 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. First blow in the method for 1 and 5.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blackburn 1, A. Capstick 2, J. Bagnall 3, W. Wall 4, K. Price 5, T. Metcalfe 6, J. E. Burles 7, Rev. R. Lindsay (first in the method) 8. Also failing in Stedman.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Wigg 1, M. Chadwick 2, M. Hitchcock 3, H. Usborne 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, Q. Partis 6.

HURST, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Bele 1, Mrs. C. A. Bele 2, R. K. Rivers 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, E. H. Langley 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For Evensong, and congratulations to Alan and Mary Carveth, of Kenwyn, Cornwall, on the birth of a son.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Faulkner 1, C. G. Wright 2, L. Fox 3, Miss P. Fox 4, D. Ellisden 5, C. A. Hughes 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Browne 1, C. Geary 2, Anne Browne 3, C. G. Browne 4, C. Slack 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In honour of the wedding of Sue Thompsett, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, Plain Bob Royal. D. Young 1, O. Homewood 2, H. Clayton 3, R. Preston 4, Mrs. D. Day 5, W. Clamp 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Cook 9, R. Manton (cond.) 10. For evening service, and in memory of Joseph Fenton, a ringer at this church for over 20 years.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31st: Joan Lynas 1, E. J. Kennett 2, G. Wood 3, J. Clarke 4, N. A. C. Crane (cond.) 5, W. E. Edmed (first quarter) 6. In celebration of the wedding of Sue Thomsett, a ringer of this parish, and Bernard Austin.

NETHERTON, Dudley, WORCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Evans (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, R. Edwards 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. Durham (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Lee (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, M. J. Fellows 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, R. Edwards 5, J. Macefield 6.

PRESTON, Wingham, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 P.B.): A. Berry 1, Miss R. Sinden 2, A. Davies 3, D. Cawley 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5. First on the bells.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Chatwin 1, Jean Chiswell 2, R. Tandy 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Coley, and Mrs. Coley.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—On Jan. 8th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. N. Goodall 1, Mrs. E. J. Goodall 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, J. A. Elliott 4, K. Wilson 5, N. Heaps 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, A. Wilson 8.

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PERSONAL

Will Mr. N. J. Davies, of Ashford, Kent, please send his address, as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned undelivered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind thoughts and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding, January 11th, 1967. 902

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MISCELLANEOUS

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THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Annual Dinner will be held on February 25th in Derby Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Tickets, together with details of afternoon ringing, available from D. R. McLean, 3, Taunton Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM. — No practices on Wednesday during Lent. Practices to take place on the following Saturdays, 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.: February 18th, March 4th and 18th. All welcome. 921

LATE NOTICES

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor, by Tuesday, February 21st.—Mrs. Hooton, Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Earl Shilton (8), February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South. —V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Wilton, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 931

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MEETINGS

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Evening meeting at South Benfleet (6), Thursday, February 9th, commencing 7.45 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Doubles and London Surprise Minor. Please support. — G. Eve, Hon. Sec 905

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 11th, by special invitation from the ladies Names for tea must be sent to Major Clark, St. Mary's Street, Penistone. Method for the day: Double Norwich.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Trumpington, Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, February 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8 p.m. Also Great Munden (6) 7.30–9 p.m. Regret no service. Names for tea to me at 55, North Road, Hertford.—P. M. F. Searles. 877

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Annual general meeting, February 11th. St. Giles', Cripplegate 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 4–5.30. Service 5.30. Tea, business and social evening 6 p.m., Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church) Handbell competition. Names for tea essential.—Miss V. E. Dupré, 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. Renown 4423. Please note dinner date—February 25th. 852

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Whatton, February 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Aslockton. 5 Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton. —R. Blackshaw. 829

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

ANNUAL DINNER

At Church House, Westminster, on Saturday, February 25th, 1967, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (price 25s.) available from T. G. Pett, 8A, Herne Hill Mansions, S.E.24. There will be ringing at the following towers for those attending the dinner:—

St. Giles', Camberwell .. 10.00–10.45
St. John's, Waterloo Rd. (8) 11.00–11.45
St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) .. 12.00– 1.00
St. Mary Woolnoth (3) 2.30–3.00
St. Mary-le-Bow (12) 3.15–4.15
St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8) .. 4.15–5.00
St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) .. 5.30–6.30

Three quarter peals are being arranged for Sunday, February 26th.

Please note that the summer tour of Ireland will take place from August 26th to September 3rd, 1967. All members and friends welcome. Those interested please contact T. G. Pett. 925

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing: St. Laurence's 2–4.30; St. Mary's 7–9. Service at St. Laurence's 4.30. Tea and A.G.M. at St. Mary's Church House, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. No names, no tea. 882

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Kelsale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ludbrook, Forge Cottage, Kelsale, Saxmundham. — T. N. J. B. 807

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Rougham (6) on Saturday, February 11th Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 888

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at Otley (6), near Ipswich, on Saturday, February 11th, from 7.30–9 p.m. —W. L. 919

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A social evening will be held at St. John's Hall, Murray Road (off Ridgeway), S.W.19, on Saturday, February 11th. Wimbledon bells 6.30–7.30 p.m. Names to M. Bangham, MAL 8231. Also Surprise practice at Battersea (not Streatham), February 18th. 7–8.30 p.m. 917

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at Chichester on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Wyke, at 6 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Ringing in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sid. 325. 892

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Next meeting at St. Lawrence's (5), Swindon Village, Monday, February 13th. Bells available 7.30 p.m. 904

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Crowcombe (6 bells) on Wednesday, February 15th, at 7 p.m. 939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock, on Friday, February 17th. Bells (6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H Heath. 910

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Mary's (6), Seavington, Saturday, February 18th, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Branch Sec., Puckington, Ilminster. 936

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Newburn, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle upon Tyne 5. 913

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead (CLA 5192) by Thursday previous. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kempsford (6), February 18th, 5.30 p.m. All welcome. — R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 924

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Ledbury, February 18th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 918

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Meeting at Ramsbottom (8), Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson. 932

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on February 18th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 14th. Ringing: St. Paul's 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., All Saints' 7 p.m.—B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec 911

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by February 15th. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Preshute and Mildenhall, afternoon and evening respectively, Saturday, February 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 938

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Langford–Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Cannock on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) available 6 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 898

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m Names for tea essential to me by February 11th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting at Petersfield, February 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Both in St. Peter's Hall. Bells again in the evening. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by Monday, 13th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 923

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York and Huntington, February 18th. Minster bells available 2 p.m. to 3.55 p.m., after meeting to 7 p.m. Huntington bells available evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Watkin, 40, Meadowfields Drive, Huntington, York.—R. Ducker. 890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston. Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M King, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Kildwick (8) on Saturday, February 18th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 908

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Mangotsfield (8), Wednesday, February 22nd, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. Driver. 928

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec.

The Salisbury Guild Festival will be held at Melksham on May 13th, and not as stated in last week's issue.

TECHNICAL

Proving 135 Methods

By JOHN SEGAR

78 2345678 Rutland, page 5.
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Many multi-method peals of Surprise Major have three leads only in a course. They are the Home, Middle and Wrong leads. A peal could start as above with a lead of Rutland, which could be the only lead of this method in the peal. In the peal of 135 methods composed and conducted by Mr. A. R. Peake there is one lead only of 112 methods.

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	—	86	84	35
	—	75	68	87
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	+	78	37	86
	—	75	73	46
	—	86	57	64
3	+	86	82	14
	+	68	26	54
	—	65	62	24
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TOURS AND OUTINGS, 1966

By PHILIP M. J. GRAY

WHAT greater joy has ringing got to offer than the occasional excursion to unknown parts? There is the excitement of the break from routine, the challenge of finding the way along unfamiliar roads, the effort of handling bells heavier and worse going than our own, the delight of sweeter and more smooth going bells and, above all, the enjoyment of one's fellow travellers, some met for the first time and some regular companions for many years past. I doubt whether any other pastime offers such a pleasure as does ringing and I have yet to meet any other body of people so well informed about the highways and byways (especially the byways) of our land as are ringers.

To judge by the pages of "The Ringing World" in 1966, tours and outings are as popular as they ever were but, of course, their nature is changing. In the 18th century we read of a band walking from London to Oxford and back to display their skill on a few rings in that city. In the 19th century the train made it possible to travel further quicker, but the more remote country parishes were seldom visited. Then we hear of the wagonette for outings, the motor-coach and the bicycle. Like most other features of life today, the motor-car has now largely taken charge but it must be noted that in 1966 some travellers still forged up and down hill into the wind and rain on bicycles and the motor-coach has not totally disappeared.

But it is the car which mostly carries ringers about and accounts now record mishaps to crankshafts, tyres and gaskets almost as often as they mention the accomplishment of a satisfying touch of Stedman or a successful course of London. What the record number of towers visited in one day now is I hate to think, but the breathless, surging appetite for bells and miles comes through in most reports. A kaleidoscope of personalities, funny incidents, romances, weights of bells, teas, other refreshments, missed turnings, sun, rain and snow whirls through the lines of these reports like a newsreel played at double speed. I salute the College Youths who travelled in measured tread to Gloucester, had a ring, some tea, perhaps some other drink and home again; no precipitate anxiety to get into the 20th century for the College Youths!

There must be many an outing and some tours which never make the pages of "The Ringing World" and why should they? We do not need to record every such event for the present or posterity. A tour does, nevertheless, provide excellent material for those who can write to contribute something readable for all. One is justified, I believe, in reviewing tours and outings for their literary merit as much as for the events they recount. There is a story in every trip that ringers make; there is a sight, sound or saying that is there to be shared with many more than the few who were present. When writing about a trip, should not the dominant thought be how to entertain the 5,000 or more readers than how to satisfy the dozen or so fellow tourists who pressed the job on you? Literary style is an elusive and personal thing but it is no bad exercise to consider for a moment how Pepys, Cobbett, Borrow, the journalists who write your daily papers or even Ian Fleming would have handled the events you have experienced. I am sure they would have put in much less detail and conveyed the flavour of that particular outing by more careful attention to just one or two events which they thought others might like to share and enjoy with them. Enjoyable though all tours and outings in 1966 undoubtedly were, the accounts of most of them were, sad to relate, a bore.

The year 1966 was not, happily, a complete literary wilderness. One can re-read Hugh Falkner's delightful Rabbit's Run from Jamaica to Melbourne (April 15th) and savour again such an original thought as "The Whitechapel Bellfoundry are paid to hang bells dead and this saves the Rabbit the embarrassment of exposing his deficiencies." The Rabbits' Guild had another hit when their president, Betty Dobbie, gave us witty glimpses of the Universities' Association in motion (October 14th): "Ranald Clouston, often viewed from below climbing a ladder, unchallengeable authority in his own field" is surely the perfect word picture of Ron to the many who know him and the definitive "Identikit" for those who have yet to have that pleasure. October 14th was a vintage number as it also had the anonymous racy account of the Campingologists. The prose positively sprang into blank verse and almost fooled me that camping is enjoyable when experience tells me positively otherwise. Different, but very readable, was Birgit Hoffmann's account (July 1st) of an outing seen through the eyes of a German girl and written in English that ought to shame many of our native writers. Of the more conventional tour reports I found Chris Kippin's on Wratten's Wringers the most readable (September 16th), mainly because of the clever use of recurrent themes (the Test Match score, somebody called Richard and "Yorkshire and score") which gave a connecting thread and sense of progression to the account which was lacking in most others. It made one want to read on to see what happened next.

At the year's end most of us are fortunate to be able to look back on some very happy days on tour or on an outing. May 1967 give us every bit as much pleasure and may you charm all of us with your writings.

Royal Cumberland Youths Celebrate Pinnacle Year

VICAR OF ST. MARTIN'S PRESENTS GIFT OF HANDBELLS

WITH the presence of ladies as full members, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is providing London ringers and beyond with one of the big social occasions in the ringing calendar. This year's dinner at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 4th, was the largest in the history of the Society, and a company exceeding 200 participated in a happy evening under the genial chairmanship of Mr. Dennis Beresford, who was accompanied by his wife.

The dinner had the distinguished patronage of the Bishop of London (the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford), who was accompanied by Mrs. Stopford and the Dean of Westminster (the Very Rev. E. S. Abbot), because the Cumberlands were privileged to make a contribution to the Abbey's 900th anniversary year. Before the Master was a glittering set of 12 handbells. These, the gift of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, were presented to the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. Austen Williams), who was accompanied by his two churchwardens, Miss F. Nuell and Mr. W. O. Newport.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, a Cumberland Youth of long standing, had made the journey from Southampton to propose the toast of "The Society" in its pinnacle year with a galaxy of outstanding peals. The gibe against the Ancient Society regarding its "Sevenoaks English" was replied to by its Master (Mr. A. J. Frost). Others on the top table were Mr. W. R. Winterton (who invariably starts the speeches by proposing "The Church") and Mrs. Winterton, Preb. G. R. Timms (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Mr. P. M. Wilkinson and Miss Foster, Mr. D. E. Sibson (the Society's secretary, who had the onerous task of making the arrangements), Mrs. A. J. Frost, Mr. J. S. Barnes (senior steward) and Miss A. Parish.

Following the toast of "The Queen," the Master gave a welcome to the guests. He expressed his gratitude to the Bishop of London for in his busy life coming to spend an evening with them. The Society had the privilege, he said, of sharing in the ringing in the ninth centenary celebrations of Westminster Abbey, when its representatives were entertained by the Dean. It was their delight to welcome the Dean that evening. There was also a special welcome to the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin's, the Society's headquarters, and to Preb. G. B. Timms, Guild Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, who allowed the Society to practise at his church.

Mr. W. R. Winterton proposed the toast of "The Church" and recalled that he first came to one of their dinners 20 years ago and in that time he had heard 20 different speeches and replies to that toast. Some were quite sermonistic, quite a lot were done by him and, after all, one did not know what attitude to adopt in proposing such a toast which was really one to themselves—for they were all members of the Church. They were delighted to have with them for the first time the Bishop of London. Thank goodness it was a gathering of the Cumberlands and not the College Youths, as they were thus able ot have Mrs. Stopford with them.

BELLS—ONLY TWO MENTIONS IN BIBLE

The Bishop of London, in reply, said if they looked at Cruden's Concordance they would find that bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible and it was perhaps strange that bells should become such a feature of English Church life. Bells became associated with English Church life about the fifth century and then they were rung in the same manner as in some parts of Europe today—noise was made Change ringing was a peculiarly English thing and he did not know why the English should have taken to this somewhat mathematical pursuit and about the 17th century it embodied itself in the life of the Church.

One of the things they could be extremely thankful for was the remarkable revival in ringing ever since the second world war and quite a lot of young people had taken to it. Their Society reminded them that it was not solely a masculine pursuit; many girls and young ladies had taken to ringing and their Society had taken them into their ranks for what they were worth.

"Speaking for the Church, which is all of us, we are immensely grateful for those who ring our bells with such devotion. It has not always been easy to man the towers; now it seems that the future is assured by the activities of this Society and another which we do not mention very often!"

ST. MARTIN'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS

The Master said at the last dinner the Vicar of St. Martin's promised them a gift of handbells. The rules of their Society were changed a few years ago and at the annual meeting it was the unanimous wish of the members that the Rev. Austen Williams should be elected an honorary member. The Master then presented Mr. Williams with an illuminated certificate and welcomed him as a member of the Society.

Thanking the Society, the Rev. Austen Williams said: "I have over the years grown fond of bells. I have always regarded them with a certain amount of apprehension as I live close to the bell tower. . . I feel you have done me an honour but I shall never attempt to ring bells."

Mr. Williams then handed over a beautiful set of 12 handbells and added: "I make one condition. I hope by next year the bells will ring 'Cwm Rhondda.'"

A touch of Stedman Cinques was then rung on the new bells in impeccable style, conducted by the Master. The band was E. A. Barnett 1–2, Miss Joan Beresford 3–4, D. Beresford 5–6, D. E. Sibson 7–8, P. Beresford 9–10, J. A. D. Woolford 11–12.

The toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths" was proposed by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, who said he was taught to ring by George Williams, who was for many years a revered member of the Society. Mr. Winterton had mentioned 20 years ago; it was exactly 20 years ago when he was asked to take the chair at a Cumberlands' annual meeting. George Cross was Master and George Steere secretary. Alf Pulling proposed Mr. Teddy Barnett as Master, an honour which he declined.

OFFICE OF "WARNER"

Later he found that E. J. Osborne was a Cumberland Youth 125 years ago. He was a kindred spirit of his as they both collected peals. Osborne did a great work in searching out and preserving records of peals which he found in the British Museum. The Canon added that he personally owed a great deal to him. Another old Cumberland Youth was William Shipway and he was fortunate enough recently to pick up his book. From that he noticed that he was "Warner" to the Society of Cumberland Youths. He did not know if his duties were to warn the Society if another Society was trying to capture some of its members. Those were the times when the rivalry with the College Youths was at its height.

In humorous vein the Canon narrated that it was not generally known that St. Peter and the Devil were interested in ringing. They met on the boundary of heaven and hell and had an argument. The Devil said: "I am sure the College Youths started in 1637." St. Peter said: "I am not so sure." It was agreed that they would consult the College Youths in their respective territories. When they met again the Devil said: "November 5th, 1637. All the College Youths tell me so." St. Peter replied: "I will have to take your word for it. There only seem to be Cumberlands up here!"

Concluding, the Canon said the Society was in very good heart under its excellent Master and in the future they would go from strength to strength.

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The Master, who was very cordially received, said they were a little surprised at their last annual general meeting when they discussed the rules of membership that they had not been altered for over 50 years. They were surprised by a question that was asked as to what were the principal aims of the Society. One went year by year following what they considered to be the best course to follow. They considered the following: (1) To continue the tradition of one of the old London Societies by the maintenance of the best possible standards; (2) to promote the Society on a national basis as one to which ringers aspire to join; (3) to endeavour to promote a fellowship within the Society that would induce ringers to join the Society.

With regard to the last object they could justifiably claim that they had been successful in promoting in the Society a spirit of comradeship and the success of that dinner proved the point. There were over 200 people present and they were delighted to welcome people who had travelled far. There was a large contingent from Lincolnshire and Newark and other friends from South Wales.

On the subject of fellowship, their big departure last year was the holding of a county meeting at Leicester after a period of retrenchment. This year they were going to visit Northampton in April. Another Society was visiting there later in the year.

Those of them who read the report of the other Society's dinner would find that a certain passage was difficult to understand as it was written in Sevenoaks English. It referred to gullible natives being subjected to proselytising activities from their Society. It was, of course, their aim to increase their membership but they did not regard them as gullible natives but as discerning ringers. This year their proselytising activities would be in Northampton.

PEALS—HIGHEST EVER

Their peal total in 1966 was higher than it had ever been in the history of the Society, with a total of 26 peals. The first peals for the Society in 10, 12 and 14 Spliced Surprise Major had been rung and the first peals for the Society in 6, 7 and 8 Surprise Major methods silent and non-conducted. Peals of Eardley, Milford and Hereford Surprise had been rung for the first time, and a peal of 91 Spliced Minor methods rung in Essex, which was the most methods to a peal for the Society. Their progress during the year had been amazing through their weekly practices and they were indebted to the incumbents of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Martin's for permission to ring.

One of the special items of the year was the ringing of a quarter peal of Bristol Surprise in connection with the ninth century

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Cumberlands Dinner—Continued

celebration at Westminster Abbey and the cordial welcome given them by the Dean. Another was the memorial to George Cross, and Walter Dobbie made a wonderful oak table for St. Martin's belfry.

Concluding, the Master said: "One of the landmarks this year has been the change in the secretaryship of the Central Council. I think all of us owe a big debt of gratitude to Teddy Barnett for all he has done while he was secretary of the Council, and this Society is proud of him."

Excerpts from a recording of the quarter peal of Bristol Surprise rung by the Society at Westminster Abbey were then played over to the company.

The toast of "The Visitors" was wittily proposed by Mr. P. M. Wilkinson, and the Dean of Westminster, in reply, said one of the merits of a Grant of Royal Peculiar was that it could open its doors very wide, and during their 900th anniversary year they opened them wide and admitted everyone. One great event of the year was the harvest festival and while the gifts were being carried in procession they were accompanied by the ringing of handbells. He was greatly impressed by their gathering— by their youth and by their ladies as much as by their men.

"FAR FROM HOME"

Also to respond was the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. J. Frost, who said from the speeches he could understand why it was customary for the Master of his Society to reply. He had some notes and during the proceedings had written down a line from a hymn: "The night is long and I am far from home." He thanked the large number of members of his Society present for their support—were it not for the ladies it might have been one of their gatherings! At College Youth dinners they toasted "The Visitors and Kindred Societies." He could well understand why there were no kindred Societies toasted there!!

In a few weeks' time both their Master and he would be privileged to be in that room as guests of the University of London Society. That was one of the many Societies of ringers today as there were the territorial Associations, the touring Associations and the peal ringing Societies. From the number of peals being rung today many who took part could be called professional ringers.

Mr. Frost said he would like to take up the point their Master raised that each individual Society should consider its purpose in life and whether it was making its full contribution. He felt it was time a new approach was made. It might be that Saturday meetings made no appeal. "The Ringing World" was undergoing a change; things needed to be changed to keep up with direction of today. Ringing dinners seemed to be popular but he hoped that they would never reach the state of one ringing Society in the West Country that only met for its annual feast!

An unexpected toast came at the end when Mrs. Tom Francis met with with a general desire by proposing the health of the Master.

THE COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King (Chepstow), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hudson (Chelmsford), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. R F. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tubbs, Mr and Mrs. C. A. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. P. A Corby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brunger, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steere, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. D. Manger, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Strathdee, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldock, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. B. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. G. Parker, Mr and Mrs. T. A. Relf, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fynes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lees.

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Middx. School's Progress with Handbells

Boys of the De Brome Secondary Modern School, Feltham, playing at their school concert. From left to right: G. Clow, P. Kerry, J. Lee, A. Waite, R. Mitchell and P. Ireland. [By permission Remlap Photographic, Feltham.

IT would appear from the article in "The Ringing World" of January 27th, on the activities of the Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapleton, that there lies within the schools up and down the land a large nucleus of potential bellringers just waiting to be tapped. This has certainly been the experience of the writer at the De Brome Secondary Modern School for Boys, Feltham, Middlesex. Over the past two years a bell-ringing society has been formed at this school using, with the permission of the local incumbent, both the tower and handbells of St. Catherine's Church, Feltham.

We are not so fortunate in the number of handbells on loan to us at the Hunshelf School, there being only eight handbells in the Taylor set at Feltham, but this Christmas we were kindly lent the William Barber set of 12 handbells from All Saints' Church, Isleworth, which has given us a little more scope.

The boys in the accompanying photograph astounded everybody by the speed at which they were able to produce quite an extensive repertoire of carols in the short space of three weeks from their joining the Society, plus an extensive amount of blisters. Nevertheless, their enthusiasm undaunted, their first public appearance took place at the school concert on December 14th, when after two weeks' practice they could manage two carols of an acceptable standard to the listening audience. This led to their visiting the old folk's homes in the area, plus Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, where many had a Christmas surprise they had not anticipated.

The headmaster, very much impressed by the performance of these boys, has now ordered from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry a new set of 12 handbells, which will undoubtedly be pressed into active service as soon as possible after their delivery to the school, unfortunately at least 12 to 15 months away.

To anyone who is seeking new ringers to join their Society the writer suggests an appeal to the local schools where, as already stated, a vast number of enthusiastic youngsters are to be found.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society since November was held at the 10-bell tower of Bradford Cathedral on January 28th.

Some 34 members were present before the meeting, a much improved figure on recent attendances, and Royal, Caters, Major and Triples methods were rung with varying degrees of success.

Tea was kindly provided nearby and the local company were thanked for this meal.

At the business meeting Mr. Irvin Slack said that he had, on behalf of the Society, brought up the question of the clashing of dates between the Yorkshire Association's practice evenings and the Leeds and District's own meetings, at the Yorkshire Association's meeting at Sheffield. The secretary (Mr. Ian North) suggested that it should be put to the Yorkshire Association that these meetings could help the Leeds and District Society by being held at the same tower, thus swelling the attendance. The vote taken was unanimously in favour of this suggestion.

The meeting decided, after discussion, that with such a short time available it would not be wise to hold a striking competition.

The date of the annual general meeting is to be moved to coincide with a Yorkshire Association meeting. Leeds Parish Church will not be available for this event but it is hoped that the meeting will be held within the city of Leeds.

Next meeting, Birstall (8), February 25th.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, J. J. George 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson 7, G. F. Dunstan (first on eight as cond.) 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, P. J. Devrell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, A. C. Perry 6, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 7, R. E. G. Smith 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hawkins, who were married at Christ Church, Bath, on January 17th, 1942.

Letters to the Editor

IN TRUE PERSPECTIVE

Dear Sir,—In the last few weeks there have been several letters published plainly "sniping" at the St. Martin's Guild. There appears to be no reason for this unless it is that the writers of these letters are upset about their inability to maintain as high a standard in their own ringing.

Mr. Corbishley's letter displayed a remarkable ignorance of Surprise Maximus ringing—he even implies that there is something immoral in ringing peals of Londinium! Peals of this calibre are not "churned out," as he stated—the band has to be recruited and highly trained. In this respect the St. Martin's Guild is to be congratulated in building such a fine band in such a relatively short period of time.

Mr. Button's letter, together with his references to the record length of Stedman Cinques appalled me. The peal was obviously not "guaranteed from the start"—is any peal? The performance was a remarkable study in physical and mental endurance and we in the St. Martin's Guild are proud of the fact that there are enough ringers in the Guild to undertake such a formidable task. Mr. Button's attitude can only be classified as "sour grapes." The annual general meeting of the Guild gave an overwhelming vote of thanks to the band for maintaining the position of Birmingham ringing—at the top! I heartily endorse this view.—Yours faithfully,

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Atherstone, Warks.

MURPHY OF DUBLIN AND OTHER THINGS

Dear Sir,—Rummaging through some old papers, I turned up a postcard photograph of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, Irish Republic, upon the back of which I have written "8 bells, tenor 34 cwt., 1870, Murphy of Dublin; Flat 2nd hung dead, ¼ over ⅛ ins"

I recall visiting the tower about seven years ago and everything then was in an appalling state—steps, tower chambers and bell frame inches deep in sticks, bird carcases, eggs and worse, resembling one of the guano islands off the coast of Peru or Birmingham Cathedral in the pre-Fearn era The bells hung in a timber frame with large clumsy fittings and, although hung for ringing, appeared to be sounded by a chiming apparatus of Ellacombe-cum-Murphy vintage As far as it was possible to judge by chiming them they were not too bad apart from, I think, 5/6, which verged on being what Tom Miller would have termed "noodles."

I should be interested to know something of the history of these bells, whether they have ever been rung, also if any further complete rings by Murphy exist anywhere.

In Cork a chime of eight at St. Ann's, Shandon, is now hung "dead." Can anyone confirm whether or not they have ever been hung for ringing? I have a suspicion that they were prior to 1908.

In passing, is Ronald Dove correct in asserting in his crossword puzzle that the original of "Fenchurch St. Paul" in the "Nine Tailors" is Terrington St. Clement? I have always understood from information gathered in the area that it was a "composite" of Walpole St. Peter, March (the "angel roof"), and Redenhall, but this may easily be wrong. —Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

P.S.—The tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, Cork, besides being lofty, has tall, stout pinnacles and this, coupled with a large west window, seems to indicate that there would be considerable movement if the bells were rung. —W. E. B

TEN-BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. Shire's letter (January 27th), although I do not hail from the West Country, I may be able to throw a little light on his request for information.

In my home tower (Otley, Yorkshire), there was often talk of "Long Ten," which was stated to be an attempt to make five bells sound like ten bells. There were, however, two schools of thought, and readers will readily detect the fallacies in both.

The first school of thought was that "Long Ten" was rung on the back five of an octave, and went as follows:—

3 1 4 2 3 1 4 5

The other school of thought was that it should be rung on the back six of an octave as follows:—

4 2 1 5 3 4 2 1 5 6

In each case it will be noticed that two bells miss a blow alternately.

There was, however, a difference between Mr. Shire's method and our method. Mr. Shire's is rung with the bells up; ours was always rung with the bells down, i.e. in the chiming position.

It will be readily appreciated how difficult it would be for the two bells missing alternate blows, particularly the tenor. This was eased at Otley, however, by the fact that there was a hammer which struck the tenor bell independently, and was used as a "minute" bell at funerals.

I must confess I had never thought of attempting to ring this with the bells up. It would appear to be fairly simple, in that the two bells which strike alternately would ring "half-pull and stand," which would be somewhat comparable with the well-known "whole-pull and stand."—Yours sincerely,

J. W. HORNER.

Wigan.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir,—The following Doubles variations were rung in the peal at Chapel Allerton on January 2nd, 1967. Although none of them is to be found in Dodd's and Jones' collection, we believe that some of them may already have been rung to peals and named and we should be glad to hear from anyone who can enlighten us and so help to keep the records free from the confusions of duplication.

Name Given	Plain Course	Bob
Ackworth	Westminster II	Grandsire S.
Bradshaw	Westminster II	Antelope S.
*Chapel Allerton	St. Hilary	All Saints P.L.
Crofton	Westminster II	All Saints P.L.
Drax	Blackburn Place	Grandsire S.
Felkirk	Blackburn Place	Antelope S.
Gisburn	Blackburn Place	All Saints P.L.
*Kirkthorpe	St. Hilary	Grandsire S.
*Leeds	Huntspill	Grandsire S.
*Lightcliffe	Huntspill	Antelope S.
*Lyneham	Huntspill	All Saints P.L
Meanwood	New Bob	Grandsire S.
Nidd	New Bob	Antelope S.
*Rothwell	St. Vedast	All Saints P.L.
*Selby	St. Vedast	Grandsire S.
*Sherburn	St. Vedast	Antelope S.
*Wragby	St. Hilary	Antelope S.
Wykeham	New Bob	All Saints P.L.

* Also rung at Felkirk, November 28th, 1966.

—Yours faithfully,
R. BROWN.

"Lyndhurst," 5, Copley Lane,
Robin Hood, Wakefield.

TUITION OF BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence upon the subject of tuition of beginners appears to have grown as cold as the early days of January. In answer to a repeated request by Mr. N. Chaddock for information upon methods of tuition practised in the Exercise, I submitted notes which were utilised for an article on page 682 of "The Ringing World." In the preamble to this article I suggested that this was a subject which was without glamour and far too mundane to incite our leading ringers and conductors to meet Mr. Chaddock's request, and indeed the notable lack of disagreement even with my own peculiar and non-traditional ideas lends support to my contention that the average change ringer is a selfish personality. I can only hope that the seamy picture that this paints of our mentors as they ring their long length and multi-method peals can be relieved by the knowledge that Mr. Chaddock has received a crushing volume of mail, sent privately. An affirmative from Mr Chaddock would be gratefully received by all of us, since the only alternative is to believe that our leading bands "win" recruits already trained from more modest and less ostentatious belfries.

There are one or two rays of light amongst the dark shadows. An article by a Yorkshire lady contains the type of information requested twice by Mr. Chaddock If I may comment on Miss Wilkinson's plan, I would first suggest that most of us might find there is something which is new; in my own case the idea of chair-lifting exercises seems quite original and useful, in theory. My second comment is that 20 beginners seem too many, but no one else has given us an idea of the ideal number. Also it seems a dreadful waste of Miss Wilkinson's time to teach these girls if she has no control over their future elementary change ringing.

Mr. Collins underlines the enthusiasm and purpose shown in Canadian ringing in his letter from Montreal. I would compliment him on the production of an excellent visual aid, but I am afraid that he would be very disappointed with the comparatively insipid and mediocre attitude in England, where a multitude of excuses at belfry level would be advanced for not projecting his film. Messrs. Michael King and M. J. Kirk appear to have first-hand knowledge of the problems of tuition, from the reception point of view. However, the lack of Christian charity shown by local ringers in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire respectively, in deliberately neglecting to assist struggling bands emphasises my statement concerning attitudes.

Other items of information that one can ferret out of obscure corners of "The Ringing World" are more encouraging. Miss Amanda Powell (see page 8) is not the only beginner taught by that progressive Addington band who weekly contribute to our quarter peal columns. At least two Scouts have obtained bellringers' badges during 1966 (see page 844). Rutland High School contains four very active youngsters (see page 828). There is a band of young and enthusiastic ringers in the Lake District under the leadership of Mr. K. Price (see page 787). Redditch High School (see page 6) contains 20 pupils who have been introduced to ringing on a neglected octave. This good work continues, despite the lack of assistance from the peal ringers or from some of the Guilds. I would commend the faceless many who maintain this good work, in the face of ridicule and scorn from several of the Exercise, but would draw even their thoughts to consideration of the latter from an 11-year-old (see page 4): "When I started bell ringing six months ago a lot of my friends made fun of me . . ."—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Division Secretary Retires

Although not good, it was a fairly representative gathering that attended the Northern Division annual general meeting at Balcombe on January 28th. Warnham and Withyham were strong supporters, backed up by members of the Western Division. Ringing started smartly at 3 o'clock and the service was conducted by the Rev I. Paton Hunter, Vicar of Danehill, who brought along his organist; grateful thanks were tendered to both. A splendid tea (as usual) had been provided by the local ringers in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the balance sheet showed a slight drop over last year but it was not considered too bad as individual subscriptions had been introduced in place of affiliation fees.

When the election of officers took place the hon. Divisional secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) intimated that she wished to resign and this information was received with general regret. Mrs. Jean Osbon was unanimously elected to fill the post.

The Master (Mr R. Johnson) thanked Mrs. Hairs, not only on behalf of the Division but on behalf of the whole Association, she having filled the offices of Divisional secretary in the Southern and Northern Divisions, peal secretary and Central Council representative, and during the last war had written up a duplicate book of the whole of the peals of the Association.

The Master commented that the younger generation were now progressing much faster than years ago and were ready sooner for holding office. It would no doubt help the Association if the older members were to realise this. He wanted it put on record that his thanks were also for the enormous amount of work done for the Association over a large number of years both by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs.

Mr. George Francis was elected Ringing Master with Mr. Roger Osbon as his assistant.

Practice meetings were again discussed and it was left to the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary to try and work up a little more support.

Under "any other business" Mrs. Hairs thanked all concerned for their support over the years and promised the new secretary all the assistance she could give.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN E. STOKES

By the death on January 1st of John Stokes, at the age of 64, the Beccles company have lost a faithful member. He became very interested in ringing when driving the coach for the ringers' outing about ten years ago and decided to learn to ring, and in spite of restricted time due to his varied working hours, became a useful and regular Sunday service ringer when his duties permitted. He will be very much missed at the belfry.

MR. E. CHARLES BAILEY

The Beccles company suffered a second loss this month by the passing of Charles Bailey, at the age of 71, on January 16th. Charles learned to ring in 1910, with his father and other members of the family at Rickinghall with the band that made some West Suffolk ringing history before the first world war. He served in Flanders 1914–18 and after the war he settled down near Beccles and became a regular ringer at Beccles and Barsham and, except for a few years during the last war, spent the rest of his life in this district. He rang about 70 peals, shared between the Suffolk Guild and the Norwich Association, and was a staunch churchman, regular in attendance in the belfry and at services and was for some time a member of the Church Council.

He will be very much missed at Beccles, and also at many other Norfolk and Suffolk churches which he often visited and was very well known. At his funeral ringers from Norfolk and Suffolk rang handbells, and the bells of St. Michael's were half-muffled on Sunday to his memory. E. R. G.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

Eastern Branch

The Eastern Branch annual meeting was held at St. Margaret's Lowestoft, on January 28th, and was splendidly supported with just on 50 members attending.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, and the address given by the curate, the Rev. J. F. Towler, who is also a ringer. Mr. C. Mitchell played the organ. An excellent tea was served by Sister Riley and her staff at Harleston House, a nearby Church Army old people's home.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Miss D. E. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; Standing Committee, Mr. T. J. Brock, Mr. A. E. Crowe; Branch Committee, Miss M. Kindred, Mr. A. H. Roberts, together with the re-election of Messrs. A. W. Bird, J. W. Forder and J. B. Gorrod.

Meeting dates for 1967 were proposed as: April 15th (Catfield); June 3rd (Blofield); September 30th and December 9th. New ringing members elected: Rev. Peter N. Bond, Roger Newstead, David Wright (Great Yarmouth), Miss Ann Corney, Miss Elizabeth Carr, Rev. J. F. Towler (Lowestoft) and Paul Holsworth (Gorleston). Probationers: Mr. G. G. Townshend, Miss J. E. Groome (Loddon). The belfry election of Mr. R. A. Hunt, of Ruskington, Lincs, prior to a peal, was ratified.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr Charles Bailey, of Beccles, who died on January 16th, and had been a member of the Association since 1910, also to Mr. J. E. Stokes, who, although not a member, was well known as a ringer in the District.

Forthcoming practice meeting: March 18th, Haddiscoe or Aldeby. N. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The 20th annual meeting was held at Newark on January 21st. The 31 cwt. ten sound beautiful in the market place and are well worth the long climb to the ringing chamber.

After Evensong, conducted by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Toons, both he and the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Kingsnorth, joined a good crowd for tea, at which the Vicar expressed his pleasure in entertaining the District.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. In presenting the annual statement the secretary said the substantial balance was not entirely due to the increase in members' subscriptions and the peal booking fee, as the membership had risen by nine and there had been quite a few more peals rung than in 1965. Following up with a report on the year's activities, the secretary said both these facts were healthy signs, and the District began the New Year with considerable optimism for an even better year. One new member was elected, Mr. Keith Vernon of Balderton.

Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs C. W. Reed were re-elected as chairman and hon. secretary respectively, Mr. Peter Wakefield re-elected as Ringing Master and Miss Margaret Chilton a committee member.

Mr. Midwinter gave a report on the activities at Southwell Minster, where he and two others had been teaching a new band. Several people had been taught to handle a bell and to ring rounds and call changes but he appealed for more assistance to help to break into change ringing The next meeting was arranged at Southwell in the hope that taking the District there would fan more enthusiasm in ringing activities generally.

The meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Charles Copp and ringing continued during the evening. B. N. R.

Mansfield District

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District took place on January 28th at Grove House, Mansfield, and the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul and, as usual, it was well patronised. In the absence of a resident incumbent the service was taken by the Rev. A. Pettingell, at Mansfield again after a lapse of six years.

Following an excellent tea, the chairman opened the business meeting with a hearty welcome to new members, after which a short silence was observed to the memory of Mr. C. Randall, of Mansfield, who had passed away the previous Sunday, aged 79.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1966 were approved, and among items discussed was the Guild's Bell Repair Fund and suggestions on how the District income could be increased.

The following were accepted as Guild members: Mrs. F. Fogg and Messrs. D. Coulson, D. Marsh, P. Sheward, T. Ford, A. Godfrey, A. Whittamore, J. Simpson and A. Nelson, all of Eastwood; A. Wood and Miss M. Horsley of Kirkby-in-Ashfield; C. Pack of Warsop, Mrs. V Sollis was elected an honorary vice-president.

District officers returned were: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. B. A. Richards. Mr. D. A. Whetton was elected to the committee.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, and ringing continued with an interesting and varied range of methods until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: March 18th, Selston. D. J. B.

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RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Mr. Percy Amos, captain at Weston Favell, sends us the following corrections to Mr. Peter Abbott's articles on the "Rings of Four Bells in Huntingdonshire":

Catworth tenor 15¼ cwt., not 17¼ cwt.

Brington tenor 5¼ cwt., not 5 cwt.

Glatton tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. The note is nearer B flat than E flat. Bells rehung in 1908, not 1904. The tenor is only 35½ in. in diameter. To be 9 cwt. it would have to be around 37½ in.

Old Weston tenor is a 35½in. bell and is 7¼ cwt., not 9 cwt. The treble is not pre-Reformation but of the Elizabeth I period. The steeple is three-tier

Offord Cluny tenor is only a 36¼ in. bell and could not possibly weigh 10 cwt. To do so it would have to be around 39–39½ in. Its weight is more like 8–8½ cwt.

Orton Waterville tenor was recast by J. Eayre, not cast. Here there were originally three bells, all by the first of the three Toby Norris's of Stamford, 1606. This Toby Norris founded bells from 1603 to 1626, in which year a plaque in St. George's Church, Stamford, tells us he died. The present incumbent in a conversation with me said he would like to see a recording of other bells in place of the present four. I was recently assured by a well-known ex-Archdeacon ringer in the Ely Diocese that no faculty would be granted this tower for a sham apparatus if applied for, nor yet one to dispose of the bells. To anyone interested in pulpits, this church has a fine specimen of the Elizabeth I period.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON

A joint meeting of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association drew over 50 people to Stockton Parish Church on January 28th. One attraction was the Washington Cathedral film, shown in the vestry by Mr. Fred Hodgson, who also showed one of British Railways films on its modernisation, which was of great interest.

At the business meeting the Southern District vice-president, Mr. T. Cooke, welcomed an old friend, Mr. Phil Tocock, whom they had not seen for nearly 20 years but who was stationed in the area again.

The Vicar and churchwardens were thanked for the use of the bells by Mr. T. M. Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and Mr. W. Tyson, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, was in his usual good form in thanking the ladies for a tea which came up to the very high reputation they have built up.

During the afternoon and evening methods rung ranged from Cambridge, Yorkshire, Little and Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples to several spells of rounds for the beginners. E. P.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Devon Branch held an enjoyable meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay, on February 4th, although it was not largely attended.

The ringing, supervised by Mrs. G. E. Retter, consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. de T. Andrews) conducted a short service, with Mrs. C. Pearson acting as organist.

After a bountiful tea in the St. Anne's Hall, the business meeting followed with Mrs. H. Boobier (vice-president) in the chair. Members were reminded of the annual meeting to be held at Lincoln in July and were asked to book accommodation early. Two new members, the Misses Lynn Murkin and Ann Retter, were elected.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Branch at South Brent with Diptford (subject to permission). It was reported that flowers were sent to Mrs. Pauline Burnham, the Branch secretary, on the birth of her first child, a daughter, on February 2nd. Votes of thanks concluded the meeting and ringing took place at Torre Parish Church in the evening. A. E. R.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The largest District annual general meeting at Basingstoke for many years was held on January 28th, with the bells of both St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches being rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service at St. Michael's was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Norman J. Woodhall, who is District vice-chairman. The Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, of Tadley, himself a ringer, gave an inspiring address based on the Linlithgow coat of arms on a Garter stall in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Under the device of the earth split in two is the motto "Spes manet" (Hope remains). In an age when standards of behaviour were declining and few people attended their parish church, he said, bellringers were able to ring out their message of hope into homes having no other contact with the Church.

A fire which damaged Church Cottage in the early hours of Friday morning necessitated quick changes in the arrangements, and the tea was held in St. John's School. At the business meeting the District chairman, Canon F. A. Sanders, welcomed the visitors, amongst whom was the Master of the Guild (Canon K. W. H. Felstead) and the chairman of the Andover District (Mr. G. K. Dodd). He was also delighted to see Church Oakley tower again represented at an annual general meeting.

The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the late Bert Garrett, honorary life member and for many years captain at Overton.

After the routine business of approving last year's minutes and accounts, 11 new members were elected, all juniors, five from Bramley and six from Sherborne St. John.

The votes of thanks included a special one to St. Michael's captain and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, who had been working until the early hours of that morning salvaging and washing crockery from Church Cottage kitchen to enable the ladies of St. Michael's tower to provide tea.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The South West Branch held its annual meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on January 28th. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the fine ring of eight, including the four standard methods and Double Norwich. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Roy E. Harris, and the visiting preacher was the Rev. Eric Hayman, who is a ringer. The organist was Mr. P. Grant Arnold.

Tea was followed by the meeting under the chairmanship of the Rev. Eric Hayman, in place of Mr. T. G. Myers. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Owen Thomas, wife of the branch auditor, who died recently. The secretary, Mr. Robert A. Southwood, gave a very fine report on the activities of the towers within the Branch.

Officers re-elected: Chairman, Mr. Thomas G. Myers; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Roy Bould; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Robert A. Southwood; Press officer, Miss Sylvia Sims; auditor, Mr. H. Owen Thomas. New members proposed and accepted were Paul Perkin (Whitchurch), Brian Hancock, Mrs. Julia Steere, Judith Hughes and Susan Davison (Stoke Damerel).

The following programme was decided upon for the coming year, subject to permission: Buckland Monachorum on April 15th, Stoke Damerel and the annual meeting at Plympton St. Mary on January 27th.

The resignation of Mr. F. E. Day was accepted by the meeting. It was decided to hold an annual Branch social event and a committee was elected to arrange this. The committee elected comprised Mr. Barry Knight (Stoke Damerel), Miss Linda Le-Tissier (Emmanuel) and Mr. D. Wheeler (St. Andrew's).

The presentation of a certificate was made to Mr. John P. Sims, captain of the Emmanuel tower, whose ringers came second in a ringing festival held at Stratton in December. Votes of thanks to all who had made it such a success concluded the meeting.

Evening ringing was enjoyed at Emmanuel and at Eggbuckland, Plymouth. S. P. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual District meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on January 28th, when 134 members and visitors were present. The service was conducted by Canon J. S. Tudor-Jones with Mr. L. S. Cook as organist. An excellent tea in the W.V.S. Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Master (Mr. P. Smart) in the chair.

Mr. T. Page (District Master) gave a rather less fiery report than of recent years. The District has 153 members but the average at meetings last year was 29. "I would not complain about the small attendance if it was not for the fact that it is usually the same ringers who turn up every time," said Mr. Page. "The Saturday evening practices attract quite a few visitors and were worth coming along to." He appealed to all to come and enjoy themselves and bring their friends next time.

Mr. Page made a suggestion that an evening practice could be arranged during the summer months at a tower that needed assistance to coincide with the normal practice. Such towers should apply for help. On recruiting, he said it was escsential to start a vigorous campaign. He envisaged a colour poster with a church in the background and a group of people of all walks of life heading for the tower. "No class or colour bar," said Mr. Page. "Perhaps one of our C.C. representatives will take it up. There must be a ringing commercial artist who could produce a suitable poster." Frensham had now restarted and he hoped they would manage to continue.

Officers returned unopposed were: District Master, Mr. T. Page: secretary, Mrs. B. Simpson, treasurer, G. K. Williamson; auditor, W. Viggers. A ballot for Assistant Master went in favour of Mr. M. Church, who also goes on the Executive Committee. Two new members were elected.

A return to the tower was made, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. R. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Breaking with tradition, the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Charminster on January 14th. Bradford Peverell bells were also available during the evening. The Guild service, attended by the church choir, was conducted by the Branch vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks, and an address given by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Tea, provided by lady helpers in the School Hall, was enjoyed by a gathering of 37 members including ringers from North Dorset.

The secretary's report for 1966 stated that membership had slightly increased, Maiden Newton and Upwey towers having rejoined the Branch. Quarter peals had been rung at seven towers during the year and the quarter peal at Maiden Newton was believed to be the first in the Branch by an all-ladies' band. Branch practices had continued on alternate Saturday evenings, and five meetings had taken place. The statement of accounts, showing a satisfactory balance, was adopted.

Branch officers were re-elected for 1967 with the exception of the Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Rose), who tendered his resignation after six years in the post. Mr. E. H. Amey, of Charminster, succeeds him, and Mr. B. Kear (Wyke Regis) now joins Mr. G. Goringe (Cattistock) as Deputy Ringing Master.

Subject to permission, branch practices will be held at Cattistock on February 11th, Upwey February 25th, Puddletown March 11th, St. Peter's, Dorchester, March 18th, and Wyke Regis April 22nd

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The ringing chamber of St. Mary the Virgin's was packed to overflowing on February 4th when the Ilchester Branch held a practice meeting at its own home tower. Ringing on the 11¼ cwt. five was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman.

A most enjoyable evening was spent and thanks expressed to the Rector, the Rev. G. Thomas, and to Mr. H. Pope for their courtesy in making the tower and bells available.

Next meeting: South Petherton (8) on March 4th (quarterly).

QUARTER PEALS

LONG LENGTHS

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Jan. 28th, 3,096 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, P. N. Felton (cond.) 2, C. Starburk 3, M. E. Harrisson 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Collis 6. A peal attempt called round due to indisposition.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 21st, 2,040 Doubles (three methods): A. L. B. King 1, R. D. Marsh 2, H. G. Wells 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, C. Jeffrey (first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, Amanda Powell 6. For Matins.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Harris (first quarter) 1, Joan V. Reyner 2, J. P. Ladd 3, P. J. Ostley 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, M. E. Denyer 6. For Evensong.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Noton (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss S. E. Davis 2, W. Sheldon 3, G. W. Hawksworth 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, J. D. Arkwell ¼. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Attwood, of Old Brampton.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Clapham 1, Mrs. M. A. Parker 2, R. Paddison 3, D. V. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6, C. Holmes 7.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, Kathleen Fletcher 2, D. Matkin 3, J. Price 4, D. Reeson 5, R. Price 6, F. Price 7, C. Conway (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Steddman Triples: Miss J. J. Murrell 1, Mrs. R. J. Bowden 2, D. Powney 3, A. Tubb 4, R. J. Bowden 5, G. Land 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, G. King 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 3, 6 and 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Lucock (first away from tenor) 1, Susan Copping (first quarter) 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Lesley Evans (first Grandsire) 4, J. Copping (first Grandsire and as cond.) 5, R. Evans (first quarter) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cullen 1, M. D. Fuller (first of Triples) 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, J. Hagley 4, Miss J. Kipling 5, Miss R. Weal 6, T. J. Wellen 7, P. Payne 8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin (first as cond.) 2, W. Holloway 3, W. Fern 4, J. Sutton 5, H. Gardner 6. For Confirmation service.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Welsher (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Aldridge (cond.) 3, E. Webber 4, C. Lock 5, A. Welsher 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Forsythe 1, T. Hobson 2, K. Lister 3, T. W. Smith 4, H. Worrall 5, A. Critchley 6, J. Thornley 7, J. Ashcroft 8. In honour of the Feast of the Purification.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chapman 1, Miss J. Clipstone 2, R. J. Cowley (cond.) 3, T. Chapman 4, K. J. Chapman 5, C. E. Richardson 6, E. C. Buckby 7, P. Nesbitt 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER. — On Jan. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: A. White 1, S. Skinner 2, M. F. Lock 3, C. G. Bryant 4, J. Longridge 5, F. Wreford 6, C. P. Yates (first of Surprise) 7, F. D. Mack (cond.) 8. To welcome Katharine Anne, second daughter of Clive and Joyce Bryant. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, J. Longridge 2, C. Yates 3, F. Wills 4, F. Wreford 5, A. Truman 6, G. Skinner 7, C. Bryant 8. For Evensong, and bon voyage to Sir Francis Chichester.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Smith 1, Linda Templemore 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, W. Sear 4, I. Pett (cond.) 5, R. Churchill 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, R. J. Stannard 2, D. Rowlands 3, C. Stannard 4, J. Banks 5. For Evensong.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Brentnall 1, J. Nayamith (first "inside") 2, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 3, K. D. Waples 4, J. Spratt 5, R. J. Picton 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Harrop 1, E. Shipp 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, C. Tovell 7, L. Houghton 8, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. Howes, late chairman, Western Branch, N.D.A., who died on January 31st.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Greenway 1, Ann Butcher 2, F. Oakley 3, W. Kitson 4, F. E. J. Reynolds (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Brewer, churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 50 years, buried here this day.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Billings 1, F. S. Slatford 2, B. Evans 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, H. G. Blanchard 5, N. G. Knee (cond.) 6, L. K. Grey 7, H. E. Blacker 8. First of Major 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: C. A. Slyfield 1, D. Lodge 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, J. A. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in variation by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For morning service.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. C. Smart 1, W. E. Pearce 2, L. J. Malings 3, C. F. Cook 4, R. S. Price (first as cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Jopp 1, P. Jopp (cond.) 2, A. Jopp 3, R. Porter 4, D. B. Jopp 5, A. W. Porter 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (comp. J. Reeves): J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. L. Coles 3, D. J. Barnett 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, T. J. Milsom 7, Rev. R. O. Fry 8. Rung before Dedication Festival Evensong.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Single and Double Oxford and Single and Double Court): R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, P. A. Smith 3, B. Branston 4, F. Sismey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

WETHERBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Kent T.B.): D. Buck 1, Pauline Holland 2, Gerry Nutton 3, P. Moorhouse 4, B. Moorhouse 5, H. D. Holland 6. A farewell to Rev. C. J. Newell, who is leaving the parish.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. S. Barratt 1, Miss L. Deebank 2, P. L. D. Grove (first "inside") 3, I. M. Cox 4, M. C. Edwards 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. V. Nutting, who has been elected to a fellowship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

First year undergraduates at Cambridge have now rung peals of Plain Bob Major on tower bells and "in hand" this academic year.

In the handbell peal of Plain Bob Royal at Halling, Kent (page 53), the name of Thomas Cullingworth, ringer of 9–10, was inadvertently omitted. Our regrets.

The treble ringer in the peal at Blunsdon, Wiltshire, on January 3rd ("Ringing World," page 85) was Roger Fry, **not** Rev. Roger O. Fry as printed. The error is regretted.

Mr. G. H. Ellis, Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Irish Association, contributes to this quarter's issue of the "Irish Bell News" a clear and practical article on Plain Bob Minor.

It will not be possible to use the bells of St. Catherine's, Montacute, Somerset, for some six to eight weeks while extensive repair work is being carried out to the somewhat notorious "swinging" tower and its roof.

John Mayne conducted his 200th different Surprise Major method in 1966 and was the first person to do so. It was in 1965 that he became the second person to ring 250 different Surprise Major methods, and not as stated in the recent article. The author sends his apologies.

The footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Maximus rung at Nottingham on January 7th was not R. B. Smith's 100th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells but was his 100th peal on 12 tower bells.

Found in the belfry after the Sheffield and District Society meeting at Wentworth on February 4th, one large blue sweater. Will the owner please contact the secretary, Wentworth Vicarage, near Rotherham.

The ladies of the Essex Association have scored their first peal— at Tolleshunt D'Arcy, on January 28th. It was a peal of Plain Bob Minor. It would be interesting to know in how many counties the fair sex have recorded peals.

Mr. R. B. Smith writes: "I thank Mr. Hemming for pointing out to me that 5,376 Minimus had previously been rung on handbells. A 5,280 was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1964 as being the record and at the time this was not disputed."

Miss Helen Henderson in sending us two quarter peals which she conducted at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne—Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor—informs us that she plans to come to England some time next year. An accomplished ringer, we are sure she will receive a warm welcome.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BELL OF ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick's bell is the oldest and most authentic relic of Irish Christian metal work that has been preserved for us, having been in existence for over 1,500 years. The bell is formed of two plates of sheet iron which are folded over so as to meet, and then fastened together by large-headed iron rivets, the joints having been strengthened by a jusin of bronze by which the frame was consolidated and preserved.

The bell was used by St. Patrick himself in connection with Christian worship. Bells of this type were used by the Druids and St. Patrick, in order to eliminate prejudices, continued the use of the bells for Christian worship.

After St. Patrick's death, the bell has seen much history—it has been plundered, lost and found.

The Mulhollands became the hereditary keepers of the bell and for this duty they were given a townland near Stewartstown in Co. Tyrone, which is called Ballyclog (town of the bell).

The bell eventually came into the possession of a Mr. Adam McClean, of Belfast. After his death it was purchased by the Rev. J. H. Todd, D.D., for £150. It was eventually purchased along with its beautiful shrine by the Royal Irish Academy for £500.

It is now preserved in the National Museum, Dublin, and has on occasions been loaned for special ecclesiastical events.

St. Patrick may be regarded as the first Christian bellringer in Ireland. He had his own bell-maker, and gave a bell to each Bishop he consecrated.

(From the "Irish Bell News.")

BOURNEMOUTH SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. D. T. Matkin, of Bournemouth, as conductor of two record handbell peals, 13,139 Grandsire Caters and 15,840 Plain Bob Royal, both rung by all-local people, writes sending his congratulations to Mr. R. B. Smith and his band on the record of 10,032 Plain Bob Maximus.

STRONGEST CENSURE

Mr. C. J. Mobbs, president of Oastler College Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Huddersfield, had an unfortunate experience when he booked the film "Ringers Required" in October for showing on February 3rd. The booking was confirmed, but a reminder brought forth the answer that the film was no longer available—as the previous borrowers had not returned it! Such selfish and thoughtless action deserves the strongest censure. Mr. Hobbs had the unenviable task of preparing a hurried talk on the subject.

MINOR PEAL AT WOOTTON WAS HARD WORK

The bells of St. Mary's, Wootton, Oxon, are not an easy-going six, and the band who scored the first peal of Minor there on January 28th can take a just pride in their good peal. Some of the band took part in a quarter peal of seven Minor methods there in Oct., 1965, and it proved such hard work that doubts were expressed as to the success of the venture. However, this time the bells went very well and, although the band had to work hard, it was not so tiring as the quarter peal.

There have been three previous peals on the bells—all Grandsire Doubles. The first peal was on March 13th, 1927, and the others were on March 31st, 1928, and November 5th, 1938.

BELL FOR A NEW RADAR TRAINING SHIP

This bell has been presented to the Sir John Cass Foundation for their new ship in memory of the late Albert A. Hughes by members of his family.

Cass's Foundation in Aldgate in the City of London is a technical college with a department of navigation, and their original training vessel was rammed and sank while moored in the Thames in fog nearly two years ago.

A new motor vessel, 100 feet long, and of 180 gross registered tons, has been completed by Bolson and Son Ltd., of Hamworthy, near Poole, and will shortly be brought round to the Thames for the handing over ceremony.

Mr. Hughes was a governor of the Foundation from 1942 to 1964, and chairman and treasurer from 1957 to 1962 and, as chairman, the original ship was registered in his name.

The bell, which is 12 inches in diameter and weighs 50 lb., was engraved by Mr Warden, of Clerkenwell, with the inscription and coat of arms and was harmonically tuned to G.

LOSSES TO LIMERICK

St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, which has a ringing membership of 18, is losing two members. Mr. George Eades has been transferred to Dublin, and he and his wife, Kathleen (a member of the choir), were presented with a pair of fireside chairs, the gift of the bellringers, choir and vestry. The other, Mr. Alfred Foster, who was married on December 10th, has accepted employment in England.

LADIES' LINCOLN VISIT

The programme for the Ladies' Guild annual meeting at Lincoln on July 1st is: Service in the Cathedral at 12 noon, followed by buffet luncheon in the Chapter House; annual general meeting 2 p.m., ringing afterwards; dinner 6 for 6.30 at Moor Lodge, Branston.

RETURN TO LEICESTER

Sussex has lost one of her leading ringers by the return to his native Leicestershire of Arthur Riddington, from Upper Beeding. Moving south due to business some 14 years Ago, Arthur soon took an interest in ringing at Brighton, especially at St. Peter's. Here he met, and arranged several peals for, that stalwart Harry Stalham, the last being for Harry's birthday.

Gradually Arthur's interest veered towards his own village's bells, virtually unringable, as shown by a well-known tenor ringer. Many evenings were spent "digging" the bells out from the accumulated birds' nests and getting them into a ringable condition before he was able to begin to teach the first of many learners. Through all this he sustained his enthusiasm for peal ringing, helping many younger ringers to gain experience and knowledge.

Arthur did much to foster ties between ringers in Kent and Sussex, frequently visiting Kentish towers and arranging peals in Sussex towers so that ringers from both counties could ring together.

To mark his departure from Sussex two peals were arranged, one in his own tower at Upper Beeding, the other at Harry Stalham's old tower, St. Nicholas', Brighton, the ringers coming from both Sussex and Kent to take part. The Rev. J. Pearson, Vicar of Upper Beeding, was present to thank Arthur for his work in the church, and wish the band success in their attempt, a short prayer being said before ringing commenced. It was fitting that the second of the peals was his 200th in the South of England.

All ringers, especially from Sussex and Kent, wish Arthur every happiness in his new home and hope that he will manage the odd journey down to revisit old friends.

P.C.C. TOLD ABOUT RINGING ACTIVITIES

At the annual church meeting at Carbis Bay, held on February 2nd, amongst the reports given by the secretaries of the various organisations John Copping, secretary of the ringers, reported as follows:

There are 17 ringers and three probationers. The bells had been rung regularly throughout the year on Sundays and other occasions. The full ten bells had been rung every Sunday morning but usually fewer in the evenings.

The band had attended the two Branch festivals at Phillack and Helston and the rededication of the rehung bells at Manaccan. On the occasion of the annual Diocesan Festival at Truro in July this was combined with an outing when in the morning, the towers of St. Agnes, Perranzabuloe and Newlyn East were visited.

Three quarter peals had been rung, two by visiting bands and one by our own band: we hope to do more this year. Two full peals, one by a band from outside Cornwall and one by the Diocesan Guild, had been tried but both had failed. John was thanked for his report by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts). This had created much interest amongst the 50 people present.

1,000 PEALS BEFORE MARRIAGE!

In a moment of ringing enthusiasm the bachelor member of the Spalding area peal band declared that he was not going to get married until he had 1,000 peals to his credit. At 50 peals a year this would mean wedding bells in 1982! And now he has been bewitched by a lady member of the band and become engaged. Does she relish a 15-year courtship, or will her charming personality cause him to recant!!

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 126 methods, being 120 each of Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. David, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxton, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, St Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton Flyford, Ferncliffe, Netherfield, Gedling, Cropwell Bishop, Caythorpe, Holme Pierrepont, Westwell, Ardley, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, New, Bucknell, Hove, Donningleigh, Bulcote, Grafton Regis, Mitre, St. Aldate, Kempston, Oxbridge, Westleigh, Kinoulton, Fulmer, Gunthorpe, Plumtre, Dell, Upton, Adbolton, Cowleigh, St. Callen, Pagham. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Richard D. Bing .. .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter 2	Noel D. Deam 4
Alec Gammon .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

GARSINGTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 114 methods, being 120 each of Wollaton, Clashmore, Allexton, Beaufield, Coxmoor, Pancrasweet, Duxford, Euxton, Foxhill, Goxhill, Hexgreave, Ixworth, Jevington, Kexby, Laxton, Moxley, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. David, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland Oxton, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, Cavendish, Clayton, St Cuthbert, Burnham, Stirling, Twyford, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, St. Quintin, St Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, Allestree, Antelope, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene, Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monochorum, Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots, Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena, Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement, St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell, Gonalston, Woodthorpe, Colwick, Lambley, Woodborough, Elton, Churchdown, Uppingham, Grafton Flyford, Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, Wensley, Stowe, Ripe, Royston, May Day. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat

C. Richard Miles .. .. Treble	Leonard R. Porter 4
Elizabeth M. Barber .. 2	J Paul Coad 5
Roy H. Jones 3	*Richard D. Bing .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H Jones,
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as birthday compliments to J. P. Coad and L. R. Porter and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Southern of Plymouth.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb in B flat.

John Phillips .. .. .. Treble	James Phillips 7
Raymond G. Cousins .. 2	Dennis Randall 8
William A. Theobald .. 3	David P. Hilling 9
Andrew N. Stubbs 4	John Armstrong 10
Alan R. Patterson 5	Michael P Moreton .. 11
William T. Cook 6	John Hill .. .. Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (No. 6.) Conducted by David P. Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH PERROTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt

*Raymond P Selway .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Rerek S. Beaufoy 2	Frederick T Sandy .. 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3	William E. Turner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* 100th peal for the Association.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Raymond F. Arscott .. Treble	Leslie H Arscott 4
Marian J. Beale 2	Keith E Beale 5
Arthur H. Reed 3	Robert Parker .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal on the treble. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method for all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Colin Banton .. .. .. Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth .. 5
Alec Humphrey 2	David W. Friend 6
Felicity Webber 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Melvyn Rose 4	Harold Taylor .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David W. Friend.

DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

Neil Handley .. .. .. Treble	Graham Fisher 5
William Allsopp 2	David Oliver 6
Kevin Betesta 3	Reginald J Stretton .. 7
Geoffrey Bridges 4	David Walklate .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David Walklate.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung in memory of Mr. Thorne, parish clerk for many years.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minuutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G

Donald E. R. Knights .. Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
Michael Hawes 2	†George E. Bonham .. 6
*Mary E Tooke 3	††George E. Thoday .. 7
Donald F Murfet .. 4	Geoffrey A. Lucas .. Tenor

Composed by J R Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Major † 75th peal together ‡ 500th peal.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Sat., Jan 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt in G.

*Phillip S. George .. .. Treble	Brian Horrell 4
Margaret M Roden .. 2	†Phillip Mehew 5
George E Bonham .. 3	George E Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E Thoday
* First peal † 650th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Jan 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Mrs. B. C. Sadler .. .. Treble	Bernard C. Sadler 6
Peter Sloman 2	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*David Sloman 3	*Hubert H. Furminger .. 8
Peter D Chapman 4	Michael J Hallett 9
*Allen W. Cansdale 5	Lawrence J Beal .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Urban W Wildney .. Treble	*Jennifer M. Andrews .. 5
Alan R Andrews 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Peter G. Pitt 3	Edward E. Davey 7
Neville F Whittell 4	Walter Arnold .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. T. Lambert. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

Joe E. G. Roast .. .. Treble	Patrick W Saltmarsh .. 5
Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 2	Dennis A S Symonds .. 6
Ian R Panton 3	Michael J. Hallett 7
Alfred J. House 4	James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B 37.) Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs G D. J. Sandwell, and as a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. D. Robinson, the local tower captain. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Edna M. Cooper	Treble	Yvonne A. Murray ..	4
*†Helen E. Gilbert	2	Rosemarie A. Frith ..	5
Anne Edwards	3	Claire Hudson	Tenor

Conducted by Rosemarie A. Frith.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." First as conductor. First peal for the Association by an all-ladies' band, all of whom are members of the S.E. District. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

William Lampard	Treble	Kenneth G. Weeks	4
Derek M. Smith	2	†Henry Taysom	5
*Malcolm R. Brain	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal "inside." † 50th peal.

TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Wilfred Newman	Treble	†Malcolm A. Maggs ..	4
†Graham L. Maggs	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5
*Robert Newman	3	Edric J. Ovens	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 6. Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	Douglas A. R. May	6
David J. Tubbs	2	W. Leslie Weller	7
Carolyn Tubbs	3	E. John Wells	8
Christopher M. White ..	4	Tom Page	9
*Martin J. Kirk	5	Stanley G. Ponting	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Jan. 21 1967, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Ann Butcher	Treble	Frederick E. J. Reynolds	5
Reginald Poston	2	John J. Webb	6
†Robert Brown	3	*Frederick Oakley	7
Alfred T. Poulton	4	*Raymond A. Brewer ..	Tenor

Conducted by John J. Webb
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum ..	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Tony Lewis	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

LINTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Cooper	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Ann Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Paul J. Dye	3	Philip A. Corby	7
†Tony Lewis	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."
Rung to welcome Canon W. F. Willoughby, A.K.C., as Vicar of Linton. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*Charles P. C. Sinden ..	Treble	Ronald F. Cleaver	5
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Colin J. E. Wylde	6
Pamela E. Powell	3	David J. Baker	7
James Hedgcock	4	Derek J. Carr	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Derek J. Carr.
* First peal.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Rachel J. Sinden and Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, upon their engagement.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Primrose and Berwick Surprise. (2) London Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Wells Surprise, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	D. Paul Smith	4
*Ian H. Oram	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	5
Richard G. Crosland ..	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* Completed the "circle" for the fifth time.
Rung with the very best wishes of the band to Mr. Ian H. Oram and Miss Margaret E. Fort on their recent engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Stanley Walmsley	Treble	†Jeffrey Simcox	6
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	2	†Geoffrey Cunliffe	7
Cyril Crossthwaite ..	3	†Christopher Watson ..	8
Lawrence Walmsley ..	4	†Roger Barnes	9
†John Ascroft	5	†Dennis H. McCormick ..	Tenor

Arranged by Cyril Crossthwaite. Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal of Royal.
Rung to mark the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Sawle, B.D. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Norman Smith	2	Walter E. Wilkinson ..	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alfred Ballard	Treble	†Peter C. Randall	5
*Alan Evans	2	John M. Jelley	6
†Sheila Parsons	3	Russell S. Morris	7
‡J. Edward Cawser	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. † First in the method. ‡ 400th peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method Tenor 16 cwt.

John Walden	Treble	*A. Robin Heppenstall ..	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	Walter Tomlinson	6
John Freeman	3	*Geoffrey Paul	7
*Peter A. Sharp	4	*Geoffrey R. Parker ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Freeman.
* Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 8 cwt.

*John P. Morriss	Treble	Roy Stephenson	5
†Rhoda Reynolds	2	Frank Taylor	6
*William B. Dawson ..	3	Philip H. Reynolds	7
Thomas H. Charlton ..	4	Robert Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells. (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F

Frank Taylor	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Norman W. Cotton	2	Ian Friend	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Derek P. Jones	7
John K. Smith	4	David Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B'., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Janet Dagley	Treble	H. William Barrett	4
Angela M. Wright	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Edgar Charles Bailey, of Beccles, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association from September 22nd, 1910, to January 16th, 1967.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, viz.: 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Moira, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Frank R. Morton	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	*Leon A. Perry	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	*William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in 21 methods/variations. First peal in 21 methods/variations on the bells.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Jan 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ABERGELE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.

David N. Collins	Treble	George H. Randles	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Michael H. Hodgkinson	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. 368).
Rung as a tribute to the Rev. John T. James, devoted Vicar of this parish for the past 17 years, who was inducted to the benefice of St. Michael's, Abergele, on Friday, January 27th, 1967.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Jan. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Meryl Newton	Treble	Michael J. Best	5
Joyce I. Barton	2	Arthur Newton	6
Roland Biggs	3	John Young	7
E Dennis Poole	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Angela M. Ayres	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
Harold W. Dunsden	2	Claude Corderoy	6
William J. Irving	3	Robert B. Blond	7
*J. Anthony Beaumont	4	James P. Blond	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First of Stedman and of Triples.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Barry M. Wheeler	Treble	Michael Bishop	5
Henry L. Bishop	2	Alfred H. Webb	6
*E. Stephen Wells	3	John H. Napper	7
George W. Bishop	4	Leonard F. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Bishop.
* First peal. Rung by all-parish band.

BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frederick W. Soden	5
Cyril A. Wratten	2	Frank Reed	6
Peter D. Beedie	3	Brian W. Hall	7
Peter Pearce	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method Tenor 17 cwt.

KENWYN SURPRISE MAJOR
6—38—14—58—36—12—38—36, 14, 78.

OXFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Brenda M. Arnott	Treble	David A. Cornwall	4
Joyce I. Barton	2	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

WOLVERCOTE, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*Bruce G. Benstead	Treble	Victor Griffin	4
Edward R. Venn	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
D. Kay Adkins	3	Peter J. Heritage	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J Heritage.
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANFORD ST. JOHN, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Mrs Enid Watson	Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. Ronald W. Sharpley after nearly 30 years as Rector of Burton Latimer.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Gerald W. Reynolds	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
Christopher J. Groome	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	*Norman G. N. Knee	5
George W. Massey	2	Edgar C. Shepherd	6
William A. Theobald	3	Charles F. Andrews	7
Laurence E. Hitchings	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAZELBURY BRYAN Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary and James.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Frank Hilliar	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	4
James Alexander	2	Ernest H. Amey	5
Christopher F. Longridge	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Neil Handley	Treble	David Oliver	5
Carol Patey	2	Graham Fisher	6
John Eborall	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clive Longden	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.
Rung as a welcome to Jonathan Mark, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Ashton.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Katharine Burchnall	Treble	Beryl N. Reed	5
*Derek J. Tysoe	2	†Colin W. Reed	6
Paul Raithby	3	Cyril H. Pritchett	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Harold Stevenson	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal on eight and first "inside." † 25th peal on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of St. Miles, Ryton, St. Giles, Shareshill, St. Martin, Austrey, four extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, two extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Seighford.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Andrew L. B. King	Treble	†H. Geoffrey Wells	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4

Maurice W. Harrison Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp

*Julia M. Sanders	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	5
Gillian M. Webb	2	Clifford W. Bowen	6
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	Leslie Monk	7
Cyril T Collins	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Major.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Henry C. Weaver	Treble	Harold W. Clark	5
*Michael J. Wake	2	Colin J. Champion	6
Ernest Treagus	3	†Raymond P. Wood	7
*James M. Hills	4	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by N J. Pitstow. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Northumberland and Carlisle, (2) London and Wells, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Westminster and Allendale, (6) Norfolk and Primrose, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 31 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb. in G.

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	*Simon Humphrey	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek J. Jones, of Spalding, Lincs.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb in G

*Joy F. Butler	Treble	R. Roger Savory	6
Michael J. Thomas	2	*Colin J. Butler	7
Mrs. T. H. Francis	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Thomas H. Francis	4	David J. Forder	9
Tom Chapman	5	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by John Freeman. Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SUNRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 18 lb.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*John W. Blackwood	5
*Catharine J. Maundrell	2	Gordon Benfield	6
†David M. Hughes	3	*Michael B. Tyers	7
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method † First of Surprise "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) St. Clement's, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6–7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

A Shirley Beanland	Treble	*A. Colin Banton	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Arthur Dunn-Birch	5
Susan Mitchell	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by A Colin Banton
* 25th peal for the Association. 25th peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 600 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, St. Remigius and April Day, 960 of Plain Bob and 1,080 of Grandsire, with 21 changes of method.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Simon P. D. Burnett	Treble	Susan Mitchell	3
*Lynne I. Clowe	2	A. Colin Banton	4

Jennifer E. Pearce Tenor
Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal "inside" at first attempt.
Rung by members of the Huntington Guild for Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DURHAM CITY, Co.. Durham.—At 18, Haughton, St. John's College.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 20 in E flat.

Ruth Horwood (St. Mary's)	1–2	David J. Marshall (Bede)	5–6
Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)	3–4	*W. Bruce Warne (St. John's)	5–6

Composed by J. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal "in hand."

DURHAM CITY. Co Durham.—At 281, St. Mary's College.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.)	1–2	David J. Marshall (Bede)	5–6
*Patricia Armitage (S. Mary's)	3–4	Malcolm E Johnson (Grey)	7–8

Composed by T B Worsley. Conducted by Malcolm E. Johnson.
* First peal of Major "in hand." First as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

Gerald Penney	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8
S Kathleen M. Baldwin	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
*John R. Mayne	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley	11–12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First handbell peal of Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society)
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At 4, Auster Bank Crescent.
On Mon., Jan. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (maximum callings). Tenor size 5 in F sharp.

*Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3–4
		*Susan Mitchell	5–6

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

ALVELEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 10th, 1,608 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. P. Tobin (first Treble Bob) 1, J. D. Holden 2, E. E. Speake (cond.) 3, P G. K Davies 4 D K Knowles 5, H. Griffiths 6. 100th new tower this year for treble.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Morton (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Barbara Shaw 3, G. Lonsdale 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, D. Knewstubb 6. For morning service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS. — At Holy Trinity Church, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Box (first of Triples) 1, G. Carter 2, G. B Davis (first "inside") 3, C. Parker 4, N. Parker (first "inside") 5, P. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, E. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. E. Selfe, interred this day.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hayden 1, P. Glazebrook 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Chappell 4, P. Warboys 5, E. White 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. First in the method by all the band except the ringer of treble.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's, on Dec. 11th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Elizabeth Emmett 2, Gillian Brearley 3, Susanna Pippleston 4, M. Gilbey 5, J. Parsons 6, M. Zobel 7, N. Simon (cond.) 8. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 6th.

CHARING, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn J. Chidwick 1, Jennifer M. L. Wood (first Minor) 2, P D. J. Beal 3, M. Hitchcock 4, G. Wood 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Johnson 1, Mrs. J. M. Booth 2, Miss E. Rimer 3, G. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, D. P. B. Miles 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, R. A. Bradley 8. First quarter 1 and 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Yates 1, M. Lock 2, J. Longridge 3, C. Bryant 4, F. Wreford 5, F. Mack 6, A. White 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First touch in method for 1, 4 and 7. A compliment to Preb. E. Royle (Vicar of Heavitree) on the birth of a grandson, Jonathan David Crosse, at Oxford.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J N. Lindon 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, S. W. Barton 3, P. W. Evans 4, R. Aldington 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, D. B. Flint (first quarter) 8.

HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Lyn Croger 1, Vivian A. Cross 2, B. A. Lord (cond.) 3, M. J. Warren 4, D. E. Culham 5. Most methods to a quarter by all Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Warren (cond.) 1, S. Croger (first quarter) 2, D. E. Culham 3, Vivian A. Cross 4, B. A. Lord 5.

HURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, H. Smith 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 4, B. C. Castle 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 3 and 5. To welcome Helen Joy, born this day to Sylvia and Charles Randle, and grauddaughter of ringers of 3 and 5; all ringer at Hurst.

LYNCOMBE, Bath, SOMERSET.—On Jan 24th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, D. J. Orledge 3, W. G. Brown 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Oxford 1 and 6.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lawson 1 Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. N. Lawson 3, Mrs. J. H Butterworth 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs N. Lawson 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 3, R. Lawson 4, D. Butterworth (cond.) 5.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Griffiths 1, Jean Griffiths 2, J. R. Williams (joint cond.) 3, W. Price 4, J. H. Jones (joint cond.) 5, P. Downer 6. Rung half-muffled to the Glory of God and in memory of the life and work of Mr. W. A. Roberts, churchwarden for 20 years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. Kortwright 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Frederick W. Nickalls, on his induction.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Tickle 1, Miss S. Flint 2, P. N Mackley 3, R. Dorling 4, A. Flint 5, F. Heyes 6 K. Edwards 7, D. J. Bennett (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: F. Pack 1, Margaret Judge 2, E. T. Eades 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. M. Orme 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. Pettit (first Major "inside") 4, J. S. Dear 5, R. H. Vigor 6, R. Trebilcock 7, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Janet Andrews (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, F. V. Gant 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung with good wishes of the band to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Yarmouth. Also an engagement compliment to Stephen Holdaway, a member of the local band, and Tessa Gravil.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford and Grandsire): D. Conway (first quarter) 1, C. J. Turner 2, John Arbury 3, C. C. Deem 4, C. C. Turner 5, E. J. Summers 6, G E. Retter (cond.) 7, James Arbury 8.

PEMBROKE, PEMBS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A Lingard 1, P. C. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. R. Huntbach (first as cond.) 5, Prudence Pattison (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer (17) and the conductor (19).

PENN, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. W. Knowles 1, M. P. Tobin (first attempt) 2, J. D. Holden 3, A. Kitson (first "inside") 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, E. E. Speake 6, D. K. Knowles 7, H. Griffiths (first as cond.) 8.

PECKLETON, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. Sturgess 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, G. O. Wright 3, G. A. Newton (cond.) 4, E. E. Pickering 5, P. Coe 6. A farewell to Rev. Fergus Brown, Rector of Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 4th, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Page 1, Heather Mann 2, Eileen Palin 3, B. Lawes 4, T. Gregory 5, J. Watson 6, Laith Reynolds 7, A. Mann (cond.) 8. First Plain Bob Major 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. First in Australia 2 and 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 29th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, B. Branston 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Cowlin 6.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Flint 1, P. Clarke 2, C. Hardy 3, M. Giddings 4, R. Giddings (first as cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Tewkesbury Delight Minor: B. Spiers 1, D. Price 2, J. Clements 3, R. Robertson 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, M. Hawkes (cond.) 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Page 1, M. L. Northway 2, W. R. Gilks (first as cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, C. R. Tubb (first quarter) 6. Rung for the dedication of the new church rooms.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW, SUFFOLK. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. J. Thompson 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, K. Nunn 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For early service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Dorothy Page 1, Cynthia Wells 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of May Kirby, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe 1, J. T. Locke 2, D. R. Best 3, R. C. Beale 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. W Drew (cond.) 7, K. Welch 8. For the 21st birthdays of Clive England and David Beale.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: A. E. Woods 1, Miss H. M. Julius 2, W C. Shute 3, T F. Collins 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Vicar, Rev. Paul Ashwin, who died on January 23rd.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pouncey 1, Miss N. Price 2, M. Hawkes 3, R. Liddell 4, A. Halling 5, M. Boskett 6, P. Robertson (cond.) 7, J. Warner 8. First of Triples 1 and 4. A farewell to ringer of 3, who is going to Singapore. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shill (first quarter) 1, R. Perks 2, R. Liddell 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, J. Warner 5, J. Wainwright 6.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Hawthorne 1, Miss J. Morgan 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss A. Anthony (first quarter) 4, R. Caporn 5, D. Lambert 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (504 Plain, 384 Reverse, 384 Double Bob): Margaret Donovan 1—2, J. Smalley (first as cond.) 3—4. First handbell quarter for both and first of Minimus.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung for the anniversary of the Union of the Benefices of West Meon and Warnford.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): G. Green (cond.) 1, J. Chance 2, B. Care 3, C. Stephenson 4, B. Eglesfield 5, C. Truman 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Wigston Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Whait 1, Mrs. A. Haines 2, J. E. Harrold 3, S. J. Haines 4, R. J. Welch 5, R. J. Carter 6, C. H. F. Knight 7, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

WHITCHURCH, Tavistock, DEVON. — On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cann (first in method) 1, G. E. Mudge 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Virginia M. Dales (first quarter) 1, P. Bond (first "inside") 2, A. M. Feist 3, R. Bath 4, M. J. Church (cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. For Evensong.

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DEATH

ROWORTH.—On February 6th, 1967, Guy Roworth, a ringer at Christ Church, Swindon, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and president of the Guild of Medical Ringers. 945

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARNES.—From Saturday, February 18th, their wedding day, the address of John Barnes and Anne will be: 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent. Tel. Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 943

SMITH.—The address of Anthony D. and Susan E. Smith, of Pangbourne, Berkshire, is now: 114, Cotswold Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. 956

PERSONAL

"Enter ye in by the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."—St. Matthew vii, 13.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

THE HANDBELLS offered for sale by me last week have now been sold.—J. L. Hayns, Leatherhead, Surrey. 973

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GRANTLEY HALL, RIPON. COURSE, organised by Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee, will be held from December 8th to December 10th, 1967. 947

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE. — The 149th anniversary of the bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells open 2.30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (20s.) from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks. before February 22nd.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—During Lent, practice night on Wednesdays will be held at Norton from 7.15 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme. 942

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Fifteenth Annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, 6.30–11.30 p.m. Chesterfield (10) available 4–6 p.m. — Malcolm Phipps. 975

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Social, King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at the Strand Hotel, Brunswick Street, Liverpool. Tickets (£1 2s.) from V. David Jenner, 32, Manor Way, Liverpool 25. 965

RADLETT, HERTS.—Practice nights during Lent on Tuesdays up to and including March 28th, 7.30–9 p.m. Six bells (3¼ cwt.). Visitors welcome. 950

ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON.—No practice Thursday, February 23rd.—R. Corke. 982

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.—Please note that all correspondence concerning ringing at the Cathedral should be addressed to the new secretary: R. W. R. Sheppard, 37, Linksview Crescent, Worcester. 971

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Chew Stoke (6). Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon Branch Sec. 716

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY.—Meeting, Bilton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Burnell, 221, Bilton Road, Rugby. Car park next to church. 952

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 929

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 927

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse on Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Eastington bells also available. Names for tea, please, to V. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by February 15th. 980

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, February 18th, 6–9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 18th, 3.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Miss A. Macfarlane, 33, Ragged Hall Lane, St. Albans.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting at Petham (6) on February 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cups of tea and minerals available. No service or business meeting. 909

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Annual District meeting, Edmonton, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brightwell Baldwin, Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 912

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. — Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 891

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 18th. Programme: St. Nicholas', Brighton (10), ringing from 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m., followed by A.D.M. and film show. Further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton (10) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to me. —D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at South Anston (8) on February 18th. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting at South Anston. Ringing at Harthill (8) from approx. 6.15 until 8.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Bennett, 1, Hillside, North Anston, near Sheffield, as soon as possible, please. All welcome. This is the District's first visit to both towers since 1945.—M. King, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, February 21st. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Practice meeting at the Cathedral on **Wednesday,** February 22nd, from 7.30 p.m.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 957

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — **Correction.** — Practice meeting, Mangotsfield, Friday, February 24th, and not February 22nd, as previously announced.—R. H. Driver. 953

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Congresbury, February 25th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 949

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Winsford (6 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by Tuesday. 981

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Chews House at 5. Names to Mr. H. Burrows, 253, Luton Road, Dunstable. 966

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 22nd.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 967

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Johnson, 34, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 954

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. R. M. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington, by Thursday, 23rd. 958

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Miss T. E. Staples, 14, Frederick Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, by previous Thursday. 976

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual District meeting, Penarth, Glam, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Garrett, 2, Westbourne Road, Penarth, Glam, by February 21st. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King. 920

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor.—Mrs. Hooton, Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Annual meeting, joint with LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray District) meeting at Somerby, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.—S. E. C., Hon. Sec. 969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Bolton, by Wednesday, 22nd. 978

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided but names are not required. 962

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. Newson, Durlston, St. John's Road, Tilney St. Lawrence, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. More ringing after. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, by 22nd. Everyone welcome. 922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Special meeting, Church Hall, Wantage, February 25th, 5 p.m. All towers please be represented. Cups of tea provided. Pre-arranged Branch practice will follow meeting. 951

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, by February 23rd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting at All Saints', Hastings, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, March 1st. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 964

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ash Priors, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. — A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 963

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury, March 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after. The business at this meeting includes the election of a new Branch secretary and two committee members. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hanley, Mill Street, Harbury, Leamington Spa.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 970

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual general meeting of the above, Saturday, March 4th, at Egremont. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by March 1st. No names, no tea. 979

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Lympstone, Saturday, March 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. T. Perry, White Gate, Greenhill Avenue, Lympstone. 977

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington. Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 974

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by February 25th. 960

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Austell, March 4th, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by February 27th.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. Tel. 2749. 955

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sandon (6) on Saturday, March 11th. (Please note change of date.) Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Salisbury Branch

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 28th at St. Thomas', Sarum. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. J. Chard, who welcomed the Guild to his church.

Presenting the annual report, the secretary, Mr. G. A. Trimby, stated the membership was now 135, an increase over the previous year, and attendances at meetings had shown a slight improvement.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. A. Roles; vice-chairman, Mr. R. C. Mundy; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Trimby; assistant secretary, Mr. N. Skelton; auditor, Mr. A. Newman; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, R. Jones, L. Page, N. Skelton, together with J. Baverstock and D. Briggs on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year, subject to permission, are at Wilton, Tisbury, Chilmark, Shrewton, East Knoyle, Chitterne, Winterslow, Amesbury and Damerham.

Ringing continued afterwards at St. Thomas' and St. Martin's towers. G. A. T.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

On the evening of February 4th the ringers at the small Bedfordshire village of Campton were hosts for the first hour's ringing of the Northern District, with thanks to the Biggleswade District for the use of one of their towers. The usual well-known five-bell methods were rung but spliced would not go. It is sad to report that there were not many members present, probably on account of the tower being rather awkward to reach from the District's point of view. Then a few miles back across the border to Pirton (yet another five, anti-clockwise and rather noisy): Doubles and rounds for the ever-present and most welcome learners. Many visitors joined us and we hope that they will renew their friendship at our next meeting—St. Ippolyt's, Saturday, March 4th, 6 p.m. C. M. O.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society, is in a York nursing home. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

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The Bob Course of Stedman Cinques appears in Trollope's "Stedman" (1938) and is familiar to most Stedman conductors. The bob at 1 puts the bells into the Tittum position and the succeeding calls bring rounds in the same course. The plan for coming round is a parallel of that used in touches of Stedman Caters already shown in this series. Here, the bob at 12 holds E8 behind for one six and allows the 10th to come up to the 8th. 8.10 are then kept behind by bobs until the 11th comes from the front. As soon as the familiar termination E80 is heard the omission of further bobs allows the bells to run home.

A little experimenting shows that it is easy to extend this touch to two courses or more. The 240 given here merely adds a single at 7. This call comes when the 6th is dodging in 10-11 up. The 6th is not affected by the single, but 2 and 3 are turned over, so that as the big bells are called home, rounds is just avoided. The whole procedure is then repeated.

The two touches that follow are really quite simple, the second being merely an extension of the first. If the opening couse (a very useful and much used one) is pricked out in full it will be seen that at the calls 6s.7. Nos. 1 and 2 are behind, and the effect of these two calls is to get the treble as seconds-place bell.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, L. Derrick 2, Marjorie Legg 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Ivings 1, I. Middleditch 2, R. Rose 3, H. Ivings 4, M. Rose (cond.) 5, For the induction of Rev. C. J. Newell.

STAMFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newell 4, R. Stretton 5, C. Fisher 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, E. S. White 6. For morning service.

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COMMENT

FINDING NEW FIELDS TO CONQUER

CHANGE RINGING in England has reached a stage far in advance of anything contemplated as recently as five years ago. Spliced Surprise Major under the guidance and inspiration of Mr. Anthony Peake has climbed to 165 methods, and Mr. Norman Smith has had the immense satisfaction of ringing a peal to 23 Spliced Surprise Major methods in which all the work of all the bells is rung in the stipulated methods. Minor and Doubles multi-method peals have attained fantastic heights and it is not uncommon to read the report of a peal occupying about half a column of "The Ringing World."

The pinnacle of human endeavour, both mental and physical, mounts up steadily year by year. The performances of Mr. Peter Border have set those who study the mastery of the bell and change ringing new standards, and some might say that the time is ripe for opening up a new vista in the art of change ringing. A unique opportunity for inventive genius is being stimulated by the offer of an anonymous donor to provide a prize of 100 guineas for the best new method on an even number of bells in which all the bells do all the work. The idea is to break away from treble-hunt and treble-dominated methods.

We are approaching the time when three centuries will have passed since Fabian Stedman expounded his principle in "Campanalogia." It has stood the test of time; Stedman is still considered to be a very worthy method in Triples, Caters and Cinques. Indeed, the polished performances of Cinques by St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham culminating in a peal of 15,699 changes on November 12th, and the College Youths' outstanding exhibition of ringing simultaneously three peals of Stedman Cinques in London, indicate the favour with which the music of Stedman is held and that it calls even in this age for faculties of concentration.

Can this age produce a method to capture the imagination like the Stedman principle? There have been attempts, as evidenced by Duffield or Forward, but they have never succeeded in becoming popular. A similar idea was promoted by Lord Wrenbury when Saffron Walden bells were being restored, but it fell upon an unresponsive public. Before accepting this generous offer the Editor consulted members of his committee and certain officers of the Central Council. Whilst the view was not unanimous, the consensus of opinion was in favour of the competition being held.

The Editor has been fortunate in obtaining the services of two able assessors, both of whom are well known as composers and peal ringers of repute. It is their wish and also the desire of the Editor that they shall remain anonymous; furthermore, their work shall be divorced from any committee of the Central Council. Methods approved by them will be published under a number—it is considered that entries from well-known names might have an influence on public choice. The main gauge will be ringing the method to peals, quarter peals or touches. These should be reported to the Editor with individual comments.

Lastly, the Editor would like to express a warm thank you to the generous donor who conceived the idea. The prize money has already been paid to "The Ringing World" and it now remains for the ringers of this generation to prove that we have men, and possibly women, among us capable of presenting new ideas in composition to expand the Exercise in directions so far untrodden.

OUR PICTURE

St. Wendreda's Church, March

Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, whose articles and drawings have given pleasure to our readers for many years, provides our front page picture this week. The church, which is a mixture of 13th, 14th and 16th century styles, occupies a position on the Old Fen Road, and the passage beneath the tower preserves an ancient right-of-way.

The steeple is unusual for the Eastern Counties in that it has a turret backbone, which style is found mostly in Devon and Somerset. While the exterior is pleasing to the eye, the famous showpiece of March is the remarkable double-hammerbeam angel roof, which was carved by Suffolk men about 450 years ago. Embodied in the design are over 100 angel musicians, attended by a mute congregation of martyrs and prophets holding books and emblems. No wonder the Camden Society regarded this hammerbeam roof as the finest in existence. It has been said that this roof played a part in the inspiration of that masterpiece of detective fiction, "The Nine Tailors," as Miss Dorothy Sayers, who lived a few miles from the church, frequently visited St. Wendreda's.

The six fine-toned bells, with a tenor of 15 cwt., were cast by Thomas Osborn at Downham Market in 1802, and the treble recast in 1929. With war years excepted, not once in living memory has March Church been without an active team of ringers, and it is thought that they have been manned successively for 165 years. The past 20 years have been particularly rewarding and in that time at least 100 boys and girls have learned to ring. There are at present 18 ringers, and the bells are rung on Sunday mornings and evenings, with practices on Mondays.

63 YEARS A BELLRINGER

A remarkable record of 63 years of bell-ringing at St. Alkelda's, Giggleswick, Yorks, was honoured on January 28th, when a dinner was held at the Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick, with Mr. William Silverwood, of Marshfields, Settle, as the guest of honour. Mr. Silverwood began his ringing career in 1904 and still, on occasions, gives the younger members of the band the benefit of his vast experience.

Canon E. A. J. Miller, president of the belfry, proposed the toast to Mr. Silverwood, saying that few indeed can have so long a record. Commenting on Mr. Silverwood's youthful appearance, he said that bellringing must be a most healthy form of exercise. He thanked Mr. Silverwood for his exceptional service, not only in the belfry but also in the choir and every church activity. Mr. Silverwood is the only surviving member of the original Church Council founded in 1921, and he has to his credit many years of service as a churchwarden.

Replying, Mr. Silverwood expressed his appreciation and recalled days and names of long ago. He wished the ringers well and said how pleased he was with the progress made in the past year under the patient and painstaking tuition of the conductor, Mr. Stan Wright.

David Parry was thanked for the arrangements he had made for an excellent dinner and an enjoyable evening. It is hoped to hold this function annually.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Henson 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, N. I. Bridges 3, T. Hester 4, P. Pearce 5, W. Clarke 6, D. Floyd 7, B. J. Coggins 8. First on eight 1 and 3.

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Search for a Modern Fabian Stedman

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We are approaching the period of the tercentenary of the works of Fabian Stedman. "Tintinnalogia" was published in 1668 and "Campanalogia" in 1677. These thoughts have induced an anonymous donor to ask the question "Can this age produce a modern Fabian Stedman?" Accordingly, he has generously offered a prize of 100 guineas for the best new system of even numbers of bells in which all the bells do all the work.

The anonymous donor writes: "With the exception of Stedman's Principle, which is still as popular as ever, the system of change ringing which has developed over the past three centuries, and which is now almost exclusively practised, is that of Treble-hunt, or Treble-dominated, methods. By thus confining itself to one form of change ringing, the Exercise may have lost sight of the possibilities, opened up by Stedman, of ringing by other systems."

This competition is therefore arranged to see if any present-day ringer can emulate Stedman and produce a system for even numbers in which every bell does the same work.

THE RULES

1. Entries may consist of one principle. If, however, this principle can be shown to be one of a larger class or system, this will be taken into account by the assessors.

2. Purely theoretical entries are not required; the competition is for a principle or system suitable for practical ringing.

3. In order to give as wide a field as possible, and bearing in mind that a new system would probably require its own rules, competitors may disregard the present rules of the Central Council relating to method construction, but the traditional requirements of starting from and finishing with rounds and without repetition must be observed and no bell may move more than one place at a time.

4. It is not a condition that the principle or system must give a simple blue line extension, although it will be considered a merit if the principle or system can be extended to higher numbers using a reasonably straightforward set of rules. Nor, if for eight bells, is it necessary that the principle should be adaptable for Minor.

5. The competition is not restricted to individuals, for it is envisaged that the best entries may well be the result of collaboration.

6. Entrants are required to submit the following:—

(a) A description of the basis upon which the system or principle is constructed, and how it is adapted for 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells.
(b) A plain course pricked out in full.
(c) Particulars of the means of obtaining longer lengths.
(d)) If suitable for six bells, written out in shortened form.
(e) For eight bells or more, a quarter peal, and a demonstration that a peal is possible.
(f) A clear description of the way of proving the truth of touches and peals.

CONDITIONS

The Editor's decision in making the award is final. He is being assisted by two assessors who shall remain anonymous. Methods worthy of consideration will be published, so as to enable the Exercise to appreciate their value. Due consideration will be given to reports or tests such as peals and quarter peals. When a method is published the name of the entrant will not be announced; he will be given a number. More than one entry may be submitted from an individual or group.

Entries close on December 31st, 1967, and must be addressed to: The Editor, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford. Members of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World" and ex-officio officers of the Council attending meetings of that committee are barred from entering.

LEADING PEAL RINGER, 1966

MR. G. E. THODAY

Heading the list of peal ringers for 1966 is Mr. G. E. Thoday, of Cambridge, with a total of 116 (conducted 50) and rung in 98 different towers. He works in Essex in the County Council's Motor Taxation Department.

A native of Over, Cambridgeshire, he was born in 1941 and taught to ring there in 1955. He made rapid strides with the invaluable assistance of ringers at Willingham, having rung his first peal (seven Doubles methods) on September 6th, 1958.

Of his present total of 497 (conducted 172), his most memorable attempt was at Exeter Cathedral in May, 1965. A novel point about his 1966 peals is that his first was rung in Suffolk on January 1st and his last of the year on December 31st, also in the same county.

Mr. David Beacham has resigned the secretaryship of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. His successor is Mr. Roy Sheppard.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Bitterly cold weather; a treble that went so well she parted company with her stay in the first minute of ringing: a tenor which got hot bearings and wasn't going to go anywhere at all: a nice touch of Stedman Triples ably conducted by Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley; Norwich Surprise which didn't manage to get conducted by anyone; a tea which did manage to rise above stale sandwiches: and a whole bevy of new officers—all part of the Guild's annual general meeting held on January 7th at Almondbury.

After a vote of thanks to retiring officials (especially to Miss Winnie Mortimer for three years as a first-class secretary), the following elections were made: Chairman, R. Senior; Master, A. Rogers; secretary, I. Roberts; treasurer, A. W. Bond; auditor, H. Quarmby; committee, P. Birkett, H. Quarmby, D Smith; Joint Council representatives, P. Birkett and E. Lord.

All good men and true, determined to ring lots more Woodbine, Violet and other methods bringing up 65's whilst rejecting Cambridge, London and the like as needless and "Irregular" Southern innovations.

If you like your Minor rung "Cartwheel" come and join us at Northowram on March 4th, where for additional fun we propose to do surgery on the Guild's constitution. I. R.

ALDRINGTON, KENT. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Minor (three methods): E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, H. Deacon 4, B. J. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

Yorkshire Association's Popular Meeting

The general meeting held in and around Sheffield on January 21st was the Association's most successful January meeting for a long time. Whether the attendance of well over 100 was due to the attraction of the six at Walkley, so long out of action, to the election of a replacement for Mr. V. Bottomley as one of the Association's representatives on the Central Council, or to the presentation of the new rules, was a matter of discussion during the day.

A good selection of towers—two sixes (Wentworth and Walkley), two eights (Ecclesfield and St. Marie's), a ten (Ranmoor) and a twelve (the Cathedral)—provided a wide variety of opportunity for members, while the crowds in the belfries provided the Ringing Masters with organising problems.

The welcome given by the Vicar, ringers and parishioners at Walkley, in church, at tea and in the belfry, was outstanding. This was the Association's first visit to the parish; it is likely there will be others if members' reactions have any influence. Mr. E. Hudson spoke for all when he proposed a vote of thanks at tea to everyone who had helped, and the Rev. S. A. Clark (Vicar) replied. He allowed the ringing at Walkley afterwards to exceed the allotted time by an hour so that everyone could ring, and while members organised themselves into bands waiting to ring, they rang handbells and talked with the local ringers and churchwardens.

Some important business was dealt with. The new rules and standing orders were approved unanimously and are now in operation. Two of the more important changes are that "Honorary" members will be called "Associate," and there will be a standing sub-committee. Standing orders for peal conductors are described in detail, and the size of District committees is being reduced.

Mr. John Seager, of Sheffield, was voted to be the new Central Council representative, and the nomination of Mr. Christopher Moxon, of Cawthorne, for the treasurership was received. Mr. A. Bashforth gave a brief report of the 1966 Snowdon Dinner at Catterick Bridge and he was thanked by the president, Mr. V. Bottomley, for making such a success of the event.

Mr. R. Ducker reported that the next Snowdon Dinner, on October 21st, would now be held in the Civic Hall, Cottingham, and not at Beverley, and that there was ample accommodation there.

The annual general meeting was arranged for April 29th at Skipton, and the autumn meeting will probably be at Whitby on September 16th.

New members elected were: Peter Town (Northallerton), Geoffrey Dykes (Scarborough), Philip Moorhouse (Barwick-in-Elmet), Jeremy Burnett (Tadcaster), D. H. Warren, B. M. Warren, R. H. Brueton and H. Walker (Giggleswick), and as non-residents: Katherine Thorley, D. A. Pearce, Marjorie Yarnold, Harry Parkes and Arthur Lewry.

PEAL RINGING IN 1966

656 First Pealers

OF the 5,000-6,000 peal ringers in the Exercise, 3,971 rang peals during 1966. 252 of them rang 25 or more peals, but only one—George E. Thoday, of Cambridge—rang more than 100. Of his total of 116 he conducted 50, and he consequently tied with C. Barrie Dove for the position of leading conductor. For the second year in succession Gillian M. Hunt (née Hussey) is the leading lady, with 75 peals, while her husband, D. John Hunt, with 89 peals, has dropped to second place in the tower-bell list and to third overall. Special congratulations go to No. 8 in the list—Edward Jenkins, of Oldham. To ring 75 peals, many of them on the "heavy end," while in one's seventies is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations are also due to Martin Green, of Leicester, who appears at No. 58. He rang his first peal at Shepshed on January 1st, 1966, and the 48 peals he rang by the end of the year included 44 of Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and one of Bob Royal.

Complete details are published on page 129, but the following are the leading ringers in the main divisions:

TOWER BELLS

Men:	1. George E. Thoday ..	116
	2. D. John Hunt	89
	3. J. Alan Ainsworth ..	82
Women:	1. Gillian M. Hunt	75
	2. Judith M. Corby	57
	Margaret E. Fort	57
Conductors:	1. George E. Thoday ..	50
	C. Barrie Dove	50
	3. Geoffrey K. Dodd (sic)	42½

HANDBELLS

Men:	1. Robert B. Smith	39
	2. Christopher T. Osenton	31
	3. Rupert A. Clarke	29
Women:	1. S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	23
	2. Maud Austin	15
	3. Mary Whalley	14
Conductors:	1. Robert B. Smith	28
	2. Christopher T. Osenton	22
	3. John R. Mayne	16
	Richard J. Parker	16

FOR MAJORITY—A SUCCESSFUL PEAL A REAL HIGHLIGHT

As John and Gill Hunt passed their index cards to us at the beginning of 1966, it has been possible to compare details of ringers who scored peals last year with those who did so in 1965. Although the number of peal ringers in each of the last three years has remained fairly steady (there were 3,668 in 1964 and 4,010 in 1965, compared with 1966's 3,971), it has become apparent that the actual number of peal ringers is probably nearer 6,000. A check has shown that 1,456 of those who rang a peal in 1965 failed to ring another last year. Since nearly 1,400 of these rang only one or two peals in 1965 anyway, and three-quarters of the 1966 peal ringers did the same, it is clear that the majority of the names we see in the peal columns are those of men and women to whom a successful peal is a real highlight in their ringing lives, something to be looked forward to with excitement, tinged perhaps with an element of dread, and looked back on with pride. In the annual interest in the list of Leading Peal Ringers (sometimes referred to irreverently as "The Crazy Gang") this is something that may be overlooked.

The "hard core" of leading peal ringers, on the other hand, would seem to number something in the neighbourhood of 150, and their names have appeared in all three comprehensive lists that have now been produced.

The ratio between men and women overall also seems to stay pretty constant, with four men to every woman; in 1966 the actual totals were 3,219 men and 742 women. But when the first pealers are considered, it seems that the picture may be gradually changing. There were 656 of them last year—440 men and 216 women, i.e. the ratio here was two to one. But at the same time the fair sex seems singularly loath to accept the responsibilities of conducting. Of 570 conductors in 1966 only 21 were women—and one or two of those contented themselves with ringing their bells to non-conducted peals rather than raise their voices to shout "Bob" at the menfolk!

MRS. GILLIAN M. HUNT

For the second year in succession Mrs. Gillian M. Hunt, of Bristol, has the place of honour as the leading lady peal ringer. In 1965 she gained her success with 100 peals as Miss Gillian M. Hussey. Despite the responsibilities of marriage she rang 75 peals, 18 in advance of her nearest rival. Her peal total is 290.

To finish with, a few more words about those who scored their first peals during the past year. The youngest seems to have been 8-year-old Paul Jopp, of Stoulton, Worcs, and the oldest A. William Gibbons, of Bridgend, who was 73. A total of fifteen first-pealers under the age of 14 augurs well for the future.

The leading first-pealers were:

1. Martin Green	45
2. Keith W. Eaton ..	28
3. David Allman	17
4. Peter J. Church ..	13
5. Owen P. Claxton ..	11

A check was also kept of the Associations and Guilds for which these first-pealers rang their first peals and of which, presumably, they were resident members. While the results are to some extent dependent on the physical size of the Association, they do perhaps serve as a quick guide to the amount of instruction going on in each one. It is consequently hoped that the following list of all Associations, etc., who had ten or more first-pealers may be of interest.

1. Kent County, Yorkshire	40 each
3. Winchester & Portsmouth Dio.	37
4. Chester Dio., Sussex County	35 each
6. Lancashire	31
7. Oxford Diocesan	27
8. Gloucester & Bristol Dio.	24
9. Surrey	19
10. Derby, Southwell, Salisbury Dio.	18 each
13. Peterborough Diocesan	17
14. Bath and Wells Diocesan	16
15. Ely Diocesan, Suffolk	13 each
17. Leicester, Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan	12 each
19. Coventry Dio., Essex, Hereford, Middlesex, Archdeaconry of Stafford	11 each
24. Devon, Lincoln Diocesan	10 each

MARGERY and CYRIL WRATTEN.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

Beddington is always a popular venue for meetings and the annual general meeting of the Northern District proved to be no exception. Some 70 members and friends attended the business meeting, at which 17 new resident ringing members were elected. The officers elected for 1967 were: Master, Mr. W. Jackson; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Steere; assistant secretary, Miss A. Mann; auditor, Mr. H. Pitstow; committee members, Messrs. D. Brookes, R. Cooles and C. Mew.

The committee's proposed programme for 1967 of 12 meetings, including a social, striking competition and four Surprise practices, was presented to the meeting.

The new look of the front page of "The Ringing World" was discussed at some length. The general secretary, Mr. W. Parrott, gave details of the type of photographs required for the front cover. On a show of hands an overwhelming majority liked the new style.

Further ringing continued on Beddington bells, when members were able to sample the fine musical qualities of Double Norwich Caters, the special method selected for the meeting.

THE REPORT

The year 1966 has been a very full one, with several new ideas being put into operation. As a direct result of discussion, which started at a Northern District committee meeting, the Association is planning its first dinner since 1955.

Pride of place for originality must go to Mr. C. F. Mew for his series of lectures held at Putney during September and October. They attracted an average attendance of 25.

Mr. John Ketteringham is teaching a band from scratch at Barnes. The District is giving assistance there on practice nights as often as possible. Instruction at two other towers continues but with only mixed success.

A new form of assistance has emerged in the form of a circulating monthly practice. Committee members take turns in raising bands to visit the weaker towers. All previous forms of instruction and assistance have worn stale with time but it is hoped that the circulating practice catches on..

We will be saying farewell to the assistant secretary, Mr. Brian Bull, during the coming year and thank him for his work in the Putney area and for the Association. We are also losing the services of the Rev. Tony Clayton.

Membership shows an increase of 19 to 224. Forty new members were elected. We lost three members by death and 18 left the district or left ringing.

PEALS BY LOCAL BANDS

There were 17 peals rung during 1966; these consisted of two Triples, eight Major, one Caters, five Royal and one Cinques. Two new methods were rung— St. Clement's Triples and Orkney Surprise Major. Both Beddington and St. John's, Croydon, rang local band peals. One hundred and thirty-three quarter peals were rung during the year. The leading tower was Addington with 43, of which 40 were rung for Sunday service. Clapham Common and St. John's, Croydon, rang 13 each and Putney 11.

Striking Competition.—There was a record entry of nine, due in no small measure to the persuasive efforts of the committe. The previous highest total of entries in the 10-year history of the competition is six. Beddington, the only team to ring eight bells, were the winners. Only three towers managed an entry for the handbell competition.

The usual number of meetings has been held with an average attendance of 46, two more than last year. Collections for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £10 0s. 6d.

N. G. T. S.

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,380 Doubles (eight methods): Ronda M. Purkess 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, J. Hartless 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, P. R. Parsons 6. First in eight methods on the bells.

Leading Peal Ringers of 1966

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
1	George E. Thoday	116	50	—	—	116	50
2	Christopher T. Osenton	63	25	31	22	94	47
3	D. John Hunt	89	41½	—	—	89	41½
4	J. Alan Ainsworth	82	26	—	—	82	26
5	Rupert A. Clarke	49	4	29	5	78	9
6	D. Paul Smith	77	3	—	—	77	3
7	Graham C. Paul	56	16	19	4	75	20
8	Edward Jenkins	75	1	—	—	75	1
9	Gillian M. Hunt	75	½	—	—	75	½
10	Tudor P. Edwards	73	38	—	—	73	38
11	Robert B. Smith	34	7	39	28	73	35
12	Ian Oram	72	30	—	—	72	30
13	Michael J. Fellows	70	15	2	2	72	17
14	R. Kingsley Mason	71	36	—	—	71	36
15	Roderick W. Pipe	70	34	—	—	70	34
16	Jack L. Millhouse	50	31	19	15	69	46
17	Tony Lewis	69	17	—	—	69	17
18	John C. Eisel	67	2	2	—	69	2
19	Geoffrey K. Dodd	64	42½	—	—	64	42½
20	David P. Hilling	64	29	—	—	64	29
21	George E. Fearn	64	1	—	—	64	1
22	Peter Border	63	32	—	—	63	32
23	Bernard F. L. Groves	43	21	20	9	63	30
24	Derek Butterworth	59	15	4	—	63	15
25	C. Martin Press	61	6	—	—	61	6
26	Gerald Penney	36	19	24	9	60	28
27	Richard J. Parker	38	14	21	16	59	30
28	Frederick R. Scott	59	1	—	—	59	1
29	Martin D Fellows	58	6	—	—	58	6
30	Geoffrey R. Parker	43	1	15	—	58	1
31	Alan G. Payne	57	28	—	—	57	28
32	J. Martin Thorley	57	19	—	—	57	19
33	Judith M. Corby	57	3	—	—	57	3
34	Margaret E. Fort	57	—	—	—	57	—
34	Richard W. Sweet	57	—	—	—	57	—
36	C. Barrie Dove	56	50	—	—	56	50
37	Robert C. Kippin	55	18	1	—	56	18
38	George E. Bonham	56	—	—	—	56	—
39	Stanley Jenner	55	31	—	—	55	31
40	J. Keith Ward	55	10	—	—	55	10
41	Clifford A. Barron	55	8	—	—	55	8
42	Samuel J. Haines	54	—	—	—	54	—
43	Andrew J. Corby	52	14	1	—	53	14
44	Philip Mehew	53	12	—	—	53	12
45	Norman J. Goodman	53	1	—	—	53	1
46	David E. Rothera	53	—	—	—	53	—
47	Kenneth J. Hesketh	52	10	—	—	52	10
48	Gordon H. Lane	52	2	—	—	52	2
49	David J. Purnell	52	—	—	—	52	—
50	Neil Bennett	36	15	15	4	51	19
51	Peter Bridle	51	—	—	—	51	—
52	Neil Donovan	50	2	—	—	50	2
53	Ann Jenner	50	—	—	—	50	—
54	Arthur E. Rowley	50	—	—	—	50	—
55	J. Barry Pickup	46	20	3	—	49	20
56	Peter G. Brown	49	2	—	—	49	2
57	David F. Moore	41	4	7	7	48	5
58	Joseph William Cotton	48	—	—	—	48	—
58	Maryl Crossthwaite	48	—	—	—	48	—
58	Martin Green	48	—	—	—	48	—
61	Derek E. Sibson	47	4	—	—	47	4
62	Stuart Armeson	47	18	—	—	47	18
63	Joan Beresford	46	3	—	—	46	3
64	James L. Towler	46	—	—	—	46	—
65	Jeffrey Brannan	45	10	—	—	45	10
66	John H. Fielden	45	8	—	—	45	8
67	Peter S. Muchlinski	45	1	—	—	45	1
68	Janet E. Hubbard	45	—	—	—	45	—
69	Cyril A Wratten	34	14	10	9	44	23
70	Roger Baldwin	21	13	23	4	44	17
71	Trevor A. Cross	43	13	1	—	44	13
72	Geoffrey W. Randall	44	9	—	—	44	9
73	Michael H. O'Callaghan	44	—	—	—	44	—
74	Frank R Morton	43	36	—	—	43	36
75	Philip A Corby	43	19	—	—	43	19
76	Michael Maughan	43	18	—	—	43	18
77	Timothy G. Pett	38	8	5	—	43	8
78	Richard A. G. Inglis	41	7	2	—	43	7
79	G. Ronald Edwards	43	—	—	—	43	—
80	H William Barrett	42	9	—	—	42	9
81	Antony K. Fortin	42	2	—	—	42	2
82	Diana M Chapman	42	—	—	—	42	—
82	Jeffery Kershaw	42	—	—	—	42	—
82	John R. Inslev	39	—	3	—	42	—
85	Richard E. Price	41	11	—	—	41	11
86	Edward R. Venn	41	4	—	—	41	4
87	Alan McFall	16	1	25	1	41	2
88	Christine Andrew	41	—	—	—	41	—
88	Barry E. Saunders	41	—	—	—	41	—
88	Richard S. Starkie	41	—	—	—	41	—
91	Frank B. Lufkin	40	30	—	—	40	30
92	A. Patrick Cannon	40	11	—	—	40	11
93	Cyril A. Jarrett	16	1	24	—	40	1
94	James Insley	38	—	2	—	40	—
95	Alan Tubb	39	4	—	—	39	4
95	Philip J. Crossthwaite	37	4	2	—	39	4
97	Alan A. Paul	39	1	—	—	39	1
98	Stanley G. Ponting	39	—	—	—	39	—
98	Denis A S. Symonds	39	—	—	—	39	—
100	Joe E. G. Roast	38	24	—	—	38	24
101	Cyril Crossthwaite	37	12	1	—	38	12
102	Richard J. Clifton	38	—	—	—	38	—
102	Kathleen M Baldwin	15	—	23	—	38	—
104	Stephen Ivin	34	19	3	1	37	20
105	Brian J. Luff	37	—	—	—	37	—
106	Norman Sherratt	36	22	—	—	36	22
107	George A. Dawson	36	16	—	—	36	16
108	Ruth Blackshaw	36	10	—	—	36	10
108	Roland H. Cook	36	10	—	—	36	10
110	Thomas J. Lock	36	4	—	—	36	4
111	Ronald J. Snack	36	2	—	—	36	2
112	Martin L. Howe	35	1	1	—	36	1
113	Christopher C Clarke	36	—	—	—	36	—
113	John R. Scott	36	—	—	—	36	—
115	Derek J. Jones	35	32	—	—	35	32
116	W. Eric Critchley	35	19	—	—	35	19
117	Nicholas W H. Symon	35	18	—	—	35	18
118	C. Kenneth Lewis	23	10	12	5	35	15
119	Simon Humphrey	34	10	1	1	35	11
120	Robert E. J. Dennis	35	8	—	—	35	8
121	Basil Jones	35	3	—	—	35	3
122	George T. Cousins	35	1½	—	—	35	1½
123	Roger W. Smith	34	1	1	—	35	1
124	Geoffrey A. Edwards	35	—	—	—	35	—
124	Rev. Roger O. Fry	35	—	—	—	35	—
126	John R. Mayne	18	17	16	16	34	33
127	Roger D Bailey	34	20	—	—	34	20
128	Peter A. Sharp	28	2	6	—	34	2
129	Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	34	—	—	—	34	—
129	Ralph G. Edwards	34	—	—	—	34	—
129	Ann E. Fellows	34	—	—	—	34	—
129	Joan Gilbert	34	—	—	—	34	—
129	Thomas Cullingworth	32	—	2	—	34	—
134	Dennis Beresford	33	23	—	—	33	23
135	Dennis Latham	33	4	—	—	33	4
136	Anthony H. Smith	33	3	—	—	33	3
137	Raymond J. Ballard	33	1	—	—	33	1
138	E. Alan Jacques	33	—	—	—	33	—
138	Arthur G. Mason	33	—	—	—	33	—
140	Dennis Knox	32	10	—	—	32	10
141	Charles E. Truman	32	8	—	—	32	8
142	Cecil W. Pipe	32	4	—	—	32	4
143	James W. Belshaw	32	1	—	—	32	1
143	Harold Dowler	32	1	—	—	32	1
145	Iris M. E Lemare	32	—	—	—	32	—
145	James Linnell	32	—	—	—	32	—
145	James R Taylor	32	—	—	—	32	—
145	T. Felicity Webber	32	—	—	—	32	—
145	A. Maxwell Lindsey	28	—	4	—	32	—
145	Gerald Moorhouse	4	—	28	—	32	—
151	William L. Exton	29	16	2	—	31	16
152	Barrie Hendry	31	10	—	—	31	10
152	John Worth	25	10	6	—	31	10
154	G. William Critchley	31	4	—	—	31	4
154	Howard C. Palmer	31	4	—	—	31	4
156	Philip E. Rothera	31	1	—	—	31	1
157	Edward W. Colley	31	—	—	—	31	—
157	Claudia A Critchley	31	—	—	—	31	—
157	John C. Slater	31	—	—	—	31	—
157	Malcolm E Wade	31	—	—	—	31	—
157	Herbert E. Audsley	28	—	3	—	31	—
162	Leslie F. Bailey	30	20	—	—	30	20
163	D. Kay Adkins	30	19	—	—	30	19
164	Ronald F. Diserens	30	9	—	—	30	9
165	W. Leslie Weller	30	6	—	—	30	6
166	Jonathan S. N Porter	30	2	—	—	30	2
167	Frank Lewis	30	1	—	—	30	1
167	David S. Smith	30	1	—	—	30	1
169	Ronald J. Sharp	30	—	—	—	30	—
169	John A. Anderson	28	—	2	—	30	—
169	Julia A. Fellows	20	—	10	—	30	—
172	Alan R Pink	29	21	—	—	29	21
173	Gordon A Halls	29	12	—	—	29	12
174	Christopher H. Rogers	29	3	—	—	29	3
174	Eric N Harrison	27	3	2	—	29	3
176	Neil V. Avis	29	2	—	—	29	2
176	Richard W. H Hayes	29	2	—	—	29	2
176	Christopher W. Woolley	11	1	18	1	29	2
179	Lucile M Corby	29	—	—	—	29	—
179	Gerald Parsons	29	—	—	—	29	—
179	Frank Reed	29	—	—	—	29	—
179	Ellis N. Thomas	27	—	2	—	29	—
183	Anthony R. Peake	27	22	1	1	28	23
184	Stephen F. Royal	28	15	—	—	28	15
185	Howard Fgglestone	28	10	—	—	28	10
186	John Hill	28	4	—	—	28	4

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Letters to the Editor

BELL WIDOWS

Dear Sir,—I have for some time wanted to write to you on behalf of those numerous readers of "The Ringing World" who are either not ringers or not any more, namely, the non-ringing wives. "Bell widows" might be a suitable name.

We are, I feel, a somewhat maligned group who, apart from an aversion to spiral staircases, things on the end of ropes that we can't see, and elusive husbands, have very little other objection to bellringing. Yet we are frequently spoken of as though engaged on some sinister campaign to undermine "the art." "Ah, she let you out tonight, then!" lugubriously intoned is a greeting that must echo round many ringing chambers, and, far from leaping to our defence, the sheepishly grinning male basks in his martyrdom!

We, on the other hand, are treated with that gentle consideration that can only, one feels, mask a guilty conscience. "Old X asked me to help him out over a ring at Puggleton next October. Couldn't let him down. You didn't want to do anything that day, did you?" And, of course, we didn't. Though one feels that a genuine campaigning wife would floor him completely at this point by producing from a secret list an unalterable engagement involving the whole family for that very date.

We are, in fact, the essence of patience and tact. We carefully peruse "The Ringing World" on its arrival in the morning post, so that we can tell him what was in it on his return in the evening. ("Sorry, dear, but when I turned round he'd eaten most of it.") We take garbled phone messages about plain young men called Bob who are always having triplets, and majors in Yorkshire who are consequently surprised, and make beautiful sense out of them ("I told him you would be away"). We prepare sandwiches for his trips ("Cheese again?"), pore over columns of minute figures ("I tell you you said it wrong. There's a kinky bit in the middle") and offer dutiful congratulations to peal attempts ("You're home early again—how nice").

But joking apart (well of course we were), there is quite a lot to be said for those quiet afternoons and evenings when there is no one around to leave the daily papers strewn over the floor, deafen the neighbourhood with the radio and monopolise "The Ringing World."

There goes the phone—must dash off and tell them he's out—before he hears it.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY WAITE.

North Cheam, Surrey.

GUIDES AND SCOUTS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—We are writing to say how much we are in wholehearted agreement with the views expressed by R. J. Vidler in your issue of January 27th. Being members of both the Guide and Scout movements and the local company of ringers we feel we can speak up for "two (or even more) hobby people."

To attain our respective ringing proficiency badges we had, amongst other things, to splice ropes, a simple example of a useful activity common to ringing and scouting.

The team spirit, concentration and friendliness one finds and indeed has to have in Guilding, Scouting and ringing is surely proof that various interests can and do help each other.—Yours sincerely,

ANGELA McBRIDE.
DAVID WRIGHT.
ROGER NEWSTEAD.

Holders of Ringer's Proficiency Badges.

Great Yarmouth.

BRISTOL SOCIETY PEALS NON-ASSOCIATION?

Dear Sir,—May I repeat my two questions to Mr. Hunt which he has so far ignored: Who are the "officers" of the Bristol Society, and is it correct to suppose all peals rung for the "Society" are non-Association?

Anyway, how can one meet what I presume are purely fictitious persons? There were certainly no "officers" of the "Society" last April and I very much doubt if there are now. Just two plain, straightforward answers, please, Mr. Hunt!

No doubt he will also be interested to read the list of Sunday service ringers in the Gloucester and Bristol report for 1966, showing that I do support Bristol ringing whenever my work permits. A glance occasionally at the quarter peal columns will also show this. Also, Filton is not in Bristol, as it is within the county boundary of Gloucestershire. —Yours sincerely,

A. TUBB.

Filton, Glos.

Note.—Peals rung under the heading of "The Bristol Society" are recorded by the Peals Analysis Committee as non-Association Only Guilds and Associations that are members of the Central Council are recorded separately..—Ed.

PREFERS PEALS IN PRESENT FORM

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that Mr. Ainsworth has chosen to think that I was trying to denigrate the Birmingham ringers' peals. That was not my intention. I was commenting on their obvious disapproval of the present arrangements of peal reports.

The object of mentioning the four peals of Londinium in my previous letter was to question the need for prominence when in one single issue of "The Ringing World" they can consume over half a column of top-class peals. Peals of this nature are quite capable of standing out amongst the others without segregating them. As I said in my last letter, all peals are achievements for someone and should be given the same treatment (except for record peals).

It was difficult to believe that anyone could want preference for their peals but the Editor's footnote to Mr. Taylor's letter certainly implied this, whether intentionally or not, and he did ask for readers' views.

Personally, I prefer the present system of arranging peal reports by Guilds and I am sure there are others of the same opinion. There are probably many who have no preferences on this subject. So, since it is not possible to please everyone, it seems sensible to choose the way (of the two methods in question) which is most economical on space and, therefore, cost, unless there is a great demand otherwise (especially if the saving contributes to giving us more front page pictures!!).—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

A FANTASY

Dear Sir,—With reference to "A Fantasy on page 93 of "The Ringing World," I understand that the P.M.G. is to bring the matter before the House during the summer recess. Meanwhile it may be of interest to note that, after a trip to Newcastle upon Tyne, a visit to the Post Office ("Tavern"), a peal of Cambridge Maximus at the Cathedral, followed by a good dinner and an after-dinner party, George is once again his old smiling self.—Yours sincerely,

OLD BILL.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Sir,—It has given me considerable pleasure in recent months to follow the excellent progress of Mr. Norman Sherratt and his band in North Staffordshire as reported in the peal columns of "The Ringing World." From the days when Kidsgrove Parish Church had a pleasant ring of six bells to the present time, when what might be termed the "Kidsgrove" band is ringing peals of Glasgow Surprise Major (vide page 67), there has been a consistent record of achievement coming quietly from this part of England.

Some years ago I had the pleasure of ringing with some of the people who are now realising some of their early ambitions; it was clear to me at that time that nothing but general benefit could come from such evident enthusiasm. I know that Mr. Sherratt himself is doubly rewarded by each new triumph, since one of his most notable characteristics is the obvious joy he derives from the achievements of others.

Perhaps in the not too distant future I may once more be able to join in. In the meantime I must be content with admiration from a "safe" distance.—Sincerely yours,

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

Watertown, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

The first quarterly meeting for the year 1967 of the Rochester District was held at St. George's Church, Gravesend, on January 21st, which was attended by over 80 ringers and friends. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. P. Beck), who extended a warm welcome to the Association and gave an inspiring address. Tea in St. John's Church Hall was kindly given by the ringers and friends of St. George's Church.

At the business meeting the Rector was elected chairman. A report on the November committee meeting was given by a District representative, and other matters discussed were the one-day ringing school and the Easter Monday annual general meeting.

Mr. L. Mitchell thanked all who had helped with the Christmas draw in aid of the Newington Tower Fund, which raised £45. Fifteen new members were elected to the Kent County Association. An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had helped with the meeting was proposed by Mr. F. J. Cheal, and further ringing continued under the direction of the District Ringing Master (Miss Joan Hayward). F. C.

10,080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By Alan S. BURBIDGE

23456 W 5ths M H

34256				2
54236	S		*	3
32546	—	3†		S

Repeat 11 times.

Insert S at * in all parts except 1st and 7th. Omit bobs † in 1st, 7th and 10th parts. Contains extent with each of 4, 5, 6 in 6ths place, tenors together. No 82's, no 83's. Rung at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on February 4th, 1967, conducted by composer.

BROMLEY, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Molloy-Morley (first quarter) 1, Sheila Copping (cond.) 2, Rosemary Gates (first "inside") 3, F. Gates 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. G. Foster 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Gates, mother of the ringer of fourth.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Hallowing of Drayton Bells

THE six bells at Drayton, near Norwich, were hallowed on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5th. The church was packed from corner to corner, with many people standing, and there was an atmosphere of triumph and joy such as many a parish might envy. This village, once small, is expanding with the coming to it of more and more Norwich people, and the church is obviously abreast of events there.

The church, whose origins are Norman, has long had three bells. Michael Frost and his enthusiastic friends have been agitating for some time for a proper ring, and they were determined to obtain one by whatever means ingenuity might discover. "Do it yourself" was the idea, so far as possible, and the new metal bell frame was largely supplied and installed by generous co-operation from local builders and engineers.

Of the original bells, the tenor (weighing 6 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb., cast by Brasyer of Norwich in the 15th century and inscribed "Dulcis Sisto Melis @ Campana Vocor Michis,") has been retained as the tenor of the new ring, the old 1 and 2 (by Brend, 1660, and Tooke, 1676) are recast as the new 4 and 5, whilst the three trebles are cast of metal from the treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor of Wood Dalling (formerly by Newman, 1697, Newman, 1707, Draper, 1620, and Neman, 1701).

The work has been excellently done by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and the new bells "marry" well with the ancient tenor, which has been tuned.

The service was shared by the Rector (the Rev. Humphrey Squire), Mr. G. Wood, the lay reader, and the new tower captain, Michael Frost, read the lesson. The president of the Central Council hallowed the bells and preached. Immediately after the words of hallowing and the handing of a rope and the responsibility thus symbolised to the Rector, the bells were rung by six of the local band—Michael Frost 1, Mrs. Margaret Holloway 2, D. Lloyd 3, Margaret Bunting 4, Mrs. Ella Frost 5, Bob Walker tenor.

THE CHURCH ALIVE

In his address Canon Thurlow said: "For 800 years and more there has been a church here, and never has it seen a more triumphant day than this. It has three particular implications—the Church is alive, the Church has a message to proclaim, the Church is a family united in service

No such work as this, involving so much goodwill, generosity, imagination, courage, co-operation between so many people, could be faced were the Church not alive. We are told the Church is dying. Of course there are more ignorant of Christianity than in the past because the Church has been pushed out of one sphere after another where it has pioneered. But the Church is far more alive than one would expect from the spirit of our people.

In an England where the spirit of paganism is so obvious, the fact that there are so many Christians seems marvellous.. Oh yes, anti-Christ is strong! The agnostics and atheists shout loudly, but despite these things—perhaps because of them—the Church is alive! There's more self-criticism, more planning for future difficulties, less self-satisfaction, more courage among Church folk than for a very long time. The Church in Drayton is alive.

The Church has a message to proclaim This is what ringers do! The one fact which proclaims the Church's existence most dearly to the neighbourhood is the call of the bells. Their ringing is an inescapable challenge to all.

The Church is a family united in service. One sometimes hears of ringers who are not members of the Church family. What a reflection on that branch of the Church family! How miserable to have a congregation whose members have not enough of the spirit of service to raise a band of ringers amongst them! It is indeed right and proper that the new band of ringers at Drayton should be first and foremost members of the Church family, who add this way of service to the other ways of service they already give."

TRAINED IN NORWICH

Whilst the work has been in progress during the last few months, these and other enthusiasts in the church congregation have been learning to ring at St. George's, Colegate, under the kindly tuition of David Cubitt and the band there. These bells were made a nice light six by Gilbert Thurlow several years ago to serve as a "teaching tower" for Norwich.

Amongst the large congregation were between 70 and 80 ringers—a goodly number for a Sunday afternoon—from Norwich, Bunwell, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Keymer (Sussex), New Buckenham, Thetford, Honingham, Ipswich, Aylsham, Wroxham, Barking (Suffolk), Ruskington (Lincs), Beccles, East Dereham, King's Lynn, Gaywood, Blofield, Caston and Loddon.

A splendid running buffet tea, kindly provided by ladies of the parish, and ringing up till Evensong completed an outstanding day in the life of Drayton parish. G. T.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Visitors from Bath, London, Long Sutton, Wiveliscombe, Wells and Yatton were welcomed at the annual general meeting of the Axbridge Branch held at St. Andrew's Church, Banwell, on January 28th. The Vicar (the Rev J. Bromwich) conducted the service and, at the meeting which followed, the officers for 1967 elected were: Chairman, J Walton; Ringing Master, H. Hopper; secretary, Miss M. Legg.

Two new members were elected from Winscombe, two from Banwell and nine from Churchill. The Branch is nominating John Gilbert as general secretary of the Association.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be at Compton Bishop (April) with practices at Congresbury (February) and Weare (March)

MR. WILLIAM FAIRES

It is with great regret that we report from Lavenham, Suffolk, the death on January 29th of another of the local band, Mr. W. Faires, at the age of 78 years. He learned to ring at this tower in 1907. This makes four Lavenham ringers to pass on within 12 months.

Bill, as he was known to all ringers, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) in January, 1909, and rang regularly in this tower until a few months ago. At the burial service at Lavenham Church on February 2nd the company were represented by Messrs. M. T. Symonds, F. Turner, J. Johnson, C. Curtis, F. Hunt, A. Knight and H. Pryke.

In the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob were rung with the bells half-muffled.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F C. Mogford (cond.) 1, Mrs. A J. Frith 2, R. W. Treasure 3, C. Allward 4, L. B. Coles 5, L. Batten 6. Rung half-muffled in respected memory of Preb. Frederick Cresswell, late Vicar, died January 27th.

OBITUARY

MR. F. J. COPE

Mrs. E. Mason sends us news of the death in a Guernsey hospital of Mr. Frederick James Cope, aged 60, the elder son of the late Mr. F. E. Cope, of Lichfield, Staffs His ashes were scattered at Bisley, Surrey, where he won many cups for shooting

The Copes were a very old family of ringers unique in their faithful and clever work with bells—both tower- and handbells. The late Mr. F. J. Cope was a bellringer at St. Mary's, Lichfield, and also at the Cathedral. Writing of his father, Mrs. Mason states: "He would walk a mile and back probably four times on a Sunday to ring at the Cathedral and St. Mary's. He had a broad, measured stride which didn't seem to vary or tire, and going to and from church and cathedral his face always wore the look of one with a solemn, serious mission from which nothing sort of an 'earthquake' could have deterred him. Also, he was a man with an old-world sense of courtesy to all men."

MR. W. D. PEART

With great regret we record the passing of Mr. David William Peart in his 85th year, on February 1st

Mr. Peart ("Bill") commenced his ringing career at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, at the end of the last century. He first rang as a competent ringer in 1898, when a new organ was dedicated. His first peal was rung in 1902 and his last in 1954. He was not a prolific peal ringer but he had stood in 20 peals in his own tower in this period. He was a remarkably regular attender both for service ringing and at practices; even up to the last few months prior to his retirement from the belfry due to ill-health

For many years he was secretary to the belfry and regularly attended Society meetings as a representative of the tower. For more than 50 years he was a member of the choir, in which service he was equally assiduous, as he was in numerous other church activities. He loved his church, he loved the bells and he will be greatly missed.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by his fellow ringers on the evening of the funeral as a token of respect to him and to express the ringers' sympathy to his widow. J. R. C.

MR. RALPH BEARD

With the passing of Mr. Ralph Beard, at the age of 85, on January 31st, the band at St. Mary Cray and the Kent County Association have lost a very faithful and well-loved member. He first began ringing at St. Mary Cray before the turn of the century. After his marriage, when he lived away from St. Mary Cray, there was a long gap before he came back to ringing after the death of his wife, about 12 years ago. One of the most faithful members of the band, he was not even daunted at having to learn new methods to enable him to keep up with the rest of the band.

Beside his bellringing, for which he thought nothing of walking two miles each way, often in inclement weather, even after he had reached his 80th birthday, he had a great love for his church and he will be sadly missed from his accustomed place each Sunday. He also took great pride in his care of the churchyard, which work he continued until his 83rd year.

In his earlier years he held various jobs locally, including that of verger at the Parish Church, and in his later years he worked for a local paper mill. Our sympathy is extended to his daughter and her husband.

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COMPOSITIONS

7,560 CAMBRIDGE S. ROYAL

By RODERICK W. PIPE (No. 6)

23456	2½	M	W	6½	H
42536	S		—		2S
34526			—		2S
23546			—		
42356	S				—
52346			S		
34265		S	S		—
32564				S	S
32654	S				
35264	S				S
25463		—			2S
45362		—			2S
42365		—		S	2
62345			S		2S
23456		S	S		2

The main purpose of this composition is to provide the basis for a large number of 5,040's containing a variety of popular musical qualities. The 5,040's are produced by omitting an appropriate number of the round blocks (e.g. 2 singles at Home, 3 bobs at Middle) which abound in this composition.

The choice is further increased by the fact that singles at 4½, which produce 87's, may be inserted in any of the courses, thus making available for selection a total of 42 courses, all of which are true with one another.

The following options are also available:

(i)

34256	2½	M	6½	H
32654			S	S
36254	2S			S
23456		3	S	—

This block makes it possible to obtain all 24 56 roll-ups.

This may only be used provided that the whole block between and including the two singles at 6½ in the original peal is omitted, except in the case that one of the blocks is rung with 87's throughout, and the other with 78's throughout

(ii)

42365	2½	M	W	H
32564		—		2S
62345	2S	2	S	2S

This block makes it possible to obtain 13 combination courses with 7890 fixed.

As before, this is only permissible with the same restrictions as for (i). (i) and (ii) may not be used together in a peal.

The following three peals are given as examples:

23456	2½	M	W	6½	H
23546	S		3		
42356	S				—
52346			S		
34265		S	S		—
35264				S	
42365		3		S	2
62345			S		
23456		S	S		2

Contains 21 56's and 21 65's; 6th 13 courses in 5-6.

23456	2½	M	4½	W	6½	H
42356	2S					—
52346				S		
34265		S		S		—
3426587			S			
3256478			S		S	S
35264	2S					S
42365					S	2
62345				S		2S
23456		S		S		2

13 combination courses.

23456	2½	M	W	6½	H
23546	S		3		
42356	S				—
52346			S		
42365		S	S		3
62345			S		
34256		S	S		—
36254				S	
23456		3		S	—

24 56's; 3 65 courses.

Peals can also be constructed to include the following properties:

6th 9 courses home and 24 56 roll-ups; 24 6587's and 3 56 courses; 3 courses each of 56, 65, 5687, 6587; 21 56's, 21 6587's; 9 courses of 87's with the 6th in 5ths place and 5 56 courses; 24 56's and 24 6587's (7,200 changes).

A WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Bro. F. Barraclough, of Eccles, Lancs, was installed as Worshipful Master of the Bridgwater Lodge, No. 1213, on February 9th. He is one of our one-armed ringers, having lost his right arm and shoulder in 1940. We wish him good health and a happy year of office.

HIGHCLERE BAND'S PROGRESS

The peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at East Woodhay, Hants, was by the Highclere band, this being the first peal ever rung by an all-Highclere team.

As Highclere has an eight-bell tower it was decided to ring the peal at a neighbouring six-bell tower, and the slow-moving six at East Woodhay proved admirable. In the team was one 12-year-old and three 15-year-olds. It is now hoped that two more of the band will be sufficiently advanced to attempt Triples this year.

G. D.

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

(No. 6)

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

23456789		34265978	
42356978	1.4.	53462879	1.3.
34256	9–3	45362	8–3
		34562	8–3
63452	9–3s		
46352	9–3	54263	98
34652	9–3	25463	8–3
		42563	8–3
64253	89		
26453	9–3	52364	98
42653	9–3		
		32465	98
62354	89	43265	8–3
36254	9–3		
		54362	8–3s
43652	9–3s	35462	8–3
64352	9–3		
36452	9–3	45263	98
46253	89	25364	98
		32564	8–3
26354	89	53264	8–3
32654	9–3		
63254	9–3	23465	98
		42365	8–3
45362	8–2	34265	8–3
34562	9–3		
54263	89		
25463	9–3		
42563	9–3		
52364	89		
32465	89		
43265	9–3		
54362	9–3s		
35462	9–3		
45263	89		
25364	89		
32564	9–3		
53264	9–3		
23465	89		
42365	9–3		
34265	9–3		

First rung at Guildford Cathedral on January 28th, 1967.

This is an ingenious composition. Either the 6 or 5 is in 5ths place throughout the peal and the bells in 6ths place are in the order 2, 3, 4 in the first third of the peal and 2, 3, 4, 5 in the last two-thirds of the peal. It produces the best Tittums music using short courses throughout.

D. A. R. MAY.

NEW RECORD PEAL

Mr. Anthony R. Peake's band created another record in Spliced Surprise Major on Saturday, February 11th with a peal in 165 methods. The peal was rung at Longney, Glos. There was an attempt on the previous Saturday at Stratton St. Margaret, which came to grief after 75 minutes.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A. P. S. Berry 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS 1966

(Continued from page 129)

		Tower		Hand		Total	
		Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
186	Neil D. Lomas	28	4	—	—	28	4
188	Robin R. Churchill	28	3	—	—	28	3
189	Derek J. Jones	28	2	—	—	28	2
190	David Nichols	28	1	—	—	28	1
191	Alan E. Bagworth	28	—	—	—	28	—
191	Doris Colgate	28	—	—	—	28	—
191	Ronald H. Dove	28	—	—	—	28	—
191	Keith W Eaton	28	—	—	—	28	—
191	Ian R. Panton	28	—	—	—	28	—
191	Brian Bladon	26	—	2	—	28	—
197	Walter Ayre	26	16	2	1	27	17
198	J. Henry Fielden	27	14	—	—	27	14
199	David Oliver	27	8	—	—	27	8
200	Margaret E. Chilton	27	5	—	—	27	5
201	W Arthur Riddington	27	3	—	—	27	3
202	Frank E Darby	27	2	—	—	27	2
202	Peter C Randall	27	2	—	—	27	2
204	Donald F. Murfet	27	1	—	—	27	1
204	Robert W Sherriff	27	1	—	—	27	1
206	Susan Jackson	27	—	—	—	27	—
206	Peter G. Pitt	27	—	—	—	27	—
206	Edward J. Beer	—	—	27	—	27	—
209	Michael W. Coleman	26	18	—	—	26	18
209	Wilfrid F. Moreton	26	18	—	—	26	18
211	Brian J. Woodruffe	20	12	6	5	26	17
212	B. Stedman Payne	21	2	5	4	26	6
213	Ralph Bird	26	3	—	—	26	3
213	John A. Howard	26	3	—	—	26	3
213	Roy Worrall	26	3	—	—	26	3
216	Frank C J. Arnold	26	1	—	—	26	1
217	Stephen D. Humphrey	26	—	—	—	26	—
217	Maurice G. Ingram	26	—	—	—	26	—
217	Andrew N. Stubbs	26	—	—	—	26	—
220	Frederick J. Cullum	25	7	—	—	25	7
220	Denis McCormick	25	7	—	—	25	7
222	Noel J. Diserens	25	6	—	—	25	6
222	Antony R. Kench	25	6	—	—	25	6
224	Arthur C. Berry	25	4	—	—	25	4
224	Victor Griffin	25	4	—	—	25	4
224	David J. Llewellyn	25	4	—	—	25	4
227	Alan J. Frost	25	3	—	—	25	3
228	Derek S. Beaufoy	25	1	—	—	25	1
228	Robin Brown	25	1	—	—	25	1
230	Sydney M. Bailey	25	—	—	—	25	—
230	Peter J. Heritage	25	—	—	—	25	—
230	F. William Midwinter	25	—	—	—	25	—
230	Reginald W. Rex	25	—	—	—	25	—
230	William A Theobald	25	—	—	—	25	—
230	Stuart Sandford	24	—	1	—	25	—

LONG LENGTH

DENTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 2,400 Doubles (ten methods): V. P. Evans 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. A. Slight 3, R. W. Morant 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, T. A. Relf 6. To mark the retirement of the Vicar, Canon E. R. Barraclough.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,257 Stedman Doubles (all extents different): A. K. P. Poole 1, Heather A. Alford 2, L. P. Halling 3, Barbara F. Banks 4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5, C. A. Alford 6. Rung in memoriam "Scamp."

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): C. Jeffrey 1, Wendy Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, R. Rayfield 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Rung for Matins.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Rhodes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, S. Bristow 3, P. Smith (first "inside") 4, A. J. Alderman (first as cond.) 5, H. Bristow 6.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Wadman 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, A. P. Beck 3, P. Jones 4, H. D. Mackay 5, G. Salmon 6, R. G. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Rung as an expression of gratitude for the safe arrival and welcome to twins born to the ringer of 4th, Phillip Jones, and his wife Mary.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Tipper 1, A. Reeves 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, B. Walton 5, D. Hatherley 6. First of Doubles in seven methods for all the band.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Lewis 1, Miss F. J. H. Oakshett 2, P. G. Braund (first of Triples) 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, I. H. Oram (cond.) 7, F. J. C. Mounce 8. Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. S. H. Adams, M.A., as Rector of this parish. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss F. J. H. Oakshett 1, I. H. Oram (cond.) 2, P. G. Braund 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, M. H. O'Callaghan 6, T. Lewis 7, F. J. C. Mounce 8. First of Bob Triples for all except the seventh. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Henry Draper, ringer and steeplekeeper at this church for many years.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Moya Britchford (first in method) 1, J. Britchford 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH, EIRE.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. T. Brew (first quarter) 1, Helen M. Hubert 2, C. J. Reede 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, L. Taylor (first quarter) 6. In honour of Canada's centennial year. **Correction.**

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: T. Culver 1, Mrs. C. Sims 2, P. Clarke 3, K. Small 4, J. Sims 5, R. Clarke (cond.) 6, G. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to the conductor on leaving to 'take an appointment in Toronto, Canada.

EMBLETON, WEST AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 7th, at 9, Grant Street, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen S. Palin 1—2, W. S. Palin (cond.) 3—4, A. R. Mann 5—6, Heather A. Mann 7—8. In memoriam Cecil Evans, tower master, Aldenham Parish Church, and member of Hertford County Association for oxer 50 years.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Moy 1, Angela McBride 2, F. J. Stimson 3, P. G. W. Newstead 4, A. G. Wigmore 5, G. W. Fletcher 6, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 7, W. B. Duncan 8. First in method 2 and 4, and as conductor. For evening Communion, and as a welcome to Rev. Peter N. Bond.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Posnett 1, Miss R. J. Vidler 2, H. Baker 3, Miss F. M. Tomlin 4, G. Grant (cond.) 5, R. Millidine 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Vidler, mother of ringer of 2.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Sue Richards (first quarter) 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W Ring (cond.) 4, G. Stewart 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Ingram 1, P. C. Mayhew 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. On the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallett's silver wedding anniversary. Also on Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Mayhew 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Guild's formation.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Hawes (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Salvage (first quarter) 2, M. Green 3, B. Stone (cond.) 4, D. Wilkins 5, P. Selwood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Miss B. Moorby 1, D. Wilkins 2, M. Green 3, B. Stone (cond.) 4, W. Jackson 5, P. Walker (first quarter) 6. First of mixed Doubles by all the band. A birthday compliment to the daughter of D. Wilkins, and to congratulate W. Jackson on the birth of a second son on January 24th, 1967.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. McArthur 1, T. Beech 2, E. B. Smith 3, Gillian Wildney 4, B. Bradbeer (first as cond.) 5, U. Wildney 6.

LYDD, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples. Rachel J. Sinden 1, A. Bourner 2, Pamela A. Court 3, Dilys M. Eastmead 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, A. C. Eastmead 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. First in the method 3, 4, 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, G. Neilson (cond.) 4, R. Birch 5. For Family Communion.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Alison Mann 1, J. Pratchett 2, A. Millidge 3, N. Waite 4, B. Bull 5, C. Mew (cond.) 6, S. Humphrey 7, D. Brookes 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Margaret Fort and Ian Oram, on their engagement.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Bedford 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, Mrs. S. Bedford 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Willard (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. J. Hallett 2, P. Bedford 3, F. May 4, T. Sharpe 5, J. Laken 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. For Evensong.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Butcher 1, A. T. Poulton 2, F. Oakley 3, F. E. J. Reynolds 4, K. Tyler 5, R. A. Brewer 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Meek 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Deacon 3, N. J. Davies 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. The old year "rung out" fully muffled. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, Monica Phillips 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bourner 6. For Evensong.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harper 1, Joy Butler 2, Diane Hickman 3, B. V. Butler 4, A. Jackson 5, C. J. Butler (first as cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, J. Pitfield 6. First of Triples 1, 3 and 5.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Peck 1, R. Amos 2, W. Gates (first quarter "inside") 3, W. Wainwright 4, L. Gates 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. A farewell to Rev. A. Wiggins, moving to Wiltshire, and a wedding compliment to Alan Spreadbury and Sheila Chinnery, who were married at St. Michael's, Wood Green, the previous day.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pearce 1, Miss M. Richards 2, T. R. Collins 3, C. Richards 4, M. A. New 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of Pauline Collins, granddaughter of the ringer of 3rd.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Brenda Davies 2, A. Bourner 3, N. J. Davies 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. Manger 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8. An engagement compliment to Rachel and Alan.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. J. Gray 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, J. Rose 4, S. Bendle 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1, 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Brown 1, K. Bellew 2, D. Fulford 3, J. Rose 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, S. Bendle 6. First "inside" for 2 and 3. Both quarters for Evensong.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, H. H. Fearn 8, P. D. Warren 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Confirmation service.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS. — On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Short 1, G. Jackson 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, H. Scott 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Cooper 6, E. Dalingwater 7, R. E. Price 8. For Sunday service.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Bates (first quarter) 1, R. C. Chapman 2, A. J. Print 3, Jill Riley 4, A. G. Foster 5, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 6, C. R. Steed 7, D. White 8. For Evensong.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Turner (first on eight bells) 1, Miss C. Etherton (first on eight bells "inside") 2, M. Turner 3, Miss I. Gocher 4, P. Miles 5, D. D. Smith 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, N. Carter 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Murray (first quarter) 1, Susan Harrison 2, Christine Baldock 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans 6. Rung to mark the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen White 1, Julia Piggott 2, Lesley Read 3, Margaret Chennel-White 4, K. Tipper 5, Mary White 6, C. Chennell-White (first as cond.) 7, R. Stone 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. A. Grant (first quarter) 1, A. S. Richards 2, S. Gay 3, A. H. Long (first in method) 4, M. Gay (first as cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. F. Butler 1, A. J. Pawson (first quarter) 2, A. J. Mason 3, B. R. M. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. L. Underwood 5, S. M Jack (first quarter) 6. First away from cover 1. First in seven methods 1 and 3, and on the bells. First by men in the school only for two years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. Clarke, of Eltham, conducted his farewell quarter on January 8th. He has accepted an appointment in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Russell Young, of Groton, is coming to England this summer. He hopes to make his headquarters at Hereford.

To mark their arrival in Perth, Western Australia, Arthur R. Mann and Heather A. Mann with Eileen S. Palin rang a handbell touch of 540 Plain Bob Minor at 9, Grant Street, Morley, W.A.

Stowmarket, Suffolk, bells were returned on February 6th after eight months' absence for recasting or tuning at Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry, Loughborough. The seventh bell, dated 1672, has been recast.

After a recent attempt at Woburn, conducted by A. P. Cannon, a long-sleeved pullover was left behind in the belfry. If the owner gets in touch with Mr. J. G. Spavins, 44, George Street, Woburn, Beds, he will return it.

The Editor thanks the lady who posted a Valentine to him from Wisbech, Cambs.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, rang his 1,100th peal on January 24th.

Mr. Tom Goodyer, of Sydney, is planning an overseas trip in 1968. The only fixture to date is the Centra! Actuarial Convention in Munich from June 4th to 11th.

A quarter peal handbell tribute to the late Mr. Cecil Evans, tower master at Aldenham Parish Church, was rung in Western Australia. One of the ringers was Mrs. Heather A. Mann, who was taught to ring by the deceased ringer.

Those who took part in the peal of Havant Surprise Major at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on February 4th, would like to associate with it the name of Eric Naylor, who was to have been the conductor. Eric had to withdraw on the Saturday morning because of his wife's illness and Percy H. Hull stood in at very short notice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

POMMIES TAKE OVER THE SHOW AT PERTH

According to "The Sunday Times," Perth, Western Australia, there are so many Pommies in St. George's Cathedral belfry that they have taken over the show. And Laith Reynolds, the captain, agrees, for half of his 20-strong ringing force are from England. When the English bellringers were in Perth in September, 1965, Tom Lock and A. Patrick Cannon told the authorities that the bells should be hung lower in the tower to as to reduce oscillation. They also recommended recasting into a ring of ten and new bearings. Ringing on that occasion was limited to two quarters — it was felt that a peal could not be attempted.

We now learn that a public appeal has been launched for $15,000 (£7,500). If the appeal is successful the bells will be shipped to Loughborough and recast into a ring of ten with a tenor about 15 cwt in D against a tenor of 22 cwt in E flat. The scheme is to hang the bells 12 feet lower in two tiers—six on the bottom and four above. This will reduce the strain on the tower.

MR. F. C. MOGFORD RINGING AGAIN

Mr. F. C. Mogford, of Pensford, Bristol, is ringing again, and on February 5th he rang his first quarter since his most unfortunate accident last September, when he broke both legs. As it was, he had to ring sitting on a stool, as the plaster was only taken off on February 1st, and he cannot yet bend one leg. Compton Dando, where he rang, has a ground-floor ring and, for the time being, his ringing will be limited to such towers, as he cannot yet climb stairs.

Through "The Ringing World" Mr. Mogford desires to thank all ringers who came to see him while he was in hospital.

LONG WEDDING PEAL

If the length of the peal was the extent of the affection of the band, then the 10,080 Plain Bob Major rung by the Manchester University Guild at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on February 4th, indicates that Dr. David Baker and Miss Norma Coom are exceedingly popular with the Guild. The peal lasted 5 hours and 23 minutes and was the longest for the Guild and for all the band. The happy couple were married earlier in the day and it is probable that they have been honoured by the longest wedding peal on record.

BANKRUPTCY IN IDEAS

There was once a peal-ringing band
Where a "first" in a method was planned.
When success duly came
They were beat for a name
Until the conductor called "Stand"

If you do not believe it, see Surprise Methods, C.C.C. 1964, No. 201.—D. B.

A LIMERICK IN SIX-SPLICED

A ringer renowned for his yells
Was quite handy with "spliced" on six bells
Surfleet and Beverley
He joined up quite cleverly
With London, York, Cambridge and Wells.

Try your hand at composition to introduce more methods. I have another one which has nine methods in it.—D. B.

BOLTON BRANCH'S NEW ACTIVITIES

At the annual general meeting of Bolton Branch, Lancashire Association, on January 28th, it was decided to hold a series of Branch evening practices in addition to the normal monthly meetings. As far as possible these are to be the ordinary weekly practice of the tower chosen, augmented by as many visitors as possible. It is hoped that this will help to introduce to the rest of the Branch these towers whose members do not at present attend meetings.

Alternating will be visits to the towers with few or no ringers at all, to keep the bells going.

The first meeting was at Bolton Parish Church on February 6th, when ringers from Bolton (Holy Trinity), Leigh and Westhoughton joined the local band for their weekly practice.

The next is to be at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Friday, February 17th, and future meetings will be arranged to suit the convenience of all concerned. It is to be hoped that these practices will be supported by visitors and residents alike, as the extra effort of arranging them will otherwise be wasted.

AN UNSUNG MEMBER

After the peal at Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, on January 30th, in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr Albert E. Fowler, the band, along with other Barrow ringers, were entertained at his residence. This provided an opportunity for Guild officers to express admiration and thanks to Eddie, as he is affectionately known, for 60 years of faithful service ringing and church membership.

This is probably the first time that his name has appeared in "The Ringing World," but his service to his church has been of great value. All Guilds and Associations have their unsung members, and it is well that at times they are given rightful thanks. That Eddie might be spared many more years to continue his service ringing was the sincere wish of all present, writes the Master of the Lincoln Guild.

SUFFOLK TOWER'S PROBLEM

An appeal may soon be launched to restore the 14th century church at Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk. The cost is estimated at £9,300. At the moment the "Friends" of the church are raising money for the rehanging of the bells and have about £700 towards the £2,000 needed for the job. "With a repair bill of £9,300 for general church restoration," writes our correspondent, "it does not look as if the bells will be overhauled just yet, unless something unexpected happens."

ON SYDNEY TV

The two elder sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodyer, of Sydney, N.S.W., had a ten-minute interview on Sydney TV in the Children's Programme—"My Hobby." Philip explained lucidly how bells were rung and showed various exhibits such as a bell rope and an old stay to explain his points. Afterwards the boys rang a plain hunt on four bells. In his congratulations afterwards the producer said the boys had the most interesting hobby he had come across.

CARY DISTRICT'S FIRST ANNUAL AT MILBORNE PORT

The holding of the Cary Branch annual meeting at Milborne Port on January 28th is believed to be the first District annual meeting to be held there. The Vicar, Preb. E. D. Buxton, who conducted the service with the Branch vice-chairman (Preb. O. H. Skipwith), mentioned that this was one of his first engagements since returning the previous day from a trip to Canada and New Zealand, that had taken him round the world.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, an apology for absence was read from the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson), and best wishes were sent for his recovery. A silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. C. Brown (Templecombe) and Mr. C. Thomas (Queen Camel), who had died during the past year. The secretary's report and balance sheet were adopted and a list of peals and quarter peals rung in the Branch during 1966 read out.

The officers were all re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, Preb. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M. C. Hill; secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie. Mr. John H. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, was nominated for the post of general secretary.

Certificates were presented to four South Cadbury members, and 17 new members were elected, coming from the towers of Barton St. David, Castle Cary, Ditcheat, Henstridge, Milborne Port, Templecombe and Wincanton.

Quarterly meetings (subject to permission) were fixed for Babcary in April, North Cheriton and Maperton in July, and Bruton in October, with next year's annual meeting at Wincanton. The Corporate Communion is to be held at Henstridge, with Branch practices at North Cadbury, Stoke Trister, Corton Denham and Charlton Mackrell.

South Devon was chosen at the venue for the Branch outing and approval was given to Mr. J. H. Gilbert's proposal that instructional courses in bellringing should be held in Somerset.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist, tower captain and the ladies who had prepared and served tea.

A return was then made to the belfry, about 60 ringers being present.

RINGING PART OF UNIVERSITY RAG

The Rag Committee of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, are this year making a special effort for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. A quarter peal was rung on the steps of Capel Seilo. Donations in support will be acknowledged by David E. P. Watkins, 13, Terrace Road, Aberystwyth.

IN MEMORY OF A DOG

It is not often we have quarter peals to mark the passing of a dog, but such a quarter peal was rung at Abingdon, Berks, on February 6th, in memory of "Scamp," aged 14 years. The memorial inscription reads: "In memoriam Rectori canis, nomine Scamp, qui aet 14 ann. A.D. iii, Kal. Feb. ob."

CHILCOMPTON'S PROGRESS

Following a recent report that the Sunday service band at Chilcompton had entered the field of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing, we are now able to report further that this band rang an excellent peal of 16 Surprise Minor methods involving 98 changes of method on February 6th. The conductor was Adrian P. Beck. It is understood that the next attempt will be for 20 methods.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*George Norcliffe	Treble	Robert Dean	5
Trevor A. Cross	2	Rev. Christopher Marshall	6
Frederick Welch	3	Frederick G. Sandy	7
Derek S. Beaufoy	4	Jack W. Drew	Tenor

Composed by T. E. Worsley. Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to mark the termination of 21 years' loyal service by J. Thomas Locke as secretary of the Crewkerne Deanery Branch of the Association.

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 27 cwt. 30 lb. in D.

Percy H. Hull	Treble	John Brain	5
Diana M. Chapman ..	2	Gwilym G Salmon ..	6
*Sheila Y Hallett	3	Edward J. Chivers	7
Christopher Jenkins ..	4	†John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal for the Association. 50th peal as conductor. First in the method for the Association and by all the band.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Y. Hallett.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	William E. Turner	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

EXFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2½ qr. 2 lb. in G.

Mervyn R Arscott	Treble	Frederick C. Arscott ..	4
Brenda M. Bindon ..	2	Raymond F. Arscott ..	5
Leslie H. Arscott	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wilfred Goode, grandfather of the ringer of the second.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being 16 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Sandiacre, Northumberland, (2) Bourne, Cambridge, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk. (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, (4) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (5) York, Durham, (6) Surfleet, Beverley, (7) Wells, London, with 98 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt in E.

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	David K. Adnett	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
First in 16 methods of Surprise by all the band and for the Association. Rung by the local band.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*Diana M. Frost	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	5
Linda Ellison	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Anthony H. Smith	4	Robert L. Piron	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

NORTH FERRIBY, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Feb. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb. in G

*Stephanie A. Jones ..	Treble	*Elizabeth A. Johnston ..	4
Peter Church	2	Geoffrey W Randall ..	5
†Roderick R. Horton ..	3	†Michael Maughan ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal at first attempt. First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Barnabas, Erdington.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Michael B. Jefferyes ..	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Robert M. Chambers ..	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Christopher S. Nokes ..	3	Richard J. Parker	7
James R. White	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Jan. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*David Rennolds	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
†Bruce Martin	2	*Richard W. Sweet	6
†John W. Collard	3	D. John Hunt	7
‡Michael Powell	4	Gillian M. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Trevor Newlands	Treble	David Rennolds	5
*Bruce Martin	2	John F. Pedler	6
*John W. Collard	3	D. John Hunt	7
Gillian M. Hunt	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Major Tenor 11 cwt.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Richard W. Sweet	Treble	*Trevor Newlands	5
*Gillian M. Hunt	2	*David Rennolds	6
*Bruce Martin	3	*Kenneth J. Rider	7
*John W. Collard	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Little Bob. Rung half muffled.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ICKLETON, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan 28 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr 21 lb in F.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	Treble	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	5
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	S. J. Woodcock (FitzW.)	6
C. W. Daws (Trinity) ..	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	7
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	4	F. C. Hobson (St. John's	Tenor

Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
Rung to celebrate the election of the conductor to a Fellowship at Selwyn College.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In 24 methods, containing 288 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Belgrave, Cambridge Lambeth, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Superlative, Wigston, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Southwark and Stoneygate, with 104 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*Christine Andrew	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Basil Jones	8
*Frank Osbaldiston	3	*Jeffrey Brannan	9
Neil Bennett	4	John H. Fielden	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	†Robert B. Smith	11
Derek Butterworth	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Arranged by Neil Bennett. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Maximus in 24 methods. † 750th peal. First peal in 24 Maximus methods as conductor. First peal in 24 Maximus methods for the Guild.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	John Worth	6
Derek Butterworth	2	Robert B. Smith	7
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Alan McFall	8
*Gerald Moorhouse	4	Edward Jenkins	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	E. Vivian Williams	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. (C.C.C. 40.) Conducted by R. B. Smith.
* First peal on ten tower bells.
Rung as a welcome to a son (David Martin) for Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Nicholls.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	†Alan B. Rothwell	5
*John Jessup	2	Arthur E. Whiting	6
Gerald Moorhouse	3	Alan McFall	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan McFall.
* First peal. † First of Major.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

*Morris E. Brundrett	Treble	*Geoffrey O. Sanders	5
Eileen Moore	2	Douglas W. Kirkpatrick	6
*Derek Cormell	3	Alan J. Brown	7
David A. Hogg	4	Allen Twyman	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alan J. Brown.
* First peal
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Julian A. Cliff and Olive Ann Viggars, who were married at the Church of St. George, Stockport, on the previous Saturday.

GRAPPENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Clifford W. Shaw	Treble	John Moore	5
Christopher J. Jones	2	Harold Worrall	6
John E. Bibby	3	John R. Bibby	7
Michael Thomson	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter Allman.
First peal on the bells since being rehung in November, 1966.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Boniface.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	*John R. Scott	5
Herbert Sutton	2	George A. Packer	6
John E. Brough	3	Frederick S. Sutton	7
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 120's (10 callings) and six 240's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Carole Street	Treble	Denis N. Heapy	4
Robert Barratt	2	Barry Corbishley	5
Ernest Pimlott	3	*Philip Widdows	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
* First peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Feb 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John Chadwick	Treble	John F. Murfin	6
David W. Friend	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Denis R Carlisle	3	Harold Taylor	8
John S. Dean	4	Denis A. Frith	9
Malcolm P. Phipps	5	George L. Roobottom	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.
On Mon., Feb. 6. 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

Brian J. Howard	Treble	Ian R. Panton	7
Claire Hudson	2	Andrew S. Hudson	8
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter J. Brown	10
Christopher K. Cooper	5	Dennis A. S. Symonds	11
Peter J. Eves	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
* First 12-bell peal. First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Ian Foster	Treble	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Ian R. Panton	6
Dennis A. S. Symonds	3	James L. Towler	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	*Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* Has "circled the tower."

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	†Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
*†Peter G. Brown	2	James L. Towler	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* Most methods to a peal. † 50th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 changes of Rutland, 896 of Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 of Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 of London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian Bladon	Treble	*James R. White	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	John H. Fielden	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Anthony R. Peake	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung in memory of Mr. Pockett, aged 92, a local ringer.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANGARRON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Deinst.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Henry G. Brewer	Treble	Raymond A. Brewer	4
Frederick Oakley	2	Frederick E. J. Reynolds	5
Reginald I. Brewer	3	John J. Webb	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. J. Reynolds.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam John Brewer, a churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 50 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ASH-NEXT-SANDWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 4. 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Michael G. Tong	Treble	Keith I. Davis	5
James Hedgcock	2	David L. Cawley	6
Pamela E. Powell	3	David H. Niblett	7
Rachel J. Sinden	4	Derek J. Carr	Tenor

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to David J. Baker and Norma Coom, married at Llanelly this day.

LAMBERHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
Frank H. Hicks	2	John A. Howard	5
Richard Hayes	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

EAST PECKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
John A. Howard	2	Tony Lewis	5
Harold Evans	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

Dennis H. McCormick ..	Treble	Edward Jenkins	6
F. John Nelson	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey J. Fox	8
Margaret E. Fort	4	Neil Bennett	9
John H. Fielden	5	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Arranged and rung as silver wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite (January 24th) and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Fielden (January 24th).

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Feb. 4th, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Allan Keen	Treble	Roy Jolley (15)	5
James E Andrews ..(15)	2	Christopher Lomax	6
Keith ter (15)	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*John Lingworth (16) ..	4	Albert Greenhalgh	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method for all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells. Believed to be the first in the method for the Bolton Branch. All the ringers, except the ringer of the treble, belong to the service band at Westhoughton.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Feb. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Jane Reynolds	Treble	*V. David Hodgson ..	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Ivan Kay	6
Jeffrey Kershaw	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Frank Reynolds	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Margaret E. Fort and Ian H Oram.

BRINDLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Joan Garth	Treble	Dennis H. McCormick ..	4
Tony Gardner	2	Stanley Anderton	5
Jayne Reynolds	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal attempt.
Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET BOSWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 SYSTON DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb in E.

Howard C. Palmer.. ..	Treble	Martin Green	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Roland H. Cook	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by G. Marriner. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
First peal of Syston Delight by all the band and on the bells.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,344 Cambridge, 1,152 Superlative and 768 London, with 98 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

John E. Cook	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Howard C. Palmer ..	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
*Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Septimus Neave	5
Norman Bell	2	Michael W. Crowder ..	6
Harry Baldwin	3	Jack Bray	7
C. Aubrey Harrison	4	W. Arthur Crowder	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
Rung on the 80th birthday of A. E. Fowler, for 60 years a devoted service ringer at this church.

ALGARKIRK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) College, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Harold Barsley	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Maurice Bennett	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	2	Frank Taylor	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 5 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

David Ley	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	5
Alan S. Burbidge	2	A. Stephen Taylor	6
Christopher M. Movley ..	3	John W. Gander	7
David J. Jukes	4	E. Andrew Harrison ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
Longest peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Dr. David Baker and Miss Norma Coom, who were married earlier in the day.

WEST DIDSBURY, Manchester.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Feb 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Margaret Whitehead ..	Treble	*David J. Jukes	5
Alan S. Burbidge	2	E. Andrew Harrison ..	6
*A. Stephen Taylor	3	*Christopher L. D. Munday	7
†Simon Taylor	4	David Ley	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher L. D. Munday.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Manchester and Salford Students' Rag, held on this day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HANSLOPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. William Critchley ..	Treble	Ruth M. Foreman	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Dennis Knox	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alick Cutler	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HAMPTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

John Carter's Original One-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Treble	Cyril F. Low 5
Kenneth J. Darvill 2	William S. Deason 6
Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	John Hill 7
Robin G. Leale 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

This composition is now rung for the first time and at the first attempt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith .. .. .. Treble	*Joseph W. Cotton 6
Gordon H. Lane 2	Samuel J. Haines 7
Richard J. Clifton 3	Howard C. Palmer 8
Martin Green 4	G Ronald Edwards .. 9
Arthur E. Rowley 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* 1,100th peal. First peal of Swindon Royal by all the band (except the conductor), on the bells and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith .. .. .. Treble	Howard C. Palmer 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor approx. 11 cwt.

*Richard King .. .. .. Treble	Denis Mottershead 5
Sidney Hough 2	Alex Richardson 6
Joyce Grainger 3	Dennis Latham 7
Geoffrey R Gardner .. 4	Neil D Lomas .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-Part (6th obs.). Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G

Thomas R. Simmons .. Treble	*Frank Sutton 5
David Cubitt 2	Leslie F. Bailey 6
David Heighton 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Geoffrey H. Pullin 4	Peter M. Adcock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal in the method. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor Rung as a welcome to Richard William Heighton, son of the conductor, born January 9th, 1967.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5760 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Stephen F. High .. .. Treble	Thomas J. Brock 4
Michael J. Howes 2	J. Barry Pickup 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Roger E. Peckham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Longest length for all except the conductor.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Margaret Fort and Ian Oram.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHIPLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr 15 lb in F.

*Judith Southwood .. Treble	Reginald W. Rex 5
†Helen M. Diserens 2	Kenneth Davenport 6
‡Diana Reeves 3	Robert A Reeves 7
Christopher I. Rowson .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (No. 8.) Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal on eight bells † First of Major in the method.
‡ First in the method "inside."

Rung to commemorate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 METHERINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles .. .. .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
Alan R. Patterson 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	David P. Hilling .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower."

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Graham C. Paul .. .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke 5
Barry E. Saunders 2	*Richard J. Parker 6
James R. White 3	James Linnell 7
Christopher I. Rowson.. 4	Alan A. Paul .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 200th peal.

WANTAGE, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

James Linnell .. .. .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
*James R. White 2	*Rupert A. Clarke 6
Alan A. Paul 3	Richard J. Parker 7
John C. Baldwin 4	Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by James R. White.

* 25th peal together. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Kenneth R. Davenport Trebie	Frank W Lewis 5
*Susanne Sargeant 2	*Stanley G. Scott 6
†Sandra E. Goodship .. 3	*Arthur J. N. Rance .. 7
*‡Joan A. Rance 4	Frank C. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ 25th peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

MILTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Blaise.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Five different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

*Douglas C. Henderson .. Treble	A. Keith P. Poole 4
Melvyn J. Hiller 2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 5
J. Richard Poole 3	Michael C. E. Hodge .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson

* First peal, first attempt. First in the method for all the band.

WOOTTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, comprising: (1) Norwich, (2) Cambridge, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Durham, (6) Surfleet and (7) Ipswich.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in A flat

Ernest G. Jones .. .. Treble	Peter J. Heritage 4
David Floyd 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Ronald K. Russ 3	Edward R. Venn .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORTH MORETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

42 extents of four callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Sue M. Heyworth .. .. Treble	†Christopher R. Freeman 3
*Clive W Temperton .. 2	Andrew R. D. Cope .. 4
Melvyn J. Hiller .. .. Tenor	

* First peal. † First "inside" First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
HORSPATH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Buxton, Childwall, Beverley, St. Clement's, Kent, Cambridge and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt in B

*Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	Philip J. Daniel 4
Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 2	Stephen F Royal.. .. 5
†Richard J. Wilsher 3	†Roger E. Burbery .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal. † First of Minor

Rung by the present officers of the Society.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Feb. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in E flat.

Peter Border	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
James Linnell	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Robin V. Wilson	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Richard J. Danby	4	Patrick I. Chapman	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border

FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Sheila J. Staley	Treble	*Eric J. Chapman	5
Murray A. Coleman	2	†Frank E. Coales	6
*Mary R. Coleman	3	*Terry G. Smith	7
Edward C. Buckby	4	Richard J. Cowley	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicoll. Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung with the compliments of all the band to Mr. and Mrs. K. Buckby, parents of the ringer of the 4th, upon their silver wedding, January 17th, 1967. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

PETERBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Feb. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*Mrs. P. A. Smith	Treble	*John David	5
†Raymond H. Daw	2	John H. Bluff	6
Frank Boyall	3	†Roy Spencer	7
William Barker	4	Gilbert Cowling	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Peter J. Stretton	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	8
*Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	Peter Border	11
John R. Insley	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Londinium. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELDON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

John A. Anderson	Treble	*Michael J. Fellows	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Ian M. Holland	9
John R Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* 100th peal on 12 bells. First peal in the method.

ELDON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
.3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.18—18.9T.18—38.9T
2nds place l.h.
This method has Londinium work above the treble

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Muriel Reay	2	*George E. Fearn	8
*Norman J. Goodman	3	†Arthur V Pearson	9
Vivienne M Rigby	4	Brian J. Luff	10
John R. Insley	5	David J. Purnell	11
James Insley	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 500th peal together. † 50th on this bell.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	*John R. Insley	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Paul J. Rigby	4	John C. Eisel	10
James Insley	5	Michael J. Fellows	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* 100th peal.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 6. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	James Insley	6
Raymond Aldington	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Muriel Reay	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Ann E. Fellows	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
John R. Insley	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Ruth Woodman	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Vernon Bedford	6
Adrian Knights	3	Peter S. Bedford	7
Thomas J. Brock	4	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael F. Daniels	Treble	James L. Towler	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Ernest G. Pearce	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W Pipe.
Rung with the best wishes for the 80th birthdays of Charles J. Sedgley and James Bennett (February 3rd and 15th respectively).

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Simon and St Martin and 18 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Robert Cassidy	Treble	Peter Bedford	4
Stephen Bedford	2	Adrian Knights	5
Vernon Bedford	3	Harry Draper	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian Knights.
First peal as conductor.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 17 methods in seven extents as follows: (1) London and Double Court Bob, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Double and Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Walter Arnold	Treble	*Michael Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Philip A. Corby	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Andrew J. Corby	7
John A. Howard	3	Christopher T. Osenton	8
W. Arthur Riddington	4	Herbert E. Audsley	9
Richard Hayes	5	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
W. Arthur Riddington	2	Herbert W. Woolven	6
*James M. Hills	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
John A. Howard	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Treble

Composed by R J. Parker Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell peal to W. Arthur Riddington, of Upper Beeding.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Derek Slater	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Richard Hayes	6
*Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Bernard F. L Groves	7
9lan R. Baldock	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter S. Muchlinski.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being 240 changes each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, All Saints, Seighford Reverse St. Bartholomew and Dedworth, 480 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	William J. Thomas	4
Alwyn R. Lewis	2	Harry Boyce	5
Gwyn I. Lewis	3	*David Culpan	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal 150th peal as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHEDFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Michael S. Holbrook	5
Reginald F. Crook	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Betty Daysh	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Denby P. Murduck	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Peter L. Bill	3	*Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Robert Edwards	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*John Durham	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
Harold J. Shuck	2	Robert Edwards	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Peter L. Bill	7
Joseph Warr	4	*John Macefield	Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

John Robinson	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	†Richard E. Price	6
*Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Stuart R. Armeson	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by J. Henry Fielden
* 100th peal of Surprise. † 500th peal.

HEMINGBROUGH, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Munden and Chester, (2) London and Wells, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) York and Durham, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (6) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge, with 76 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	4
*Peter Church	2	Michael Maughan	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	James Crowther	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Spliced and most methods to a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke	1-2	Richard J. Parker	5-6
John R. Insley	3-4	Graham C. Paul	7-8
James R White	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In G 2, New Court, Trinity College.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G

*C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	1-2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5-6
*C. W. Daws (Trinity)	3-4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Alan Schofield.
* First peal on eight handbells. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Alan Scholfield and Jenny Alcock on their engagement, and with the best wishes of the band to Ruth Richardson (New Hall) on her 21st birthday.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24 Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Jan. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston	1-2	*Alan McFall	5-6
Gerald Moorhouse	3-4	Robert B. Smith	7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob on an "inside" pair.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Jan 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan A. Potts	1-2	Alan McFall	7-8
J. David Atkinson	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
Robert B. Smith	5-6	John Worth	11-12

Arranged by Robert B Smith. Conducted by John Worth.
First peal on 12 handbells as conductor.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
DURHAM CITY.—At 276, Oswald Wing, Grey College.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1967, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Jean M. Berriman (Hilds)	1-2	David J. Marshall (Bede)	3-4
		Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)	5-6

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal on handbells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Jan 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5076 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,152 Double Bob, 528 Reverse Bob, 468 Wellington Little Court and 264 each of Little Bob and Lansdowne Imperial Little Bob with 304 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N. Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A. Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 3,552 Plain Bob, 600 Little Bob, 480 Double Bob and 396 of Gainsborough, with 270 changes of method.

*E. William Ford	1-2	W. Bertram Kynaston	5-6
Brian Bladon	3-4	Anthony R. Peake	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First of Major on handbells. First of Spliced Major on handbells by all the band. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank J. Matthews	1-2	Christopher T. Osenton	5-6
Edward J. Beer	3-4	Stuart Sandford	7-8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. G. J Butcher, of Northfleet, Kent and also as an engagement compliment to Mr. I. H. Oram and Miss M. E. Fort.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1-2	George E. Feirn	5-6
Margaret A. Parker	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
THRYBERGH, West Yorkshire.—At 3, West Vale Grove.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
In three methods, being 70 extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Bob and Double Bob with 65 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Margaret Donovan	1-2	John Smalley (cond.)	3-4

Longest length "in hand" for both.

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BIRTH

ROBERTSON.—On February 11th, 1967, at Poole Hospital, to Judith (nee Harding) and Ross, of Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset, a son, Simon Ross. 987

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The address of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Colley is now: Lindum, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton. Tel. Bishop's Waltham 2821. 988

PERSONAL

"These are the things ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates."—Zechariah viii, 16.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNWALL.—Bed and breakfast, evening meal; garage.—Mrs. Wonnacott, 4, Cleaveland, Bude, Cornwall. 906

KINGSBRIDGE, SOUTH DEVON. — Bed-breakfast, three miles from sea. Homely accommodation.—L. Yeoman, Glenholm, Marlborough, Kingsbridge. 946

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MISCELLANEOUS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—No practice on March 3rd. Seven young members of the band being confirmed. Your prayers, please. 1007

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Social, King George V Pavilion, Cressing Road, Braintree, February 25th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (4s. each) from R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Braintree, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District Supper and Social will be held in the Church Hall, London Road, Maldon, on Saturday, March 18th. 6.15 for 6.45. Tickets (6s.) available from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Bell Hill, Danbury.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Established 1755)

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Chairman:
Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.

Tickets 26s.

G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR 1025.

Ringing Arrangements:—

Harborne (8)	2.15 p.m.
Edgbaston (8)	3.00 p.m.
St. Martin's (12)	4.15 p.m.
Cathedral (12)	5 p.m.

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TEENAGE PEAL.—Will teenage members of the Bath and Wells Association interested in a teenage peal please contact, giving details of capabilities, Keith E. Beale, 231, Galmington Road, Taunton, Somerset. 999

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MEETINGS

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON.—Practice on Friday, February 24th, 6–7 p.m. only. Practice as usual Friday, March 3rd, 6–7 p.m. University 7.30–9 p.m. University and local band. 1031

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Michael's Church House 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Luke's, 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 903

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), February 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Miss T. E. Staples, 14, Frederick Avenue, Kirkby-in-Ashfield. 976

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ottershaw on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Please phone Mr. R. Pashley (Weybridge 54399) to notify for tea. 1030

LADIES' GUILD, MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local Branches).—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Ringing 3.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Grove Road Hall. Ringing until 7.30 p.m Social evening. Names for tea to A. J. Glass, 2, Parsonage Lane, Windsor.—Mrs. Hooton, Mr. Deason, Miss Hague. 937

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Annual meeting, joint with LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray District) meeting at Somerby, Saturday, February 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, Leics.—S. E. C., Hon. Sec. 969

OXFORD, MIDDLESEX and LADIES' GUILDS.—Joint meeting at Windsor, Saturday, February 25th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m.—A. J. Glass. 1016

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Special meeting, Church Hall, Wantage, February 25th, 5 p.m. All towers please be represented. Cups of tea provided Pre-arranged Branch practice will follow meeting. 951

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Compton Bassett (5), February 25th. First meeting since rehanging. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. S. Facey, The Rectory, Compton Bassett, Calne. 990

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Haverhill, Saturday, February 25th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Adams, 97, Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on February 28th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: February 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral; March 7th, St. Mary-le-Bow; March 14th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate, all at 6.30 p.m. No practice on March 21st.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1008

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, March 1st. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Hathern (8), Thursday, March 2nd, at 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. M. W. 995

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Northowram, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. T. Dearing, Northowram Vicarage, Halifax. A revised constitution for the Guild will be discussed at the business meeting. 1005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ash Priors, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. — A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 963

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, South Petherton (8), March 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. M. Legget, Ridgeover, Coker Hill, West Coker (West Coker 208), by February 27th. 948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Oakley (5), Saturday, March 4th, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Biddenham (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 1010

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury, March 4th. Bells 3 Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after. The business at this meeting includes the election of a new Branch secretary and two committee members. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hanley, Mill Street, Harbury, Leamington Spa.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 970

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea until 8.30. 1017

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 4th Bells as follows: 2–3.15 p.m., St. George's, Bristol East; 3.30–4.45 p.m., St. Ambrose's; 6.30–8 p.m., Holy Nativity, Knowle. Tea, St. Ambrose's, 5 p.m.—A. P. Burcher, Branch SeSc. 1026

GLOUCESTER UNITED GUILD.—Evening meeting at Barnwood (8), Saturday, March 4th. Ringing 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.—G. J. Clark. 1015

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey, March 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1024

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, St. Ippolyts (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 6 p.m. A short business meeting will be held. All will be made welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 1020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Combined Wigan Branch and Association Committee meeting, Southport, Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at Emmanuel 2 p.m.; Christ Church 7 p.m. Tea in Emmanuel School 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Kenrick, 44, Norwood Avenue, Southport. No name, no tea. — K. F. Wilson, Wigan Branch Sec. 1032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 3s. (approx.) but substantial reduction if names sent to A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington, by Wednesday, March 1st. Target methods: Gainsborough Little B. and Bristol.—Brian Tomlinson. Branch Sec. 1006

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at All Saints', Leicester, joint with Syston District, March 4th. Note revised arrangements, please Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cattell, 58, Saffron Road, South Wigston, Leicester (Wigston 2000) by Wednesday, March 1st. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 768

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, March 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Eaglesfeld, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, by Wednesday, March 1st. 1018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Waddesdon (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks, by Thursday, March 2nd. 1002

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Creaton, Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 1023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowden (5), March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, February 28th. 989

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne and North Dorset Branches. — Joint meeting, Saturday, March 4th. Bells, Stourpaine, 3 p.m. Service, Canford, 4.45, followed by tea and ringing. Names for tea to H. Pitman, 40a, Knighton, Canford Magna, Wimborne, by March 2nd. 1021

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Rowde (six bells), Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. J. Baker, Police Station, Bromham, Wilts. 804

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, near Leeds, before 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon Sec. 1004

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A.G.M. at Rotherham on Saturday, March 4th. Bells: Whiston (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m.; Parish Church (10) 3.30 p.m.–5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, by previous Wednesday. All welcome. Washington film to be shown after tea in Church Hall, Moorgate. —Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 986

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, All Saints', Nottingham, Saturday, March 4th, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Naylor, 105, Cantrell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham. 1003

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Cadoxton, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by February 25th. 960

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M., St. Austell, March 4th, 3 p.m. Bells (8) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by February 27th.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro Tel. 2749 955

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upton-Snodsbury (6), March 4th Bells (3) p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Also Crowle from 7.15 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, by Wednesday, March 1st.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Ripon (10) March 4th. Ringing 2.30–5 and 6–9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec 1029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witley and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Clanfield, Monday, March 6th, 7 to 9 p.m. 1001

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT Guild.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. West Hoathly bells available between 2.30 and 4 p.m. Withyham bells available between 7.15 and 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, March 8th. 994

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Ardleigh on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Names to F. H. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh, Colchester. 1011

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sandon (6) on Saturday, March 11th. (Please note change of date.) Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Dagenham, March 11th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—M. J. Hallett, Dis. Sec. 1013

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 11th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, by March 9th. (Tel. Ewell 4986.) 1012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (annual Branch meeting).—Combined meeting at Staplehurst, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Limetrees, Staplehurst.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 998

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, March 11th. Names for tea to Mrs. S. F. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A quarterly meeting at Ufford (8), Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All who wish for tea please book with Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, **no later than Wednesday, March 8th.** Suffolk Guild committee meeting will be held in the hall next to the church at 7 p.m.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 1000

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, March 27th, at Maidstone. Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 991

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Preliminary Notice

Meeting in Northamptonshire on May 20th. Ringing at Kettering, Northampton and Daventry. Lunch will be arranged. Full details later.—J. G. A. Prior. 1009

Mr. R. Kingsley Mason informs us that in his 300 peals he has rung 153 Surprise Major and three Bristol, not one. Also in the peal of Leicestershire Surprise Major (page 103) the composition was by the late Albert J. Pitman, and not as submitted.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

THE SINGLE IN SURPRISE METHODS. I

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The use of the single in Surprise methods has in recent years become a commonplace procedure; and a device that would, years ago, have caused the purists to uplift disputatious voices has now been quietly accepted.

Whatever the musical advantages secured by this means it can be acknowledged that the single has brought some variety to compositions of Royal and Maximus that have hitherto tended to be somewhat limited in scope. In the case of Surprise Maximus there is the very practical benefit of being able to ring 5,042 changes instead of 5,280.

These touches show the application of the single on a small scale, but they may suggest to the curious some further experiments in the use of this call.

In each case, rounds appears two rows after the backstroke lead at the Wrong. The 1,250 of Yorkshire provides an exact quarter of 5,000, and for securing a convenient quarter peal of Surprise Royal the benefit of the single is obvious.

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HEREFORD GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Bridgnorth on February 4th. Ringing in the afternoon was at St. Mary's and at St. Leonard's in the evening. The service at St Mary's was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. Abel.

Tea, very kindly provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers was served in the Old Grammar School. At the subsequent meeting Mr. Alan Jones was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Tranter (of Madeley) Deputy Ringing Master, and Mrs. Joan Bennett secretary/treasurer. Mr. A. Elsmore agreed to continue as auditor, and Mr. F. C. A. Bennett Branch member of the Hereford Guild Committee. An encouraging feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present. J. B.

On the 29th of March

1812

Was Perform'd at Godalming in Surrey Mr. Holts Peal of Grandsire Triples Consisting of 5040 Changes in three hours

By

Geo. Woods W. Mason
W. Baldwin W. Toft

Other names obliterated

On the 8th of Decr.

1812

Was Perform'd at St. Nicholas Church Mr. Holts Peal of Grandsire triples Consisting of 5040 Changes in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes

By

G. Hutton G. Aldred
W. Baldwin J. Wilson
W. Copus W. Mason
W. Tutton R. Woolls

Conducted By

On Feby. 7th 1813

Was Perform'd at the Holy Trinity Church a Peal of 5040 Changes in 3 hours and eight Minutes an Original of the late Mr. Holt.

G. Hutton G. Aldred
W. Baldwin W. Mason
W. Copus J. Wilson
W. Tutton W. Wrist

On the 20th of Dec.

1813

Was Perform'd at St. Nicholas A new Compos'd Peal of 5040 Changes with 190 Bobs and 50 Singles in two hours and fifty eight Minutes By

G. Hutton W. Tutton
G. Aldred W. Baldwin
W. Copus W. Mason
I. Wilson R. Woolls

Wm. Baldwin

On the 21st Jany.

1824

Was Perform'd at St. Nicholas A Peal of Grandsire triples Consisting of 5040 Changes in two hours and forty Seven Minutes By

G. Aldred H. Copus
J. Spencer G. Southcliff
J. Cearn
W. Baldwin I. Wilson

A painted board with a red border was recently found at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry containing the above five peals rung in West Surrey about 150 years ago. They were all conducted by William Baldwin whose age is given as 22 in the peal painted on the wall of Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford. Some names have been obliterated by age.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERYSTWYTH, CARDS.—On the steps of Capel Seilo, on February 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. P. Watkins 1, M. H. Tompsett 2, I. G. Pickard 3, J. Wilson 4, J. G. Cole 5, J. T. Caudron (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal "stepped" in Wales (in the manner suggested in the book "Change Ringing Disentangled"). Donations to the Royal National Institute for the Blind will be gratefully received by the Rag Committee, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

BARHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Brooks 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, K. Butler 4, B. G. Butcher 5.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Webber 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, A. Swatton 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, P. J. Devrell 7, B. Sarll 8. By the Sunday service band.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Cooles 1, E. E. Dodds 2, Miss R. J. Henderson 3, Miss S. C. Thexton 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, C. M. Meyer 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of George A. Barber, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. B. Wood 4, E. H. Langley 5, H. J. Wingrove (first "inside") 6, A. Bridges 7, Captain D. Wood (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Goodearle 1, Carole Wood 2, A. Bourner 3, R. Benstead 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, L. Leney 6. On the back six. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 P.B. Minor: D. Dury 1, A. Bourner 2, Carole Wood 3, H. Deacon 4, F. Goodearle 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6, L. Leney (cover) 8. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 May Day Doubles: F. Goodearle 1, E. Clifton 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Blackman 6. First in method for all.

BLAKENHALL HEATH, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Margaret Westwood 1, N. White 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, J. N. P. Burton 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Cason. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for 14 years.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Illidge 1, D. Hawksworth 2, L. Roberts 3, G. Askew (first "inside") 4, R. Broughton 5, D. Hidden (first "inside") 6, R. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, C. Allsop 8. For Christian Unity service. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Moss (first quarter) 1, D. Hawksworth 2, C. Dumbell 3, W. Allsop 4, G. Askew 5, D. Hidden 6, R. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, C. Allsop 8. For Evensong.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, Rev. R. N. Longridge 2, B. Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of the late Rev. E. S. Field, father of the conductor and Vicar of Buckland Newton from 1907-1936.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, S. Pulker 2, D. Grant (first "inside") 3, I. Harris 4, R. Jarvis 5, J. Benfield 6, M. Sinden (cond.) 7, G. Tompkins 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Jan. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. M. Foster 1, Miss J. Stoy 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, N. Thomson 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, K. Taber 8. Rung after an ill-fated peal attempt on the light eight to mark the 100th anniversary of the great fire which destroyed the old Parish Church on the night of January 5th, 1867.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. J. King (first of Triples) 1, M. W. Sayers 2, P. R. Davies 3, G. R. J. Berry 4, A. W. Ivings 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alec W. Ivings.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Watts (first Triples) 1, T. Grant 2, Miss J. Watts (first "inside") 3, W. Mortimer 4, S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Bevan 6, D. Bailey 7, F. Cannings (first Triples) 8. For first United Anglican service in Devizes.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, J. S. M. Porter 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, A. Bourner 3, P. Miller 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Wills 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson (first as cond.) 6.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. Rung as a welcome to and for the induction of the Rev. V. C. Sharpe.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Keay 1, G. Keay 2, Miss B. Wiggin 3, B. G. Key 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, G. Hall 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Dyke, aged 91, mother of the tower captain.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. W. White 1, Janet E. Cleeve 2, W. Savill 3, J. A. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6, F. E. Sewell (first quarter) 8. For evening Communion, Ash Wednesday.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, Julia Piggott 3, Mary White 4, D. Hatherley 5, C. Chennell-White 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, K. Tipper 8.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. H. Fisk (first quarter) 1, M. J. Drury 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Ellis 5.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): H. G. Westlake 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 3, D. G. Mayell 4, R. Parker 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): D. Dury 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, N. J. Davies 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. H. Jones 1, Miss M. Bird 2, A. Gammon 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter 5. First Stedman 4 and 5. Rung non-conducted. As a "welcome home" to the Vicar, Rev. P. N. Rimmer, on his return from America.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Burn (first quarter) 1, R. Wake 2, Mrs. I. L. Wake 3, M. J. Wake 4, P. M. Wills (first as cond.) 5, J. Charlton 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Roberts (13 years, first quarter) 1, D. Hatherley 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6. For Evensong.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. P. Selway 1, G. W. Rendell 2, V. J. Farthing 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss J. Humphries (first quarter) 1, D. Dancey 2, C. Richards 3, D. White 4, M. A. New (cond.) 5, W. F. Broughton 6. A farewell to Rev. J. O. Smith, on his leaving for a new appointment in Bradford.

ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Jones 1, P. Staples 2, A. Bourner 3, P. Richardson 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, Miss S. Holden 2, H. Miles 3, A. E. Hicks 4, N. I. Bridges 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cantwell.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Gwynneth C. Ducker (first quarter) 1, Iris Piper 2, Linda Sherwood 3, Maris Stephenson (first "inside") 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6.

THURCASTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles 11 methods): Josephine E. Flint (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, J. M. Morley 4, M. G. Godwin 5, F. T. Bindley 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints', on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Turner 1, N. Hadley 2, Frances M. Baraclough 3, J. Sheldon 4, M. Turner (cond.) 5, C. Williams 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, F. Pickering 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. William David Peart, a ringer at this church since 1898 and a chorister for over fifty years, whose funeral was this day.

WIGGENHALL ST. MARY MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): D. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6. For induction of Rev. Mr. Greenland to Magdalen.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clarke 1, L. Oliffe 2, F. Soden 3, T. Hester 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6, B. J. Coggins 7, E. Townsend 8. Rung half-muffled in remembrance Canon R. F. Bale, M.A., F.S.A., Rector of this parish, 1942-1959.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb 5th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, P. Anne Kingcott 2, H. H. Yeates 3, A. E. Ferris 4, A. E. Cox 5, Ruth Ball 6, M. M. Collins 7, E. T. Lee 8, W. H. Kingcott 9, M. Board 10. A farewell to the Rector, Preb. B. T. Leigh, by members of the Sunday service band.

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"SUMMONED BY BELLS!"

By the REV. ERIC HAYMAN

Let us now praise famous men
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,
Such as have brought tidings in prophecies,
Such as sought out musical tunes.

The Lord manifested in them great glory;
Peoples will declare their wisdom,
And the congregation telleth out their praise.
Ecclesiastes XLIV.

"SUMMONED by Bells!" John Betjeman, one of England's best-known contemporary poets, has done all church bell-ringers a great service when he chose that evocative phrase as the title for his long narrative poem which he published in 1960. For that title, together with its cover design of three great bells, has been displayed in many book-shops and on many book-stalls in our country, in America, and possibly on the Continent; and thus has brought into public prominence one of the most familiar and latent characteristics of the English way of life; English traditional activity, English native genius; and English church worship.

"Summoned by Bells!" We cannot even begin to think of England and her history without hearing, in that same moment, the Sound of Bells. The church bells of England have rung, almost without cessation, down through more than a thousand years of English history. . . .

In our cities and in our towns, in our villages, and even in our hamlets, the church bells have called Christian people to their parish churches for Sunday worship. The church bells have pealed out their warning in times of national crisis, have rejoiced in times of national celebrations, have marked the passing of countless Christian people, the great and the lowly, and have given to thousands of church bellringers the satisfaction of achievement, and the exercise of intellect.

"Let us now praise famous men." This is just what the church bells of England have been doing for a thousand years. Warriors home from the battlefields, or great sailors home from the fighting stations of the seven seas, marching in triumph through their native cities, and the church bells ringing in their honour. Look through the many books on bell ringing and notice the many peals, half-peals and quarter peals which have been rung to commemorate the achievement of some famous person.

"Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms." The church bells of England have always paid their due homage to Kings and Queens and Princes and Statesmen. There has been hardly a State or civic occasion in our country but which has not been accompanied by the Sound of Bells.

Coronation and Burial; State Visits and City Freedoms; Royal Jubilees and lesser commemorations. Within all these cameos of royal and of common life the Sound of Bells has been heard, adding to the pageantry or to the solemnity of the occasion their own peculiar tribute.

"Such as have brought tidings in prophecies." The bell has always sounded the tocsin of danger. There is the strident clamour of the fire engine bell. There is the penetrating boom of the single bell warning sailors of a submerged reef or a dangerous shoal. And there is the sound of many bells in a church tower telling out the news of invasion or of some national calamity.

And, together with the tidings of ill, there has always been the tidings of good. A victory at sea. A king is crowned. A new year has come in. A royal child is born. And, Sunday by Sunday, the church bells ring out their greatest good tidings of all: the tidings and news of a Loving God and a Living Lord!

"Such as sought out musical tunes. . . ." We have come, now, to the heart of it all. To those men who have made bellringing, as we know it today, possible at all. This art, this science, has received far less acknowledgement than is its due, and part of my task is to remedy this defect and to make good this omission.

The English Church has always had her wealth of church music and musical tunes of the finest quality, and it is a parody of the truth to ask why the Devil should have all the best tunes. Turn back the pages of English church music and great names appear . . . Thomas Morley, William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Henry Purcell and many other composers of church music down the centuries into our own generation.

These are names written upon the manuscript pages of our Church's musical history. But there are great names written upon other pages also. The plain white pages upon which are written, not notes of music in staff notation, but row upon row of familiar figures: some five—six—seven—eight—nine—ten—and some eleven to the row. The names of the men who have written down these numbers are also famous in their own right, for they, too, are "such as sought out musical tunes" and are composers of an integral part of the Church's music.

John Holt, Samuel Lee, William Crofts, Jasper Snowdon, J. J. Parker, Fabian Stedman, John Garthon, Thomas Thurstans, William Shipway, John Reeves and a host of others. These, too, are composers of the Church's music. And as such they must never be forgotten. . . .

Their names, like their genius, evoke the whole rich atmosphere of English bellringing, the English church, and the English countryside. Some of these names will be familiar to you, some may not. And these that I have mentioned are but a few of the great campanologists of England: men, who through a knowledge of mathematics, and a skill for permutation, "sought out musical tunes" from mere figures. Who heard in the ever-changing sequences of numbers as they wrote them down the sound of bells making merry music to the Glory of God!

To the average man in the street, and even to the faithful on their way to church, these "musical tunes" are but the Sound of Bells . . . but to the experienced ringer there is something more: for to him, and to her, each "musical tune" has an ethos and a quality all its own. The very titles of these "musical tunes" have a ring of old England about them. They have the nostalgia of the English countryside, and they speak of the rich heritage of English history.

These "musical tunes" have the power to bring a man to tears, for they speak of God and His love. . . . They have the power to awaken in the sorrowing heart a new hope of Heaven, and to renew in an anguished mind a faith in God that was almost lost. . . .

Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent, and Bristol, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus, praising God—and making a merry noise before the Lord! Every bell in her place. Striking cleanly, hand and back. . . . And down below in the ringing chamber, hid from the gaze and acknowledgement of the people, the ringers stand beneath their bells. The composer is dust, but his music lives on—translated and transmuted into Call Change and Method and Round.

There is a discipline and a seriousness in the ringing chamber which only those who ring can really know. There is a co-ordination of hand and eye, and heart and mind, that only the ringer can truly appreciate.

The common weal is the desire for perfection, and the common bond is in the aspiration towards excellence in ringing, be it simple Rounds or complex Method.

Young men and maidens, old men, and not-so-old men and ladies, all compose this goodly band of church bellringers: in our land, in our county, and, indeed, in this South West branch of our Guild. I do not feel that I have dramatised or over-idealised this fine art and science which you and I practise. Some of you

(*Continued on next page*)

INSIDE STORY OF A LANCASHIRE TRIUMPH

23 Spliced Surprise Major with all the work.

"HOW about ringing a few peals of 'spliced' again, Norman?" This simple question put in the summer of 1966 could be regarded as the beginning of a sequence of events culminating in the ringing of "23 all the work" on December 31st.

We had rung a series of Norman Smith's compositions up to 24 methods in 1964 but three members of the band had now left the district—and so this was to be regarded as a new beginning. But by now Tony Peake and his band had already broken the Yorkshire record of 53 methods and seemed likely to carry on and set new records far beyond what we could hope to achieve. So what could we do?

Norman came up with the answer. "I've been working on an idea that theoretically should lead to a composition of 23 methods—with each bell doing all the work of every method!" At first the significance did not dawn on us. What was magical about the number 23? Then it hit us. There are only 23 courses in a peal of Surprise Major and if every bell was to ring a full course of each method then this was the maximum number of methods that could ever be rung in a peal of normal length. This was staggering. As far as we knew "Pitman's 9" or "Crossland's 10" was the existing limit in this field—and to suggest that 23 was possible seemed fantastic. "The idea is so simple," Norman added, "I'm surprised it hasn't been done before now.'

Although the idea of a regular seven-part peal might be simple, we were under no illusions that the ringing of such a composition would be simple. As it would involve the learning of over 150 different leads, we would have to work up to it gradually and get used to ringing the methods with the tenors parted. So a band was formed, some dates were fixed and within a few weeks Norman produced a composition of 13 methods—the standard eight plus five of the methods he had used in his previous compositions—Uxbridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Ashtead and Lindum.

Our first two attempts met with no success but we were gaining confidence and getting further each time. For the third attempt Cray and Ipswich were added but this, too, was lost after about an hour and a half's good ringing.

INSPIRED CONFIDENCE

Double Dublin was added for the next attempt and Neil was able to join the band for the first time. This fourth attempt was successful and a good peal was rung on the fine eight at Heptonstall—16 spliced, all the work. No doubt Neil's presence contributed largely to this success, not only because of his own ability and certainty but also because of the confidence he inspired in the rest of the band.

Another attempt had been planned for the following day with an unnamed method "Whalley," to be included. This proved quite a tricky method and led to a breakdown in the third part.

Although we had only scored one peal out of five attempts we were ringing with more confidence, trips were being quickly corrected with little disturbance and we all began to feel that the final target of 23 was in sight. Wembley and Glasgow were the next methods to be included; a Friday night's practice attempt proved valuable; and a good peal in 19 methods was rung on the Sunday afternoon at Burnley. The next attempts were fixed for after Christmas—21 methods (including Watford and Tavistock) on the evening of the 28th and the ultimate 23 (adding Jersey and Preston) on the morning of the 31st.

The 23-spliced "all the work" band at the Crossthwaites's residence after the peal. Left to right: Front, Philip J. Crossthwaite, Maryl R. Crossthwaite, Richard R. Parker, Cyril Crossthwaite. Back, Neil Bennett, Derek Butterworth (umpire), Walter E. Wilkinson, Norman Smith. John H. Fielden. For the curious, no, Walter hasn't got a funny hat on, it's Christmas decoration on the door!

A CHRISTMAS OF SQUIGGLY LINES

There were thus at least eight people whose Christmas activities were tempered by the drawing and learning of countless squiggly lines; but it paid off, because both attempts were successful. The "21" was rung at Accrington despite one or two shaky movements, and the "23" was scored at Bilsborrow—a very good peal apart from a few over-anxiety errors as the end was drawing near.

Derek Butterworth, who had stood in some of the early attempts, kindly came along to umpire and take tape recordings of the peal. Afterwards the band returned to Preston, where a celebration cake was eaten, wine was drunk, and the recording played back to prove to ourselves that we really had succeeded at last. (We are not quite sure whether the celebration was put on for the successful ringing of the peal or the fact that husbands would now reply when spoken to and all those strange looking diagrams could now be thrown away.)

The band were unanimous in their praise of the composition. It was not just a collection of any 23 methods that would fit. It included the standard eight methods plus some which had been used in his previous compositions, so that bands who had rung these compositions could more easily move in to the "all the work" ones. It carefully avoided the reversal of coursing pairs in 7-8 so that there would be no 8-7's; many of the methods were included because of their specific qualities of difficulty or difference from each other; and, although the tenors are parted for almost half the peal, it produces much interesting music.

The same band rang the composition again on the following Saturday with Walter Wilkinson ringing "inside" (he had previously rung the treble) and Neil Bennett conducting it.

"SUMMONED BY BELLS"

(Continued from front page)

have been ringing church bells for years, and I pray that you have found in this your Christian vocation. Some of us have only just begun, and to every young ringer here this afternoon I would say just this: "Let the discipline that you must accept in the ringing chamber as part of your membership be a lesson in the greater discipline of the Christian way of life."

My last words this afternoon I would like to address to every individual ringer present at this service. On practice evenings your ringing is partly for your pleasure and mostly for your learning. On Sundays, throughout the day, your ringing is an act of worship.

To the dedicated ringer, the service begins when he or she first handles a bell, whether to rise or whether to go into rounds. From the very moment that your bells commence to ring the act of worship has begun. The bells, your bell, is sending forth to a largely disinterested world outside and below the good news of God in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The writer of the book Ecclesiastes could not foresee the great company of church bell ringers and composers such as I have spoken of this afternoon. But his words ring true of all who compose and conduct and ring our bells:—

The Lord manifested in them great glory,
Peoples will declare their wisdom,
And the congregation telleth out their praise.

[From an address given at the annual general meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers.]

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15 Methods

Y
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Y I L O R
S M R
C C I K A N P

18 Methods

Y
U Cor D B Wha R
L K R N O M
S Wem R
C C I K A N P

19 Methods

Y
U Cor D B Wha R
L O G N O M
S Wem R
C C I K A N P

W	H	2345678
	—	3578264
—		8375264
—		5873264
—	—	7358264
	—	5738264

Repeat 6 times.

16 Methods: As 15 with lead 4 rung Double Dublin.
17 Methods: As 16 with lead 6 rung Whalley.
20 Methods: As 19 with lead 9 rung Tavistock
21 Methods: As 20 with lead 7 rung Watford.
22 Methods: As 21 with lead 18 rung Preston.
23 Methods: As 22 with lead 17 rung Jersey and lead 11 rung Cambridge.

Comprising Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury (O), Cornwall (Cor), Cray (K), Double Dublin (D), Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire (N), Lindum (M), London, Preston, Pudsey Rutland Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley (Wem), Whalley (Wha) and Yorkshire.

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2nds place i.e. 142

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

Good use was made of the very hard-going six at Little Munden, where the Eastern District held its monthly meeting on February 11th. Ringing ranged from Cambridge Surprise to rounds. The ladies who provided tea in the Village Hall were thanked by Mr. E. Newman

Next meeting: St. Mary's, Ware, March 11th.

Where Peals were Rung in 1966

By R. H. DOVE

MOST of the peals rung in 1966 will now have been reported and doubtless the official peals analysis will appear in due course.

I have been keeping a record of towers where peals were rung during 1966 solely to satisfy my own curiosity The official Central Council "league table" will no doubt be rather more accurate than mine but, including four peals of which I am told the reports have got lost, I make the total number 3,003, and they have been rung in 1,487 different towers

Eighteen towers reached double figures as follows:—

1	Loughborough Bell Foundry	53
2	Birmingham Cathedral	45
3	Daventry Parish Church	19
4	Leeds Parish Church	16
	Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's ..	16
6	Erith, St. John the Baptist's	15
7	Grundisburgh, Suffolk	14
	Willesden St Mary's	14
9	Netherton, Dudley	12
10	Huntington, York	11
	West Wickham, Kent	11
	Trumpington, Cambridge	11
	North Muskham, Notts	11
	Accrington, Lancashire	11
15	Leicester Cathedral	10
	Putney, St. Mary's	10
	Samlesbury, Lancashire	10
	Rotherham Parish Church	10

Nine	peals	were recorded in	4 towers
Eight		do.	9 "
Seven		do	11 "
Six		do.	17 "
Five		do.	41 "
Four		do.	70 "
Three		do.	146 "
Two		do.	320 "
while a single peal was rung in			854 "

Surprisingly, most of the towers where the higher numbers of peals obtain are in built-up areas, which suggests that proper attention has been paid to sound control and perhaps tolerant neighbours or a combination of both.

Yorkshire heads the "County Championship" with 213 peals rung in 88 towers, with Kent (157 peals in 79 towers) and Lancashire (153 peals in 61 towers) second and third respectively.

The second county in the number of towers, Somerset, recorded 130 peals in 84 towers, the highest "score" being four peals in only two towers

Generally speaking the smaller counties territorially show the highest percentage of bells pealed

Thus Bristol with peals in 16 of its 24 towers, comes first, Cheshire second with 55 per cent., and Sussex and Nottinghamshire tie in third place with roughly 47 per cent. of their towers recording peals.

At the other end of the scale, in Devon and Cornwall, where less importance attaches to peals, the rate falls to nine per cent.

Wales's 78 peals were distributed over 44 towers, while Scotland recorded but one, Ireland nine and outside the British Isles, Canada contributed one peal, Australia two and Africa and the United States one peal apiece.

A sign of the changing times is the frequency of peals at the Cathedrals and, apart from Birmingham's mammoth total, there were ten peals at Leicester, seven at Guildford, six at Bristol, five at Llandaff, four each at Lincoln and Wakefield, Bradford, Rochester and Lichfield recorded three peals, and of the remaining 29 Cathedrals of England and Wales where the bells are pealable only four failed to record a single peal, the exceptions being Carlisle, Gloucester, Manchester and Bury St Edmunds.

Similarly, the percentage of 12-bell towers with peals in 1966 was high, and of the 61 towers in the British Isles eight only had no peal. They were Quex Park, Cirencester, Christchurch Priory, Ipswich, Taunton, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch and Dublin.

I rather think this may be the first time a census of peal towers has been taken or at least published and, as far as I am concerned, it will be the last—a new edition of "Dove" will take up all the time I can spare as well as a lot of time I can't spare.

Lewisham District K.C.A. at Chislehurst

Twenty-three years have elapsed since the last meeting of the Association at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and the hope was expressed at the quarterly meeting on January 28th that it would not be as long to the next visit.

Those for whom this was a first visit to the church would find several distinguishing features. J. Brooks was the architect for the church, which, together with the lower stage of the tower, which is virtually detached, was erected in 1870 as a daughter church to St. Nicholas' to meet the needs of the growing population in that part of Chislehurst. It was not until 1930, through the enthusiasm of the then Vicar, Canon S. E. B. Serle, that the tower was completed to the design of E. J May, who is said to have been inspired by the towers of Exeter Cathedral. Following the advice of the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, the design ensured good sound control in that there are no louvre openings, but a sound lantern is provided on the roof. To further minimise the volume of sound in this predominantly residential area, in June last year a floor was erected over the bells with trapdoors incorporated so that the bells can scarcely be heard outside on practice nights, etc. The fifth bell was installed by Gillett and Johnston as the clock bell and, three years later, in 1935, John Taylor and Co. installed the other seven.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. D. V. Reed, the service was conducted by Father Shackleton, who also gave the address. We were fortunate in having a choir to lead the singing, with Mr. Frank Seabrook at the organ; the Rev. P. N. Bond read the lesson. During the service we remembered Albert Bates, of Farningham, who had died since the last meeting.

Some 90 ringers and friends were present at tea and the meeting in St. Mary's Hall, with Father Shackleton in the chair. Ten resident and two non-resident members were elected. A comprehensive report of the Association's November committee meeting was presented by Paul Smith. Joint practices had been held at monthly intervals and the meeting felt these should continue Colin Tester, District Ringing Master, was prevented by evening classes from attending some of the practices, and therefore an assistant was proposed to assist him Michael O'Callaghan being elected.

Following the success of last year's ringing school at Frindsbury, it was hoped to hold two schools this year jointly with the Tonbridge District the arrangements being left in the hands of the District officers. Congratulations were extended to Mr. E Barnett on his 70 years' membership of the Association. A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was warmly received, and the company then returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing to suit all tastes from rounds to Bristol.

Next meeting (subject to permission): St. Mary Cray, April 22nd.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, G. Skinner 1, F. Williams 2, J. H. Glanvill 3, D. A. Wills 4, C. G. Bryant 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dawe.

Letters to the Editor

IMPORTANCE OF THE STANDARD AT THE TOP

Dear Sir,—I refute Mr. D. C. Jackson's belief that the average change ringer is selfish Human would be more correct and we, as Christians, all know what that entails.

As for the leading change ringers, they have a job to do, and that is to set a standard. Long length and multi-method peals create new horizons and these produce an even greater challenge for those capable. Think of Roger Banister and the mile; if these barriers are not broken we would live in a very dull world and nobody would strive to do anything The standard at the top creates standards below.

Not everybody can teach, and some with the best brains are known to be bad teachers. At the same time those who can teach well should, as I am sure most of them do. Instruction in the art of change ringing is not easy and should be done well. I would like to see much more attention paid to style in handling a rope This I fear is much neglected in many towers and it is very important. A good style looks neat and adds much to the house of God.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. L. HOOTON.

Ardingly Sussex.

RECRUITING SCOUTS AND CHOIRBOYS

Dear Sir,—My brother, a fellow ringer, and I are keen scouters, choristers and bellringers!! We form the backbone of our Sunday service band and are also getting on well with change ringing. Personally, I think that it is a matter of keenness; if someone is interested in bellringing he will, usually, pick it up quickly. Also, if really keen, he will go to Branch meetings, practices at other towers, etc., and therefore have more chance to learn quicker.—Yours faithfully,

J. HEREWARD.

Maiden Newton, Dorset.

TUITION OF BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. D. C. Jackson for his keen interest in the above subject ("Ringing World," February 17th, 1967, page 112).

However, perhaps he will forgive me for asking readers not to identify me personally with all his views.

In answer to his query, I may say that I have received private communications from a few people. Work on the script has started and is proceeding.—Yours faithfully,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

BELLS OF ST. FRANCIS', SALISBURY

Dear Sir,—According to "Dove's Guide," St. Francis' Church Salisbury, which is under construction, has five bells from the disused church at Imber, Wilts.

It appears that the parishioners have little or no interest in having the bells hung, although the financial state of the church is in a very healthy position.

It now seems (subject to the P.C.C.'s approval) that the bells are to be given to Edington Priory, Wilts, to be incorporated in the proposed recast ring.

I might also add that the other bell given to St. Francis', Salisbury, to form the treble bell, was sold about two years ago. — Yours faithfully,

N. O. SKELTON.

Salisbury.

PENGE BELLS RING AGAIN BUT . . .

Dear Sir,—On moving to Penge, S.E.20, two years ago, I at once started ringing again I visited most of the towers in the district and tried to find out from other ringers what ringing there was at my own Parish Church, St. John's Penge. They all seemed very uninterested and said there was no band.

So with the Vicar's permission and with the help of my wife and son, we started to train a band That was two years ago; we now have a very keen band which includes three West Indian students. We ring twice on a Sunday and practise on Tuesdays at 8 o'clock Enthusiasm is so good that we hope very shortly to attempt a quarter peal.

The Kent County Association have not come to see us or give us help in any way. We did hope they would, as our tower is in their Lewisham District We are now trying to find some way of leaving this Association and joining, perhaps, the Surrey.

Could anybody please give us advice on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY H. GOODYEAR.

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Penge. S.E.20

TEN-BELL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Messrs. Shire's, Lavers' and Horner's letters in recent issues on ten-bell changes bring back happy memories of quite 70 years ago, when I learned to ring at the little Devon village of Musbury, about three miles from Axminster, on the Seaton road. We rang call changes with an open lead and practised rising and lowering on handbells standing behind each other in order. The performance of rising ringing (call changes) and lowering, chiming and ceasing without a note struck after the order of a foot stamping by the captain was the task which learners had to carry out in no uncertain way of instruction.

On special occasions or for a change we rang the ten-bell row and, if my memory or young brain at that time serves me right, the third was silently muffled at backstroke and the tenor at handstroke; the pull-off instead of rounds was 1 2 4 5 3 1 2 4 5 6. Call changes on 1 2, 4 5 rung steadily, the third in fifths place and the tenor behind, produced very beautiful music.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. OSBORN.

Yeovil.

"LAZY FOUR"

Dear Sir,—Mr Horner's letter describing the "Long Ten," which was rung at Otley, recalled to me some ringing that I saw and heard at Shorwell, Isle of Wight, some years ago. We held a Guild meeting there and all the local band turned up, some six or seven ringers of a tower with five bells. After we had done our best to help them ring Bob Doubles it was suggested that the locals did some ringing, whereupon the ropes were manned and when asked what they intended ringing the captain replied "Lazy Four." How this really worked I can't honestly say except that the 1, 2, 3 and 5 changed each half-pull with the fourth coming in every other pull. The striking was good and the musical effect equally good.

Unfortunately the bells are now very difficult to ring, but the ringers are still around.—Yours sincerely, L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I. of W.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

THERE was a record attendance of over 70 members for the annual meeting of the Society held at All Saints', Hessle, on February 11th. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large proportion of young ringers, many in the learner stage, and the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Ducker) had some difficulty in catering for the varied requirements of such a large number of people within the scope of six bells which are not the easiest to handle.

The service in church, a shortened form of Evensong, was conducted by the Society chaplain, the Rev. F. Ross, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Hull and the Rector of Hessle. A substantial tea was provided in the Parish Hall and, in a short break before the business meeting, the president (Mr. K. Kirk) presented the Albert Sellars Memorial Cup to Mr. I. J. Booth, the captain of the band at St. Mary's, Cottingham, judged by the Ringing Master and committee to have made the most progress in 1966 to further the aims of the Society.

The annual reports submitted by the General Committee and the Ringing Master were formally approved and reference was made to an average attendance of 45 members at 12 meetings held during 1966. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £39 as compared with £32 at the end of 1965, and subscriptions were collected during the year from 170 members. Thirty-seven new ringing members, two honorary life members and four non-resident members were elected during the year The Beverley Society is well known for the number of married couples in its membership and the number was increased during the year by the weddings of David S Johnson (of Kirk Ella) to Elizabeth Peace (of Shelley), Keith Goldthorpe (of Kirk Ella) to Christine Anderson (of Leeds), and the Rev. F. Ross to Rosemary Bailey (of Hessle).

The Society officers were re-elected for the year 1967 as follows: President, Mr. K. Kirk; vice-president, Mr. N. W Castle; Ringing Master Mr. R. Ducker; Assistant Ringing Master Rev. F. Ross; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. B. Cooper; assistant secretary, Miss J. Gray; committee, Rev. F. Ross, Messrs. I. J. Booth, D. S. Johnson, J. Brooks and R. Hawtree; hon. auditors, Miss C. Ham and Mr. F. Scotney; librarian, Mr. A. B. Cooper

The Ringing Master, in his first report as Master, stated that there had been at meetings a much greater proportion of lesser experienced members in attendance, which did not make the Ringing Master's job any easier. The year had provided plenty of firsts—ten "first attempted" quarters, eight "first inside," 12 first peals.

The annual report of the Society is a very praiseworthy effort and the majority of towers presented encouraging reports on Sunday service ringing and a good stream of recruits.

BARWICK-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Dixon (first quarter) 1, Pauline Holland 2, G. Nutton 3 P. Moorhouse 4, B. Moorhouse 5, D Holland (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: D. T. Darby 1, D. T. C. Smith 2, G. M. Ellis (first of Stedman) 3, Mrs. D. T. Darby 4, Miss R. M. Foreman 5, B. S. Watson (first of Stedman Caters) 6, F T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, M. F. Lock 8, T. J. Lock 9, W. H. Coles 10.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE WIGAN METHOD OF TRAINING

BY J. W. HORNER, OF WIGAN

IN "The Ringing World" (June 24th, 1966), Mr. Norman Chaddock, the convener of the S.S.R. and Education Committee of the Central Council, asked for contributions on the teaching of campanology.

I would like to say that my method of teaching bell control is that published in the manual of the College of Campanology, which appeared as a series of articles in "The Ringing World" several years ago and which, I understand, is known as the "Cathedral system."

It is obviously not for me to set out in this article the whole of this system but I have found the logical, step by step drill to be extremely useful in teaching bell handling and control and I would commend it to anyone who is interested in the subject.

START WITH PLAIN BOB

As regards the teaching of change ringing, I have often seen suggestions that beginners should be taught Grandsire as their first method. Personally I much prefer to start them off on "Plain Bob." My reasons are mainly two-fold:—

(1) Grandsire starts off with a "dodge," which is only an added complication to the many which face beginners.

(2) "Plain Bob" will come round at the end of the first lead (without a "dodge," of course), whereas Grandsire will not.

I also think that "Plain Bob" is a much better starting point than Grandsire.

The only methods which I know of (and here I may be wrong) which would follow Grandsire are Stedman and Erin. "Plain Bob" on the other hand can be the starting point for almost any method. I even tell learners that, for a start at least, Grandsire can be regarded as "Plain Bob" with two "trebles" stuck together.

PROGRESSION FROM PLAIN BOB

Again, once a learner can ring "Plain Bob" reasonably well it is not a big step to "Treble Bob," thence progression can be made to "Double Court," "Double Norwich" and Surprise methods.

I also feel that it is not necessary for a learner to be complete master of one method before he goes on to a new method. I find that learning new methods has a lot in common with learning new languages. Each new language that is learned is helped by the ones which have been learned previously, and also helps in a better understanding of those learned previously.

As regards rising and falling a bell, I never attempt to teach a learner to do this until he has at least some little experience in ringing changes. I feel that it is impossible for a learner to control a bell halfway up until he can control it when it is fully up, and this he can only do adequately when he can ring changes. I know, of course, that not everybody would agree with this, and I appreciate that many tutors are successful in teaching a pupil to rise and fall in the quite early stages of his training. In this connection it is perhaps worth mentioning that we always rise and fall in peal at our tower.

A NOTTINGHAM GOLDEN WEDDING

On Friday, January 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salter entertained St. Peter's, Nottingham, ringers at their home in celebration of their golden wedding. Needless to say, the handbells came out and the evening was much enjoyed by all, not the least by Fred himself. The winter keeps him indoors and he has been rather poorly of late but he is always pleased to see friends at 64, Randal Street. His wife devotes herself to his welfare.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 32

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The first double to appear in this series, made up of two youngsters from one tower. Both have a promising ringing career, and the majority of their ringing has been done together.

PHILIP TAYLOR

Philip, who is now 14 year of age, started his schooling at Woolton Hill Junior School and is now at Park House Secondary Modern Boys' School. A member of the Highclere Church choir, he started having ringing lessons at his church in August, 1964, under the watchful eye of the tower captain, Mr. G. K. Dodd, who has instilled in Philip from the very first lesson the need for good striking.

Philip rang his first quarter of Plain Bob Doubles at Woolton Hill last April and, with five of his fellow ringers, his first peal—Plain Bob Doubles—at Longparish on June 8th. Ringing his first peal with him was his father

Three months later came his first of Bob Major, at Aldermaston, and Plain Bob Triples at Highclere for the annual bellringers' service. Five of the local team took part, including his father, who was scoring his first peal on eight.

Philip's ambitions include conducting and eventually ringing in a peal of Glasgow Surprise. The latter ambition was fired by hearing the first peal in the method for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild rung at Highclere in March, 1965.

Inspired by his conductor (Mr. Geoffrey Dodd), Philip has an enthusiasm for new towers, recording no fewer than 120 last year Another is helping to get silent bells ringing again. Not always successful was his attempt, with four other young friends and with the backing of the Vicar to get the three bells ringing again in the neighbouring village of Faccombe. The invasion by these young ringers was objected to by the lady who owns the village and tower. One of the wheels was repaired by Philip and his helpers, only to be pulled apart by one of her workmen!

On New Year's Eve he conducted his first quarter, with his father ringing his first on a working bell, and on New Year's Day his first of Plain Bob Minor, with G. K. Dodd as a non-ringing conductor. With the exception of his father, all the band were 15 or under.

PETER FURNESS

Peter, aged 12, attended Highclere Junior School, where he passed his 11-plus, which took him to his present school, Newbury Grammar. Like Philip, he is a member of the church choir. He started ringing at the age of nine in company with his mother and two brothers, being introduced by his schoolteacher, Mrs. Green. All of them were members of the choir. Peter, like his elder brothers, passed his 11-plus into Newbury Grammar School.

A month before his 11th birthday he rang his first peal—Plain Bob Minor— at East Woodhay in August, 1965, from the second. It was a creditable performance with very few mistakes, reports his instructor. So far he has rung six peals, including Bob Major at Aldermaston and Plain Bob Triples at Highclere. His ambitions include ringing a peal with his two brothers and mother and to be a member of the Highclere team to win the Aird Challenge Cup of the Andover District.

Peter and his family enter fully into the social life of the Highclere team which includes two outings a year—one in August to a seaside resort with ringing at five towers, and in the winter to London, which includes a theatre and ringing at four towers en route. With the loyalty and enthusiasm of its young ringers, Highclere may well look forward to the future with confidence.

ALL LADIES' PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the item in "Belfry Gossip" (February 17th) about peals rung by the fair sex there have been two rung at Hughenden, Bucks, for the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1956 and a peal of Plain Bob Major on August 6th, 1966.—Yours faithfully,

R. BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

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OBITUARY

MR. G. A. BARBER

St. Mary's, Battersea, has suffered a great loss in the death of George A. Barber, at the age of 67. Although not well known in ringing circles he gave devoted service to St. Mary's belfry A peal last year marked his completion of 50 years as a ringer at Battersea.

It was chiefly through his perseverance that the bells were not silenced in the 1930's and he did an inestimable amount of work to achieve the rehanging and retuning of the bells in 1938.

Yet George's chief work was the instruction of beginners. This task he did unflinchingly and with great patience. His pupils will agree with the Vicar when he said at the funeral service that George will be remembered as a "gentle man." — A. J. C.

MR. WALTER L. C. BARLOW

By the death of "Bill" Barlow the Windsor Branch has lost the service of a keen and loyal ringer.

Bill started to ring at Edmonton in the 1930's, being taught by Mr. and Mrs. G. W Fletcher. He joined the Middlesex County Association in 1938. Captured at Dunkirk whilst serving in the Rifle Brigade and a prisoner of war for four years, he did not return to ringing until 1962, but he did so with enthusiasm and was always prepared to rearrange other business in order to attend on practice nights and Sundays. His wife died two years ago and a son and daughter are bereaved. He will be greatly missed at St. John's.

MR. JAMES CLEMENTS

Hundreds of visiting ringers to the magnificent church at Salle, in Norfolk, must have met and enjoyed the welcome of Jimmy Clements, who for 50 years gave loyal service as sexton and verger to that beautiful place. He died a month ago, active to the last of his 78 years

Though he had never learned the art, he was keenly interested in his bells. He was critical of the standards of all who came, expert and beginner alike were heartily welcome. Mr. Clements will be sorely missed; he was one of those irreplaceables who give in abundance more than can reasonably be expected

MR. A. L. JAMES

The death on January 13th of Mr. A. L. James was a great shock to ringers and all departments of High Wycombe Church. Born in 1889, he came to High Wycombe in 1947 and was not then a bellringer. When he climbed the belfry steps in response to a post-war appeal for ringers he was well over 50 years of age. Mr. James made good progress and was soon able to hunt the treble to Triples and Major or drum the tenor behind. In this capacity he took part in many quarter peals.

He was a little man with a very big heart—always willing and anxious to help in any way whatsoever with anything connected with the church. He was always there when needed. It was a tonic to tired spirits to see him drumming the High Wycombe 30 cwt. tenor to a quarter peal of Caters. In all he did he was a pattern for the younger generation.

During the last few years he found the tortuous belfry staircase more than he could manage but he had climbed them once or twice recently when occasion demanded.

On the evening of the funeral, January 17th. members of the local band rang a near-perfect half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples to his memory, which gave all who took part a certain sense of satisfaction. We hope that in some way he heard it. S. M. B.

MRS. E. M. FREEMAN

Many members of the Exercise will have heard with regret of the death of Mrs. E. M. Freeman the widow of John Ashley Freeman and mother of John and Michael.

Mrs. Freeman had many friends among ringers and many found a welcome at 95, Sincil Bank. She gave her interest to all ringing meetings, outings, tours, etc., and although her own ringing was confined to a little on handbells she was an enthusiastic supporter of her family's activities, and indeed of all ringers.

The funeral took place at her Parish Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts and was attended by many Guild and Cathedral representatives.

Our sympathy goes to John and Michael.

J. M.

MR. EDWARD HOWES

The sudden death of Edward Howes, of North Elmham, on Tuesday, January 31st, at the age of 63, came as a great shock to members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Ted was a delightful friend with a zest and joy of living which endeared him to all who rang with him. He will be sadly missed, especially by members of the Western Branch, and long remembered

Ted Howes rang his first peal at Buxton in 1925, when, with other keen members of the local band, he joined the Association. He became an excellent striker on six bells and was an active peal ringer before leaving his native village. From Happisburgh his work took him to Mellis and finally to North Elmham. Here he played a leading part in the work which led to the recasting and restoration of the bells in 1962 and the raising of a new band to ring them. The tower representation soon rose to a dozen members.

For some years Mr. Howes had been a member of his Association's Standing Committee and recently had been elected chairman of the Western Branch. His peal total for the Norwich Association was 79.

On February 4th the bells were rung half-muffled as Ted was carried to and from his church for the service, conducted by the Rev A. Eden, which preceded cremation at Norwich. Many ringing friends attended. Later the same day as a last tribute a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich was rung at North Elmham by members of the Northern and Western Branches in thankful remembrance.

N. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Football Fever at Marlborough

Despite the powerful attraction of an English cup-tie at nearby Swindon, there was a good attendance at Preshute on February 18th. when the Marlborough Branch held its monthly meeting

Besides Branch members, visitors were present from Reading. R.A.F. Wroughton, Stratton St Margaret and Lechlade.

Ringing commenced on the light six but, after half an hour, No. 2 was unfortunately thrown over, bringing the proceedings to an abrupt halt. Efforts to locate the key to the bell chamber proved unavailing and further ringing was limited in scope.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. D. Shorten), the lesson being head by the Rev. Roger Keeley. Miss Heather Jones, of Aldbourne, was organist.

Tea at a Marlborough café was enlivened by soft background music from chairman George Newman's transistor radio. The reason for this became apparent as 5 p.m. approached and the football results began to be announced. A breathless hush reigned until the Swindon result came through, when the resulting cheer would not have disgraced the County Ground! A highly elated party then made its way to Mildenhall, where, on another light six, ringing was continued under the direction of Mr. Fred Read (Ringing Master). W. A. E.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FOR the Leicester Diocesan Guild quarterly meeting at Birstall on February 11th there was ringing at Rothley, Thurcaston, Wanlip and Birstall during the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. A A. Lander) conducted the service held in the new church at Birstall. Afterwards 80 members adjourned to the schoolroom, where Mrs. Smalley and her helpers had prepared an excellent meal of tomato soup, turkey, apple tart and cream, cheese and biscuits and coffee.

Whilst the tables were being cleared the St. Mary's (Siteby) handbell ringers entertained by ringing "The Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "My Favourite Things," "Country Garden," Purcell's "Trumpet Tune," 'Morning Town Ride," and finishing superbly with "The Can-Can." The transpositions have all been arranged by the leader, Mr. M. White

The president, Mr. B. S. Payne, said how pleased he was to see so many people present, especially as the Birstall ladies had worked so hard in preparing such an excellent meal. Twenty-five certificates of membership were presented. The president, in asking for nominations for Guild officers, to be elected at the A.G.M. on April 1st, announced that he was unable to stand for the office of president for the ensuing year. Two nominations were received—Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Ibstock, and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, of Leicester. All other officers were proposed en bloc.

Two proposals for alterations to rules were forthcoming: That junior members should not be allowed to vote at general meetings (which caused much discussion) and the complete rewording of the rule governing the Bell Repair Fund.

The election of 41 ringing and seven non-resident life members was confirmed.

Thanks were accorded to incumbents of towers open, the Syston District Committee, the Birstall ladies and the handbell ringers. Further ringing took place in the evening at Birstall A. J. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

St. Stephen's St. Albans, was the tower for the District meeting on February 18th, the ground-floor six inspiring a fair attendance. Methods including York and London were rung until 4.30 p.m. The Rev. A. Hart-Synnot took the service (which was also sharp!), remarking on the high percentage of young people present An excellent tea followed at the Cavalier Hall.

The Rev. A. Hart-Synnot took the chair for the business meeting. New members elected were: Misses E J. and M. P. Shelley (St. Michael's, St. Albans), Philip Roberts and Carol Parhurst (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), Daniel Keen (Harpenden, transferred from probationary to full membership) and Mr J. R. Mayne as a resident member.

The secretary, Mr. Keith Walpole, announced a course on belfry maintenance to be held in St. Peter's belfry on Thursday, March 16th, at 7.30 p.m.; there would be a talk and demonstration. East tower was expected to send at least one member!

Mr. Gerald Penney said the Cathedral Society would like to invite the District in July: final details will be announced later.

There was also a request from the secretary: Would anyone who has a black and white photograph and the negative of any tower in Hertfordshire (preferably in the St. Aibans District) please let him have both as soon as possible.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Robert Hardy for playing the organ, and to the St. Stephen's ringers, led by Alison Macfarlane, for the first-class tea. Evening ringing followed until 7.45 p.m.

Next meeting: Welwyn, March 18th.

J. A. F.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Gordon 1, Janet Morris (first quarter) 2, J. Wood 3, S. Armeson 4, A Holroyd 5, P. Walker 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, N. Donovan 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Felicity Hamilton 1, P. J. Munday 2, Diana Hayns 3, C. W. Munday 4, A. Skilton 5, W. F. Oatway 6, J. L. Hayns 7, R. D. Mills (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 5.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, A. Turner 3, Rosemary Earl 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. Most methods/variations by all the band to a quarter peal.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 12, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. Naylor 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, G. T Norris 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5. Rung for the Confirmation service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,296 Minor (Kent, Oxford Cambridge): S. Christian 1, A. R Walters 2, D. J. Derrick 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,296 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Cambridge): Mary Christian 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, M. H. Whittell 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to M. H. Whittell.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat A. Blake 1, R. S. Coe 2, C. F. Freeman 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. R. D. Cope 5, A. T. P. Pearce (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BURSTWICK, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge S., 540 Plain Bob): A. H. Bridges 1, R. R. Horton 2, M. Maughan 3, P. Church 4, J. M. Brook 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church, on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Heather Tarrant (first quarter) 1, H. Muncey 2, D. Murfett 3, P. Lawrence 4, R. Dyckhoff 5, C. W. Daws 6, J. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, H. Foster 8. Also on Feb. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Muncey 1, H. Muncey 2, R. H. Youdale 3, P. Bergdahl 4, C. W. Daws 5, R. M. Damerell 6, S. P. Darvill 7, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 8.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Sawford 1, J. S. Walker (cond.) 2, T. R. Garrett 3, P. S. George (first "inside") 4, G. E. Bonham 5, C. D. Corby 6. Rung for Evensong.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS. — On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Padgett 1, H. Scott 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, F. J. Jackson 5, E. Dalingwater 6, N. Donovan 7, G. Jackson 8.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. K. Williams (cond.) 1, S. B. Bell 2, R. G. Morris 3, E. D. Wilson 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. J. Bullock 6. First in the method 1, 2, 5 and 6. Rung as 17th birthday compliments to the ringers of 1 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal in the method on the bells.

FELTHAM, MIDDX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Felicity Hamilton 1, Louise M. Tayler 2, R. D. Mills 3, A. Skilton 4, J. Davidge 5, C. W. Daws 6, J. C. Slater 7, P. J. Munday (cond.) 8.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): Miss S. Bagenal 1, Miss F. Munt 2, Mrs. R. Davey 3, Mrs. J. Morris 4, E. J. Thoday 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. Morris 8.

GRAVELEY, CAMBS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. Sawford 1, P. S. George 2, C. D. Corby (first as cond.) 3, G. E. Bonham 4. Rung by St. Neots, Hunts, resident ringers.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Crane 1, Miss P. Laycock 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, C. W. Simpson 4, A. C. Martin 5, D. Lyon 6, M. R. Ashmore 7, R. A. Gage (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Durston 1, R. Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, Sandra Weaver 4, R. Hawkins (cond.) 5, E. Green 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Belt.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints', on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Foley 1, G. James 2, J. Woolford 3, L. E. James 4, J. Thorp 5, S. James 6, J. Kemp 7, P. Searles (cond.) 8. Also at All Saints', on Feb. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Baggually (first of Minor) 1, G. James (cond.) 2, L. E. James 3, S. James 4, J. Kemp 5, J. Woolford 6.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Jan. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Kemp 1, B. J. W. Foley (first in method "inside") 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, Gwynneth James 4, S. James 5, J. Thorp 6, J. A. D. Woolford 7, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 8.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. W. Thorp (cond.) 1, C. Lay (first quarter) 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, P. M. F. Searles 4. First quarter of Minimus for all.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Venn (first on eight) 1, R. K. Russ (cond.) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Patricia A. Copas 4, P. Beresford 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, J. Hill 7, P. Venn 8. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs R. Davey 1, W. Papworth 2, W. Ransom 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. R. Davey 1, W. Ransom 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Papworth 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. A 60th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. R. Davey 1, W. Ransom 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Allen 1, Heather Tarrant 2, C. R. F. Muncey 3, P. J. Bergdahl 4, K. Triplow 5, S. P. Darvill 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, I. Quinney 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Clare Hudson 1, G. W. Pipe 2, L. G. Brett 3, C. J. Sedgley 4, G. E. Symonds 5, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, M. J. Howes 8, J. B. Pickup 9, C. W. Pipe 10, H. W. Egglestone 11, R. H. Rogers 12. Specially arranged as an 80th birthday compliment to Charles J. Sedgley.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. J. Picton (cond.) 1, D. J. Goodman (first "inside" in method) 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, K. D. Waples 4, B. M. Barker 5, P. W. Harper 6.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Phillipson (first of Caters) 1, Mrs. J. Sharp 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, M. Parkinson 4, L. Willders 5, W. Tomlinson 6, H. L. Pask 7, J. Walden 8, P. Sharp 9, P. Pitchford (first of Caters) 10. A wedding compliment to Geoffrey Paul and Margaret Tyler, married at Rainham, Kent, the previous Saturday.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Harper (first quarter) 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, M. J. Bew 3, F. G. Oliver 4, J. A. Avis 5, P. G. Pitt (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer on his 13th birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. P. S. Abbott writes thanking Mr. P. Amos for the corrections to his article on the rings of four bells in Huntingdonshire.

By a ratio of 37 to 2, members of the Northern District of the Surrey Association preferred the new heading and a picture on the front page.

A Ringer's Diary, containing photographs of the Great Bell of Moscow, was left in Eye Suffolk, belfry on January 28th. Write: R. E. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich.

Ted Hutchby has made 12 red, white and blue wool mats for St. Peter's, Nottingham, and presented them to the tower. He was unfortunate not to score his first peal at Greasley recently.

A peal of Stedman Triples was arranged at Darley Dale on February 22nd for two of Messrs. Mears and Stainbanks' staff—Arthur F. Lewry and Harry Parkes, who are working on the rehanging of Hathersage bells.

In connection with Mr. A. L. Bennett's tour of North East Devon on February 18th, a peal board at Huntsham Parish Church recording the first peal ever rung in Devon, in the year 1875, created much interest. This was Grandsire Triples in which two members of the Troyte family took part.

Mr. C H. Rogers is the new secretary of the S. and W District of the Middlesex County Association.

"The Ringing World" is tremendous value for money and could never be replaced."—Canon Gilbert Thurlow at the Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner, Chesterfield, on February 18th.

The peal at Erith (see page 118) was rung with the best wishes of the band to George and Anne Butcher on their silver wedding anniversary. It was also the first peal of Rutland that Tony Lewis had called.

Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has been in hospital again and is due for another major operation early in March. The good wishes of some hundreds of ringers are extended to him.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons that the United Government's gift to mark the golden jubilee of Canberra is to take the form of a structure housing a carillon on Aspen Island on Lake Burley Griffin. Three Australian and three United Kingdom architects are to be invited to take part in a competition for the design. The cost of the gift, including the competition, will be about £200,000.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

SCARBOROUGH "OUT OF SEASON"

After our visitors for the holiday season left us in late September, life has not by any means been dull for the bellringers at St. Mary's Parish Church In October we held our quarterly meeting, at which it was decided to redecorate the belfry. Almost immediately work was started and by Christmas it was completed, several of our team helping to make it resplendent in the new blue colour scheme. In November a coffee morning was held by the younger members, which raised £4 towards the cost.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples came round ten minutes too soon, when two bells crossed. This was rung in memory of the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

On Tuesday evenings the handbell team were practising carols and by Christmas had 17 in their repertoire. Several evenings out at Christmas time raised £10 11s. for Save the Children Fund.

Early in the New Year our new ropes were put on the bells with sallies in a colour combination that has not been seen anywhere else.

The climax of our activities came on Saturday, February 4th, when a dance was held in the Parish House. Around 300 youngsters danced to the beat of "The Urge," a local group from Filey. Proceeds from this successful venture were £44 and, after expenses were paid, we had a profit of £25.

On Wednesday evening February 15th, we held our annual general meeting, at which it was decided to have the handbells overhauled at John Taylor's foundry, and that the annual outing would be in the Harrogate-Ilkley area and to be held on July 1st. Also the election of officers was delayed until our next meeting in May.

Once again we shall be looking forward to our visitors during the coming summer and hope they will enjoy their stay in Scarborough and ringing with us. E. P. K.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

This Society was re-formed after a lapse of three years, in December, 1964, under the excellent captaincy of Mr. P. F. T. Smith and vice-captaincy of Mr. J. C. Britton, both masters at the school. Experienced ringers in the Society were few and many started learning to handle a bell by visiting three churches in rotation—St. Michael's, Maidstone, Holy Cross, Bearsted, and St. Peter's, Aylesford.

As our members became better ringers they joined local bands and now the majority ring regularly for Sunday services and are valuable assets to their local band.

In the summer of 1965 we were offered the opportunity to ring every week at St. Nicholas', Leeds: this use we gladly accepted as it gave us a permanent base.

The year's ringing was brought to a fitting end by an "all-school" band ringing the first quarter peal for the Society at Hollingbourne in January, 1967. P. R. K.

"ELEANOR SPRIGGS" PEAL

Regarding the recent peal at Saxlingham Nethergate, composed by "Eleanor Spriggs," Mr. Nolan Golden writes: "On inquiry I am satisfied that a peal was truly rung. The composition was a reduced 27-course block. I regret the childish stupidity in reporting and am glad that none of our resident members is responsible."

The conductor has also written affirming that a true peal was rung.

PEAL GRABBERS

Captains, in your towers, how many
Human beings ring, if any?
"We're six," you say, or "eight" or "ten."
You may be wrong; survey your men.
Within that close-knit band of brothers
A few may be unlike the others.
So pay attention to these lines
And learn to recognise the signs.
Their brains are clear, their eyes are bright—
Oh, they're intelligent, all right.
At opening time they're down there first
(They're permanently crazed with thirst),
They don't mix much with other folks;
They have a store of private jokes
That no one else can understand.
If you've got grabbers in your band,
On Sunday evening no one's there—
They all go ringing peals elsewhere,
Apologise, as well they might,
Then come in hordes on practice night.
They've looked up Lincolnshire, no doubt;
And learn their Glasgow sitting out.
A grabber never simply rings—
They do the most peculiar things.
They blow their noses, air their views,
And scratch their heads and lace their shoes,
And casually remove their ties
Whilst ringing peals of Spliced Surprise.
The way they spend their Saturdays
Just never ceases to amaze.
They drive themselves to distant towers
And ring the bells for hours and hours
And drink the local pubs dry, then
Quite soberly drive home again.
I fear the wrath that this unleashes—
But boy! are they a crazy species!

W. D. K. S.

FIRST DEVON TOUR OF THE SEASON

On February 18th a small number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, headed by Mr. A. L. Bennett, held their first tour of the year when North East Devon was the venue. Those accompanying Mr. Bennett were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family (Plymouth), Messrs. D. R. Bould, E. J. Cann, J. C. Michelmore, C. E. Mudge (Tavistock), W. J. Harvey (Topsham) and Mr. W. H. Ware (Tiverton), to whom sincere thanks are due for his help and advice and for acting as guide.

Towers visited were Rackenford (a long-draught six with new and springy ropes), Oakford (a nice-going eight), Morebath (a light six hung in a peculiar tower), Bampton (a superb six, where an equally superb course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung), Huntsham (home of the Troyte family, where the octave is now rather indifferent), Stoodleigh (a fair-going six) and Kenn and Kenton (two nice-going sixes).

Two well-struck six-scores (Grandsire Doubles) at the last tower rounded up an enjoyable day, with thanks to the organiser for arranging the tour. The lunch break was at Bampton, whilst tea was enjoyed at the Peamore Garage Restaurant, Exeter. A. L. B

ONE FOR THE BELLFOUNDERS' PAGE?

Mears or Taylors would welcome an order
From a wealthy man who could afford a
Ring to install
In a church or town hall
With a tenor to beat even Border!
too heavy for Border!

IN YORKSHIRE TODAY

The Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies have just issued their annual report for 1966, which presents a comprehensive picture of ringing in the largest county in England. The size, territorially, not numerically, of the Association is probably its greatest problem. Each of the four Districts is larger than many county or diocesan Societies, and containing a considerable number of towers, and each has a numerical strength more than adequate for holding quarterly meetings.

The three general meetings of the Yorkshire Association held in 1966, at Guiseley, Ripon (the annual general) and Bridlington, attract about 60 or 70 members on average, about a tenth of the membership (Bridlington's attendance was about double the average because of the presentation to Archdeacon Ellison.) Time and distance must account to a certain extent for this low proportion; the average distance for members travelling to general meetings, taken over the years, must be about 50 miles each way and it is fairly common to do 150 miles in a day

Apart from the meeting at Bridlington, the most successful event of the year was the Snowdon Dinner at the Catterick Bridge Hotel. Mr Arthur Bashford and his committee did an excellent job in organising this, the first dinner to be held in the Northern District, and there was a capacity attendance.

In most Districts there are thriving local Societies and the first object of the Joint Council is to represent all ringers in Yorkshire An annual festival is promoted and a forum is provided for the discussion of common problems and the exchange of ideas for the training of ringers A new venture was the holding of a one-day course/conference for instructors, tower captains, ringing masters and anyone interested An attendance of over 70 indicated appreciation. The second annual festival drew approximately 200 ringers and friends to Beverley Minster

The programme of the Joint Council this year is the course/conference at Normanton, near Wakefield, on April 22nd, and the festival at Halifax on June 17th. A committee has been formed to look into the organisation of a striking contest for all Yorkshire towers. Officers of the Council are: Chairman, Mr. Ted Hudson, of Sharow, Ripon; secretary, Mr. Arthur Farrant, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne; education adviser, Mr. W. F. Moreton Wakefield; publicity officer, Mr. C. A. Moxon, Cawthorne, Barnsley.

RINGING CONTESTS OF OLD

Mr E. H. Simpson, now 84, of Shipley, Yorks, who, when possible, rings at Bingley Parish Church recalls the days he spent at Bury St Edmunds in 1904 and rang at Horringer. Among the ringers he then met were Harry and Arthur Moore and their father.

Another of his memories is taking part in contest ringing with the old Bradford company. Before his day there were great trials of skill in Yorkshire and he sends us an advertisement of the two-day contest on July 31st and August 1st, 1854, at St Lawrence's Church, Pudsey.

For the "best true peal" of Kent Treble Bob Maior of 2,528 changes, a first prize of £10 was offered, second of £6, third £4, and £1 given to the company covering the greatest distance and not getting a prize. The time of 1 hour and 29 minutes was allowed for the "peal."

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROAD HINTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula. On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris's 240.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G

Valerie L. Preston ..	Treble	*Edward Speary	4
*David Hacker	2	George Pluckrose	5
†Cyril Hussy	3	*Wilfred F G. Frayling ..	6

Conducted by George Pluckrose.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles Believed to be the first peal rung by resident members of the Calne Branch in post-war years.
Rung to mark the retirement of Canon H. V. White, who until 1962 was chairman of the Branch.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 22 methods/variations, consisting of two extents each of Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, St. Paul, St Leonard, St Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Rev Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Wychbold, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Dedworth and one extent each of Grandsire and Reverse St Bartholomew Tenor 14 cwt in G

Paul C. Hassan	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	3
P. John Hall	2	George Pluckrose	4
		*Ronald Slack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles.

HEDDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 9¾ cwt. in G

*David Hacker	Treble	P. John Hall	4
†Paul C. Hassan	2	George Pluckrose	5
*Edward Speary	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Bob Minor "inside."

WEST OVERTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 12 methods/variations, consisting of three extents each of Kennington, Folke, Tichborne, Seighford, April Day, six extents of Plain Bob, three extents each of Southrepps, Cadbury Marston . Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure and six extents of Rev Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt. in G

*David Hacker	Treble	Paul C. Hassan	3
*P John Hall	2	George Pluckrose	4
		*C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in 12 methods.

DAUNTSEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St James the Great On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in six methods/variations consisting of seven extents each of Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Rev Canterbury Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps Tenor 14 cwt.

*Valerie L. Preston ..	Treble	*P John Hall	3
*Paul C. Hassan	2	George Pluckrose	4
		*C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove
* First peal in six methods

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 36 cwt 3 qr. 26 lb. in C sharp

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	John H Taylor	6
Emlyn F. Hancock	2	Allan Tubb	7
John T Parsons	3	Richard J. Bowden	8
Charles P Quartley	4	William H. Kingcott ..	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Rev. Roger O Fry	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards

HUISH EPISCOPI Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr 7 lb in F

*Roy W. Rice	Treble	*Michael G. Bartlett	5
*Walter S. Rice	2	*Richard C Taylor	6
†P John Hall	3	David G. Massey	7
*Peter J England	4	George W Massey	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."

FARMBOROUGH, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London and Wells, (2 and 3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6 and 7) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, with 78 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Julian E. Newman	Treble	*David A Burt	4
*David G Massey	2	*Raymond E. J. Baker ..	5
David J Orledge	3	George W Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey
* First peal in ten Minor methods. Most methods to a peal on the bells.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being six extents each of Plain Bob and Kennington and 30 of Grandsire Tenor 5 cwt 18 lb in C.

Victor J. Bowring	Treble	Alan F Lee	4
George J. Hawkins	2	Harold L Parfrey	5
Stanley C. Davis	3	Albert F Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lillian Emma Butt, sister of the tenor ringer, a lifelong worshipper in this church.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St Swithun. On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of London Wells, Westminster, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*David A Burt	Treble	David J Orledge	4
†Julian E. Newman	2	Raymond E. J. Baker ..	5
David G. Massey	3	George W Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 50th peal † First of Surprise "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist. On Sat. Feb 4 1967 in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Derek Estcourt	Treble	Adrian Hough	4
David A Godfrey	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Bryan Schofield	3	Harry W Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W Howard.
* First peal of Minor Tenor 12½ cwt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Margaret. On Sat., Feb 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

*John E Brough	Treble	Keith W Eaton	4
†Geoffrey A Edwards ..	2	John R Scott	5
†‡§Leon A. Perry	3	*§Frank R Morton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* 50th peal together † 25th peal together ‡ 25th peal. § 25th peal together. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals Tenor 14 cwt approx in F.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St Giles. On Sun., Jan. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5152 WOODSTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr 14 lb. in B flat.

Marion E Panton	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	5
F. Mark Robottom	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Susan Rothera	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	Philip J Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C Maycock.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently called extents Tenor 12 cwt 3 lb in G.

Shirley E. Jones	Treble	Robert H Randall	4
Delphine E. L. Holman ..	2	*Anthony J Cox	5
E. Anthea M Sparshott ..	3	Peter C Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J Cox
* 25th peal.
Rung on the occasion of the 70th birthday of the Rev. Fred Riley, of Kenilworth

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DORE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Peter. On Mon., Feb 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

Neil Bennett	Treble	John S Seagar	5
Christine Andrew	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	*D. Roy Bould	7
Arthur H. Reed	2	John Hartless	8
Norman Mailett	3	Gwilym Salmon	9
*Alan Carveth	4	Philip N. Tubbs	10
Michael J Thomas	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Alan Carveth has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr 3 lb. in C.

THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket. On Sat., Feb 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William J. Harvey	Treble	Horace T. Butt	5
Frederick Wreford	2	†John N. Longridge	6
*R. B. Ford	3	William Ford	7
Andrew J. White	4	Clive G. Bryant	Tenor

Composed by C. H Cross. Conducted by Clive G Bryant.

* First peal in the method. † First of Plain Bob Major.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ford, sen., and to welcome the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Huntingdon District)

GREAT STAUGHTON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

R. Frank Baker	Treble	William A. R. Chamberlain	4
Michael J. Dyer	2	Albert J. Davey	5
Edmund J. Whiting	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.

Arranged and rung in memory of the late president of the Huntingdon District, Frank W. Lack.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STISTED, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Feb 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Stephen W. Harper	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey	4
*Phillip Thompson	2	Walter Arnold	5
Vivian Cross	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Frank G. Oliver, tower captain at St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe Church, Colchester.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 165 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Aldermaston, Amesbury, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Benington, Benson, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Ealing, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Helston, Henbury, Hendon, Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kea, Kettering, Keynsham, Knowle, Lambourne, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leatherhead, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okeford, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Soreditch, Shrivenham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 164 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The conductor's 50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

Okeford:	—58—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.5	f.
Amesbury:	—38—16—12—36—12—38—56—3.	e.
Aldermaston:	—38—16—12—36—12—58—56.34.5	e.
Knowle:	—58—16—12—38—12—38.14—12.3	e.
Kea:	—58—16—12—38—12—38.56—36.1	e.

SOUTH MARSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Christopher Richards	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	4
Derek Dancey	2	E. William Ford	5
Maurice A. New	3	†Frederick E. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal. † First of Minor and of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

DYRHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., Feb. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods/variations, being four extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Wychbold, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Dedworth, Kennington, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Christopher Gibbs	Treble	Derek M. Smith	4
*Malcolm R. Brain	2	Anthony W. Gibbs	5
Kenneth G. Weeks	3	William Lampard	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First of Doubles.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Philip Mehew	Treble	*David E. Rothera	5
Gillian M. Brearley	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
George E. Bonham	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

* 75th peal.

HERTINGFORDBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	Peter M. F. Searles	4
Gwynneth M. James	2	John M. Kemp	5
James A. D. Woolford	3	John W. Thorp	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp

First peal on the bells since augmentation in 1958. The ringer of the fifth rang in the only peal on the five before the addition of the treble.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Margaret E. Fort	3	Martin L. Howe	9
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Richard Inglis	10
J. Barry Pickup	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Ian H. Oram	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung in honour of the 15th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

BIRCHINGTON, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park. On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Derek Butterworth	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Margaret E. Fort	3	J. Barry Pickup	9
Ian H. Oram	4	Martin L. Howe	10
Christopher T. Osenton	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
J Colin Ashworth	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Richard Hayes	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Ann Jenner	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Andrew J. Corby	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Arnold S. Goad	Treble	*N. Roderick Ellway ..	5
Raymond H. Martin ..	2	G Harry Bray	6
*Robert Bindley	3	Edward W. Martin	7
*Judith K. Morris	4	Edward Guy Slater ..	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Goodman.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in A.

*Roy J. Jenkins	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	4
†J. Harry Dove	2	Christopher M. Sturgess ..	5
Neville W. Price	3	William M. G. Johnson ..	Tenor

Conducted by William M. G. Johnson.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob. First as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Seven different callings. Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Roger D. Bailey	Treble	John Pladdys	4
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Robin R. Churchill	5
Audrey R. Alexander ..	3	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRACT SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

Martin Green	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
John K. Smith	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Howard C. Palmer	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John Hill. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

Alan D. Steel	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Roy Worrall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Harold Dowler.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. Bromfield on his appointment as priest-in-charge of Grindon-with-Butterton, Staffs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Tony Owen	Treble	Rev M. C. C. Melville ..	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
*George P. Adams	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Sidney Marshall	4	Norman V. Harding ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger D Bailey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 100th peal of Major.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and work of Edward Howes, captain of the local band for 14 years, who died on January 31st, 1967.

(The Colegate Society)
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Single Oxford and Hereward Bob, (4) Beverley and Sunlcet Surprise, (5) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall Bob, (7) Plain and Double Bob, with 54 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp

Janet Dagley	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
Angela M. Wright	2	Martin Cubitt	5
*David Cubitt	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 150th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

(The Colegate Society)
GARVESTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Pamela J. Cadman	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock ..	4
Janet Dagley	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Angela M. Wright	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. John Cadman, grandfather of the treble ringer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Leonard R. Porter	Treble	Philip J. Daniel	5
Charles Coles	2	*J. Paul Coad	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Roy H. Jones	7
Alec Gammon	4	Christopher C. Clarke ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PENDEEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr 4 lb.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
Valerie Willard	2	Sydney M Bailey	6
Angela Newing	3	William Birmingham ..	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William Birmingham, jun.

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WEST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being 840 each of Grandsire, Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish, Daffodil and St. Quintin. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Richard D. Bing	Treble	J. Paul Coad	4
C. Richard Miles	2	Roy H Jones	5
Leonard R. Porter	3	Noel D. Deam	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
Rung for the Festival of Candlemas.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 35 methods, being 480 Plain Bob, 360 each Kennington and April Day and 120 each of Grandsire, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, Middleton Stoney, St. Helen, St. Quintin, Allestree, St. Frideswide, Ladbroke, Keysoe, Newborough, Pink's, Freeland, Isis, Beckley, Ray, Stanton, St. Swithin, Antelope, St. Cross, St. Tydfil, Jacobstow, Oxford, Harbury, St. Valentine, St. Lucy, Zennor, Gresford, St. Margaret and Northleigh. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	*Leonard R. Porter	3
Roy H. Jones	2	†Noel D. Deam	4
Alec Gammon	Tenor		

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
* 40th peal for the Guild. † 60th peal.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKEN, Northants.—At the Church of St John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb in F.

James Linnell	Treble	William A. Yates	5
Martin Green	2	Charles E. Truman	6
*Raymond A. Vickers	3	George W. Holland	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung especially to welcome the birth of Sarah Kathleen, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. William A. Yates, of Buckingham.

BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, April Day, Kennington, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Michael Hawkins	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	3
Ronald Russell	2	Stephen B Bell	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

SHIRLEY, Solihull, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth place pobs. Tenor 6 cwt 29 lb. in B flat

Stephen W. Barton	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roderick W Pipe	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roderick W Pipe	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	*John A. Anderson	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

27-course block reduced. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Glasgow.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STEEPLE ASHTON Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 20 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	†Norman G. N. Knee	4
†Eric J. Hitchins	2	Frederick S. Slatford	5
†David G. Massey	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 650th peal. † First of London Surprise Minor.
Rung in thanksgiving for the life of the third Viscount Long of Wraxall, of the Manor House, Steeple Ashton.

SAVERNAKE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 30 extents of Grandsire, 12 of All Saints

C. Noel Tilley	Treble	T. Arthur Palmer	3
*Heather L. Jones	2	Allan G. Keen	4
Frederick J. Read	Tenor		

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal "inside." Tenor 11¼ cwt in F.
Rung in memory of Dr. Charles G. Roworth.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5055 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 Rutland, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,152 each Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 81 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

Philip R. Johnson	Treble	‡Ian Friend	5
*Elizabeth Timmins	2	Michael W. Fairey	6
*†Richard B. Dorrington	3	†Philip G. K. Davies	7
*Gordon H. Lane	4	John H. Allen	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G K Davies.
* First peal of four spliced. † 25th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Claire Hudson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Peter Beresford	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, a 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*Derek J. Tysoe	Treble	Paul Raithby	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Margaret E. Chilton	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Minor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb in B.

*Judy M. Pilgrim	Treble	Noel R Waite	4
†L. Ann Mew	2	Alan K. Millidge	5
C. F. Mew	3	Robert J. Cooles	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Cooles.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor. All first in method at first attempt
Rung for the opening of the new Church Hall.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb in E flat.

Frederick E. Scott	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	6
Reginald W. Rex	2	Maurice J. Butler	7
Thomas J. Lock	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	8
Maurice G. Ingram	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
David J Forder	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Charles Taylor	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4
Robert Crocker	2	†William Furness	5
Peter Furness	3	Philip Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on a working bell and of Minor. † First of Minor and on an inside bell. Rung by the Highclere band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr 3 lb. in B.

Anne E. Fellows	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
Peter J. Brown	2	John C. Eisel	6
M. Irene Ellsmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
Martin C. Powell	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton Arranged by Henry Johnson.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt in C sharp

Neil Bennett	Treble	Neil Donovan	6
*Margaret Booth	2	Norman Chaddock	7
Christine Andrew	3	Richard E Price	8
*Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	9
Kathleen M. Higgins	5	*Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Arranged by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of London Royal
Rung to mark the silver wedding of the parents of the tenor ringer.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp

Neil Donovan	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	6
Elsie Chaddock	2	Norman Chaddock	7
Malcolm Phipps	3	*Philip Walker	8
Michael Meadows	4	Stuart Armeson	9
John S. Seagar	5	David Nichols	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Caters "inside." David Nichols has now "circled the tower" to peals.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Barnes (first away from tenor) 1, Felicity Hamilton (first Doubles "inside") 2, J. E. Beams 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, J. V. Stedman 6. First of Doubles 3, 4 and 6. First in two methods by all.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Kent T.B and Plain Bob Minor: St. J. Perry (first T.B.) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, D. J. Derrick 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. For Evensong

BINSTED, HANTS. — On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): D Hatherly 1, A. Reeves 2. K. Sansom 3. K Tipper 4, B. Walton (first in nine methods as cond., 100th quarter) 5, R. Tipper 6. First in nine methods for all the band.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Gillingham 1, Pat Lindsell 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, Queenie Cresswell 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, C. Barker 6, P. G. Brown 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Aubrey A. Quilter.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jackson 1, S. Anderton 2, J. Sumner 3, J. Simcox 4, J. Ascroft 5, R. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of John Jolleys, for many years tower captain.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Phelan (first of Minor) 1, Irene E. Shanks (first of Minor "inside") 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, J. R. Pratt 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 6. For Benedictions.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Anne Deebank 1, Lynda Deebank 2, M F. Edwards 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Wills (cond.) 5 Catherine Ticquet 6, H. Williams 7, H. Walker 8. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, J Jeffery 4, B. Dixon 5, J. E. Herbecq 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. By the local band for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev H. C. N. Lawson, on departure for Elsted, Sussex.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Childwall and St. Clement's): B. Rhodes (first on six bells) 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Preston 4, O. Homewood 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. First in methods 2, 3, 4 and 5.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, E. Packham 3, W. Harrison 4, Mrs. A. Howorth 5 J. Jeffery 6, F F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Gray.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. J. Crocker 2, P. L. Furniss 3, P. G. Taylor (15, first as cond.) 4, W. M. Furniss (15) 5, B. Doe (14) 6. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, R. J. Crocker 2, P. L. Furniss 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, W. M. Furniss 5, P. G. Taylor 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Harrison 1. A. Clutton 2, J. Simmons 3, R. Lee 4. D. Francis 5, D. Knox 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, A. L. Timms 8. Rung half-muffled on the back eight to the memory of Mr. A. L. James.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Venn (first of Triples) 1, R. K. Russ (cond.) 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, Miss P. Copas 4, P. Beresford 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, J. Hill 7, P. Venn (first of Grandsire Triples) 8. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. V. Gant 1, J. McDonald 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, G. W. Cecil 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Matins

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS —On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. M. Toms (first of Minor) 1, R. J. Picton 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. Spratt 4, B. M. Barker 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Picton (cond.) 1, D. J. Goodman 2, R. W. Picton 3, K. D. Waples 4, B. M. Barker 5, P. W. Harper 6. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. D. Waples 1, B. M. Barker 2, G. Spratt 3, D. J. Goodman 4, R. J. Picton 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. All for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Johnston 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, A. F. Turner 3, C. Curtis 4, F. Hunt 5, R. Chambers 6, E. Cracknell 7, C. Poulson 8. First in the method by 1 and 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. F. Turner, and for Evensong.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Prisca Hornby 1, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read 4 T. S. Bowles 5, B. S. Gambrill 6, L. A. Tremeer 7, R. J. Lintott (first on eight) 8. A birthday compliment to five of the Sunday service band: Mrs. R. May, Miss R. Walton, F. Culliford and ringers of 5 and 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Anthea C. Fairey 1, Anita E. Foden (first of Surprise "inside") 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, J. H. Allen 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph Without, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W Stephenson 1, S. Penfold 2, G. W. Cecil 3, C. E Wright 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, A. Grainger 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. For Matins.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: G. Wood 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Foster 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Feb. 11th, 1,272 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 552 Kent T.B.): A. Taylor 1, K. W. Cheeseman 2, W. Tyson 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. W. Sewell 5, J. Roach 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Young, who has accepted the living of Tylers Green, Bucks.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Perry (first quarter) 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, R. Tandy 3, B. Wootton 4, M. Clewes 5, B. Sutton 6, J. Lawley 7, A. D. Roden 8. By the local band for evening service.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Pamela Lockwood 1, Margaret White 2, F. Bennett 3, I. North 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, D. Lockwood (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1. A 12th wedding anniversary compliment to D. Lockwood.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Feb. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. J. Wilsher 1, P. H. Mackie (first in method "inside") 2, Miss V. C. A. Rodrigues 3, J. P. Coad 4, P. J. Daniel (first in method as cond.) 5, B. Wakefield 6. Rung by O.U.S.C.R. for Matins.

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: R. Ducker 1, P Church, 2, G. W. Randall 3, Miss E. J. Foster 4, J. M. Brook 5, A. H. Bridges 6, M. Maughan 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. A peal attempt called round.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Gale 1, R. J. Gale 2, B. Goodliffe 3, V. James 4, A. Gould 5, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all the band except the conductor.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Lynn Barrow (first quarter) 1, P. Brookes 2, F. Pickering 3, G. Hiner 4, D. Burling 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival (Candlemas).

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Hemsley (first quarter) 1, Jane Hough (first in method) 2, R. Swift 3, E. Clifton 4, R. A. Swift 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, O. Webster (first quarter) 8.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dianna White (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie White (first of Doubles) 2, M. J. Mulvey (cond.) 3, T. Shilvock (first of Doubles) 4, N. R. White 5.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whorlow 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3 Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, P. Stockwell 6 A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Canon T. E. Prichard. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Firman 1, I. Whorlow 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, P. Stockwell 5, G. Firman 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. For the wedding of Miss Pauline Fennell, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Fowles. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: I. Whorlow 1, Miss J. Whorlow 2, Miss S. Wenden 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 6. First of Kent for all except the third.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Young 1, P. R. Keough 2, C. M. Heawood 3, W. R. Damer 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Ross) to Judith and Ross Robertson

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Warboys 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, K. Westwood 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, D. R. Hutley 6. Rung with the band's best wishes for the wedding of Mary Hayden and Brian Taylor.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 10th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, P. A. Smith 3, B. Branston 4, F. Sismey 5, A. Waller 6, R. A. Webster 7, R. W. Spencer (first as cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Feb. 12th, 1,267 Grandsire Cinques: Elizabeth Duncan 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Jacqueline S. Young 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, June Whitcher 5, A. J. Slade 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. Wilson 8, R. Durrant 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, I. L. Dear 12. First of Cinques 1, 3 and 4. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty A. Christopher 1, C. T. Brown 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, P. R. Keough 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of a son, Simon Ross, to Judith A. Robertson, wife of the conductor.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sandra Ivey 1, Maureen White 2, K. G. Waller 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. T. E. Burnett (first quarter) 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, R. Jolley 3, J. Illingworth 4, R. K. Lister 5, J. E. Andrews 6, G. Fothergill 7, T. W. Smith 8. First in the method by 3, 4, 5. By service band for Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Yeates 1, S. Ventham 2, Sandra Ivey 3, Mary White 4, Maureen White 5, R. A Stone 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, F. W. Sherfield 8. 1, 2 and 8 covering and their first quarter. A compliment to Mrs. R. Russell, organist for 25 years.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Burn (first of Triples) 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Caroline Madge 3, Rosamond Rawlings 4, Deborah Bishop 5, Elizabeth Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, P. Willatts 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Jan. 15th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Medway 1, A. C. Wenban 2, Monica Blagrove 3, N. Phillips 4, A. J. Glass 5, F. K. Rawson 6, P. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blythe 8 Rung in memory of Walter Barlow.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Williams 1, Pamela Bellamy 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, D. Bellamy 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. 25th quarter on the bells for H. L. Crisp. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): F. Bastin 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, A. E. Knight 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, F. Clarke 8. For Evensong, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Crediton.

LINCOLN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch was held at the ancient market town of Gainsborough on January 21st. Lincolnshire Surprise and Grandsire Triples were the special methods rung.

A departure from usual custom was having the tea and meeting before the service; 45 people sat down to tea in the Old Hall at 4 p.m.

The Branch president, Canon J. E. Roberts, was in the chair for the meeting, when all the officers were re-elected and the balance sheet approved. The secretary, Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, reported a few less members but some very well-attended meetings and a most enjoyable summer outing into Yorkshire.

Mrs. Baker presented the Sunday Service Ringing Cup to Mr. J. Blaikie on behalf of the Saxilby ringers.

This year the outing will be to Ely, and the next Branch meeting is at Epworth on April 15th. T. A. G.

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BIRTH

BARTON.—On February 9th, 1967, at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, to Marilyn (nee March) and Marcus, of Cookham, Berks, a son, Matthew William John. 1070

ROAF.—On February 22nd, 1967, at 33, Norham Road, Oxford, to Caroline and Dermot Roaf, a daughter, Virginia Margaret, a sister for Eleanor and James. 1041

DEATH

FERN, Walter Henry.—On February 18th, 1967, of Iffley, aged 61, suddenly at work. Ringer at St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley, for nearly 50 years. 1057

PERSONAL

"Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."—Titus i, 15.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. John Worth, Master of the Chester Guild, died in the street while on a visit to Lincoln.

A WEEK-END RINGING COURSE
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This course is organised by the Sunday Service and Education Committee in conjunction with the Hereford Diocesan Guild.—W. F. Moreton. 1050

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District Supper and Social will be held in the Church Hall, London Road, Maldon, on Saturday, March 18th, at 7.15 p.m. Tickets (6s.) available from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Bell Hill, Danbury

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown, Tuesday, March 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Special method: Dorchester. 1075

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner
March 4th.
Ringing Arrangements:

Harborne (8)	.. .. ..	2.15 p.m.
Edgbaston (8)	.. .. ..	3.00 p.m.
St. Martin's (12)	.. .. ..	4.15 p.m.
Cathedral (12)	.. .. ..	5,00 p.m.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
Preliminary Notice.
COUNTRY MEETING
on
SATURDAY, APRIL 8th, 1967,
at
NORTHAMPTON.
All Cumberlands please book the date. Ringing details later. 1053

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury, March 4th. Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. More ringing after. The business at this meeting includes the election of a new Branch secretary and two committee members. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hanley, Mill Street, Harbury. Leamington Spa.—P S Bennett. Dis Sec 970

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting of above on Saturday, March 4th, at Cockermouth, NOT Egremont. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W D. Wetenhall, Stratton Lodge, Cockermouth. 1069

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea until 8 30. 1017

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey, March 4th, 6 30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman. Dis. Sec. 1024

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, St. Ippolyts (6), Saturday, March 4th Bells 6 p.m. A short business meeting will be held. All will be made welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Rochester District.—By-meeting at Newington, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. A. Gilbert, 144, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne. — T. Barton, Hon Dis. Sec. 974

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Combined Wigan Branch and Association Committee meeting, Southport, Saturday, March 4th. Ringing at Emmanuel 2 p.m.; Christ Church 7 p.m. Tea in Emmanuel School 5 p.m Names to Mr R. Kenrick, 44, Norwood Avenue Southport. No name, no tea. — K. F. Wilson, Wigan Branch Sec. 1032

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stony Stratford, March 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr B. Eaglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford. 1018

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A.G.M. at Rotherham on Saturday, March 4th Bells: Whiston (8) 3 p.m.-4 p.m.; Parish Church (10) 3.30 p.m.-5 p.m. and after meeting Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. All welcome. Washington film to be shown after tea in Church Hall, Moorgate.—Andrew King. Hon. Sec 986

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, All Saints', Nottingham, Saturday, March 4th. 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Bulwell 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Naylor, 105, Cantrell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham. 1003

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upton-Snodsbury (6), March 4th Bells (3) p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Also Crowle from 7.15 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier. Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 6th, at 7 p.m. 1042

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at St Andrew's, Chippenham, March 8th, Bells (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 1014

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at Wath, Barnsley, on March 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea will be provided.—T. Tarbatt. Sec. 1051

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrington, March 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 30 p.m Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Dean, Puckington, Ilminster, by March 7th. 1061

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION —Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting at Old Warden on Saturday, March 11th. Business meeting in church 5.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Please help to make this meeting a success. 1060

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington and St. Mary's, Beverley, March 11th. Bells: Walkington (6) 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Beverley (10) 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Mary's, Beverley. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley, by previous Thursday. 1038

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1059

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT Guild.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. West Hoathly bells available between 2.30 and 4 p.m. Withyham bells available between 7.15 and 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, March 8th. 994

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, March 11th, Whittlesford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m in Church Room, Church Lane, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Ardleigh on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Names to F. H. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh, Colchester. 1011

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sandon (6) on Saturday, March 11th. (Please note change of date.) Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Dagenham, March 11th Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—M. J. Hallett, Dis. Sec. 1013

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th, 7–8.30, at Exminster.—G. Skinner. 1025

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, March 7th. 1037

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newland Coleford on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m Notify before March 8th for tea.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 1066

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at Stratton St. Margaret. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 1063

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 11th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom by March 9th. (Tel. Ewell 4986.) 1012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, March 11th, 5.30 till 9 p.m. Evensong 6.30. —Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 1074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 1065

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (annual Branch meeting).—Combined meeting at Staplehurst, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Limetrees, Staplehurst.—M. L.H., Dis. Sec. 998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted (5), Saturday, March 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. each. Names, together with cash, to Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Cambridge Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne, not later than March 8th. 1036

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Buries, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1039

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at St. James', Leyland, Saturday, March 11th. Direct bus No. 115 from Fox Street, Preston, 2.13 p.m. and half-hourly. Buses from Preston, Wigan, Southport, Blackburn, alight Seven Stars. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Nixon, 22, Grange Road, Leyland, by Wednesday, 8th.—L. Walmsley. 1043

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Barnham Broom, Saturday, March 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Honingham after tea. Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Wramplingham Rectory, Wymondham. 1040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Durweston, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. Julius, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, by March 8th. 1022

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Extraordinary general meeting, Much Wenlock (8), March 11th Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. in the belfry Ringing from 8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. 997

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A quarterly meeting at Ufford (8), Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Ringing 7–9 p.m. All who wish for tea please book with Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, **no later than Wednesday, March 8th.** Suffolk Guild committee meeting will be held in the hall next to the church at 7 p.m.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 1000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Upper Beeding, March 11th, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Old Tollgate, Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 1062

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at **Warnford,** March 11th, Bells 6.30–8.30 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec. 1048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice evening meeting at Giggleswick (8) on March 11th at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 1033

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Wethersfield, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Marshall, 44, Hereward Way, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1035

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Skinner, Langley House, Little Chart, Ashford, Kent. —A. P. S. B.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting at Navenby on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, by March 15th, please.—G. R. P. 1044

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bradley, near Bilston, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30–3.25, 4–4.25. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Numbers for latter to Mr. V Vaughan, 68, Salop Street, Bradley, Bilston, Staffs, by March 15th latest, please.—C. M S., Hon. Sec. 996

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3.15–4.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.15–7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—C. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division jointly with Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Ringmer (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Tuesday, 14th. 1067

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice at St. Crantock (6), March 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided All ringers welcome. Names to Mrs. K. N. Mossop, Constantine Vicarage, Falmouth. Tel Constantine 259. 1054

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Sowerby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. and in the evening after the business meeting. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Mr. H Lumb, 8, Dorchester Drive, Pye Nest Road, Halifax, by Wednesday, March 15th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1068

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, March 27th, at Maidstone. Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 991

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday at **11.50 a.m.** prompt. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m.; Stourton (6) and Stourton Campanile (6) 1.45–3; Pershore Abbey (8) 2.30–3.45; Strensham (6) 3–4.30; Earls Croome (6) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea later. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 1071

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THE READERS' OWN JOURNAL

THERE has always been a close link, since the days when John Sparkes Goldsmith founded "The Ringing World," between the reader and the editor, and because of the family spirit that has been engendered over the years that relationship is very real. At times the editor disappoints certain sections of the family as, for example, the introduction of the new type of heading on the very week of the College Youths' dinner. Never before has the editor been chivvied so mercilessly as on that occasion. But, as our readers know, it was just part of the picture, and when the grandeur of Mancroft in that Christmas scene was presented the volume of appreciation was very stimulating.

Since then there have been other issues of "The Ringing World" with a tinted cover—giving, incidentally, another four pages—and these have met with warm approval. The Committee decided at their last meeting at Derby to plan for 20 of these front page cover issues during 1967, and if the results are encouraging in three channels—greater circulation, more advertisements and notices and a better return from the publication of peals and quarter peals—this might well become a permanent feature except during the holiday period.

On the other hand, there might be a universal desire to increase the selling price of the journal. As every housewife knows, "the freeze" does not apply to commodities and costs are rising. While the audited figures of "The Ringing World" accounts are not yet available, the convener is aware that trading during 1966 was successful after taking all sources of revenue into consideration. There was a fair profit. But is this profit adequate to meet the new scale of charges that became operative this year of an approximate 5 per cent. rise in costs?

A 16-page issue of the journal with postage and carriage costs approximately £160 and with a 20-page issue this is increased to £200—blocks being an extra. Fortunately, "The Ringing World" has behind it financial reserves, and it is essential that the Central Council should be in this happy position. The possession of liquid assets is invaluable when it come to financing publications where substantial sums are locked-up in the form of books for years before sufficient revenue is received to meet the printers' bill for the next publication.

Next week we embark on something new—a questionnaire to our readers, which is the brain child of two members of the Committee, Dennis Beresford and George W. Pipe. It is an attempt to analyse "The Ringing World's" family; to find out what the readers desire for the journal and how they would prefer the space available to be utilised. Such questions readily occur to one. The peal is a standard of performance that has been in existence for 300 years. There is a constant advance in the technical side of peal ringing and at the same time the development of physical fitness. Should the Exercise frame its being largely on peals? What is the percentage of readers' indifference to peals? What ratio of contents should be devoted to their publication? These are things the Editorial Committee want to know.

If you don't like peals, what would you like to read? Activities of Guilds and Associations, outings and tours, new methods and compositions, or turn the journal into a text-book to rival "The Beginners' Handbook"? Then there are others who feel that as we are Church Bell Ringers our primary purpose should be Sunday Service Ringing, and that we should fill our pages with subjects that would create an interest among call change ringers and those who have no desire to go beyond 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles. Can a journal for the advancement of change ringing build up a lasting circulation on such a basis?

The desire behind the questionnaire is to ascertain how to fashion "The Ringing World" so that a big sales drive can be attempted. This does not mean embarking on extravagant ideas, but to make the journal appealing to the many we know who are not subscribers—and they are also in the ranks of peal and quarter peal ringers. The journal is the property of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and above all its mouthpiece. The rules and decisions the Central Council have recommended to the ringing Exercise thus become part and parcel of our outlook.

Similarly, the work the Council undertakes in the installation and presentation of bells and facing up to the problems of sound control is a great service offered freely and gladly to the Church authorities. This relationship with the Church is very real, and the Central Council and its affiliated bodies desire that those who ring church bells should be recognised as true servants of the Church. With this thought uppermost, the men and women of our great family can say, "I am proud to be a *Church* bell-ringer." And the social link stimulating that family is "The Ringing World."

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Behind the Scenes Story of 165 Spliced Surprise Major

By M. J. HOBBS

FOLLOWING the new Spliced Surprise Major record of 64 methods, which was set at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st, suitable celebrations were held at the conductor's home to discuss what our next plan of action should be. The unanimous decision, that we should continue to meet on the first and third Saturdays in each month in an attempt to increase our record, had already been anticipated by Tony Peake, who was in touch with the composer of our previous peals to see whether or not further progress was possible.

A number of reserves were drafted into the band for a short while and on May 28th and June 4th peals of 17 and 20 spliced were rung at Backwell and Highworth using Norman Smith's composition. On June 18th, again at Stratton, the first peal of what was to be more or less another series in itself was successfully accomplished in 70 methods. Whereas the previous record held by the Yorkshire Association had lasted for 11 years, ours was surpassed within one month.

Our next meeting place was to be at Blagdon on July 30th, when it was hoped that the composer, W. Eric Critchley, would be able to join us for 75 methods. However, this was not possible and it was not until the first Saturday in August that the next step was made, a peal in 80 methods at St. George's, Bristol, in 2 hours and 55 minutes. This peal introduced all of the band to their first Little Surprise Major method (Herefordshire), hence the reason that the number of changes were altered at this stage to 5,080 and not the standard 5,088.

THE MAGICAL HUNDRED

Once again holiday arrangements caused havoc with our programme and not until October 1st, a gap of almost two months, were we able to assemble again at Stratton, where 85 methods were scored without incident. At this stage Tony Peake took over the arranging of Eric Critchley's composition and his first increase brought the magical one hundred into our grasp. Six months had passed since we had been to one of our favourite towers, Longney, Glos, and so the time seemed ripe to pay a somewhat belated but nevertheless welcome return visit. On Sunday, October 16th, a good peal of 100 methods was scored in 2 hours and 40 minutes as a welcome to Penelope Jane, daughter of Jim and Jennie Taylor.

The amount of checking required for each composition was now so great that an error would have been too easy, so a second system of proof was set up and the somewhat onerous task of double checking fell upon the shoulders of the writer, who was thus able to reassure the band that each attempt was true.

By kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and senior ringers the next attempt was scheduled to take place on November 5th at Malmesbury Abbey. An extremely cold and wet Saturday afternoon saw us assembling in the tower, where we were very warmly welcomed by Mr. H. Blacker. With guest treble ringer Chris Kippin leading the way, a peal in 110 methods was rung in three hours.

Further work by Tony resulted in a peal of 120 methods at Longney on November 20th, including many local sounding place names—Calne, Shrivenham and Stratton. It was at this juncture that Lis Bowden confided in us that she was "infanticipating" an important event in May of 1967, so it appeared that our days were now numbered.

One hundred and thirty methods at Bradford-on-Avon on December 3rd did not even get off the ground due to one of the band going down with gastro-enteritis a day prior to the attempt. However, six new methods were added to this unrung composition and, on December 17th, once again at Stratton, 135 methods were rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes to herald the arrival of Brian and Lesley Bladon's first daughter, Helen.

The band pictured prior to the peal in 160 methods at Yatton on January 21st (from left to right): V. Griffin, J. R. Taylor, A. R. Peake, B. Bladon, P. Bridle, E. R. Venn, M. J. Hobbs, E. A. G. Bowden.

GREATEST NUMBER OF METHODS

A suitable conclusion to 1966 came on December 31st at Knowle, Bristol, when our next goal was achieved. A peal in 150 methods, surpassing the previous record for the greatest number of methods rung to a peal (148 Minor at Ashbocking), was completed in the somewhat brisk time of 2 hours and 47 minutes. This was one of the few peals in the series to be preceded by a false start. For some reason known only to himself, after 32 minutes' ringing, the conductor decided to call "Houghton" instead of "Houghton-le-Spring"—the result of this was complete and utter confusion, the like of which it is hoped we do not see again. Luckily there was no Evensong and through the good offices of Mr. Cocks, the local tower captain, we were allowed a second and successful attempt.

During 1966 we had jumped from 32 methods on January 1st to 150 on December 31st, and it was therefore with a feeling of trepidation that we approached the first attempt of the New Year on January 21st at Yatton, Somerset. This was the last peal in which Lis would be participating, and 160 methods—necessitating a change of method every lead—seemed as good a number as any for her to finish on. This being University Dinner Day, many people had gathered outside the tower to listen and record our efforts. It was very pleasing to make acquaintance with friends both old and new after the peal but time, as always, was not on our side. A hurried exit had to be made from Yatton in order that we could attend the U.B.S.C.R. Dinner.

Many would have thought that we had now reached "the end of the line" method-wise, but not our aspiring conductor/arranger. The Major record now lay, of course, in the hands of the Bath and Wells Association, so Tony, in an attempt to return it to our home Association, the Gloucester and Bristol, again burned the midnight oil and came up with a peal of 5,280 changes in 165 methods, to be attempted at his home tower (Stratton) on February 4th.

Although the day dawned bright and sunny, our ringing, unfortunately, was not so brilliant. Bearing in mind that this peal would be the culmination of two years' dedicated work, Tony set the bells up after 75 minutes due to the striking not being of a sufficiently high standard. This was our first failure since attempting 27 methods on November 6th, 1964, and so, after the usual peal ringers' inquest, it was decided that we should meet at Longney on the following Saturday in the hope of a successful conclusion to the series.

With Di Chapman conveniently placed outside the tower, complete with tape-recorder, our second attempt for 165 methods commenced at 2.40 p.m. A slower speed than usual was adopted for this peal and it was some 3 hours and 3 minutes before "This is all" was called. Apart from one minor incident, when the conductor's glasses became dislodged and swung precariously from one ear, which resulted in several of the band endeavouring to restrain their mirth at his antics to right the situation, everything went according to plan. At this stage it is only fair to mention the herculean task taken by Ted Venn, who, after ringing the 7th since 85 methods, volunteered (?) to take Lis's place and ring the second for the final attempt—a jump of some 80 methods.

For the statistically minded, from the first peal on January 30th, 1965, the band met for 37 attempts and 34 peals were rung in 19 different towers; the total number of methods rung during these attempts was 187—75 of which were rung for the first time. Nine peals were rung at Stratton St. Margaret and seven at Longney, for which we are deeply indebted to the Rev. R. G. Bryant and the Rev. G. R. K. Moule respectively, also the local ringers at each tower. Seven of the peals have been recorded (14; 24; 53; 64; 150; 160; 165), the amount of time spent ringing is somewhere in the region of 111 hours and, finally, just for sheer irrelevance, during the series five babies were born—all girls— to various members' wives!

The band's combined thanks are accorded to W. Eric Critchley, Stephen Ivin, John Segar, Cyril A. Wratten and Shirley Burton for their help with compositions and methods and, once more, to the long-suffering husband, wives and girl friends who have so patiently stood and watched "from the touchline."

It would be wrong to close this report without singling out for special mention Anthony R. Peake, whose drive and enthusiasm had been a source of encouragement since the days of the humbler numbers. He has spent an immeasurable number of hours poring over figures, and without his initiative and leadership we are all sure that these attempts would never have been possible.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Measures 1, R. Dilley 2, P. Rogers 3, R. Fuller 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, R. Cousins 6. For Parish Communion.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. FERN

Walter Henry Fern, of Iffley, Oxon, or "Walt" as he was affectionately known, will be sadly missed by the host of friends who mourn his sudden death on February 18th. For practically all his life Walt served his church in a variety of ways. Although we always associate him with bell ringing his first love was for the children and for over thirty years he taught at the Sunday School and great was his joy to know that in the latter years he was teaching children of parents he had taught in earlier days.

In his ringing it was the same; although quite an accomplished ringer, nothing gave him more pleasure than to help and encourage youngsters in the art and he would cheerfully stand practice after practice ringing rounds or call changes. Apart from his faithful attendance at his own tower at Iffley he was always ready to help any other band and many of us within quite a few miles of Iffley have good cause to be grateful to him.

Having lived in the Iffley and Cowley districts when they really were village communities he knew everybody and was always ready with a helping hand and a cheerful word and smile. He had a fund of anecdotes about past happenings and the inevitable characters one hears of in villages and not least about his probationary period in bell ringing, of sitting through the service ringing as patiently as he could until he was allowed to ring the calling bell, finally being accepted as one of the band and proudly ringing a plain course of Grandsire Doubles from the card in front of him. It wasn't until after the war that he learned change ringing.

We also remember Walt for his love for his "cottage" garden, and his special love for animals. How for years, until the village school was closed, every night before he went to bed he walked or cycled from his home to feed the school cat and budgie, and again before he went to work in the morning whatever the weather. Stray cats strayed no longer, Walt took them in and cared for them.

May he rest in peace. W. F. H.

MR J. H. McGREGOR

After a short illness the death of Mr. John Henry McGregor occurred in Bakewell, Derbyshire, on February 15th.

Mr. McGregor joined the Midland Counties Association in 1929 and was a regular ringer at All Saints Church, Bakewell, till a few years ago, when his health prevented him ascending the steps to the ringing chamber. He was also a member of the Bakewell handbell team, and was well known throughout Derbyshire.

He will be greatly missed, but remembered by us all. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and family. B. B.

MR. JOHN JOLLEYS

With the sudden death of Mr. John Jolleys on February 10th not only did the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association lose a most loyal and steadfast member; but the Church of St. John the Baptist, Broughton, lost a life-long servant and friend.

He was taken ill after returning home from work on the Tuesday evening, and passed away just over 48 hours later. In the sixty years of his life, he had served Broughton Church in many ways, for more than fifty of them being a ringer for more than 40 years and tower captain for over 30. A truly outstanding record of loyal and faithful service.

But John Jolleys was not merely a ringer and tower captain; living as he did, next door to the church he had often been called upon to act as verger, sexton, grave-digger and general handy man. His knowledge of the church and its congregation was immense, and his memory had often satisfied people trying to trace the graves of distant relatives. To many people John Jolleys was Broughton Church.

As a ringer his name was seldom found in the peal columns; but he was rarely, if ever, missing from Sunday service ringing or weekly practice. In his time he taught scores of young people to handle a bell and ring a course of Bob Minor, and in recent years his Friday night practices had been of enormous benefit to many young ringers from various towers in the Preston area.

His sudden passing leaves a gap at Broughton which will be very difficult to fill, but we must hope that the example of devotion, patience and service that he set will inspire others to carry on his work.

The funeral service, on Feb. 13th, was well attended by ringers and friends and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung immediately afterwards. On the following Saturday a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung by members of the Preston Branch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Southern Division

The annual Divisional meeting was held at Brighton on February 18th. Afternoon ringing was at St. Nicholas Church, and the tea and business meeting were held at St. Peter's Church Hall with about 50 members present.

Canon Keeling, Vicar of Brighton, presided at the meeting when the Divisional secretary (Mr. D. L. Hall) the committee (Mr. G. P. Elphick and Mr B J Stone) and the Divisional auditor (Mr. S. W. Brown) were re-elected. Mr. J R. Norris was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Hills his deputy

The secretary's report, including the moans about attendances at meetings, and the balance sheet were passed. Attention was drawn to the lower net income and it was agreed that this must be kept under review.

In the discussion on "The Ringing World" opinion seemed more or less evenly divided between those who approved the change in appearance and those who disliked the change. Several individual opinions could be summarised as "it doesn't matter what it looks like, it's what's in it that counts." A common desire was for the return of the name of Mr. J Goldsmith to the front cover.

A sub-committee was formed to consider attendances at meetings and if thought desirable to alter the present system. D. L. H.

5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in 165 Methods

Arranged by ANTHONY R. PEAKE from a composition by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

23456	M	W	H			
45236		—	—	Malmes. Umb. Wootton	Ford. Tring. Wem.	Fram. Tiver. West.
24536			—	Bide. Hit. Banwell	Blag. Jed. Barns.	Bening. Quin. Bitton
42436			—	Hen. Oke. Aldbourne Gres. Shenley	Hanbury. Eal. Ames. Knowle. Redruth	Yatton. Leath Alder. Kea. Radlett
43526		—	—	High. Lydn. Brisling.	Wat. Keyn. Faring.	East. Lincs Falmouth
54316			—	Thor Pick. Wed.	Highwor. Ald. Melk.	Thorne. Port. Words.
35426			—	Harl. Bices. Chipp.	Frank. La Camp.	Urch. Pains. Calne
42356		—	—	Durs. Launc. Sidbury	Shriv. Lundy. Scaw.	Shore. Lang. Seaton
63254	—		—	Pres Sups. Corston	Bedf. Wight. Mickl	Elf. Stratt. Vaux.
26354			—	Hough Kett. Cleeve	Wrax. Chedd. Clan.	Act. Warwick Claybr.
32654			—	Llan. Lincoln. Exmin.	Rams. Hasel. Twyf.	Stock. Puds. Eastcote
56423	—	—		Leck. Osp. Uxbr.	Lond Apple. Lisk	Cuck. Apsley. Less
42563		—	—	Ilfra. Bidd. Northl.	Ipple. Long. North.	Iskle. Yorks. Northolt
35264	—		—	Okeham Gren. Ruard.	Lind. Cherwell. Rad.	Lamb. Chard. Rutland
34562	2		—	Drayt. Rev. Dub. Pyrf. Helston	Derwent Benson Dorch. Otley	Dawlish Bristol Dart. Conis.
45362		3	2	Street. Hung. Crow. Stoke. Drog. Nor'd. Olney	Codic. Jers. Coler Camb. Zeals. Revel. New Gloucester	Stow. Dedham Cray South. Dub. Richmond Olveston
23564	—		—	Henb. Axmin. Mangot.	Deben. Ashb. Marsh.	Ches. Mins. Maulden

Containing 32 changes each of the following methods: Acton Aldbourne, Aldenham (Ald), Aldermaston (Alder), Amesbury, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Benington, Benson, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Ealing, Eastbury (East), Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Helston, Henbury, Hendon, Highgate (High), Highworth (Highw), Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring (Hough), Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kea, Kettering, Keynsham, Knowle, Lambourn, Langley (Lang), Langston (La), Launceston, Leatherhead, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire (Lincs), Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longley, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam (North), Northolt, Northleach (Northl), Northwood (Nor'd), Okeford (Oke), Okehampton (Okeham), Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe (Rad), Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Thornbury (Thor), Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 164 changes of method.

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Letters to the Editor

SPLICED MINOR "FIDDLES"

Dear Sir,—I have noted with interest the recent exchange of views between Mr. H. Chant and Mr. F. Pett. Being very interested in the matter of Spliced Surprise Minor ringing, I would like to state that I can see no objection to ringing methods of the type used in the peal at South Mymms, from either a musical or an aesthetic point of view. Mr. Chant, himself a champion of 65's at backstroke, and surely the only other criterion which can be used in judging a method is its difficulty.

Having had some experience of this type of method myself, I can say that they are very difficult to ring, in spite of their stagnant appearance. I suppose one could conceivably condemn the methods as just being a "fiddle" to get more methods in, but aren't singles in Surprise Major just a "fiddle" to introduce more musical courses? Surely the man who subscribes to one of the biggest "fiddles" in Spliced Minor ringing, namely Alliance and Little methods, can have no objections on these grounds?

It is a sad fact that any form of progress is always attacked most bitterly by those who have helped the course of progress in **their** time. I would urge the young people who rang this peal to persist in their efforts and to take no notice of such criticism from those who should know better. I note from the quarter peal columns that the ringers appear to be a Sunday service band, and their achievement is the more to be congratulated for this reason.

I would, however, like to make an inquiry. The arrangement of most of the extents used is fairly obvious from an examination of the method contained in them, but it would be interesting to know how the method "Queen Mary" has been introduced. It is a fairly simple method to adapt Mr. A. G. Driver's six method extent so that it contains "King Edward," as was recently done by a Kent band (who, incidentally, renamed a method which had already been rung to a full peal!) or the sixth's place variation of this, appropriately named "Queen Mary." I cannot, however, see how it is possible to include both these methods with the "Cambridge" six. Perhaps someone could enlighten me?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN D. GRUE.

Chorleywood, Herts.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. R. Brown's letter (page 112), I enclose the names of some of the Doubles variations that he rang at Chapel Allerton:

Plain Course	Bob	Name
St. Hilary	Grandsire S.	Brightwell
"	Antelope S.	Standlake
"	All Sts. P.L.	Sandford
Blackburn Place	Grandsire S.	Lillingstone
"	Antelope S.	Sevalcliffe
"	All Sts. P.L.	Arnold
Westminster II	Grandsire S.	Burton Joyce
"	Antelope S.	Epperstone
"	All Sts. P.L.	Stoke Bardolph

These were all rung for the first time in a peal, I think, at North Muskham, Notts, on November 4th, 1965.

I have no record of any variations of New Bob using Grandsire Singles, etc. — Yours sincerely,

GEORGE A. DAWSON.

Carlton, Nottingham.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dear Sir.—There is nothing quite so boring as a Tubb-thumper.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

BUREAUCRACY

Dear Sir,—Tub-thumping Mr. Tubbs seems to have caught hold of the parrot-cry of sections of industry (the Egg Board, the Potato Board, the Milk Board, the chain stores and supermarkets etc.), **"Get big or get out"!** Has he forgotten what we had the last war against?—it was surely **against HIS** system of **bureaucracy and totalitarianism,** and **that** was told every Englishman on September 3rd, 1939, from the words sent forth: "We are fighting for **freedom**: Freedom in Politics, freedom in Religion, and freedom to manage our own affairs our own way"!

"Tubb-thumping Mr. Tubbs," if I read his letter in "The Ringing World" of February 24th correctly, would have ringing go the same way as industry—**everything streamlined into a sort of closed-shop or bureaucracy,** and only the biggest allowed to survive, that is—only those Guilds, Associations or Societies with 75 members (the minimum for sending one of its number to the Central Council) to be recognised. If they have less, then Mr. Tubbs and his kind consider them non-Associations. **Who does "Tub-thumping Mr. Tubb" think he is to declare such a state of affairs?** Did not every Society have to start from small beginnings—how many began with more than 75 members?—Sincerely yours,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I agree with Philip Gray that the reports of some outings are boring but I am quite prepared to put up with those in order to enjoy the excellent reports which appear from time to time. Some of the accounts are very informative in a general way and also help to keep one's "Dove" up to date, although a few scribes are unreliable witnesses and their reporting needs corroboration—steel bells at Lower Beeding, for instance.

I should like to thank A. E. R. for his contributions on the activities of the Bedfordshire ringers. Their pilgrimage to Kent as reported by Mr. Rushden (I presume) made excellent reading.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held on February 4th at Diss and was well attended with over 50 members and friends sitting down to tea. The Rector (Canon E. L. Corbell) conducted the service and gave a most interesting address.

At the business meeting the officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. P. Jonason; secretary, Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo; Ringing Master, Mr. H. B. Fuller; Standing Committee, Mr. F. C. Arnold, Mr. J. Mowle; Branch Committee, Messrs. C. Catchpole, L. King, W. G. Saunders, T. Simmons and F. Sutton.

Five new members were elected, four of them from East Harling, where it was decided to hold the next meeting on May 6th.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped with the meeting, especially Canon Corbell and Mr. A. G. Harrison. C. F. W. P.

CORK AND SHANDON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. W. E. Box's letter in a recent "Ringing World" concerning St. Mary's, Cork and St. Ann's, Shandon.

My grandfather, the late Alfred P. Botsom, used to recall ringing at St. Mary's just after the turn of the century. Although the frame and fittings had been regarded as unsafe as early as 1897, the bells were rung, up to about 1912, for special occasions. I believe the last time was in April, 1912, when a half muffled quarter peal was rung for the "Titanic" disaster. I still have my grandfather's records of peals and quarter peals; I believe the one at St. Mary's was his last.

Although the bells were installed in 1870, it was well known that an unsuitable kind of wood was used for the frame and fittings, and that the tenor was too heavy for the frame and the tower. How the 1912 quarter was rung I can never think, as my grandfather recalled that three men were needed on the tenor, and two each on the seventh and sixth.

Regarding St. Ann's, Shandon, I can confirm that these bells were hung for ringing until about 1908. Most Irish ringers will have heard of T. E. Cobley, who has become something of a legend as far as ringing in that country is concerned. He was tower captain here until 1908, when the condition of the tower necessitated the bells being hung "dead." Although it broke Tom's heart, it was no loss to Irish ringers; my grandfather's little black book has several rather uncomplimentary things to say about St. Ann's bells. The measurements and weights are as follows:

Treble: 22" diameter, 6 cwt., D.
2nd: 26", 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., C.
3rd: 30", 7-3-8, B flat.
4th: 35" 9-0-2, G sharp.
5th: 40", 10-0-5, G.
6th: 45", 11-1-6, F.
7th: 50", 12-3-8, E.
Tenor: 56", 27-1-9, D.

The treble and tenor are inscriped "FERRA LINGUA LOQUOR . J. HATTE . 1714." —Yours sincerely, TIMOTHY BOTSOM.

Chipstead, Surrey.

SALISBURY GUILD AND PEALS

Dear Sir,—The General Committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at its meeting in Salisbury deplored the fact that the rules of the Guild were not being adhered to in the case of two peals:—

No. 1. Yorkshire, at Wareham, Dorset, on May 28th, 1966.
No. 2. Grandsire Triples, at Wareham, on July 8th, 1966.

The peal booking fee has not been paid in the case of No. 1 peal. The same applies to No. 2 peal with the addition that at least one ringer was not a member until December 31st, 1966. The Salisbury Guild will not be claiming this peal.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH T. BARRETT.

Beaminster, Dorset.

HANDBELL FOUNDER

Dear Sir.—Recently I was asked to inspect a set of bells acquired by a lady whose knowledge about them was rather limited. I discovered them to be musical handbells minus their handles or clappers. On the largest of them is inscribed: "Symondsons, Founders, No. 1 Tottenham Court Road, London." Does any reader know any particulars of this foundry? I hazarded a guess that they could have been cast from about 100 to 150 years ago. Am I right or hopelessly out—as sometimes occurs in that "antiques" programme "Going for a Song"?—Yours faithfully,

Rotherham, Yorks. MICHAEL KING.

P.S.—One bell is marked: 13 F (M. & S. number is 12F).—M.K.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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London County Association's Policy

LONDON County Association's A.G.M. was held on February 11th, proceedings starting with ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Clement Danes', where the service was conducted by Mr. W. D. Grainger, a member of the Association.

Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells during the service and the lesson was read by H. W. Rogers. Tea, excellently prepared by three lady members of the Association, was then taken in a private room at the Edinburgh Tavern, just opposite the church.

About 56 members and friends of the Association were present at the annual general meeting which followed. During the year 20 new members had been elected, and to these were added at this meeting Messrs. C. G. Wright, D Wright, A. Skilton, J. Gaze and R. Lister. Association members who had passed on during the year were R. Sanders (elected 1914), G. Hoad (1907), P. Crook (1918), S. H Symonds (1919), E. D. Smith (1921), J. G. W Harwood (1936), T. R. Dennis (1936), G. H Barber (1946), W. H. Hewett (1907). Also remembered was Mrs. Emily Grainger, a great friend of the Association and mother of Mr. W. D. Grainger, who had earlier taken the service. The accounts, presented by Mr. W. G. Wilson, showed a balance of £182, being an increase of £16 over last year

The Master, Mr. C. M. Meyer, presenting his report for the year, gave a most encouraging picture of the various activities and work of the Association in the realms of Sunday service ringing, meetings, practices, lectures and had been rung was the official peal to celebrate demonstrations. Among the eleven peals which had been rung was the official peal to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Diocese of Southwark, one of Stedman Cinques rung at the Cathedral. In contrast, great regret was expressed by Mr. Meyer that the Association had been omitted from the 900th anniversary celebrations at Westminster Abbey.

NEW MASTER OUTLINES HIS POLICY

To preside over the election of Master, Mr. W T. Cooke, a member of the Association and a Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was unanimously voted to the chair.

Two nominees had been put forward—Mr. C. M. Meyer (the retiring Master) and Mr. H. W. Rogers. Speeches supported the two candidates, and a ballot resulted in favour of H W. Rogers

After Mr. Meyer invested the new Master with his badge of office, Harold Rogers made his maiden speech to the Association as Master.

The entire theme of this was future policy, and broadly it was to be a genuine "new look" and 1967 interpretation of the stated objects of the Association. Subject only to approval of the committee of the Association it would be:

(a) To do all possible to help improve and establish local companies of ringers within the area of the Association. Without strong local companies neither this nor any other Association can do a really useful job of work.

(b) As the only territorial Association embracing the whole of the County of London, to collaborate fully in uniting and rationalising the manifold ringing activities which take place in the area. The Master mentioned that for many years his ambition has been to get the Secretaries or other leading officers of such associations around a conference table to work out and publish a joint plan of activities for the benefit of all London area ringers, the majority of which each belong to several of the overlapping Associations. Is it too much to ask of human nature that 1967 shall see an attempt by all the bodies concerned to start such a plan of rationalisation. This Association would willingly provide central meeting facilities for all secretaries who would co-operate with this.

MR H. W. ROGERS

The new Master, formerly for 18 years general secretary, and Central Council representative for 21 years.

(c) To recognise the changed pattern of living, leisure and extra mural pursuits of ringers in 1967 and to adjust social and practice meetings to suit up-to-date and new requirements.

Finally, the Master stressed that alone he could do nothing; he must have the full support of the membership. Given this support he could provide the platform and lead the organisation from which a year of useful activity could be launched.

The following supporting officers were elected: Deputy Master, D. Hewitt; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; assistant secretaries, L. Way and C. Dalton; stewards, A. F. Udall and Miss J. Spurgeon; trustees. C. Hughes and J. H. Lott.

The secretary gave details of an attractive programme of meetings and events for 1967, the majority of which were on the Association's regular second Saturday in the month basis. One exception was April, when a meeting proposed for Aldgate and St. George's-in-the-East was on April 15th to avoid clashing with the Richmond-upon-Thames Music Festival ringing competition at Isleworth on April 8th. Both tower- and handbell entries are still required for this function. A good social evening concluded the day's activities.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. H. Cook (first of Royal) 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D A. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, D. Young (first "inside") 5, R. H. Cook 6, R. Looker 7, J. L. Day 8, O. Homewood 9, R. E. Manton (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

New District Secretary Elected

THE S. and W. District annual meeting was held at Twickenham on February 11th. Ringing and a service at St Mary's preceded the tea and business meeting, which was attended by about 40 members and friends.

The secretary was able to present a reasonably encouraging report on the year's activities. One hundred and fifty ringing members had paid subscriptions for the year and, as a result of the increased subscriptions, there had been a substantial rise in income, the balance carried to the Association's Central Fund being up about 60 per cent. on that of the previous year. Another encouraging aspect of the finances was the sum that had been donated to the Bell Restoration Fund. The introduction of the "pink pig" collection box had produced a sum of over £25 for this fund.

The peal and quarter peal ringing activities of the year had been similar to those of 1965; eight peals were rung and 44 quarter peals had been reported. The secretary said that he felt the quarters total was disappointingly low, especially as five towers accounted for almost the entire total. He felt that quarter peal ringing was of great importance for improving standards of striking, and he hoped that many more towers in the District would make the effort to "have a go" in the coming year.

The most satisfying aspect of the year's activities had been the continued success of the evening meetings. Attendances had now settled down to a steady level higher than was being achieved with Saturday meetings, and this change of emphasis appeared definitely to have been for the better. The year had also seen the introduction of practices devoted purely to Surprise ringing, and the District was very grateful to the Vicar of Feltham for allowing the bells to be available once every two months for these meetings.

The elections of officers produced two changes. W. S. Deason resigned from the secretaryship following his election as Master of the Association and C. H. Rogers, of Isleworth, was elected as the new District secretary. F. T. Blagrove was elected to the post of District auditor.

Six new ringing members were elected, viz.: R. E. J. Bunker (Ruislip), M. Lane and N. J. Perryman (Stanwell) and the Misses G. Birchall, H. Chisholm and M Jeppeson (Hampton). Nine non-resident life members were also elected.

Under "any other business" it was pointed out that by holding the A.D.M. on the second Saturday in February the District was clashing with the A.G.M. of the London County Association. It was decided that in future years the A.D.M. should be held on the last Saturday in January

The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks and was followed by evening ringing at All Hallows', Twickenham. W. S. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Bingham District had an excellent meeting attended by over 50 ringers at St. John of Beverley, Whatton, on February 11th. Whatton ringers are to be congratulated, not only for the work on the bells, but for the beautifully decorated ringing room.

Four new members were elected, viz.: Mr. P. Hall, Mr. C. Cade, Miss W. Hall, Miss J. Holmes, all from Lowdham. Mrs. J. Dawson was proposed as a vice-president. The sum of £1 15s. was collected for Bell Repair Fund.

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Central Council President at Derbyshire Association Dinner

DESPITE the last minute change of date almost 200 members and friends were present when the Derby Diocesan Association held its 15th annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon Cinema and Restaurant Chesterfield on February 18th. Prior to the dinner several of the principal guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Councillor Mrs. Annie Collishaw and Mrs. E. Hill) visited the Parish Church where they not only saw both the bells and ringers in action but also had first-hand experience of learning to ring.

After the loyal toast, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in his opening remarks as chairman for the evening, paid tribute to the life and work of Sir Arthur Heywood, of whom, he said, all Derbyshire ringers should be proud. Another Derbyshire celebrity of whom they should also be proud, namely Mrs. Elisabeth Bowden, was actually present and on behalf of the company he heartily congratulated her on taking part in the record peal of 160 Spliced Surprise Major methods. The chairman said he had great pleasure in introducing Canon Thurlow, in his official capacity as President of the Central Council.

Proposing the toast of "The Church and Exercise," Canon Thurlow said he was, first of all, very pleased about two things. One was that he was glad the change in date had not prevented him from coming whilst the other was that the famous crooked spire was still attached to Chesterfield Church and not on top of St. Albans Cathedral as shown on television recently! It just showed how careful you had to be, particularly for example with forms of address as the Bishop of Bath and Wells discovered when he received a letter addressed to "Messrs. Bath and Wells Ltd."! In another instance which occurred recently a friend of his rang the G.P.O. inquiry service to make sure of the Bishop of Portsmouth's address and phone number, only to be told that the addresses and phone numbers of all public houses were to be found under the name of the landlords!

LOYALTY TO CHURCH

On a more serious note, Canon Thurlow urged the company not to worry too much about the Church being criticised so much nowadays This was no new pastime but had been going on for ages—ever since the days of Pontius Pilate, who said then that the Church was dead and had no future. However, it had survived despite this as it always would continue to do. When one considered that in this country alone we spent over £2,000 million a year on gambling it was nothing short of a divine miracle that the Church is as good as it is. In actual fact some sections of the Church activities were better now than they ever had been, particularly when the state of present day ringing was taken as an example.

Referring to the "Exercise," the Canon assumed all those present took "The Ringing World" and knew all about the Central Council. He did, however, urge everyone to support their ringing paper as much as they possibly could as it is was tremendous value for money and could never be replaced. Similarly he hoped they fully appreciated the Central Council and the work of all its various committees. Although all the committees did extremely useful work, the Towers and Belfries Committee in particular was worth a special mention as it was always very busy giving advice based on many years of experience to one church or another.

In conclusion Canon Thurlow reminded the company that despite all the criticisms and faults both the Church and the Exercise were part and parcel of the same thing and always would be. As an example of the co-operation between the two bodies, he quoted the Association's effort to raise £1,000 towards the £200.000 needed for the extensions to Derby Cathedral which he thought was most commendable and hoped they would be successful in their venture.

Responding to the toast of "The Church and Exercise. the Bishop of Repton, the Rt. Rev. Warren Hunt, said speaking at that dinner rather reminded him of the time he was inducted, when he had to ring the bell as many times as years he intended to stay. On one side there was his family wondering whether it was worth unpacking or not, on the other side the congregation eyeing him over with a mixture of suspicion and distrust whilst at the back the ringers were wondering if he was going to break the rope, the stay or both!

F E. COLLINS!

Joking apart, though, he really was a keen supporter of ringers and ringing, admiring in particular the tremendous drive and enthusiasm which the majority of ringers seemed to have. A very good illustration of what he meant was the tower captain at his former parish of Croydon (Mr F E. Collins) for no matter which church the Bishop visited if there was a ring of bells there, Ted Collins had not only rung there but more often than not had got his name on a peal board too! In fact he had often thought that the Royal Commission at present looking into drugs ought to look into ringing as well!

Although he fully agreed with Canon Thurlow's present day definition of "The Church and Exercise" it was not so many years ago that the ringers' exercise consisted only of ringing and then getting down the steps, out of the church and into the nearest public house as fast as possible, whilst the local Vicar's exercise consisted of continually going back and forth to answer the telephone during peal attempts! Nowadays of course the ringers go to service and then go for a drink.

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Mr. G. Roobottom (Derby District) said he was a farmer by trade and so apologised for any muck spreading which might occur! He welcomed the distinguished guests, the visitors and all the ladies present. This, he said with a twinkle, was one of the rare occasions when the ringers saw their wives! He always thought it a great shame that they should be left at home doing nothing, whilst their husbands were out ringing peals and so wondered whether they could more usefully employ the time making bell ropes!

In her response on behalf of the visitors, the Mayor of Chesterfield, Councillor Mrs. Annie Collishaw, said as this was the third consecutive year the dinner had been held in Chesterfield it was obvious that they liked coming, particularly as she understood the attendance of over 200 on each occasion was an all-time record for the Association. She hoped that their visit to the ancient borough would be well worth while.

The formal part of the evening thus at an end the floor was cleared and dancing enjoyed. A raffle in aid of Derby Cathedral Extension Fund realised just under £14. Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Thurlow, Miss June Brocklehurst and Mrs. Pegg for singing and reciting respectively, and last but not least the organisers.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the chairman, Mr. Smallwood, on the top table were Canon Thurlow, the Bishop of Repton and Mrs. Warren Hunt, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield. Mr. B. P. Morris (general secretary) and Mrs. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle. Mr. D. Friend (peal secretary) and Mrs. Friend, Mr. D J. Marshall (Education Officer) and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. J Newman, Messrs. A. Humphrey, I. Friend, M. Phipps and Miss M. Yarnold.

Others present included: Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby. Mr. and Mrs. P. Attwood, Rev. and Mrs. A. Batsleer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs D J. Camm, Mr. and Mrs. L. Coe. Mr. and Mrs. M. Cope, Mr. and Mrs. D. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. D. Derbyshire, Mr. and Mrs. H. Farnsworth, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoyne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. B. Greasley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenhough, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mould, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Revill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roby, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sallis, Mr. and Mrs. K. Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherratt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smart, Mr and Mrs J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stirland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaffe, Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. P. Yarnold.

Messrs. D. Adams J. Arkwell, D. Bannister, D. Barnes, B. Bateman, M. Blore, L. Boulter, D. Camm, M. Camm, R. Chambers, J. Dodd, G Faulkes, J Greasley, C. Greenhough, J. Healey, A. Heron, P. Heywood, G. Hibbard, C. J. Hughes, C. Jenkins, K. Kimmons, R. Marchbank, C. Miller, G. A. Newman, H. Paddison, G. Pears, T. Plumtree, P. Quigley, W. Revell, P. W. Saltmarsh, A. Shore, J. Stennitt J. Timons, I. Wilson, A. Wittermore, J. C. Woolley and T. Wylie.

Mesdames Bowden, Fogg, Hibbard, Pegg, Phipps, Revell and Tansley.

The Misses J. Brocklehurst, V. Dorricott, G. Fanshaw, P. Fogg, M. Frost, L. Greasley, S. Heeley. J. Hinchcliffe, V. Hind, K. Hughes, M. Hunt A. James, H. James, A. Lawrence, V. Meddoes, R. Miller, J. Murrell, I. Pepper, E. Phipps, I. Prythurch, E. Revell. L. Shaw, C. Slatcher, P. Tomlinson, M. Walker and V. Walton.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,296 Minor (three methods): C. Carter 1, R. W. Rex 2, G. K Dodd 3, W Hunt 4, R. W. Crook 5, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 6

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles E. Dolman 1, Miss P. J. Dolman 2, W Fisher 3, P Corfield 4, E. J. Dolman (cond.) 5, G. Holden 6. For Evensong.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 720 Cambridge): Susan Harrison 1, Dr. S. G C. Harrison 2, L. J. Parry 3, R. C Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond) 6. Also on Feb. 8th, 1,440 Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise): Susan Harrison 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4 C. S Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson (first on eight) 1, Mrs G. G. Meyer 2, R. L. Jones 3, F. A. Benn 4, K. Rider 5, C M. Meyer 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, R. Jean Henderson 8. For Evensong.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. A. Sheffield (first attempt) 1, Christine Slater 2. Barbara Pickering 3, J. Wellings 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6. A farewell to Remi M. Hodister, former captain of this tower.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell 1, Juliet Hall 2, Janice Penning (first Triples "inside") 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. A. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Juliet Hall.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2 J. Dieppe 3, T. Tocock 4, J. Muller 5, M. Barton (cond.) 6, W. Spicer 8. For Evensong, and to mark the gift of a son, Matthew William John, to the conductor and Marilyn Barton.

COWLEY OXON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin (cond.) 2, W. Fern 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Gardner 5, A. J. Adams 6. A welcome to the congregation of the John Bunyan Baptist Church at a combined Evensong.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major D. G. Adams (first as cond.) 1, Janet Hohl 2, Hilary Webb 3, P. C. Palmer 4, S. Marshall 5, P. M. Adcock 6, K. S. Hohl 7, G. P. Adams 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. P. Adams, father of the conductor.

DROITWICH, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Dollings 1, J. Sach 2, Mrs. Sayer 3, A. Sayer 4, A. Russell (first quarter) 5 M. Powell (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to John Sach.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. H. Wilson 1, G. McGregor 2, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 3, Miss H. M. Hubert 4. C. R. P. Broughton 5, H. W. Jones 6, C. J. Reede 7, W T. Farrell 8, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 9, H. H. Brown 10. First of Caters 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,312 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland S Major: K. D. Waples 1, W. Ayre 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, R. E. Sheppard 5, B. M. Barker 6, P. W. Harper 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced S. Major 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and by a Western District band Also on Jan. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Ann P. Bond 1, W. Ayre 2, C. Valerie Mills 3, F. M. Byrne 4, A. V. Good 5, R. E. Sheppard 6, K. Sheppard 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 4 and 7. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,312 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland S. Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, A. V. Good 2, W. Ayre 3, B. M. Barker 4, K. J. Walpole 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples (first of four Spliced S. Major) 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Virginia Drake 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. F. Burley 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. Locke 7, C. J. Dunstan (first on eight) 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. A farewell to Virginia Drake, returning to Plymouth. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, W. R. Curtis 5, J. J. George (first on eight "inside") 6, A. Carveth 7, A. Beattie 8.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cocker 1. S. Walmsley 2, J. Nelson 3, G. Cunliffe 4, J. Sumner 5, L. Walmsley (cond.) 6.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Jane A. Carruthers 1, Iris Lemare 2, M. Susan Jackson 3, M. R. Meadows 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, R. H. Dove 6, Rev. G. C. Galley 7, C. B. Dove 8, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 9, A E. Hartley 10.

LONDON, E.C.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pladdys 1, Miss R. J Henderson 2, R. Jones 3, R. Churchill 4, C. M. Meyer 5, D. L. Cawley 6, M. W. Coleman (cond) 7, L. Hanney 8. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jones 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, J. Pladdys (cond.) 3, K J. Rider 4, A. Griffin 5, T. Lewis 6, J. W. Euston 7, C. M. Meyer 8. Both first in the method on the rehung bells.

NEWNHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Miss P. Winch (first quarter) 1, R. Kite (first quarter) 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, J. B. Keeler 4.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bevan (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Prisca Hornby 3, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 4, J. Huggins 5, J. Hatch 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss R. Perry 1, P. Bill (cond 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, B. Sutton 5, B Wootton 6, A. D. Roden 7. For evening service

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, F. M. Bowers 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. W. Taysom 8.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. P. Trigg (first away from tenor) 1. Mrs. C. Sims 2, J. Sims 3, G. Clarke 4, P. G. Braund (cond.) 5, F. Mounce 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Beard, for many years a ringer at this church, who died January 31st.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: (R. Brain (first quarter) 1, P. W. Clarke 2, J. G. Flint 3 Alan S Smith 4, D. G. Carr 5, A H. Smith cond.) 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Emmett 1, G. W. Hollis 2, J. Upton 3, G. Court 4, P. Mayne (cond.) 5, J. Kelland 6, J. Rowsell (first "inside") 7, P. Cork 8. Rung for Sunday service, also for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Richards, life member and former ringer at this church. And also a compliment to Christine Clay (nee Griffith) and George Court, both ringers at this church, on the birth of sons.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maple 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, Mrs. I. Maple 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B W Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. Duffin late headmaster, Rydon School.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Alan H. Durfee is starting a handbell ringing group at Cornell University.

This year's St. Valentine's quarter peal was rung by the single ringers at Rayne, Essex—and there were four ladies!

The last peal the late Mr. John Worth rang was at Liverpool Cathedral on February 18th. He conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus from the third, the time taken being 4 hours 30 minutes.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Reginald S. Cook, of King's Langley, Herts, aged 82. He was president of the Herts County Association in 1938. An obituary will appear next week.

Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of Wigston Magna, Leicester, rang 56 peals in 1966 and not 54 as recorded The error arose through his name having also been printed in peals as S. John Haines.

The band who ran the peal at Penn would like to express their thanks to Derek Knowles for stepping in at short notice in place of Gordon Griffiths, who was a victim of the "tummy bug" which has been busy in the district, and to Daisy Eyre for preparing the tremendous spread which followed. A special mention too of Lily Griffiths' "fish pie" which all enjoyed.

The first in memoriam peal to Mr. John Worth was rung at Heywood, Lancashire, on the day following his death, conducted by Mr. Neil Bennett.

Easter Monday will be a great day in the Schofield and Crossthwaite families as it is the wedding day of Gillian and Maryl. The two families have rung a peal together—probably the last together in the girls' spinsterhood.

Twelve dozen handbells made of glass belonging to Mr K. J. Foss were sold for £2,726 at Sotherby's recently. Prices ranged from £38 for specimens of four various colours with plain glass handles to £170 for a pair with turquoise bodies decorated with raised spirals.

By calling Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Withyham, Sussex, on February 26th, E. J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, completed his 150th peal as conductor. It was at this tower that he called his first peal, ringing the same bell to the same method and composition

The 40th anniversary of the hallowing of the restored Diocese of Leicester on Feb. 21st was marked by a visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ringers did their part as, previous to the service, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung on St. Martin's bells, conducted by Mr. Herrick B. Bowley.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A BERKSHIRE RESTORATION

In the Lambourn Valley, Berkshire, between Newbury and Lambourn, there are many picturesque villages. All, writes Geoffrey K. Dodd, have impressive church towers—Boxford, with a short red brick tower and an unringable five Welford, a round tower and round tall spire, Shefford, also a round tower, with an unringable six.

A little further on is East Garston, with a centre tower and heavy going six. Here the film "The Quiet Week-end" was made. Finally comes Lambourn, with its tall central tower and majestic ring of eight, with a 24 cwt tenor.

Our story concerns Welford. Three young Highclere ringers, led by Philip Taylor, received permission from the Vicar and churchwardens to endeavour to repair the broken wheels and clappers in their half term holiday.

Fortunately Philip's father is an engineer and a keen ringer, and he was able to assist in thread cutting. After several days' work, Sunday, February 19th, was fixed for the red letter day, the only work remaining being the loose headstock of the fourth. There remained 1¼ hours' work before the bells could be raised singly and rung in rounds for the first time for at least 50 years. Changes were attempted with some success before the bells were lowered it being asserted that the half hour's service ringing planned could be done with safety

It cannot be claimed that the bells are 100 per cent perfect. The old-fashioned fittings, dating from 1600, long-flighted clappers and old-fashioned bearings ensure that plenty of pulling is required on the back two. The tenor, in Mr Dodd's opinion, is nearer 12 cwt. than the 17 cwt. mentioned in Dove's, but the ring of five is of excellent tone. It is to be hoped that the efforts of these lads will eventually have the fruitful result of being rung Sunday by Sunday by a local team.

The inscriptions are:

Treble.—Joseph Carter. 1588. Blessed be the Name of the Lorde.

Second.—Henri Knight Made Mee. Ano 1592.

Third.—Henri Knight Made Me. 1619.

Fourth.—William Webb. Georg Coxhead, Church Wardens G.B. 1661. W.W.P. WB.

Tenor.—W.R. 1576 William at Ceir Babro Nowrn Nabtiein

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Southern District meeting on February 18th got off to a good start with South Anston's eight bells being raised promptly at 2.30 p.m. A wide variety of ringing took place and a pleasing feature was the attendance of Mr Ernest Short's youngsters from Sprotbrough. Tea was served to 40 ringers and afterwards Mr. Harold Chant took the chair, due to the enforced absence of the District's vice-president, Mr. Michael R. Meadows. The main item was the acceptance of the committee's proposals for six practice meetings, details of which have now been circulated to all the District's towers. The clash of dates with the Eastern District also came under discussion, but nothing really definite could be resolved.

Further ringing continued at Harthill, a "silent" eight bell tower. Despite various mechanical contrivances in the ringing chamber the fine-toned bells were again rung to a wide variety of methods. The attendance of 40 to 50 ringers was an improvement on the November meeting, no doubt the main factor being that it was the District's first meeting at both towers, since 1939 at least.t M. K.

SUSSEX VETERAN HONOURED

Rogate, Sussex, recently honoured Mr. James Stenning (77) and his wife Ethel by a parish party Mr. Stenning has completed 62 years as a ringer at Rogate Parish Church and for 40 years was captain of the tower, maintaining the bells in perfect order and teaching novices the art of change ringing.

He was presented with an address commemorating "with gratitude and affection an outstanding record of service to the Church," and his wife received a bouquet. A cake in the shape of a bell, and bearing the inscription on Rogate tenor had been made by Mrs. Kristen Munday, and this the couple cut.

The Vicar, the Rev Percy Hayman, paid a happy tribute to Mr. Stenning's service, and there were congratulatory messages from the Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. R. P. Wilson) the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers and Mr. Paul Taylor, as the Loughborough Foundry was responsible for recasting and augmenting Rogate bells to six in 1904. From Mr. Taylor there was a gift of a handbell to Mr. Stenning to mark the occasion.

Mr. Stenning has no intention of retiring. "Hard work and study is the secret of ringing. It is very absorbing, and you have never finished—I am still learning." was how he regarded his duties as a ringer.

THE FESTIVE BOARD AT ILMINSTER

The Crewkerne Branch's annual dinner at the Royal Oak, Ilminster, on February 10th was a happy occasion attended by a company of 50. The Rev. P R. Shepherd, of Shepton Beauchamp was in the chair and proposed the loyal toast The secretary, Mr. Robert Dean, then welcomed the visitors from neighbouring Branches and proposed a toast to them. Mr. G. Jeanes replied on their behalf, and the evening concluded with a light entertainment.

31 YEARS AFTER

The peal at Maresfield, Sussex, was of special interest to two of the ringers—Messrs. Frank H. Hicks and Arthur J Hart—as they both rang their first peal in that tower when the ring was a lumpy-going six, on February 9th, 1935—31 years and two days before the present peal. In their first peal Arthur rang the heavy-going tenor and Frank the treble. It was Grandsire Doubles, conducted by William A. Kitchenside.

JOINT MEETING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Over 40 ringers attended a successful joint meeting at Somerby, Leics, on February 25th of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild and the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

After a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A W. Harrison), with Miss Hollingshead as organist, the company was hospitably entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M T Simson. Mrs. Jill Staniforth proposed a vote of thanks to them for their hospitality and to the ladies who helped with the tea.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting Mrs. Staniforth was re-elected vice-president, Miss S. Chesterton honorary secretary and Mrs. M. Jelly and Mrs. P. Morris as Ladies' Guild Central Council representatives.

THE PEAK(E) OF SPLICING

There was a young (?) ringer signed "D. B."
A composer of limericks we see.
But the Peak(e) of splicing
(Though, I admit, not in writing),
Must be one-sixty-five at Longney.

H. TAYSOM.

CHANGE RINGING AT LEEDS HIGH SCHOOL

The Leeds Central High School Handbell Society was formed in late 1960 as a change ringing group, using six borrowed bells. Double-handed ringing was taught from the start and about a dozen boys received instruction in the first year. By July, 1961, four of them were ringing plain courses of Bob Minor.

In the following three years membership fluctuated considerably, although fresh incentive was given in 1962, when, as the result of a generous donation by the Parents' Association, a secondhand set of six handbells (tenor size 17 in B flat) was purchased.

April, 1964 proved a crucial month in the Society's history Two boys were ringing touches of Bob Minor of all lengths up to 180 when we were requested to take the handbell part in a Leeds schools' performance of Benjamin Britten's "Noyes Fludde" in Leeds Parish Church. Six boys responded very well and the final results were most impressive Unfortunately, there seemed to be a reluctance to return to change ringing and by March, 1965, the Society had ceased to function

A fresh start was made in the following September, and four boys rapidly achieved plain courses of Bob Minor. Progress was maintained, and bobs and singles were tackled with enthusiasm. We eventually scored a 360 in the autumn of 1966. Now, for the first time, attention has been turned to Bob Doubles, a move which was fully justified when, on February 17th, two boys, Lisle Joseph and Michael Perrins, scored their first quarter peal

Michael has recently been receiving tower bell instruction at Pudsey. Lisle hails from Port of Spain, and it would be interesting to know whether he is the first Trinidadian ever to ring a quarter peal. Both boys are looking forward to scoring their first full peal in the not-too-distant future.

Apart from its weekly practices, the Society has given demonstration performances at Parents' Association musical evenings and has rung touches at the school's annual carol service and in assembly. Whatever the personal successes achieved, some 1,500 to 2,000 people are now aware that there is method in a bell ringer's madness. R.B.

NEWS FROM DURBAN

Back from his travels in Australia and South Africa, Mr. W. Moorey, of Elstead, near Godalming Surrey, has had interesting letters from Perth, W.A., and Durban, Natal. For years the leader of ringing in Durban has been Mr. Cyril Chambers and he reports that their ringers can only be described as learners and a plain hunt is their capacity St. Paul's, Durban, has now a Vicar interested in bells and the consequence is no shortage of recruits. A curate is shortly due—the Rev. Mervyn Moore who, according to rumour, has rung in England.

THE WHISTLING BEER MUG

Permission was sought at a Consistory Court at Oxford on February 24th by the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Lambourn, Berks, to sell a silver gilt "whistling tankard" valued at between £8,000 and £9,000. It was traditional for parish choir and bellringers at their suppers to blow into the holes in the handle to order more beer.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATHAMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

11 methods/variations: Four extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew and one 240 (Morris's) Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in A.

*Kay Whittaker	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
Julian E. Newman	2	†Ian P. Cox	5
Robin L. Coles	3	John H. Thompson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt † Most methods "inside." Most methods to be rung on the bells.

Rung to mark the retirement of Mr. Fred Gooding, tower master at this church for 32 years.

FRESHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Feb 19, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 methods/variations: Three extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune and one extent and one 240 (Morris's) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Ian P. Cox	Treble	*George J. Hawkins	3
†Robin L. Coles	2	‡Julian E Newman	4
‡Alan F. Lee	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* Most methods to a peal and first five-bell peal. † Most methods "inside." ‡ 25th peal together

Rung before Evensong to mark the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Francis Pollard, Rector of this parish for 12 years.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb in D.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Robert L. Piron	6
Arthur Gibbs	2	Keith H. Fleming	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	Rodney H. French	8
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Alfred E Rushton	9
Alan A Paul	5	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung in memoriam Donald Thompson.

(The Bedford District)
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

James H. Edwards	Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
Kathleen A. Rivett ..	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Avril Ivin	3	Rodney H. French	7
Martyn J. Marriott	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

STAPLEFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being four extents of Plain Bob, two of St. Clement's College Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

F. H. King (Magd.) ..	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	4
S. P. Darvill (Downing)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	5
*R E. J. Bunker (Downing)	3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

* First peal

Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the closing of the Cambridge horse-drawn tramway system.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 4 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Alan McFall	2	Neil D Lomas	8
John Worth	3	Neil Bennett	9
Alexander J. Martin	4	Brian J. Woodruff	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Derek Butterworth	6	Brian Harris	Tenor
		Basil Jones	

Conducted by John Worth.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Raymond J. Ballard ..	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David Midgley	6
Felicity Webber	3	Harold Dowler	7
†Hilary F. Pardoe	4	‡Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Norman Sherratt

* 100th peal. † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal for the Chester Guild.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Kennington and Old. Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Leon A Perry	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Higginson, who was interred at Hanmer prior to the peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	John R. Scott	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTLER'S MARSTON, Warks.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Tues., Feb 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (3) London and Wells, (4) Norwich, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley, Hexham Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb.

John F. Thorne	Treble	*Anthony J. Cox	4
Richard J. Danby	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Peter C. Randall	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* 25th peal for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PONTEFRACT DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Neil Handley	Treble	Kevin A. Betesta	5
David K. Walklate	2	Graham Fisher	6
Geoffrey Bridges	3	William Allsopp	7
David Oliver	4	Reginald J. Stretton ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W Washbrook. Conducted by David K. Walklate.

First peal of Delight Major by all the band and for the Association.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Helen.
On Wed., Feb. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood ..	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Arthur F. Lewry	2	Harry Parkes	6
George H Paulson	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	Ronald H. Bullen	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Anderson	Treble	James Crowther	5
C Duncan Davis	2	Michael Poppleston	6
Stephen C. Wells	3	Denis A. Bayles	7
Malcolm E Johnson	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of C. D. Davis

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
EARLS COLNE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 DUFFIELD MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Stephen D. Humphrey	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
Michael J. Howes	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First peal in the method by all.

STEBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Janice A. Hunter	Treble	*Christopher G. Hardy	4
Marion H. Wood	2	Peter L. Wood	5
Peter J. Perkins	3	Frank W. J. Roper	Tenor

Conducted by Frank W. J. Roper.
* First peal. First by an all-Finchingfield band.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 21 methods as follows: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Capel, (3) London and Double Court Bob, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Vivian A. P. Cross	Treble	*Michael Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephen D. Humphrey	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 163 methods, comprising 32 changes each of Acton, Aldbourne, Aldenham, Aldermaston, Amesbury, Appledore, Apsley, Ashburton, Axminster, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Benington, Benson, Bicester, Biddenden, Bideford, Bitton, Blagdon, Brislington, Bristol, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chard, Cheddar, Cherwell, Chester, Chippenham, Clanfield, Claybrooke, Cleeve, Codicote, Colerne, Conisbrough, Corston, Cray, Crowan, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Deben, Dedham, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dublin, Dursley, Ealing, Eastbury, Eastcote, Elford, Exminster, Falmouth, Faringdon, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Gresford, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Helston, Henbury, Hendon Highgate, Highworth, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ickleton, Ilfracombe, Ipplepen, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kea, Kettering, Keynsham, Knowle Lambourn, Langley, Langston, Launceston, Leatherhead, Leckhampton, Lessness, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Longney, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Maulden, Melksham, Mickleton, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northam, Northleach, Northolt, Northwood, Okeford, Okehampton, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Painswick, Pickering, Portishead, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Radcliffe, Radlett, Ramsey, Redruth, Revelstoke, Reverse Dublin, Richmond, Ruardean, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Seaton, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Sidbury, Southwell, Stratton, Street, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Superlative, Thornbury, Thorne, Tiverton, Tring, Twyford, Umberslade, Urchfont, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wedmore, Wembley, Westbury, Wight, Wootton, Wordsworth, Wraxall, Yatton, Yorkshire and Zeals, with 164 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice A. New	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*John R. Mayne	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* Most methods to a peal. 100th peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 changes of Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Francis M. Byrne	Treble	†Peter W. Harper	5
†Howard Collings	2	†Reginald E. Sheppard	6
Walter Ayre	3	†Keith D. Waples	7
†Brian M. Barker	4	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major by a Western District band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

John W. Hope	Treble	Thomas Bound	4
Laurence T. Mainwaring	2	Reginald Preece	5
*Martin Turner	3	Frederick R. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R. Harris.
* First peal of Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASOCIATION.
PENSHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr 11 lb. in E.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	*Harold Evans	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
John A. Howard	3	Richard Hayes	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

BENENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 ZENNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E

Anthony J. Leeves	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Ann Jenner	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Tony Lewis	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
Rung with best wishes to John Barnes and Anne Parish, who were married this day at Cranbrook, Kent.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Robin R. Churchill	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
John Pladdys	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's 8-part variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Marjorie F. Matthews	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*John W. Smith	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	*Tony E. R. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* Has now "circled the tower." † First peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to George and Anne Butcher.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Kevin Price	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
James E. Burles	2	Alan Capstick	6
John Bagnall	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	7
James Blackburn	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by Roger Barnes. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

CLITHEROE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	Harold B. Schofield	5
Mary H. Schofield	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	S. Barry Schofield	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., Feb. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

John P. Partington	Treble	J. Colin Ashworth	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Geoffrey Cheetham	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb

Graham C Paul	Treble	R. Kingsley Mason	5
Richard J. Parker	2	James R. White	6
Rupert A Clarke	3	Alan H. Bridges	7
Michael Maughan	4	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by James R White.

RATBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Treble	James R. White	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Michael Maughan	6
Graham C. Paul	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Rupert A Clarke	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford, two of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Daphne P. Brown	Treble	Edgar A. Cole	4
Harry Barnes	2	J. Edward Brown	5
William H. Dale	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
The ringer of the second rang the treble in the first peal on the bells 62 years ago.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5250 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Mrs. Kathleen Parr ..	Treble	Michael Hatchett	6
Christopher H. Rogers ..	2	†Martin E. Harrisson ..	7
Ken Warner	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
*Mrs. Olive L. Rogers ..	4	*Harold W. Rogers	9
†Robin J. Collis	5	‡Norman Felton	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* 135th peal together. † First of Stedman. ‡ First peal. The conductor's 100th peal and his 65th as conductor on these bells. The 250th peal on these bells; rung in their 200th year.

CLAPHAM, S.W.—At the Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Victories
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in F

*Nancy Tarrant	Treble	Jacqueline Clarke	5
John Woolley	2	Roger Forest	6
Gregory Salt	3	Gerald Turner	7
Tony Lewis	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John Woolley.
* First peal. First in the method.

LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt.

Margaret Whitehead ..	Treble	Alan S. Burbidge	5
David Ley	2	Christopher L. D. Munday	6
Simon Taylor	3	A. Stephen Taylor	7
Christopher M. Movley ..	4	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
First in the method by all the band.

BIRCH, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Simon Taylor	Treble	John Pilkington	5
*David Ley	2	‡Alan S. Burbidge	6
†Christopher M. Movley ..	3	E. Andrew Harrison ..	7
Paul Coddington .. .	4	†Christopher L. D. Munday	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ 25th peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPRINGFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	Vernon Green	5
John Hill	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
David P. Hilling	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Colegate Society)
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Janet Dagley	Treble	†Martin Cubitt	5
*Barbara M. Payne	2	Desmond P. Mortlock ..	6
Angela M. Wright	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
David Cubitt	4	†Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Helen.
On Sun., Feb. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Norman P. J. Cossey ..	Treble	*Stephen Toone	4
Diane Toone	2	Roger Peckham	5
Thomas Brock	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a welcome to the District to the Rev. Peter N. Bond by members of the Eastern Branch

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F

*Joan Bacon	Treble	Richard E. Dean	5
E Dennis Poole	2	Gordon W. Limmer ..	6
*William Birmingham, jun.	3	L. Joseph Young	7
John Young	4	*James T. Clay	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Richard E. Dean.
* First peal in the method.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb. in C sharp.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	J. Keith Ward	5
Michael Hatchett	2	George W. Holland	6
David P. Hilling	3	George E. Thoday	7
Alan A. Paul	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells. Mr. Cannon's 825th tower for a peal.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
Ronald K. Russ	2	Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	6
Michael W. Coleman ..	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Ernest G. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Feb 19, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 2 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat

James Linnell	Treble	Alan J. Frost	6
Diana M. Frost	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Barry E. Saunders	4	Richard F. B. Speed	9
Patrick I. Chapman	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

WHISSENDINE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clment's and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in E.

Michael J. Hawkins	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Ronald Russell	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	Gerald W. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Joan Gilbert and Alan G Payne, and as a birthday compliment to James Thorley.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COUND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 120's. Tenor 11 cwt 21 lb in F sharp.

*M Cecilia Evans	Treble	Reginald H. Newton	4
Alfred E. G Owen	2	†Ernest F. Willcox	5
Philip J. Evans	3	*John A. Crum	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

* First peal † 50th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St Giles.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8 cwt 24 lb. in G sharp.

John Freeman	Treble	James W. Raithby	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	Cyril H. Pritchett	6
Walter Tomlinson	3	Colin W. Reed	7
Paul Raithby	4	John Walden	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. differently called. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Philip Rogers	Treble	David R. Chambers	4
Paul N. Mounsey	2	S. Geoffrey Pick	5
Linda M. Wilkinson	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung by the North Notts District.

HICKLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, viz.: Two extents Grandsire, four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Cliffiord's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

W Gordon Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Margaret E. Chilton	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
F. William Midwinter	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. L. T. P. Harwood, in appreciation of his 40 years in the ministry.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	Roger Baldwin	7
Jane Forster	2	Kenneth Newman	8
Joan Beresford	3	James A. D. Woolford	9
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Edwin A. Barnett	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Peter M. Wilkinson	6	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Feb 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

Ian Friend	Treble	Cyril Griffiths	5
Harry Griffiths	2	*Derek K Knowles	6
*Gillian Griffiths	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
John A. Roden	4	Charles F. W. Eyre	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Arthur Eyre (son of the tenor ringer) and Lyn Richardson at this church on February 18th.

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*Morley T. Tobin	Treble	Frank Beech	4
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Philip G. K. Davies	5
†Christine Slater	3	Richard B. Dorrington	Tenor

Conducted by Richard B. Dorrington.

* First peal. † First in two methods "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Feb 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

T. Leslie Walley	Treble	Eric Young	6
Philip E. Jones	2	Barnabas G. Key	7
Charles S. Ryles	3	David J Midgley	8
G. Arnold Moore	4	Andrew Thompson	9
Roger L. Hawksworth	5	William Watkin	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. H. M. Connop Price, who is leaving to take up the duties of Provost at Chelmsford.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Roger L. K. Whittell	Treble	Jennifer Andrews	6
Alan R. Andrews	2	Neville F. Whittell	7
Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	H. Frank Pike	8
Keith Whittell	4	Ernest G. Pearce	9
Janet M. Besant	5	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

Rung as birthday compliments to N. F. Whittell (21) and Edward E. Davey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARESFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	5
*Ian M. Robinson	2	*John A. Howard	6
*Derek Slater	3	*Arthur J. Hart	7
*David D. Smith	4	*Douglas J. Hoad	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for the wedding of Rosemary Penfold and Malcolm Urry.

SEDLESCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Margaret R. Binsted	Treble	Christine M. Baldock	4
*Susan M Harrison	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
Frederick J. Lambert	3	Walter A Binsted	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal.

Rung as a 12th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 18. 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Charles Sangwin	Treble	Harry Stacey	5
*Michael J. Crowell	2	Alan Carveth	6
†Colin F. Mutton	3	Derek A. Trethewey	7
‡Brian G. D. Vince	4	*John R. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal. † First on eight. ‡ First of Triples.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Winchester College Society)
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Antelope, and 11 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Michael Evans	Treble	Barry Johnson	4
*Tony Pawson	2	Richard Underwood ..	5
*Anthony Mason	3	*Simon Jack	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal. First tower bell peal by men in the school only.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLDSWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Feb. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
John R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Richard E. Price	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
John C. Eisel	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire —At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

David Nichols	Treble	John S. Seagar	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	6
*Pamela A. Leigh	3	Fred Jackson	7
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." Tenor 14 cwt.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1967 in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	John Potts	5
Terence W. Brighton ..	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
M Susan Jackson	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
*Robin Brown	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 25th peal on the bells First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24 Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Jan 31 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Frank Osbaldiston	1–2	*Robert B. Smith	5–6
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*Alan McFall	7–8

Gerald Moorhouse 9–10
Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire —At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Jan 23, 1967 in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7–8
*Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
Gerald Penney (cond.) ..	5–6	Christopher W. Woolley ..	11–12

* First peal of Surprise on handbells. First of Maximus in the method. First handbell peal of Surprise Maximus by all the band and the first outside Leicester. 50th peal of Surprise in this house.

WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—34—14—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T—12—3T
2nds place i.e. 135274 . . . 4ths place bobs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14 Southern Avenue.
On Sun., Jan. 8 1967, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Christopher L. Watson ..	1–2	Cyril Crossthwaite	3–4

Philip J. Crossthwaite (cond.) 5–6
* First peal "in hand." First "in hand" as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
LONDON, W.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square.
On Tues., Feb. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Simon Humphrey	1–2	*Timothy G Pett	5–6
*Richard A. Bower ..	3–4	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	7–8

Arranged by Timothy G. Pett. Conducted by Richard A. J Bower.
* First peal of Major "in hand." First of Major as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Carol Cousins 1, I. Wiltshire (first in two methods "inside") 2, E. G. H Godfrey 3, Amanda Powell 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6. For Matins, and as an engagement compliment to Carol Cousins (tower secretary) and Barry.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. O. Goulter (first of Stedman Doubles) 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, W. B Pitcher (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 3, R. S. Jolly (first of Stedman) 4, D. J. Bleby 5, B R. Cox 6. First quarter on the back six (tenor 4¼ cwt.). Rung for carol service.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Franklin 1, A. J. White 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, F L. Floyd 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. Lewis (first quarter) 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Feb 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Tranter (first of Minor) 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, P. Rogers (longest length "inside") 3, P N. Mounsey 4, R. G. Stevens (first quarter) 5, S. G Pick 6. Rung by members of the King Edward VI, Retford, Campanological Society.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Sue Walker 1, J. S. B. Powell 2, C. Allen (first of Major and "inside") 3, G. Hebden 4 W. S. Rice 5, R W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. England (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Hilary I. Pitman (12) 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. W Robertson on February 11th.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, A J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G Wickens 6.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. L. Farndon 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Mrs D. M. Randall 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5, A. J. Cox 6.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. P. O. Barry 1, Miss G. G. Winnett 2, Mrs G. E. Lewis 3, D. H. Taylor 4, P. W. Brown 5, G. McGregor 6, C. A Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. First of Triples in the method 1, 2 and 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. David's on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Patricia Pavey 1, G. Baterham 2, G. Skinner 3, P. Pavey 4, J. Longridge 5.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rensnaw 1, Janet Bezant 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, M. J. Bew (cond.) 4, R. Isgrove 5, P. J. Hardwick 6, J. Mattingly 7. Unnamed ringer 8. First of Triples 1, 5, 6. By Essex University Society.

HALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer M. L. Wood 1, Marilyn J. Chidwick 2 N. J Chesson 3, G. Wood 4, M. Hitchcock 5 P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Janet Underdown and David Garrett on February 25th.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Drew (first on eight bells) 1, R. Parker 2, E. White 3, F. Welch 4, J. Cornelius (100th quarter) 5, R Welch 6, J W. Drew (cond.) 7, T. J Hill 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. Jim Stenner, of Ilminster.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Evenden 1, W. T. Grice 2, Mrs L Cullingworth 3, T. Cullingworth 4, G. Cantrill 5, L. Head 6 B. Grove (cond.) 7, A. Macfadyen 8, G. Evenden 9, H. Smith 10. A farewell to Canon N. K. Nye, Vicar of Maidstone and a great friend to the ringers.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): P. Gagen 1, D. Gagen (first of Cambridge) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5 N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine J. Tallis 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, D Digby 3, P. M. F. Searles 4, R. G. Morris 5 M. C Hughes 6 R. E. Tallis, jun (cond.) 7, R. E. Tallis 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Maurice Layton ringer at this church.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ruth Gordon 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, J. Wood (first "inside") 3, R. Harper 4, Tessa Hollis 5, A. Howland 6, N. Donovan 7, P. Walker 8, D. Nichols (cond.) 9, N. Chaddock 10.

ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Hardwick 1 Antoinette (first quarter) 2 R. Isgrove 3, Catherine Powell 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, J. Mattingly 6. By Essex University Society.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Skinner (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, C. B Skinner 3, E. Fosberry 4, B. A. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Nora Skinner, mother of ringers 1 and 2.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R Scholfield 1, L. Stringer 2, P. Bamford 3, P. Becket 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. J. Atkins 6. A farewell to the Rev. M. Bromfield, curate, by the local band.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Dence (first quarter) 1, P. K King 2, Anne Oakley 3, P. Carter 4, E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6. A birthday compliment to P Dence.

WINFORD, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H W. Knight 1, A. Worle 2, Mrs. R. Ball 3, H. H. Yeates (first in method) 4, W H. Kingcott (cond.) 5, D. Pearce (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for evening service, and as a tribute to Mr. E. H. Bell, a ringer at this church for many years.

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown, Tuesday, March 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Special method: Dorchester. 1075

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Regret meeting at Haslemere, March 18th, has had to be cancelled. Alternative arrangement will be notified. — Y. L. Eloie, Hon. Sec. 1106

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at Wath, Barnsley, on March 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All welcome. Cups of tea will be provided.—T. Tarbatt, Sec. 1051

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Creswell (8), Saturday, March 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1059

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting, March 11th, Whittlesford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m in Church Room, Church Lane, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1056

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Ardleigh on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea, etc. Names to F. H. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh, Colchester. 1011

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Practice meeting at Dagenham, March 11th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m.—M. J. Hallett. Dis. Sec. 1013

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford on March 11th. Cathedral bells available at 3 p.m and after the meeting Service in the Lady Chapel at 4.30 p.m followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom Tel. Ewell 4986.) 1012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Ware (8), Saturday, March 11th, 5.30 till 9 p.m. Evensong 6.30.—Peter M. S Searles. Dis. Sec. 1074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 11th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 1065

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (annual Branch meeting).—Combined meeting at Staplehurst, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F Tomlin, Limetrees, Staplehurst.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Lynsted (5), Saturday, March 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m Service 4.15 p.m Tea 2s. 6d each. Names, together with cash, to Mr. G. C. Ivory, Cambridge Cottage, Cambridge Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne 1036

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District — Meeting, Cropwell Bishop, March 11th Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Names for tea to W L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 1052

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6) on Saturday, March 11th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 1058

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A quarterly meeting at Ufford (8), Saturday, March 11th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Ringing 7–9 p.m All who wish for tea please book with Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. Suffolk Guild committee meeting will be held in the hall next to the church at 7 p.m.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 1000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Upper Beeding, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea at the Old Tollgate, Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 1062

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Feckenham on March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Styler, 10, Mill Lane, Feckenham, Redditch. 1088

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Monday, March 13th, at Penistone (8), 6.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes, main hunt, 6, 7 and 8, Plain Bob Minor and Major. Ringing Master, Mr. Christopher Moxon. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1079

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Cutcombe (six bells) on Monday, March 13th, at 7 p.m. 1122

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting at St. Mary's, Charlton Kings (8) on Tuesday, March 14th, at 7.30 p.m. 1097

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Stanwell, Wednesday, March 15th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1072

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Mountsorrel (8), Thursday, March 16th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Dis. Sec. 1090

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Ashton (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 717

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, Pilton (6), Saturday, March 18th, 7 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder. 1107

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting, Gravenhurst, Saturday, March 18th, 3–5 p.m. Shillington 5.30–8. Bring own tea.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1110

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Ormesby,. Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 1115

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Striking contest, Great Longstone, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1125

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting, Saturday, March 18th, at Conisbrough. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—J. Laughton. 1096

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at St. Aidan's, Blackhill, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Consett. Learners welcome. 1100

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Old Fletton (near Peterborough), Saturday, March 18th. Bells (5) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.—M. J Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Painswick (12), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by March 14th. 1121

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Almondsbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Seavice 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Most essential names for tea to R. H. Driver, 361, Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, before Tuesday, March 14th.—R. H. Driver. 1101

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Coln St. Aldwyn (8). March 18th. 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 1109

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting at Brent Pelham, Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 6.30.—Dis. Sec. 1113

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.— Welwyn, March 18th, 3 p.m. (all day).—S.M.: Double Oxford. — K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1099

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Little Chart, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Skinner, Langley House, Little Chart, Ashford, Kent. —A. P. S. B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. K. Lister, 168, Manchester Road, Westhoughton, Bolton. No name, no tea. 1126

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, March 18th. Bells not available until 4 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea at Heathcote Arms. Names to Mr. G. Charlton, 17, Arbor Road, Croft, Leicester, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting at Navenby on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, by March 15th, please.—G. R. P. 1044

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1105

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Leek, when the recently rehung bells will be available from 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wilkinson, 27, Alsop Street, Leek, Staffs, by previous Wednesday. 1120

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Aldeby on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 1133

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Evening meeting, Tisbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 1116

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston, March 18th, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1114

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greaseley (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying the District Secretary at 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Southwell, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Trebeck Hall for those notifying Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Wednesday. Good attendance specially requested.—B. N. Reed. 1117

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Bradley, near Bilston, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30–3.25, 4–4.25. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Numbers for latter to Mr. V Vaughan, 68, Salop Street, Bradley, Bilston, Staffs, by March 15th latest, please.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 996

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Practice meeting, Stoke Ash (5), March 18th 6.30–9.—H. W. H. L. 1108

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Major practice at Esher on Saturday, March 18th, 7–8.30 p.m. 1086

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, March 18th. Ringing 3.15–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6.15–7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515) by Wednesday previous.—C. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1046

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division jointly with Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Ringmer (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Tuesday, 14th. 1067

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The annual dinner will be held on March 18th at the Waldorf, Cooper Street (off Albert Square). Tickets (25s.) and details of afternoon ringing available from D. J. Jukes, Guild of Change Ringers, University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester 13. 1131

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Sowerby, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. and in the evening after the business meeting. Please note that the District Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Mr. H. Lumb, 8, Dorchester Drive, Pye Nest Road, Halifax, by Wednesday, March 15th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1068

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Yeovil Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 12 noon. Lunch (8s.) at 1.15 p.m., and tea (3s.) in the Church Room at 7.AN and tea (3s.) in St. John's Church Room. Meeting in the Church Room at 2.15 p.m. Names for meals essential to Mr. G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset, by March 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Parish Church from 10.30 and after tea; Somerton 10–11; Montacute, Mudford, Preston Plucknett, Stoke-under-Ham and Trent all at 10.30–11.30 and 5.30–8; East Coker, Hardington Mandeville and Norton-sub-Hamdon 5.30–8; Somerton, Martock, South PePtherton, Huish Episcopi, Long Sutton, Drayton and Langport 6–8.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 1095

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Monday, March 27th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Gamlingay (6) 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; Great Gransden (6) 11–12 noon; Caxton (6) 12–1; Great Staughton (6) 1.30–3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 2–3; Great Paxton (5) 2.30–3.30; Godmanchester (8) 3–4. Route 2: Alwalton (5) 10.15 a.m.–11.15 a.m.; Yaxley (6) 11–12; Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) 11.45–12.45; Leighton Bromswold (5) 12.30–1.30; Kimbolton (5) 1.30–2.30; Great Staughton 1.30–3 p.m.; Brampton (6) 3–4; Huntingdon All Saints (6) 3.45–4.15. Service Huntingdon All Saints 4.15. Tea Church Hall 5 o'clock. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from General Secretary (number limited). Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Huntingdon All Saints' and St. Mary's (8): Brampton until 8.30 p.m. —H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday, March 27th. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each (including a drink); children (under 14) of resident members 3s. each: obtainable for first 200 applicants, with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W May, Keithston, Keycol, Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, March 21st.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 992

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —The annual general meeting will be held at Llandaff on Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Llandaff 2–4 p.m. and after meeting: St. John's, Cardiff, 1.30–3 p.m.; Whitchurch 2–3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by March 21st.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 1094

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday at **11.50 a.m.** prompt. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m.: Stoulton (6) and Stoulton Campanile (6) 1.45–3; Pershore Abbey (8) 2.30–3.45; Strensham (6) 3–4.30; Earls Croome (6) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea later. — D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 1071

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Biggleswade District meeting at Clifton on February 11th proved to be a great success with an attendance of 59, despite the rather uncertain weather. Under the management of Mr. G. Mayes, methods ranged from rounds and call changes for beginners and elementary change ringing for those a bit more experienced to the special methods, Oxford Bob Trinles and Glasgow, for the more adventurous. Tea and the business meeting in the Church Hall followed shortened Evensong, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hall. After tea ringing continued with a vast improvement in attendance until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. E. L.

Next meeting: Old Warden, March 11th.

Mr. David Beacham has not given up the secretaryship of the Worcestershire and Districts Association but the secretaryship of the Worcester Cathedral Guild. We willingly correct the error that appeared on page 127.

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OUR PICTURE

ST PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM

THE choice of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, as the illustration for this issue is indeed a happy one, as it coincides with the report of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. The year 1966, as regards ringing, was probably the most honoured for St. Philip's in its 240 years' history. In December the record length of 15,995 Stedman Cinques was rung in its tower, and the fine collection of Maximus peals included many of Londinium Surprise.

One can scarcely believe that when St. Philip's was built, Birmingham was in the hollow below, clustered around St. Martin's. To the north of St. Philip's extended open country. The church was consecrated in 1715 and the tower finished ten years later, and only then after George I had given £600 towards completion.

Famous are the three windows at the east end and that in the Baptistry designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and made by William Morris. St Philip's has been noted for its music festivals, and its list of organists includes the name of Jeremiah Clarke, the composer of the Purcell "Trumpet Voluntary." Music is still prominent in Birmingham in addition to the bell music that is heard regularly each Thursday evening and again on Sundays.

The Diocese of Birmingham is barely 60 years old; it was carved out of the Worcester Diocese and a Suffragan Bishop of Coventry had the oversight of this rapidly growing and highly industrialised area. Bishop Charles Gore was the city's first Bishop, being enthroned on March 2nd, 1905. Upon his translation to Oxford in 1912 he was succeeded by Bishop Wakefield and then in 1924 came that outstanding personality, Dr Barnes, who held the episcopate until 1953. The present Bishop, Dr. J. Leonard Wilson, one-time Bishop of Singapore and a prisoner in Japanese hands, succeeded him.

THE BELLS

St. Philip's has had a ring of bells since 1727—two years after the completion of the tower. The original ten came from Whitechapel—then trading under the name of Lester, Pack and Chapman. The first recorded peal on the bells was in 1755, rung by the St. Martin's Youths.

During part of the time that Henry Johnson was directing ringing at St. Martin's John Carter was the conductor and tower captain at St. Philip's; he died in 1914. About the time of World War I the bells deteriorated and were in a bad condition. Indeed they were silent for a number of years. The conclusion eventually reached was recasting and a new ring of ten was installed to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and dedicated on St. Philip's Day, 1937.

Mr. George E. Fearn was the appointed Ringing Master of the bells and he has remained in office ever since. Under his leadership St. Philip's has become the great peal ringing tower of the country. He himself has taken part in 530 peals on these bells and, including the old bells, it is probable that 650 or more peals have been rung here.

But many in Birmingham felt that the true beauty of St. Philip's bells would not be obtained without a ring of 12. This came about through the generosity of Mr. Frank B. Yates, who donated two new trebles. This was his second augmentation, as he had previously given two bells to King's Norton, thus providing a ring of ten.

Changes were necessary to the frame and, for the sake of audibility and to allow the ropes to fall into a good circle, the seventh, eighth and ninth (of the 12) were hung in a separate frame above the existing one. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and has worthily stood the test of time.

The ring of 12 was dedicated by Bishop Barnes and the Lord Bishop, in his address, made this striking commentary: "May the bells, the ring of 12, ring often on occasions of peace, but never for war. If war should come may they be silent like men stricken with plague."

It seems in these days that the Provost (Bishop George Sinker) co-operates fully with the wishes of Dr. Barnes. The relationship between the Provost and his ringers is most cordial, and in the wonderful performances that have taken place during the last year or so the ringers have been encouraged and exhorted by Bishop Sinker, who takes a personal interest in each new peal.

COMMENT

DON'T MAKE IT A HEADACHE!

THIS week we are asking all readers to fill in a questionnaire relating to "The Ringing World." And we don't want it to create any headaches because it is not designed as an intelligence test. What is desired is definite answers. If you find it difficult to do so, cross out both Yes/No.

Some might read into the questionnaire that it has a mercenary purpose and is the thin edge of the wedge for an increase in price. The committee has not taken a decision on an increase in price, and all the time the journal can produce a profit will not consider such action unless a very substantial majority of readers desire "The Ringing World" to be converted into one of those highly glossy technical magazines.

There is also the Postmaster General to be considered and he has more or less promised that there will be no alteration in the basic postal charges during the present year. We have in the past absorbed a portion of increased postal charges but it is very doubtful if that preference will be continued in the future. Of the 3d. postage on a single copy, in the case of an annual subscriber, "The Ringing World" pays 10s. a year, leaving the subscriber only three farthings a week to pay towards the postage.

To comply with the Post Office Box regulations, the Post Office has asked us to change the title of the Questionnaire to "Census." They also insist that no private correspondence should be included. Anything of that character, and also peals and quarter peals, must be addressed in the usual manner to the Editor.

The work of sifting the census and analysing the forms will be undertaken by Mr. Dennis Beresford, who has recruited a staff of willing workers to assist him. A meeting of "The Ringing World" Committee has been arranged for April 29th and it is probable that Mr. Beresford's conclusions will be ready for presentation by that date.

An elaborate list of different interests has been prepared but it must be remembered that the space position is governed by peals and quarter peals, unless they are to be ignored. After all, the main purpose of the journal, apart from being the mouthpiece of the Central Council, is to be the means of knitting together in one big family and brotherhood all who ring bells to the glory of God and His Church.

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St. Martin's Guild and a National Championship

PROPOSAL MADE AT HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

In recent years it has been the custom of the St. Martin's Guild to invite as chairman at the "Henry Johnson" commemoration dinner leading personalities in the Exercise. This year, for the 79th annual, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, was the chairman and introduced wit and banter to keep the programme flowing in a happy manner.

Will this dinner be epoch-making? Mr. Alan Ainsworth, the Ringing Master, submitted tentative proposals for running a national competition for ringing, to be centred on the facilities available in Birmingham. His idea is that the competition should be held every three years and to him it seemed the natural outcome to the movement among many Guilds and Associations holding striking competitions.

Supporting the chairman on the top table were Bishop Sinker (Provost of Birmingham) and Mrs. Sinker, Mr. R. C. Ingram (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Ingram, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Fearn, the Archdeacon of Aston, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth (Ringing Master). Canon D. McLean, Rev. D. Sansum, Group Captain S. Mason Messrs. F. W. Perrens, J. F. Smallwood, P. L. Taylor and J. Garner-Hayward.

"THE CENTRAL ACT"

The toast to the memory of the late Henry Johnson was proposed by the chairman, who said for one brief moment they came to the central act that had called them all together to drink in silence to one of the greatest ringers who ever lived. He wished them to drink the traditional toast to Henry Johnson in silence.

A pleasing ceremony followed with the presentation of a flowering plant to Mrs. Sinker and then the visitors proceeded to entertain with a touch of Stedman Caters rung by J. C. Millhouse 1–2, F. W. Perrens 3–4, D. Beresford 5–6, Joan Beresford 7–8, Peter Beresford 9–10.

The chairman said anyone coming back to Birmingham for an occasion like that could not fail to feel the presence of the late Albert Walker, who had done so much for ringing in Birmingham and throughout the whole country. It was a pleasure to them to welcome Mr Fred Walker, Albert's son, who had some presentations to make.

Mr. Fred Walker then presented the model bell given to his father by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, in the hope that it would find a resting place in St. Martin's Church, and also the complete record of his father's peals. The first of these was rung at Taunton in 1896 and his first of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1900. In 1960 he rang a peal to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of his wedding at Birmingham Cathedral, and also that year one to mark his 84th birthday.

The Master (Mr. R. C. Ingram) said he was very glad to accept the gifts. The bell would find a resting place in St. Martin's, and the peal books would be placed in the library.

POINTERS TO PROSPERITY

Mr. T. J. Lock was entrusted with the toast "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," which he felt sure not only everyone present but everyone throughout the ringing Exercise wished. He suggested that the word "prosperity" was the operative word and "continued" the signifying word. The word "prosperity" stood for those who led and those who could set the example—it was something which meant progress. St. Martin's Guild, formed over 200 years ago, was an example of continued prosperity and only in the past year there was that performance of the record length of 15,699 Stedman Cinques. In addition there was the "Royal" tour last September.

Prosperity depended on the high standard of ringing and St. Martin's Guild claimed to be in the forefront in the ringing of advanced methods and the peals of Londinium Surprise Maximus took place in their regular ringing and was an achievement which indicated the prosperity of the Guild. Members of the Guild were also in the forefront of the Exercise as composers and conductors and had introduced the single into Surprise methods. The single had produced better peal music on even-bell methods.

RENEGADES

St. Martin's Guild set an example in regular Sunday ringing in several towers and also an example in handling. There were, however, still one or two renegades who would put their left hand over their right on the sally. He supposed they had been told, but it did not conform to modern standards. There was a report in "The Ringing World" of the Guild's last striking competition at Yardley, when one of the judges complained of "clipping" at backstroke. The most important bell for striking was the second and a badly-rung second bell upset the rhythm.

Concluding, Mr. Lock said there was no question that the prosperity would continue with the re-election of its officers and that prosperity was unaffected although they had been able to dispense with such famous ringers as Edgar Shepherd, Frank Smallwood, Frank Haines and Bill Critchley. It seemed to him that the Fenn brothers were still the driving force in the Guild. One encouraged them in their ringing and the other replenished their physical resources with a certain brand of liquid refreshment.

The Master (Mr. Alan Ainsworth), in reply, said he first heard of St. Martin's Guild when he was in the Army and went to London and asked Tom Lock for permission to join in his famous peal tours. He took part in two of those tours and they were enjoyable in every way. In 1955 he was invited to stand in the first attempt for a peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral. Unfortunately when the time came for the peal he was taken ill and the first peal of Londinium was not rung until two years later at Ashton-under-Lyne.

At Birmingham they had quite a number of visitors who came to join in their peals. In the last two years 102 peals had been rung and the visitors taking part in those peals numbered 92.

One of the main activities, continued Mr. Ainsworth, was the quarterly meetings which were business meetings, but over the last year or two there had been some rethinking going on and from "The Ringing World" he noticed that the College Youths had been reviewing their policy. He intended at the next Guild meeting to ask members to do some rethinking. What did they go to meetings for? Just a tower grab or a chat with members?

NATIONAL COMPETITION

"One of the early signs of this rethinking has been the reintroduction during the last decade of ringing of striking competitions into the activities of many societies and it was during informal discussion by members of this Guild's competition sub-committee that the idea of a national ringing competition was mentioned. Since then the sub-committee have discussed the idea at some length, and at this stage of the dinner I would like to offer you this food for thought:

"1. Would it be a workable proposition to attempt to organise a ringing competition open to bands nominated by societies affiliated to the Central Council? I envisage that in many cases the nominated band would be the winners of that society's own ringing competition. No one can say yes or no to that question without research.

"2. It seems to me that to gauge effectively the reaction of all these societies, and also to seek their advice on the form and details of a national competition, a sound policy would be to send a detailed questionnaire to all affiliated societies, possibly through Central Council machinery, in any case suggesting that a competition could not be properly and fully organised before 1969.

"You may say 'But 1969 is a long time away.' In suggesting 1969 I have in mind the fact that some societies may wish their members to voice their opinions at an annual meeting before answering a questionnaire. Also you should consider organisational problems involved in obtaining accommodation and towers, etc., and, what might be the most time-taking task, the careful and detailed drafting of the rules required for a national competition. For this it would probably be a great advantage to ask the national ringing societies, the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths and the Central Council to each appoint one of their number to join with us in the drafting of the rules.

"The benefits to the Exercise of a competition of this scope would be, to my mind, an improvement in standards of ringing mainly because it would provide an opportunity for ringers, many of whom would normally only ring in their own areas, of comparing standards. In the nature of the occasion there would be plenty of opportunity for discussion and for the social side which all gatherings of ringers seem to encourage and the importance of which we should not underestimate. I envisage that the competition, if it is to be held, will be on a large scale and in view of the problems of organisation and in order that it doesn't become an annual pilgrimage for the visitors and an annual burden or chore for those organising it, that it should not be held more often than once every three years, that is 1969, 1972, 1975, and so on.

"Now, after all this, is the question 'Where should the competition be held?' Where else but here in Birmingham! There seem to be at least five good reasons: (1) In our view, Birmingham is the best place, being, as it is, at the geographical centre of the country. (2) Birmingham is at the heart of the motorway system. (3) Birmingham has good rings of bells of all numbers, closely situated, first to provide towers for the competition, and second, to provide towers for the supporters of the competing bands to sample during the competition which would, you should remember, last all day. (4) The city has ample hotel facilities, particularly at a week-end or a Bank Holiday, for accommodation and also for a competition centre. (5) The Guild has officers willing and, I hope, able to tackle the necessary organisation.

"After that food for thought, which I trust will not give you indigestion, I hope I have convinced you that St. Martin's Guild intends to follow George Elliot's advice as given on the toast card: 'You must remember it is not only laving hold of the rope, you must go on pulling.'"

FRIENDSHIP

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Mr. David J. Parnell said he thought the main reason their visitors came to Birmingham was because of the friendship engendered. Over the last few years their average attendance had been 75, and half appeared to be visitors: those numbers appeared to be increasing. He hoped the Henry Johnson Dinner would always remain popular.

Among the visitors mentioned by name were the Archdeacon of Aston (the Ven. Guy Worman), Canon D. McLean, Mr. Dennis Beresford (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. Bill Robson (a member of the Durham and Newcastle Association

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St. Martin's Guild Dinner—Cont.

since 1910). Mr. Gwillam Salmon (retiring secretary of the Bath and Wells Association), Mr. E. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harding (King's Lynn) and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rothera.

Mr. Purnell concluded on a sober note, saying that Mr. John Worth, who intended being there that evening, died the previous Saturday at Lincoln prior to a peal attempt. He was sure they would all express their heartfelt sympathy with his family.

Canon D. McLean, of Perry Barr, who replied, was introduced by the chairman as the Vicar of a ring of eight that badly wanted rehanging. Canon McLean mentioned his Association with Canon Thurlow since his Cambridge days and said: "I knew I would be pressurised about my bells. Let me add I shall always be pleased to do what I can for my bells if someone will give me the money."

Mr. Richard C. Ingram proposed a toast to "The Ringing World" saying some of them were a little in doubt as to changes to "The Ringing World," but he liked the idea of a cover with a picture of a church tower and looked forward to seeing Aston tower there. The main thing they liked to read in "The Ringing World" was the news—what was happening far and wide. They also liked the truth in their news. Recently "The Archers" had been referring to ringing, and it was certainly not the truth as they knew it.

Mr. T. W. White (Editor of "The Ringing World"), in reply, referred to an approach that had been made by a leading hotel company to the General Secretary of the Central Council to promote a ringing festival in London. He did not know whether the proposal would dovetail with the idea of a national competition suggested by Mr. Ainsworth. The Editor referred to the questionnaire which was being circulated and appealed to readers to answer the questions. He also referred to the number of hoaxes that were being attempted on "The Ringing World," which were a source of anxiety to him.

The health of the chairman was proposed by Bishop Sinker, and Canon Thurlow, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed the indebtedness of the company to Mr. George Fearn for the excellent arrangements made and his personal thanks to Bishop Sinker, who was entertaining him for the evening.

A full programme of ringing was announced but at the Cathedral the programme was limited because of a clapper snapping during a peal attempt.

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INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Bower 1, N. Burgess (first "inside") 2, K. Wheeldon (first quarter) 3, Ursula Stubbings 4. To the Glory of God, and as a compliment to the Rev. A. J. Nix Seaman, on his retirement, and as a welcome to the new Rector (Rev. J. E. Swain).

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES GUY ROWORTH

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Charles Guy Roworth, at the age of 54, on February 6th was received with very great sorrow by a host of friends of all ages and in all walks of life. He learned to ring at Stratton St. Margaret in 1954 and became a member of Christ Church, Swindon, in October, 1960. At the time of his death he was in his sixth year as chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and his third year of office as president of the Guild of Medical Ringers.

The bells at Christ Church were rung half-muffled as a tribute to him on the practice night following his death and on the day of the funeral, when 19 of his ringing friends visited the tower and many more attended the service. The bells were rung for 40 minutes before the service and as the coffin approached the bells were stopped from rounds one at a time until only the tenor was left tolling. The ringers' hymn was sung at the service at the request of the deceased's family, and afterwards the whole pull and stand was rung 54 times. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of the Swindon Branch.

He will long be remembered with great affection by all who knew him—in his professional capacity at the hospitals in the town and beyond; in the Swindon Branch, where his grey minibus was a landmark at all meetings and outings, providing transport for up to a dozen ringers, as he loved being host on these occasions; in his church, where he was greatly respected, and in the belfry where he rang the bells regularly, he will be sadly missed.

E. J.

MR. REGINALD S. COOK

We are sad to record the death on February 21st, at the age of 82, of Mr. R. S. Cook, of King's Langley, Herts, and Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Mr. Cook started ringing very early in the century and rang his first quarter at King's Langley in February, 1904, this being the first quarter peal on the bells by a local band. In the following year he rang a number of peals in and around Hertfordshire. In particular he conducted the first peal for his daughter and future son-in-law! He was president of the Hertford County Association in 1938.

After the war, in 1946, he and his wife moved to Hunstanton, where the family have a garage business. For some years he rang in Norfolk and came back to Hertfordshire whenever he could. Due to failing health in the past few years he had not been able to ring tower bells but was always ready for a tune on handbells.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (his favourite method) was rung at King's Langley on February 27th.

MR. LEONARD CLIFTON

A veteran Oxfordshire ringer, Mr. Leonard Clifton, died on February 14th at Great Tew. He was 79 years of age and was one of the oldest members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which he joined in 1906.

He learned to ring at the age of 11 and rang regularly at St. Michael's, Great Tew, for upwards of 65 years. Amongst his early memories was standing in for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and the Relief of Mafeking.

Throughout his life he had been a loyal ringer and regularly attended the local Branch meetings, where his strong tenor voice leading the hymn singing gave many a timid young ringer encouragement to join in with equal enthusiasm.

The funeral service took place at Great Tew on February 18th, and on the evening of February 20th ringers of the tower joined by friends from Banbury rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Those taking part were: J. M. Stretton 1, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 2, Mrs. D. Bentley 3, Mrs. J. Parfitt 4, R. Taplin 5, W. Cross 6, I. Harris (conductor) 7, H. Pratt 8.

C. T. W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Experiment with Evening Meetings

The eight bells of All Saints' Church, Edmonton, some dating as far back as 1734, were put to good use on February 18th when the North and East District visited North London for its annual meeting. It was a great pleasure to meet the new Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Burton, who conducted the service and later joined the company at the excellent tea one always associates with the Edmonton meeting. The fact that the Vicar can handle a bell and was able to join in a touch of Grandsire Triples prior to the service was a pleasant surprise.

At the business meeting the secretary reported that eight District meetings had been held during the past year and one evening meeting, with an average attendance of 30. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained in most towers and the number of quarter peals rung had been fairly evenly distributed over the District. Ten new ringing members had been elected and eight non-resident life members. Peals included the first of Surprise Royal and four Spliced Surprise Royal on handbells.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; Deputy Master, Mr. T. G. Hawkins; chairman, Mr. H. G. Hart; secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Miss V. E. Ware; committee representatives, Miss G. E. Newcombe (Edmonton), Mr. D. C. R. Knights (Pinner) and Mr. R. A. Gage (Harrow).

The Rev. F. G. Burton and the Rev. C. E. Welch (Vicar of St. Mary's, Hendon) were elected honorary members, and Peter T. Ashbridge (Harrow) and Miss Janet Walker (Pinner) ringing members. The provisional elections of Miss Yvonne Edwards and Mr. M. Roger Ashmore, prior to peals, were ratified.

After discussion it was decided as an experiment to hold four evening meetings during the year, the position to be later reviewed in the light of the experience gained.

The votes of thanks included a special word for Miss Trudy Newcombe and her young helpers who not only provided a splendid tea but handed the proceeds to the church's restoration fund.

E. H. K.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

The Taunton Branch held its spring meeting on a lovely sunny afternoon at Ash Priors, and the 50 ringers who made their way to this delightful small village found the journey well worth while. The handy ring of six (tenor just over 9 cwt.) was made good use of and the Branch received a warm welcome from the Rector, the Rev. H. A. Dunn, who conducted the service. The slight variation from the Guild Office and the Rector's short address were much appreciated and there was no lagging behind in the singing! Ladies in the village provided a nice tea in the Parish Hall and were warmly thanked.

Mrs. S. G. Williams (vice-chairman) presided over the business meeting, and at the outset Mr. A. H. Reed spoke of the loss sustained by Ash Priors and the Branch in the recent deaths of Mr. E. Branchflower and Mr. H. Seeley, whose local ringing activities went back over 40 years. New members were elected from Ash Priors and Sampford Arundel, and the next meeting was arranged for June 17th at Creech St. Michael.

After the meeting members were entertained by Mr. R. Arscott with his talented band of handbell ringers, and the bells at Halse were available during the evening.

M. P.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Miles (first quarter) 1, Helen Julius 2, Rosemary Julius 3, F. Priddle 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, A. J. Sherrin 6. To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. D. M. C. Hill on the birth of a son.

RINGS OF FOUR BELLS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

By PETER S. ABBOTT

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LITTLE PAXTON.—The tenor weights 8¼ cwt., by R. Taylor (1791), third by Toby Norris (1669) and the treble by Holdfield. Newman probably cast the second (1713). The tenor is a good bell for its weight The tower is now unsafe and the frame is rotting away.

SOUTHOE.—Tenor 10 cwt. in A, and all the bells cast by Dobson (1828). There are pits for five The wheels are rather fragile, but the bells are perfectly ringable, although they take a bit of pulling As can be expected from this founder, the bells have a splendid tone, crisp and clear cut, with plenty of "hum."

Unfortunately, the tower is the subject of some consternation, and the bells cannot be obtained for long periods, but long enough for a quarter or short visit.

GREAT STUKELY.—Tenor 9¼ cwt., by Tobias Norris II, and of poor tone. The treble is by Haulsey (1622). The second was cast by Newcombe, and the third by R. Taylor (1797). It is impossible to report upon the condition of the bells as the belfry has been used as the church's junk room, and the bell chamber is inaccessible Once again, the tower is thought to be unsafe.

LITTLE STUKELY.—The tenor was cast by Holdfield and weighs 11 cwt., note G. Its tone is rather harsh and unpleasant. The two trebles were both originally by Newcombe and Watts, but the treble was recast by Taylors in 1898 after being cracked for some years. The third was cast in 1759, but the founder is not known On the frame is carved "R.O. I.G. C.W., 1659." The bells were rehung by Day, of Eye, Christmas, 1891. They go reasonably well, but quarters have been unsuccessful so far because the bearings will not hold their oil. A quarter peal to mark the 75th anniversary of the bells was rung on December 30th. The bells are rung by our team for Matins every two weeks.

WISTON.—Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A minor, by Haulsey (1628). The second and third are by Thomas Norris, cast in 1642 and 1678 respectively. The treble is by Eayre (1756). The bells cannot be rung now because the frame is rotting, although there used to be a regular card-change band.

WOODWALTON.—These bells are quite distinguished, being the lightest ringable four (tenor 6¼ cwt in B), the best-toned four, and the roughest-going four in the county! The tenor and treble were cast in 1764 by Eayre, and Thomas Mears cast the middle two in 1841. The bells were rehung in 1860 with pits for six. Their roughness may be explained by the fact that they had not been rung for 30 years, and were completely buried in twigs until we cleared them out (May, 1966). The rope circle is anti-clockwise. It is a pity that this church is closed at present, for the bells are a perfect set-up for a light six.

When the church was open the bells were rung by us for weddings, etc.

YELLING.—Tenor 8¼ cwt., by Eayre (1739), who cast the third (1770). The two trebles were by Christopher Graye (1666). These bells are well kept but, unfortunately, the treble had to be sold in 1953 to defer the cost of removing the unsafe spire. So the bells remain as a nice three.

Summing up, the state of our fours is not too bad, as far as the state of most fours goes, although there is plenty of room for improvement, with the ringable as well as unringable towers.

The main trouble is, most of our four-bell ringers are young people with no influence, and we are ostracised by the older ringers. With this state of affairs, of course, no restoration of any size which requires expert attention can be effected. Let us hope for friendlier and better days to come.

I have also found that in most villages the bells are invariably said to be unringable if they are not rung regularly. However, a little bit of gentle persuasion can often yield fruitful rewards (e.g. the bright medium-weight four at Southoe, or the glorious little ring at Woodwalton, which would probably have hung silent and ignored for another 30 years).

However, to any other Minimus ringers in Britain, I can assure you that you will receive a grand welcome at any of Huntingdonshire's ringable fours, if you should wish to visit them.

I would also like to record my thanks to Chris Higgins, whose idea it was to visit these towers, and who has always been taken for granted as being at all of our Minimus "Do's."

(Concluded)

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 33

HELEN HENDERSON,
St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

THE first young Australian ringer to appear in this series is Miss Helen Henderson, of 2A, Florence Street, Glen Waverley, Victoria.

It was curiosity that brought Helen and her friend Anne Cowling, now Mrs. Anne Doggett, into the belfry. They were walking past St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, towards the end of 1961 as the bells were being rung for practice. They decided to investigate and climb the broad staircase leading to the ringing chamber. Helen confesses that before ascending she had a vague picture in her mind of an ancient bell ringer, seated in the ringing chamber systematically pulling ropes which hung in front of him. With Anne having read "The Nine Tailors" her previous conception was different—there might even be a handsome Lord Peter Wimsey!

They were invited to learn under the guidance of Jack Roper and George Pipe, and entered into their pupilage with true ringing fever. "We never missed a St. Paul's or St. Pat's (St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, Melbourne) practice, even though it was examination time of our first year at the University. (We may have had double exams the next day about which we knew very little, but we still turned up for ringing practice.) It was a miracle that we passed that year. I have not been quite so lucky since then and have still two subjects to finish for my B.A. degree."

It was about a year before the two girls rang their first quarter peal "inside"—Bob Minor. Six months later came their first peal—Plain Bob Major. First out of Melbourne towers Helen visited were the two at Ballaarat, which is Anne's home town, and this took place as soon as they could ring in rounds. Anne's sister, Mary, was assigned as learner at the City Hall, Ballaarat.

3,000 MILES HOLIDAY

The first ringing holiday of the girls started on January 4th, 1964, when over 3,000 miles were covered. Most of the three weeks was spent in Sydney, their ringing Mecca, but Maitland was visited twice and there was the great adventure of a three-day return train trip to ring at St. Paul's, Maryborough, Queensland which is 804 miles north of Sydney. Here they found that the ringers rang Plain Bob and Grandsire from charts!

On this holiday they rang in nine towers—four being new ones, and gained six quarter peals in different methods, including Double Norwich C.B. Major and Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Basilica, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. W. Smith at St. James', Turramurra. (Helen was born here 23 years ago.)

Both Helen and Anne have conducted quarter peals, their first on tower bells being at St. Patrick's Cathedral, of Plain Bob Minor and Doubles. But Helen's first quarter conducted "in hand" was an al fresco affair in the scrub at National Park, Belair, South Australia, and it was the first handbell quarter for all the band. To master handbell ringing was a hard struggle as all were self-taught and Anne conducted their first quarter "in hand" on January 8th, 1965. Sydney was then the only place where there were handbell ringers and in consequence most of their holidays were spent there. Conditions in Melbourne changed with the arrival of Robin Turner and Andrew Belton from England, and more rapid progress was made.

Helen's ability was quickly recognised when the English ringers of Great Adventure II arrived in Melbourne, and she was invited to stand in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted by Tom Lock. This is the only peal of Maximus that has been rung outside the British Isles. Another joy of the visit of Adventure II party was Helen and Anne ringing their first handbell peal. This was Plain Bob Major conducted by the Rev. M. C. C. Melville.

Helen's present peal total is nine—four tower bells (two Bob Major, one Bob Royal and one Kent T.B. Maximus) and five "in hand" (one each of Plain Bob Major, St. Clement's Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Ashbourne College Bob Major and Spliced Plain Minor in seven methods).

Her quarter peal total is 41, of which 30 were rung on tower bells and 11 "in hand." Conspicuous in the list are two "in hand" of Spliced Minor and Spliced Major in nine methods, and one tower quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung on February 1st, this year, which she called. She has yet to ring her first quarter of Surprise Major, although several have been attempted. Other quarter peals she has conducted are Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 1 Bob Minor 3, and Bob Doubles 4. Her present tower total is 21—all the ringable Australian towers except St. George's Cathedral, Perth.

The two girls teach at the local high school, their subjects being music and English. Helen plans to visit England next year. With her keenness, charm and enthusiasm we feel sure she will be very welcome and her English friends will do their best to swell her peal total and make her visit as enjoyable as possible.

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Letters to the Editor

PENGE RINGING—A HOAX

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to the letter appearing in a recent issue of "The Ringing World" over the name of Geoffrey H. Goodyear concerning ringing at Penge. There is every reason to suppose that this letter is a hoax, as

(i) I live within 150 yards of the church and have not heard the bells rung for many years, the last time being for the induction of the present Vicar by a band drawn mainly from Beckenham, who found the condition of the bells and tower to be extremely bad and unsuitable for training a band.

(ii) We at Beckenham have never been approached by this Mr. Goodyear and as ours is the nearest tower to Penge it is to be supposed that we are among those to whom he refers.

(iii) There is, to the best of my knowledge, no such road as "Beckenham Lane" within the parish, the only road of this name mentioned in gazetteers of London is some three miles away on the boundary of Beckenham and Bromley.

I hope that this letter will serve to warn anybody who may come to Penge that there is little chance of them getting a ring and at the same time save others from making a wasted journey.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. BROWN.

Penge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S REPLY

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter signed by Mr. Geoffrey H. Goodyear (page 148), I do not know where he obtained his information about Penge. The bells here have not been rung for at least two years. Paul Smith and I have been up and pulled the bells up and down and inspected the frame and fittings, etc., and we can find nothing that an hour or two with grease and spanner could not put right. We offered to do the work and to try and start a local band but this was turned down by the Vicar, who had been told by a ringers "from just down the road" that Penge bells were unringable. (What rubbish!)

I think, sir, we have been the subject of yet another hoax, written by a maniac ringer, who for self-glory delights in causing the maximum of inconvenience to all who are concerned, including the staff of "The Ringing World."—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS,

Lewisham District Representative of the Kent County Association.

Chislehurst, Kent.

SILENT 12 BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The number of 12 bell towers wtihout a peal in 1966 can be reduced to seven as Mr. R. H. Dove appears to have missed the fact that a peal of 5007 Stedman Cinques was rung at Christchurch Priory on December 17th, conducted by Frank L. Harris. There were three other fruitless attempts during the year, one of which came to grief in the last few changes, when the clapper of the tenth fell out.

May I thank the Priory ringers and, indeed, the ringers of the Christchurch District for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them. We have made many new friends and cannot hope to be happier when we move to Middlesex shortly.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. PRIME.

Christchurch, Hants.

PEAL RINGING "A DISEASE"

Dear Sir, — After reading "The Ringing World" for February 24th I am stirred to write about peal ringing. Is it not time to take a new look at it and, indeed, at all bell-ringing? As "Comment" says, "it has reached a stage far in advance of anything contemplated as recently as five years ago."

With some people this peal ringing has become almost a disease. They have long since given up the idea of ringing as a service to God or the Church They simply use a place of worship and some very valuable equipment for their own enjoyment and satisfaction.

Thank God there are others, and the same issue of "The Ringing World" praises them, who have a more reasonable attitude to ringing and render a happy and valuable service in the Church. They are regular service ringers and therefore help to support the Church financially. Many of them may not ring more than half a dozen peals a year, some of them none at all. Their regular attendance on Sundays and at weekly practices deserves far more praise than the ringer who averages two peals a week!

Peal ringers should have to pay a considerable amount of money to the church which provides their equipment, and churches which provide ringers' outings with the use of bells should also receive a substantial fee. After all, other sports and hobbies entail considerable expense; why should ringers go around getting free equipment?

I hope this letter will provoke much thought and action.—Yours sincerely,

H. J. F. MUNCEY.

Histon, Cambridge.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGING

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on 10 bell changes brings back memories of my early ringing days here at Saffron Walden. Many years ago—about 1860-70—there were two bands of ringers here, the change ringers and the chimers. Of the latter Jonathan and Charles Freeman and John Penning joined the change ringers and so the chiming band became defunct.

After 1914-18 war, when I learnt my ringing, if we met short in numbers, say 6 ringers, we rang eight bells — 4 up and 4 down.

One way was 1356 "down" and 2478 "up." The pull-off was 135642135678. This was varied to 135627135648. Another variation was 1246 "down" and 3578 "up" producing 642135642178—all beautiful music. On many occasions I have seen old Fred Pitstow chime three bells—1 and 3 by hand and 5th by foot. This method of ringing has not been attempted here for approximately 40 years. — Yours faithfully,

L. E. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

URCHFONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir, — Congratulations to Anthony Peake and the band for the recent peal in 165 Spliced Surprise methods.

Some of the ringers here at Urchfont, including myself, are curious about the method called Urchfont. Such as who invented and named it? Is there any link with the village? Has a peal ever been rung? If so where? If not, why not the first here at Urchfont?—Yours faithfully,

W. T. ALEXANDER.

Urchfont.

ALDGATE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I wish to congratulate Mears and Stainbank on the magnificent job they made of the rehanging of the bells and especially the recasting of the old sixth, at St. Botolph's, Aldgate.

I rang there on February 25th and, on listening, appreciate that the sixth has been tuned old style—thus preserving the mellowness of this grand old Lester and Pack ring.

Mears have achieved something unique nowadays, when so many otherwise good old rings are spoilt by modern-tuned recastings that do not match the rest.

I personally like both modern and old rings—but why not let us have one or the other?—Yours sincerely,

GEOFF P. HUCKSTEP.

Crayford.

ELEANOR SPRIGG

I am in full agreement with Mr. Nolan Golden condemning the attribution of the 27-course block reduced to Eleanor Spriggs. I should have thought that the conductor of the peal at Saxlingham Nethergate would have realised by now that the 27-course block reduced has frequently appeared in "The Ringing World" under Mr. Golden's name. — Yours faithfully,

DUDLEY COOK.

London, E.C.

14 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Re compositions of Spliced S. Major on page 147 of "The Ringing World" the last course of 14 spliced should be CCINNP, and not as printed.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN SMITH.

Burnley.

WHERE PEALS WERE RUNG IN 1966

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dove's figures for the totals of peals rung in 1966 ("Ringing World," March 3rd, 1967) are inaccurate in the case of Somerset There were 135 peals in the county last year, rung in 86 towers. 26 per cent. of the possible towers. Five peals were rung in one tower and four each in three others. All these peals had been published by January 20th, 1967.

In all respects 1966 was a record year for peals, both for the county of Somerset and for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. This was due in part, of course, to the presence of the Central Council in Bath at Whitsuntide.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY,
Peal Secretary,
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

For the evening meeting on March 4th St. Ippolyts had originally been the venue but at the last minute builders moved into the ringing chamber and dug up the floor! Hurried telephone calls and the helpfulness of the Vicar enabled us to obtain Great Wymondley, to whose incumbent we are extremely grateful.

The bells were raised in peal shortly after 6 p.m. and were kept going for over an hour to various requests; ringing was then adjourned for a short business meeting. The dates and places of forthcoming meetings were discussed and the general secretary, Mr. A. B. Agg, enlightened the meeting on a topic which will arise at the annual general meeting. The ringing which followed included a touch of Stedman by a ladies' band.

Next meeting: April 8th, Benington.

J. K. O.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TECHNICAL

Widening the Field in Method Design

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

ALL who have anything to do with promoting the "Search for a Modern Fabian Stedman" are to be congratulated.

Of all the various aspects of Campanology that of designing methods following a study of method structure seems to have been most neglected. From this standpoint and with a lifelong interest in the subject, I venture modestly to offer some comment on what is involved in this competitive project. I do so since it has been one's privilege to have the results of one's efforts rung, in both peals and touches, not only of extensions of existing methods but also of new methods based on novel design forms, as for example on the "Hybrid" plan.

It may not be generally realised that the number of those currently working seriously in method design, for publication, is probably less than the number of fingers on one hand. In saying this, scientific distinction is to be understood as between "designers" on the one hand and "composers" on the other. And since this competition is mainly for designers it may not be amiss to look more closely into the nature of these two fields of activity. (In this part of the discussion the term "method" is to be understood as including the term "principle"—these two terms being distinguished later.)

DESIGNER

First as to an exact understanding of the terms used in this connection. The words "composer" and "composition," as used normally, relate strictly to the work of producing touches and peals in a method. Clearly this is not to be confused with the totally different activity that precedes "composition"; namely, the working out of the plan of change-row production, i.e. the method itself. For this the useful term employed without possible confusion or misunderstanding is "design"; and clearly the method is evolved by a method "designer." The need for this distinction is obvious when it is realised:

(a) That the designer must complete his job before the composer can begin his; and

(b) That the successful composer need have little or no experience of designing new methods; as is proved historically by the fine work of some composers who nevertheless have apparently had small knowledge of method synthesis and analysis, i.e. no record of method production. But the composer does need to be able to apply the processes of proof to his work.

Fabian Stedman was primarily, of course, a designer. It was for those expert in composition to produce Stedman peal compositions, as, for example, Thomas Thurstans.

From this it follows that it would scarcely suffice to employ as judges of design those whose knowledge and experience did not go beyond that of "composers and peal ringers of repute." This phrase is quoted from the penultimate paragraph of the article headed "Comment" on page 126 of "The Ringing World" issue of February 24th, 1967. It is suggested, with all due respect, that the assessors of the competition entries should include at least a designer as well as a "composer," and one who is an expert conductor as well as a "peal ringer"; but of course the two assessors may well be qualified each in both fields respectively. (These remarks are in no sense intended as a criticism of arrangements being made, but rather as a clarifying of the all-important issue.)

In any event the rules of the competition (page 127 of "The Ringing World," February 24th) require that the competitor (or collaborating competitors) demonstrates ability in both design and composition. This is clear from Rule 6, clauses (a) and (b), which call for the design itself; and clauses (c), (e) and (f) which call for composition right up to peal level, with proof.

Of these two requisites consider first that of method design. Here we are concerned with patterns or systems of evolved change-rows. These systems fall into two main classes—(a) Hunt-controlled, and (b) Omni-working.

In class (a) one bell (usually but not necessarily the treble) is given a consistent path throughout, of either plain hunting or variations on it. The elements of the "working" path, given to every other bell, are to be identified in relation to the various positions of the hunt-control bell—hence its name. This name is preferable to the alternative "treble-dominated," for the simple reason that this particular "key" bell can be, according to the particular design, some bell other than the treble. The change-rows produced on this hunt-controlled plan are divided into successive similar groups, marked off by the recurrent leading (or returning to starting point) of the hunt-control bell. These groups are called "leads"—for that reason.

In class (b) **all** the bells have the same "working" path. Accordingly the division of change-rows into groups cannot be marked by the "leading" of a hunt-control bell, so the name for the groups is simply—"Division." This more general name can be (in fact is preferably) used also in respect of the "leads" in a hunt-control method; because it thus reduces the ambiguity of the term "lead" as used in other senses. And since **all** the bells in this type of design work in exactly the same way a preferable name for this class of method is "Omni-working." Technically, these systems of design are known as "principles," while the hunt-control type are known as "methods founded on principles." (See Central Council's "Handbook.")

METHOD PATTERN

As to his actual work, the designer should first compile a "division" of the basic stage of his method pattern; preferably in the "grid" form, to show most readily the plan of the design itself. It should have its terminal "index" rows, "lead-head" and/or "lead-end," in natural coursing order, though technically speaking this is not essential. Then, having determined the plan of row-phase of the division (i.e. the arrangement of the "in-and-out-of-course change rows") and having proved the division (and therefore the plain course) he should next decide on the form of calls (bob, single, etc.) he will employ. He is now able to produce tables of course-heads/ends, derived by the application of the calls His next step is to build up (preferably on squared paper) the "Stage Variations" of the method This is expressed simply, though not entirely accurately, as "checking for extensions." To complete his work he should prepare the "method specification," which is a comprehensive description of the method plan, enabling anyone to make out the cognate stages from the basic design.

Finally, as to designing, Rule No. 2 of the competition states that "Competitors may disregard present rules of the Central Council, relating to method construction, etc" Those not experienced in method designing may feel some sort of relief on learning of this, but, in fact, a word of warning against this disregard may save hours of wasted labour particularly from the "pealability" angle of the method. A typical C.C rule, which calls for respectful observance is that the plain course shall contain as many divisions as there are working bells. The force of this is seen in considering the second requirement referred to, namely composition And, of course, if a competing designer can achieve his entry with due regard to all C.C. requirements of method structure, so much the greater is the credit due to his effort.

Incidentally, the whole subject of method structure and design is discussed fully in the recently published work entitled "Method Structure in Change Ringing," as currently advertised in this paper.

MERITS OF COMPOSITION

Now for the second requisite referred to above, i.e that of composition, as in Rule 6 of the competition. The composer will have in mind certain merits of composition, e.g. simplicity and musicality, which he will set out to achieve. He has before him the method set out in grid-form, with the table of index rows (l.h. or l.e.), and a table of course-heads/ends. From these he essays a plan of composition. But now must come the check of the method for "f.c.h.'s" (false course-heads— or ends, depending on the type of method). Steering clear of these he proceeds with his plan and finally checks that the whole composition is free of falsity.

It should not be taken that all that is set out in this discussion is required to be prepared as an entry for submission to the judges. What has been said is intended to be of some help and encouragement, perhaps, to those entrants who, though inexperienced, are resolved to "have a bash"!

What emerges is that the competition calls for a design of the Omni-working type, and one that is applicable to even-bell stages, and, if possible, from Minor to Maximus.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Memorial Meeting at Bradpole

The West Dorset Branch held the Langford–Beams–Cox memorial meeting at Bradpole on February 18th, the home tower of the two first-named ringers, who were pioneers of change ringing in West Dorset. Canon Carew Cox laid the foundation of the standard of the present Branch.

The choir attended the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev Barrington Woods), and tea in the Vicarage was prepared and served by local ringers and lady helpers Mr. C W. Powell presided at the business meeting, when meetings were arranged for April 22nd (quarterly at Burton Bradstock) and practice meetings at Powerstock, April 12th, and Symondsbury, May 10th. A coach has been arranged for the Guild Festival at Melksham

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Yorkshire and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. D.

PENDEEN SURPRISE MAJOR

(Correction, page 155)

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FOR THE BEGINNER

SUGGESTIONS for INSTRUCTORS

By BARRY J. COUZENS

(Aided and abetted by JEAN SANDERSON)

I AM appalled at the general low standard of instruction given to learners, seen on practice nights in a variety of places. In particular I recall one newly-opened tower where the undoubtedly enthusiastic captain (the only experienced ringer in the locality) was trying to drag his recruits through Bob Minor before most of them could even handle a bell properly. This tendency to push learners on too fast is very widespread. Another common fault is a lack of constructive criticism, particularly in the early stages; learners are allowed to get away with handling faults which they will find difficult to correct later on and which will interfere with their striking and future progress. Praise is occasionally given so indiscriminately that the learners hardly know whether they are doing right or wrong.

Perhaps the commonest fault of instructors is not letting the pupil ring the bell! Instead, the instructor rings it, holding the tail end and catching the sally a few inches above his pupil's hands. From this the pupil learns nothing except the fault of ringing with bent arms. The instructor may justify this by saying it is necessary to keep the bell in place, but until the pupil has passed this stage he should still be on silenced bells. Another ringer I know pushes his pupil's arms and hands about, and gesticulates and shouts to such a degree that many are literally scared away. People learn best from their own mistakes when these are sympathetically pointed out and explained. Also many instructors themselves have handling faults which they transmit to their pupils.

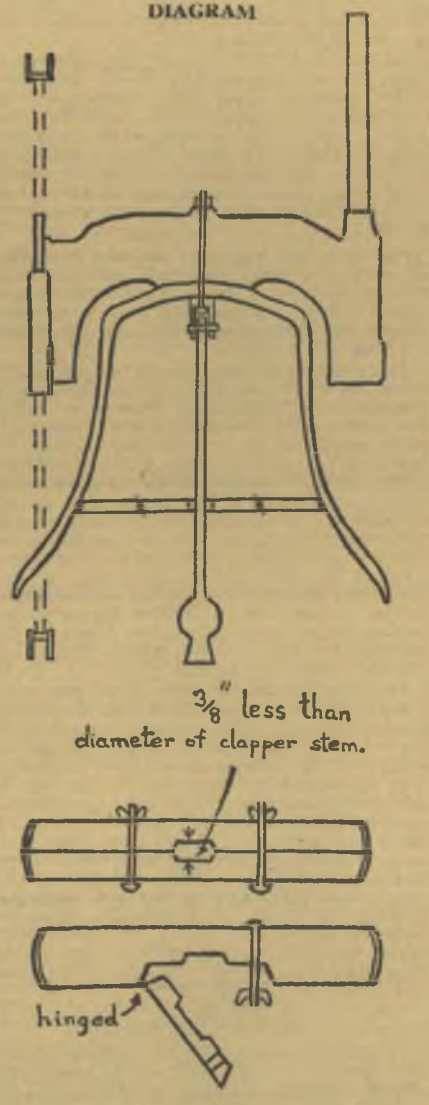
HIGH WASTAGE: A REASON

Come to that, what is an instructor? At the moment it is any ringer who is prepared to give up the occasional evening to teach learners, and whose only qualification may be that he has so far escaped hanging himself while ringing a bell. Considering all that can happen, it is remarkable that many learners do not leave the church feet first, or at least seriously injured. As it is, I shudder to think how much the already high wastage rate among recruits is increased through poor tuition. What can we do about it? I suggest that instruction should be organised on a national basis; that special week-end courses should be available for would-be instructors, and that no one should consider himself qualified to teach until he had attended such a course and attained a suitable standard. Surely anyone who is prepared to give up his evenings year in and year out to teach learners wishes to do it as effectively as possible and would welcome the opportunity of improving his teaching technique? Surely an active tower would wish to subscribe towards sending at least one of its members on an instructor's course?

Help from ringers without instructor's qualifications is also needed, particularly in the early stages of method ringing. Recently we tried to arrange a practice to help some learners acquire ropesight. Just four experienced ringers were needed. Fourteen of those we asked were either unable to come or withdrew after having said they would come. There were other ringers whom we knew it would be useless to ask. The practice was cancelled. This is not good enough. In fact, at the risk of overworking the word, it is appalling. There has got to be a change of attitude; there must be an improvement of tuition standards: there must be an improvement in the organisation of talents available.

In the meantime perhaps the following notes will at least persuade instructors to re-examine their methods and consider their serious responsibilities, also to encourage others to become active in this field; for without teaching there will be no Sunday ringing and no peal ringing either.

DIAGRAM



GENERAL PRELIMINARIES

Begin the lesson with a brief verbal explanation of what the bell is doing, illustrated by a model if possible. Right from the start the potential danger of bells in the "up" position must be made clear. For pupils with imagination, a simple "you could be hurt" is enough, while for those less sensitive a recitation of suitable cautionary tales may be needed. The learners should be shown the bells and fittings and how a bell is rung (by an experienced ringer from below), but it may be good tactics to postpone this until after the first lesson, as half a ton of whirling metal, wood and rope, especially when seen from underneath, can be very intimidating. Has it been made clear to the learners that ringing is a skill which takes a lot of practice and patience and that it will probably take six months of regular attendance before they are really in control of the bell? Remind yourself, and encourage the slower ones by pointing out that different people learn at different speeds; so that one will be quicker to ring a bell solo, but may have much more difficulty in ringing rounds, and another who took much longer to get the first stages right may catch up and overtake others. In fact, most learners appear to gain handling skill in spasms, between stages of no apparent progress: and a quick way of losing promising learners is to let them think they are the only failures in the group just because they seem to be falling behind the others.

CHOICE OF BELL

Choose a bell of suitable weight and go, with as few vices as possible (remember, familiarity breeds contempt). Smoothness and consistent response to the rope, no tendency for the rope to slip wheel, and the sally in a satisfactory position are more important than pound for pound weights, but on a modern or recently rehung ring suitable weights might be around four cwt. for an average 12-year-old to about 11 or 12 cwt. for a strong man. Other things being equal, the lighter bell is better; until the learner is skilled he has to handle the bell by strength alone. As tuition goes on it is both desirable and necessary to change to another bell, and as he progresses, first on tied, then on open bells, the pupil should try an increasingly wide range of weights and types of bell. Various faults will show themselves: the learner may have difficulty in keeping the bell up—change to a lighter bell, unless the fault is due to catching rope or sally too high or too soon. An incorrigible over-puller and stay-banger may do better on a heavier bell which can argue back. The trend today is for lighter, quicker and more responsive bells; it is no kindness to teach someone on the heavy end and then wonder why he is always over-pulling on the light ones, or cannot manage them at all. Make them try the similarities and the differences while you are there to help and advise.

Until the learner can control a bell well enough to ring tolerable "rounds" following another tied bell, his bell should be silenced. This may be done by tying a rope to one wheel spoke, knotting, not just looping it round the clapper, and fastening it to the opposite spoke. A clamping device inside the bell is much more satisfactory—the clapper cannot shift, but is held in a central position. On a light or very tender-setting bell the effect of this is surprising, but if the learner can set the bell properly with the clapper central, he should find no problems when ringing open. There is no strain on the wheel, it is quick to fit and easy to remove, even on a bell that is up, if this is obligatory because of the local conditions. Two similar designs are shown in Diagram I.

(More next week.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

There was a good attendance for ringing on the 23 cwt. eight at South Petherton at the meeting of the Ilchester Branch on March 4th. In the absence of the Vicar, the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall), conducted the service with Mrs. Hebditch as organist. An excellent tea followed.

At the business meeting a tribute was paid to the late Mr. F. Strickland, of Martock, one of the oldest members.

Certificates of membership were presented to Messrs. Gilbert W. Rendell, Gordon W. Rendell, Robert Parker, Derek Irwin, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall and Mrs. M. M. Legget. Three new members from Long Sutton were elected—Tim Shire, Nigel Hunt and Tom Talk.

LAPPING AT APPLETON

Appleton ringers have made progress with their lapping heard at the last March 4th gathering, when a bob course of Stedman Cinques was presented. Now Mr. W. Hibbert informs us that a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques has been lapped. He adds that great credit is due to all the lads, especially when one realises that two of them do not know the first thing about change ringing. The band was Brian White 1–2, Frank White 3–4, Vivian White 5–6, Bob Mordaunt 7–8, Roger Mitty 9–10, Harry White 11–12.

Compositions of Surprise Maximus

On April 23rd, 1965 (page 278), a 5,042 Superlative Surprise Maximus was published which is false as printed.

The correct version is included in the following, which have been rung in the Birmingham area in the last two years and which are now published for the first time.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5,042 by R. W. PIPE

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25436		—	2	
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5,042 by R. W. PIPE

23456	3	6	11	
34256			2	
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54236		—	—	
32456		2	2	
52436		S		
(32456)	—	S		

5,042 by R. W. PIPE

23456	3	5	6	11	
43256				4	(– – S –)
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26345		—		S	
23465			—	2	
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(32456)		S	S		

5,042 by P. BORDER

23456	3	6	11
34256			2
24536		2	—
43526		2	3
52436		—	—
(32456)	—	S	

5,042 by R. W. PIPE

23456	3	5	6	8	11
42356					—
54326			—		
2436578ET90	—	S	S	—	
6234578ET90			—		
432567890ET	—	S	S	—	S
32456					2
53426			—		
25436789T0E	—		—		
(32456)			—		

5,042 by P. BORDER

23456	3	5	6	8	11
34255					2
53246			—		
6234578ET90	—	—		—	—
36245780TE9				—	—
24365			—		—
43265789T0E				—	2
62534		—	—		
(32456)		—	S		

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE

5,042

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
34256		3	—
53246		—	
43265	S	S	3
62435		—	S
(32456)	S	S	

5,042

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
34256		3	—
54236		S	
34265	S	S	3
62435		S	S
(32456)	S	S	

5,280

23456	5½	W	H
34256			2
5324687	S	—	
4253678	S	—	S
34526		—	2S
23546		—	2S
45236		—	S
23456		—	—

5,280

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
52346		S	2S
23465	S	S	2

Repeat.

5,042

23456	3	5	5½	6	8	11
42356						—
52346				S		
4236587ET90	—	S	S	S	—	
423658709ET	S				—	3
3426578ET90	—		S		S	—
234657890ET	—				—	—
62435				—		
(32456)			S		S	

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by PETER BORDER

5,042

23456	M	W	H
34256			2
52643	—	—	
36245	—		—
43265		—	3
64235		—	
52436	S		S
(32456)		S	

5,042

23456	M	W	H
52436		—	3
63425	—	—	—
45326	—		S
43526		3	S
62534	—	—	—
(32456)	—	S	

5,042

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
52346		S	
42365	S	S	3
62345		S	2S
34256	S	S	—
52436		S	S
(32456)		S	

5,042

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
34256		2S	—
53246		—	*
26345	—		S
42365		—	3
62534	—	S	
(32456)	—	S	

The 2S may be called at *.

5,042

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
52364	S	S	
42365	S		3
62354	S	S	
52346	S	S	
34256		S	—
52436		S	S
(32456)		S	

5,280

23456	M	W	H
53426	2S	S	2S
23465	S	S	2S

Repeat.

5,280

23456	M	W	H
42356		2S	—
34256		2S	—
54236		S	
34265	S	S	3
64235		S	
23456	S	S	—

(To be continued)

BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung on the bells of Christ Church, Macclesfield, immediately after the funeral service for Mr. John Worth, the late tower captain and Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on March 2nd.

After a lapse of 35 years, Mr. W. J. Ranson, of Rewe, Stoke Canon, Exeter, is back again ringing and on February 16th took part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with the Silverton band.

There is a promising young band at Calverton, Bucks, where a quarter of Bob Doubles was rung on the five bells. Four of the band rang their first quarter, and for David Coxhill it was his first as conductor.

An all-teenage band has been performing at Caxton, Cambs. On February 25th they rang a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles. There were three firsts of Doubles, one first of Doubles "inside," and conductor D. G. Carr was calling his first of Doubles.

Christ Church, Swindon, has lost three valuable members within a month. Two of them, Mr. C. G Roworth and Mr. A. George Wells, are, alas, dead, and Mr. Michael Scowen is emigrating to Melbourne, Australia. All three of them were over six feet tall.

The conductor of the peal of Plain Bob Doubles rung at North Moreton (page 138) on January 28th was Melvyn J. Hiller.

Radlett, Herts, has two recruits, a brother and sister from the U.S.A. Unfortunately for Radlett they go home in July.

Will Mr. W. Bridges let the Editor know where the quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for the 83rd birthday of Mr. Jarrett was rung.

Because of the low attendance at meetings the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild has decided to hold one meeting a year and that in the form of a ringing day or outing.

On March 4th a peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung at Ellesborough, Bucks. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells for 25 years.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. B. H. Luck, of Canterbury. A peal wishing him a speedy recovery was rung at St. Lawrence in the Isle of Thanet on March 4th.

Known to his friends as "Plain Bob" Edden, Mr. R. J. Edden is leaving Warwickshire for Brixham, Devon. He rang the treble to a quarter peal of Plain Bob at Kineton, where he learned to ring over 50 years ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ONE OF HIS BEST DAY'S WORK

"Ringing is a West Country Art" is the title of a fascinating article by Canon H. Miles Brown in the "Western Morning News" of February 22nd. The Canon mentions an old odd-shaped bell at Lanhydrock, which is said to date from the 10th century, and that between 1712 and 1814 no fewer than 83 rings of bells were cast for Cornish churches. The best year was 1767, when six rings were hung. The founders in those day toured the county and set up their furnaces in some sheltered spot near the church tower. Noted founders in the second half of the 18th century were the Pennington family.

One of the best known of Cornish poets was Parson Hawker of Morwenstow. He paid tribute to "the Ringers of Launcells Tower," near Bude, who rang as a team of five vigorous young men on the accession of George III in 1760 and lived to ring again in extreme old age at the King's jubilee in 1810.

The Canon concludes: Certainly the writer, as he looks back to the moment when, nearly 40 years ago, he first took a rope in his hand, considers it one of the best day's work he did. For it opened to him a way into a brotherhood of ringers and a welcome into towers as far apart as Manchester, London and Bournemouth as well as to many scores in the West Country.

BELLS IN WISBECH DISTRICT

Mr. J. E. Fox, the Wisbech District secretary, asks us to make the following corrections to a map published in "The Sentinel" showing the state of ringing in his district:—

Tydd St. Giles.—Bells rung every Sunday.

Walpole St. Andrew.—Bells rung every Sunday and practices held on alternate Fridays, with rounds and methods up to London.

Emneth.—Bells rung Sundays and for practices.

Upwell.—Bells rung.

Shouldham.—Bells not unringable, but ringing confined to special occasions.

Omissions from map. — Crimplesham (5) ringable: West Dereham (5) unringable; Barton Bendish (5) unringable; Methwold (6) unringable: Northwold (8) ringable; and Fincham (6) unringable.

MANCROFT GUILD

The Guild's annual dinner was held at the Flixton Rooms, Norwich, on February 15th and was attended by 47 members and guests. The Rev. W. J. Westwood, Vicar of Mancroft, was in the chair and the principal guests were the president of the Central Council, who responded to the toast of "The Guests," and Mrs. Thurlow and Messrs. Albert Eagle and C. J. Tomkins, churchwardens at Mancroft. A recurrence of the trouble which kept Nolan Golden, the Ringing Master, away from last year's dinner again prevented his attendance and David Heighton, the Deputy Ringing Master, in the course of replying to the toast to the Guild, expressed the wish of all for Mr. Golden's speedy restoration to health.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS

"May I add a postscript of thanks to Guildford Cathedral bells for ten minutes' unforgettable pleasure? Going home for a brief holiday on New Year's Eve I had to change trains at Guildford and heard the Cathedral bells for the first time. Perhaps it was the surprise and holiday relaxation that made the ringing sound the most wonderful I have ever heard!"—Cecily C. Roberts.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS MARRIED

A wedding of wide interest in the Western Division of the Sussex Association took place at St. Mary's, Felpham, on February 25th between Miss Anne Macdonald Smith, twin daughter of Mrs. M. M. Smith, of The Crescent, Felpham, and Mr. Philip Stevens, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stevens, of Roundle Avenue, Felpham. The couple first met while ringing at Felpham and now are both regular ringers at Chichester Cathedral.

The Rev. Donald Manners officiated at the service, with Mr. Michael Champneys as organist. The bride, who was given away by her great uncle, Mr. R. W. Obee, was attended by her twin sister Elizabeth, who is also a ringer. Also a ringer was the best man, Mr. Andrew Stevens, the bridegroom's brother.

The bride wore a full length dress of ivory brocade, cut to classic style, with short bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of narcissi, freesia and white hyacinths.

After the ceremony Felpham ringers rang a quarter peal of Doubles in three methods, and at the reception the newlyweds joined Chichester ringers in handbell ringing. A peal in honour of the occasion, in seven Minor methods, was rung on March 2nd.

The many presents included a table lamp from the Western Division of the Sussex Association and a teak coffee table from Chichester Cathedral band.

STOWMARKET CURFEW

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have now rehung Stowmarket tenor but it has not yet been rededicated. This is an old curfew tower, the custom dating back 890 years. We learn from the local Press that it is to be revived for the six winter months.

Mr. Oliver Barnard is the new steeplekeeper and the procedure at 8 p.m. is for the tenor bell to be tolled for five minutes before the hours are struck; then the number of days in the month will be struck on the seventh bell.

OPPOSITION TO BUNGAY BELLS RESTORATION APPEAL

A public appeal for £3,000 for the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk, signed by the Town Reeve (Mr. R. G. McDaniel), the chairman of the Bungay Urban District Council (Mr. D. Trafford) and the Vicar (the Rev G. J. Tarris), has met with unexpected opposition. Mr. Vincent Wareing, a Bungay business man, has opposed the appeal, regarding it as anti-Christian and unworthy of support. There are needier causes, he states.

The signatories to the appeal are confident of a ready response and point out that the P.C.C. of St. Mary's was financing from its own funds the repair of the tower roof. They felt that, as the bells were enjoyed by the whole community, it would be an unfair burden to restrict the appeal for them just to the worshippers of the church.

Mr. R. A. Pearce, secretary of the appeal, says that before the bells can again be rung they must be removed so that a new steel frame could be put in the tower. It is more than a century ago since they were last taken down and sent to a foundry.

The bells stopped ringing in November, 1965, when an expert declared them unsafe. The tower contains an anti-clockwise ring of eight with a tenor of 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Canon W. M. Lummis, a former Vicar and author of an illustrated guide to the church, comments: "It was the people of Bungay who built the bell tower in the first place. The present people of Bungay will not let their forbears down." So far £105 has been raised. A number of money-raising events are being organised.

ANOTHER USEFUL RINGER FOR MELBOURNE

Mr. Michael Scowen, who is emigrating to Melbourne, Australia, learnt to ring at Christ Church, Swindon, in 1962. In the four years he has been a member of the tower he has rung four peals (two of Grandsire Caters, one of Grandsire Triples and one of Stedman Caters), and the quarter rung by the local band as a farewell to him was his 25th. He was always a very loyal member of the tower and will be greatly missed by the local band. After the quarter peal, on his last Sunday in England, the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Sutton, presented him with a copy of "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson. The book had been inscribed "Presented to Michael Scowen with the very good wishes of the members of Christ Church Belfry for every success in Australia. February, 1967."

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST UNDER 16 QUARTER

Main news from "Down Under" this week is the first under 16 quarter peal rung at Burwood, N.S.W., on February 19th. It was planned six week ago but a suitable band in Sydney was not easy to find. A new conductor was tutored and as a test the band rang a quarter on tied bells. The result was success at the first attempt on open bells. Four of the band are from Burwood, the wedding tower with ringing for 100 weddings a year. Mr. Ross W Bampton tells us that enthusiasm among the boys runs high and they are saving their wedding peal money for a 2,000 miles rail trip during the school holidays in May to ring at Melbourne and Adelaide.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST HANNEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being 1,200 Grandsire and 960 each of Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish and Daffodil. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Ian A. Ross 4
C. Richard Miles 2	Alec Gammon 5
Leonard R. Porter 3	Roy H. Jones .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

ARDINGTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being 240 Plain Bob, 1,200 Grandsire and 600 each of Newborough, St. Helen, Longparish, Daffodil, St. Quintin and Ladbroke. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Garth A. C. Porter .. .. Treble	C. Richard Miles 4
John A. H. Betts 2	Roy H. Jones 5
Leonard R. Porter 3	Joe Strawford .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 46 methods, being 360 Grandsire, 120 each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rev Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, Little Aston, St. David, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, St. Thomas the Martyr, Bluebell, Daffodil, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Zennor, Allestree, Keysoe, Ladbroke, Longparish, Middleton Stoney, Beckley, Isis, Ray, Stanton, Gresford, Harbury, Jacobstow, St. Tydfil, Northleigh, St Cross, St. Swithin, Antelope, Freeland, St. Margaret, Oxford, St Valentine. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Garth A. C. Porter .. .. Treble	Alec Gammon 4
John A. H. Betts 2	Leonard R. Porter 5
Roy H. Jones 3	C. Richard Miles .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung for the Festival of St. Thomas the Martyr.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt

Edgar T. Skipsey .. .. Treble	Keith E. Beale 4
John C. Sheppard 2	Michael G. Bartlett 5
Christopher R. Jenkins .. 3	Richard C. Taylor .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
First in seven Minor methods by all except the ringer of the treble. First in more than one method as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Sheila Hallett, a ringer at Pilton.

HIGH HAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 11 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

*Brenda M. Bindon .. Treble	Keith E. Beale 3
Marian J. Beale 2	Raymond F. Arscott .. 4
Robert Parker .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First on treble for Doubles and on five. Most methods to a peal by all the band and on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

J. R. Hough (Jesus) .. Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.) 5
C. W. Daws (Trinity) .. 2	G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. 6
R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 3	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 7
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 4	F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Grandsire and eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps. Tenor 6 cwt in B flat.

Carole Street .. .. .. Treble	Ernest Pimlott 4
Denis N. Heapy 2	Barry Corbishley 5
Brian Schofield 3	Philip Widdows .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barry Corbishley.
First of Doubles as conductor.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Fri., March 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

*Gordon Wilcox .. .. Treble	Leon A. Perry 4
Frank R. Morton 2	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	John R. Scott .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal
Rung in memoriam Mr. John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5 and 6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Raymond D. Hart .. .. Treble	*Henry Bennet 4
George P. Hammond .. 2	Andrew K. Putnam .. 5
Arthur R. Wright 3	Geoffrey Pratt .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	*James Crowther 7
John E. Anderson 2	George S. Deas 8
Michael Maughan 3	David J. Purnell 9
Eric N. Harrison 4	George E. Fearn 10
Denis A. Bayles 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Kenneth Lawson 6	John A. Anderson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BENTLEY COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Lorna Doone .. .. .. Treble	Ernest W. Furbank 4
Ronald J. Brown 2	†Barbara Fisher 5
Harry Turner 3	*Frank Southwood .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First peal on the bells since augmentation to six. The ringer of the fourth also rang the same bell in the first peal on the original five bells in 1928.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Lynne Croger .. .. .. Treble	†Vivien A. P. Cross 3
*Andrew J. M. Cross .. 2	†Michael J. Warren 4
David E. Culham .. . Tenor	

Conducted by David E. Culham
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., Feb. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*William G. Merritt .. Treble	Anthony R. Peake 6
W. Bertram Kynaston .. 2	Maurice A. New 7
Rev. Royston G. Bryant 3	Brian Bladon 8
Michael J. Stanley 4	Eric Sutton 9
†Michael Scowen 5	Peter Minchin .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd (No. 1.) Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal of Caters. † First of Caters "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Guy Roworth, a member of this tower, chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Association and president of the Medical Guild of Ringers, whose funeral took place this day following his sudden death on Monday, February 6th, at the age of 54. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt, 9 lb. in E flat.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	*Michael Scowen	6
*Shirley H. Little	2	*Michael J. Stanley	7
†Michael E. Stracey	3	‡Peter V. Spackman	8
W. Bertram Kynaston	4	Eric Sutton	9
*William G. Merritt	5	†Peter Minchin	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Haley. ((No. 4.) Conducted by Eric Sutton
* First peal in the method. † First of Caters in the method.
‡ First of Caters. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to Michael Scowen, who is emigrating to Melbourne, Australia, on March 5th.

TIRLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt

Ivor Goulter	Treble	*Edric W. Ovens	4
Frances Fairbank	2	William A. Farmer	5
E. Trevor Newbury	3	Cyril A Wratten	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods, being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St Augustine, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb and Campion. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

Arthur W. Williams	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	4
Margaret J. Hope	2	Thomas Bound	5
W. John Clayton	3	John W. Hope	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Cyril George Challenger, M.A., on his Institution and Induction at Almeley this day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASOCIATION
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Feb. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DUFFIELD MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
John W. Smith	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by H Dains. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Jan. 25. 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	David J. C Cox	4
Richard Hayes	2	Harold Evans	5
Janet E. Blake	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PLUCKLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Bangor, (2) Netherwood, (3) Bangor and Netherwood, (4) Chester, Bangor, Netherwood, Munden and Sandiacre, (5) Northumberland, (6) Sandiacre, (7) Carlisle, Chester and Munden. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Ralph Bird	4
John Faircloth	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Mary S. Faircloth	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Tues., Feb 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,200 each of Lincolnshire and London, with 77 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Neil Bennett	2	Stuart Armeson	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Derek Butterworth	8
John H. Fielden	4	Neil D. Lomas	9
Christine Andrew	5	Jeffery Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. in D flat.

James E. Dickinson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	6
James E. Burles	2	William Wall	7
John Bagnall	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	8
Alan Capstick	4	Lawrence D. Clements	9
Nicholas M. Newby	5	Thomas F Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Andrew Clements.

NEWCHURCH, Warrington, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat. Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	*Timothy Wylie	5
Sidney Hough	2	*Dennis Latham	6
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
*Alexander Richardson	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., Feb. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method, and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Neil Bennett	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
John P. Partington	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
The band wishes to associate this peal with the memory of John Worth, who died the previous day whilst visiting Lincoln.

(Preston Branch)
BROUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	John D. Nixon	4
James E. Sumner	2	Dennis H. McCormick	5
Christopher L. Watson	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung by members of the Preston Branch as a tribute to the life of Mr. John Jolleys, tower captain at this church for over 30 years, who died on February 10th, 1967.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt

Richard Grant	Treble	D. Tranter	6
Jack P. Kesterton	2	Brian S. Chapman	7
Alfred Ballard	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Shirley Burton	4	E. Alan Jacques	9
John Bramley	5	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung before the public thanksgiving service to Almighty God on the 40th anniversary of the hallowing of the restored Diocese of Leicester and of the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, also in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Arthur Michael Ramsey, who preached the sermon at this service.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tittums, Handstroke and Inverted Tittums.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr 23 lb. in D

A. Robin Heppenstall	Treble	H. Leslie Pask	7
John Freeman	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Michael W. Crowder	9
Raymond F. Smith	4	Geoffrey Paul	10
Harold F. Gibson	5	Geoffrey R Parker	11
Peter A. Sharp	6	John Walden	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Worth, esteemed Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who died in this city on the previous Saturday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Jack Bray	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Michael Whiting	6
*Roger Hippisley	3	Harold Judd	7
Melvyn Rose	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by J W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 12 cwt 14 lb.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford and St. Clement's
Tenor 7¼ cwt

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	William Bains	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Frank Lord	5
Jack Bray	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung on St. David's Day at the Vicar's request.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Thomas Yeomans	Treble	*M. Jack Pryor	4
Trevor M. Roderick	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
William J. Thomas	3	William T. Petty	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The treble ringer has now completed the Stedman family.
Rung in memory of the Very Rev. Gwynno James. Dean of Brecon, brother of the Rev. H. A. James. Vicar of St. Bride's Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELTHORNE DELIGHT ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt 1 qr 22 lb. in E flat.

*Patricia Copas	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	6
Ruth M. Foreman	2	John Hill	7
William S Deason	3	Albert R. G. Twinn	8
Robin G. Leale	4	Frank T. Blagrove	9
Kenneth J. Darvill	5	John R Mayne	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Royal. First peal in the method.

ELTHORNE DELIGHT ROYAL
—30—4—12—10—14—30—14—3—78—9.
2nds place i.e. 1573. 4ths place bobs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 30½ cwt.

Henry Took	Treble	William B. Duncan	7
Edwin R. Goate	2	†Leslie F. Bailey	8
Martin Cubitt	3	H William Barrett	9
Peter G. W. Newstead	4	†Rev. Peter N. Bond	10
*Richard Hunt	5	Ralph W Bickers	11
*Stephen F. High	6	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter N. Bond on his appointment to the ministry at Great Yarmouth.

MARSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Thomas R. Simmons	5
*Janet Dagley	2	David Cubitt	6
Angela M. Wright	3	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
David Heighton	4	Desmond P. Mortlock	Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David E. House.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' 4-part.
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Clifford Bird	Treble	*Kevin S Hohl	5
*Angela M. Wright	2	George P. Adams	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Bert Gogle	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of what is believed to be the only other peal of Stedman on these bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
*Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	6
Brian W. Hall	3	William J. Dixon	7
Michael C. F. Collett	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.
Rung to mark the retirement on his 65th birthday of William J. Dixon and his completion of 50 years as a ringer.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 15 lb.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Frederick W. Soden	3	Bertram J Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs , Feb. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Christine T. Wilkins	Treble	Nigel J. Cox	4
*Louise A. M. Evans	2	Roger G. Mitchell	5
Ronald J. Snack	3	Brian J. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack
* First peal. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First of Doubles as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Miss Louise Evans on her birthday.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	William Birmingham	4
William F Butler	2	Wilfrid G Wilson	5
Monica Blagrove	3	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung in memory of Walter W. Wolstencroft, who died on February 9th, 1957.

NORTHMOOR, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Frank Trinder	Treble	Brian R. White	4
Vernon A. Clifton	2	Francis A. White	5
Herbert F. Miles	3	Peter G. Trinder	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

STREATLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	David Floyd	4
*John H Betts	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Roy Jones	3	David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise Minor on the bells.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb

*Ronald K. Russ	Treble	†‡Christopher C. Clarke	6
D. Kay Adkins	2	David E. Rothera	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	Frank Reed	8
Barry R. Eglesfield	4	George W. Holland	9
†Peter J. Heritage	5	‡Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Cawser. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal in the method
‡ 100th peal together.

ISHAM. Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

J. Charles Hudson	Treble	John G. Mitchell	4
*Roger N. Scholes	2	Christopher J Groome	5
Gerald W. Reynolds	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal in seven Minor methods

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
John R. Insley	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
*Maurice F. Edwards	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Middleton Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5083 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb.

Hilary F. Pardoe	Treble	*Elizabeth Timmins	5
Jennifer M. Beech	2	*Richard B. Dorrington	6
*Christine Slater	3	Philip R. Johnson	7
*Cyril T. Collins	4	Philip G K Davies	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Kent T B.

PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation (No. 2). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*Angela Bagnall	Treble	Roy K. Mowforth	5
Lucy Smith	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
*Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Edmund Malin	7
Jeffrey B. Webb	4	Cyril T. Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Edmund Malin.
* First peal of Stedman.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Sheila M. Dobbie	3	Dennis Beresford	7
Walter H. Dobbie	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of four-spliced.
Rung as a compliment to John S Barnes and Anne M. Parish, who were married later this day at Cranbrook.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*Arthur Newell	Treble	David K. Walklate	5
*Geoffrey Bridges	2	*David Oliver	6
*Neil Handley	3	*Reginald J. Stretton	7
Kevin A. Betesta	4	*Graham Fisher	Tenor

Composed by E. Barnes James. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

ASPLEY, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, comprising two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*Jonathan Blacktop	Treble	Ivan W Barlow	4
†Ralph W. Carlisle	2	†Herbert Bates	5
‡Horace E. Seagrave	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle
* First peal attempt. † First of Minor. ‡ First in three methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John R. Seagrave, a ringer and member of this church, 21 this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sun , Feb. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Caroline V. Harris	Treble	John W. Smith	5
Frank I. Hairs	2	Robert N. Harris	6
R. Jean Osbon	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Doris E. Colgate	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
150th peal as conductor. The treble ringer has now "completed the circle" to peals

COWFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Feb 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	David D Smith	4
*Irene Gocher	2	John A. Howard	5
†Derek Slater	3	*George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † 50th peal.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise. (6) Kent Treble Bob and (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	John A. Howard	5
Derek Slater	3	Frank H Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
First peal in 14 Minor methods by all and on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, Hampshire.—At All Saints' Church.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker' 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Gillian W. Davis	Treble	‡Andrew Johnson	5
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	‡Richard F. Prime	6
*†Kathleen E. Fletcher	3	Arthur V. Davis	7
Colin Conway	4	William T. Godfrey	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis
* 100th peal together. † 300th peal. ‡ First peal of Triples in the method
Rung as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Godfrey and for the baptism of their grandson, Nigel.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

J. Ashmore Dodd	Treble	R. Brian Walton	4
*Anthony J. Mason	2	Robert M. Ashman	5
Howard E. J. Smith	3	Richard L Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal of Minor.

WARNFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Mary E. White	Treble	Alexander Page	4
†Betty J. Daysh	2	Patrick Page	5
*Charles E. Bassett	3	John H. Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb in C sharp.

*Ruth E. Havard	Treble	*Richard W Sweet	7
Richard J. Bowden	2	*Edgar T Skipsey	8
John T. Parsons	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	9
Arthur C. Berry	4	Gerald C. Hemming	10
Patrick J. Bird	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
*Rev. Geoffrey Stickland	6	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 bells

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

*Peter J Brown	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*Peter L Bill	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Robert Edwards	4	Martin D Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Leonard W Goodall. Conducted by Michael J Fellows.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major. First of Bristol as conductor.

NETHERTON. Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Feb. 24 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Brian D. Price's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J Fellows	Treble	*Eric Spence	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Peter D. Warren	6
John C. Eisel	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Stephen W. Barton	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
BIRSTALL. West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
Christopher L. Watson	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
John H. Fielden	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Dennis H McCormick	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John H. Fielden.
Rung on the occasion of the Leeds University Annual Dinner.

OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt in F.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Alan Newbould	5
Margaret White	2	Allan Wear	6
Peter Dawson	3	Irvin Slack	7
William Dixon	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ian North.

ASHOVER. Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 10 lb. in E.

Stewart Armeson	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
David Nichols	3	Gibson Jackson	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

*Josephine M. Haskins	Treble	Allan Sheppard	5
John Webb	2	Christopher A. Moxon	6
†C. Barrie Dove	3	John Potts	7
James S. Webb	4	H. David Holland	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter, Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Major. † 175th peal.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 15 methods, being (1) Killamarsh T.B., (2) Felkirk, Havercroft, Barnsley and South Kirkby T.B., (3) College Exercise, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury T.B. (4) London Scholars and Capel T.B., (5) Sandal and Kingston T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

Alan Newbould	Treble	Guy Cox	4
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Clifton	5
David S. Lockwood	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1967 in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 2,464 Plain Bob, 1,024 Double Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 256 Reverse Bob, 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court and Cambray Imperial Little Court and 128 each of Lansdowne Imperial Little Bob and Little Bob, with 288 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N. Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A. Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CAMBRAY IMPERIAL
—18.56.14.56.18—. I.e. 8ths, 1867 (8ths place Lansdowne Imperial).

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon, Feb. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 2,528 Plain Bob, 1,056 Double Bob, 160 each of Reverse Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 96 each of Crayford and Cambray Little Court and 80 each of Little and Lansdowne Little Bob, with 289 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all the band and for the Association
A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3-4.

THE KENT COUNTY ASOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	*Frank J. Matthews	5-6
*Bernard F. L. Groves	3-4	Edward J. Beer	7-8
		Stuart Sandford	9-10

Composed by Y. Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal "in hand" in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Fri., Feb. 10, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Court Bob, three of Single Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joseph Whalley	1-2	*Mary W. Whalley	3-4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6

* 30th peal together "in hand."
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. Lindsay, and Mrs. Lindsay on their silver wedding anniversary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At the Avenue, Hadleigh.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
Michael W. Crowder	3-4	Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society)
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Vicarage.
On Sun., Jan. 22. 1967, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods/variations, being 720 each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire and 360 each of St. Nicholas and Southrepps.

*Simon P. D. Burnett	1-2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3-4
		*Susan Mitchell	5-6

* Most methods rung to a peal. First in more than one method "in hand" for all. Tenor size 14 in D.
Rung for the beginning of the week of Christian Unity.

(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At The Vicarage.
On Sun., Feb. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Tenor size 15 in C.
In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Plain Bob, Plain Bob, Kennington, Southrepps, April Day, Snowdrop, Daffodil, Northrepps, Hudibras, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Seighford, Winchendon Place, All Saints and Coxwell Place, with 42 changes of method.

Simon P. D. Burnett	1-2	A. Colin Banton (cond.)	3-4
		Susan Mitchell	5-6

The most methods/variations to a peal for all the band and for the Guild.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. French 1, K. Cavill (first Grandsire as cond.) 2, D. Dean 3, Miss J. Haggett 4, O. Grenter 5, F Paramore 6. To congratulate Mr. K. Prime (tower captain) and Mrs. Prime (a ringer) on the birth of their first child (Rachel Meta).

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor D. Stocker 1, Mrs B. van Asselt 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. G. Collinge (first in method) 4, Mrs. B Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Chapman (cond.) 1 and 2, J. Collis (first quarter) 3, Linda Cull 4, D. J. Forder 5, B. Taylor (first quarter) 6. In memory of the late Carolyn Vibert, on the anniversary of her 21st birthday (February 21st, 1967).

BOBBING, KENT.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Rayner (first attempt) 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Jane Bryant 3, Jennifer M. L. Wood 4, D. P Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt (first quarter) 6. First "inside" 2 and 3. A 14th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (maximum callings): Dorothy M. L. Nichols (first Doubles) 1, J. Whalley 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. C. Monson (first quarter) 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, Charlotte A. Bennett 3, J. A. Ellis 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, S. C. Wells (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Retter 1, Miss V. Look 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss B. Look 4, C. P. Yates 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, C. C. Turner 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Pickup 1, Hilary Knight 2, C. M. Tuckett 3, R. S. Bradley 4, R. E. J. Bunker 5, C. W. Daws 6, R. H. Youdale 7, A. F. Scholfield (cond.) 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Richard Collins (first attempt) 1, Anne S. Pickering 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, J. Collier 4, P. J. Privett (cond.) 5, R. G. Collins 6. For Evensong.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Jan. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. G. W Davis 1 W. T. Godfrey 2, J. Hartless 3, R. Prime 4, J. Claughton 5, W. T. Perrins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, A. V. Davis (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. W. D. S. Lark, to become Vicar of St. Michael's, Yeovil.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Tonks 1, Anne Whaley 2, J. Vickery 3, A. Walker 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, G. Ratcliffe cover. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Jarrow.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Riddy 1, B. J. Duck 2, K. N. Mossop 3, J. J. George 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, C. P. Mossop 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss G. Holifield.

DORNEY, BUCKS. —On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: W. Birmingham 1, J. F. Bowler 2, W. R. Hare 3, C. Finch (first quarter) 4, W. D. Ward 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. For the marriage of Mr. N. W. Griffith and Miss D. M. Roche (daughter of the churchwarden).

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Greene (first on eight) 1, Evelyn M. Hicks 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, D. Slater 4, F H. Hicks (cond.) 5, J. A. Howard 6, A. J. Hart 7, D. J. Hoad 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. G. Tizzard, wife of George F. Tizzard, a ringer at this tower for over 60 years.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Hooks (first quarter) 1, P. Mary Beach 2, Margaret A. Eyre (first quarter) 3, Helen M. Simpson (first in method) 4, P. Nix 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, C. W. Hodgkinson (cover). Rung to welcome Alison Jane, daughter of Pat and Peter Nix.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Novell (first quarter) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, J. A. Collier 3, Janet Cleeve 4, M. Church 5, C. M. White 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, M. J. Kirk 8.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Gilder 1, Valerie Bone (first on eight) 2, Margaret Berndt (first on eight) 3, Josephine R. Williamson 4, F. K. Williamson 5, D. Jennings 6, A. D. Leach (cond.) 7, L. Boyles 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. William Folks, retiring this day after 21 years as organist.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Q. Partis 1, S Wigg 2, P. K. King (first "inside") 3, P. F. T. Smith 4, R. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, M. Barden (first quarter) 6. First in method 1 and 2. First quarter for the new Maidstone Grammar School Change Ringing Society.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Worthington 1, R. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. Worthington 4, A. A. F Peters 5, D. M Hamilton 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A A. F. Peters, on the birth of a son (David).

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Joseph (first quarter) 1—2, R. Brown (first "in hand" as cond.) 3—4, M. C. Perrins (first quarter) 5—6. First quarter by the Leeds Central High School Handbell Society.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (seven methods): Anita E. Foden 1, Anthea C. Fairey (first of spliced) 2, P. G. Golder 3, J H. Allen 4, S. C. Walters 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Felicity Cooke (first quarter) 1, Ruth E. Havard 2, Mary E. Pryor 3, N. A. James 4, M. Pilgrim 5. N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. Quartley 7, J. Williams 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Gwynno James, Dean of Brecon and sometime Archdeacon of Llandaff.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Fulwell 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, A. M. Stacey 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, P. Felton 5, Miss J. Murphy 6, J. Marks 7, W. Oatway 8, R. Cademy 9, N. Felton 10.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Corney 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, C. A. Ottaway 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. A. Ottaway 1, Miss G. E. Perry 2, Miss M. Roden 3, H. Corney 4, J. P. Ottaway 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, D. Riley 7, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,320 Minor (Kent, Plain and Little Bob): C. A. Ottaway 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, Miss G. E. Perry 3, Miss C. I. Neville 4, J. P. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. First in Kent and Little Bob for all the band. Also on Feb. 25th, 1,440 Mixed Kent and Oxford: Miss E. M. Ottaway 1, Miss G. E. Perry 2, Miss C. I. Neville 3, C. A. Ottaway 4, J. P. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. First of Oxford for all the band.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Collins 1, E. D. Wilson 2, M. Smith 3, R. K. Williams 4, J. Clements 5, S. B. Bell 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, F. Lawrence 8. First of Triples 1, 4, 6, 8. For Patronal Festival.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, T. A. Bevis 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, D. A. Feek (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. R. A. Lee (local ringer) and Miss H. I. Crankshaw.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Hawkins 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, B. Tither 3, John Davis (cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. First in two methods by the local band. Rung on the eve of the 17th wedding anniversary of 2 and 5.

NORTH FORMBY, YORKS. —On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Stanley (first quarter) 1, S A. Jones 2, E. A. Johnston 3, K. Garman 4, R. Horton 5, R. C. Hawtree (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,440 Minor (College Exercise, College Bob IV): J. R. Pratchett 1, Alison M. Mann 2, A. R. Millidge 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, S. W. Humphrey 5, M. J. Uphill 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Hudson.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V Griffin (cond.) 1, B. Benstead (first in method "inside") 2, Margaret Norgett (first in method) 3, Daphne R. Cloke 4, R. Benstead 5, A. Ivings 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,272 Kent T.B Minor: Cherry Withell 1, B. Benstead (first in method) 2, Margaret Norgett (first Minor) 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, P. J. Crane (first in method) 5, P J. Heritage 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Carol Stacey (13, first quarter) 1, K. Sansom 2, H. deCombe 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, A. Betsworth 6.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. G. Atwell 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, I. Metcalfe 3, R. Taylor 4, G. Salmon 5, R. Talbot 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Y. Hallett.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hunter 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Miss M. Simmonds 3, Miss J Quilter 4, P. Brown 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. Rung by single ringers for St. Valentine's Day.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wake (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wake 2, D. Munday 3, L. D. Salter (first quarter) 4, A. W. Bleach 5, J. Stenning 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer on completing 62 years as a ringer at this church.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: J. H. Allen 1, Lucy Smith 2, C. T. Collins 3, E. E. Speake 4, M. W. Fairey 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Birch 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Guest 1, G. Chaddock 2, R. Birch 3, H. Parkes 4, T. W. Senior 5, D. Armstrong 6, L. Smith 7 B. Holland (cond.) 8, H. Chaddock 9, A. Friskney 10.

SPELSBURY, OXON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cooper 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, K. Wakefield 3, R. Datson 4, J. Benfield 5, P. R. Coveney 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam M. Lake, formerly secretary to the P.C.C.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Warboys (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6 E. White 7, D. J. Cheeseman 8. For the first birthday of Sarah Jane Cheeseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cheeseman.

STAPLEHURST, KENT. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Huckstepp 1, H. Baker 2, J. Smith 3, Freda Tomlin 4, C. Battell 5, B. Johnson 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. Rung with best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchell, on their 45th wedding anniversary.

THAME, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Baker (first quarter) 1, Brenda M. Arnott (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Arnott 3, Mrs. R. Hazell 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, R. Arnott 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, E S. White 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Doubles Oxford, St. Clement's): H. V. Booker 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, H. White 3, K. Leach 4, A. R. Wood 5. J. R. White (cond.) 6. First in methods 4 and 5.

WARMINSTER, WILTS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, P. Roynon 2, R. Garratt 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, A. Bull 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7. E. E. Norris 8. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 4th and Mrs. Hawkins.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, R. Spencer (first in the method) 2, D. Whetton 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, and as a 19th birthday compliment to R. Spencer.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Phillips 1, Valerie J. Stone 2, R. C. Woodward 3, F. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, E. J. Pope 6. Rung to welcome the arrival of Rachel to Freda and Keith Prime, also a birthday compliment to Freda.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. T. E. Burnett (first of Minor) 1, J. Cunliffe 2, A Greenhalgh 3, R. Jolley 4, J. Illingworth (first in method "inside") 5, R. K. Lister (first as cond.) 6.

WINSHILL Burton-on-Trent, STAFFS. — On Feb. 25th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Humphries 1, Margaret Westwood 2, M. Mulvey 3, N. White 4, J. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, Jean M. Parsons 2, Drusilla Pickard 3, P. J. Gardner 4, M. Clarke 5, J. Evered 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For Evensong.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles Virginia M. Dales 1, P. Bond 2, A. M. Feist 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. J. Church (cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. Rung for the seventh birthday of Prince Andrew, prior to Evensong. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Virginia M Dales 1, P. Bond 2, A. M. Feist (first as cond.) 3, R. Bath 4, M. J. Church 5, F. J. Farr 6. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

BEACHAM.—On Friday, March 10th, 1967, at Monkswood Maternity Unit, Worcester, to Kitty and David, a son. 1161

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

COOK—FOX. — The marriage between Colin Cook and Sarah Fox will take place on March 25th, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. at Edenbridge, Kent. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 1098

DEATH

CORDEROY, Edith May.—On March 2nd, 1967, of Aston Upthorpe, aged 52 years. Regular service ringer at St. Michael's, Aston Tirrold, for 33 years. 1144

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—George Harry Myers, of Plymouth, who died on March 14th, 1960. Remembered always with love by his family. 1166

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BAKER.—The address of Dr. and Mrs. David Baker is now: 34, St. Stephens Court, Canterbury, Kent. Telephone: Canterbury 66822 ex. 259 (day only). 1145

BALDWIN.—The address of Roger and Kathleen is now: 15, Harford Drive, Watford. Tel. No. Watford 26863. 1155

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

CHILTON.—Congratulations and best wishes for your 21st birthday, Margaret. March 20th, 1967. Love from Mum and Dad. 1111

PERSONAL

ANNO-DOMINI — Have a lovely day. 1. 4. 3. 2. 7. 4. 4.—Nuppett.

"The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel."—Ruth ii, 12.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNWALL.—Bed and breakfast, evening meal; garage.—Mrs. Wonnacott, 4, Cleaveland, Bude, Cornwall. 906

PUBLICATIONS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—1966 Annual Report containing 20 compositions (including Norman Smith's 13–23 "all the work") available from the Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Price 4s. post free (P.O.'s, cheques payable to the Lancashire Association). 1965 Report (22 compositions), price 1s. 6d., also available. Six-figure O S. grid references of 196 churches given. 1164

MISCELLANEOUS

HATHERSAGE, DERBYSHIRE. — At the Church of St. Michael, rededication of rehung bells (6) Easter Eve, March 25th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1141

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER — Ringing, Easter Sunday, March 26th, 5 p.m. Please note: Fourth Friday is usual practice at 7 p.m. but this month will be held on 31st. —J. Euston. 1159

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 344th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Lunch and tea arranged. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 1123

NEW PRICES FOR PEAL CARDS

For many years peal cards have been sold under cost, the very favourable price being a service to the Exercise from the printers of "The Ringing World."

In view of the very competitive price in the latest contract for printing the journal, The Seven Corners Press Ltd. regret that price revision is necessary. Operating from March 3rd the new prices for peal cards will be: 12 for 16s., 18 for 22s., 24 for 26s. post paid. Orders can be accepted only at the same time as peals are published.

Quarter peal charges: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card.

A WEEK-END RINGING COURSE at Hereford College of Education

Friday evening, April 14th, to Sunday afternoon, April 16th

Lecturers:
Mr. Norman Chaddock.
Mr Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A.
Mr Wilfrid F Moreton.
Mr Wilfrid G. Wilson.

Tutor: Miss Frances Fairbank.

The course will divide into **two groups.**

Group I.—Change ringing on handbells for those with no experience and for those with some experience. Almost entirely practical work.

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Fees: Resident £4–5–0
Non-resident £2–4–0.

A detailed programme and application form may be obtained from Mr. A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford.

This course is organised by the Sunday Service and Education Committee in conjunction with the Hereford Diocesan Guild.—W. F. Moreton. 1050

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS 1967 TOUR

will take place in S.E. England from July 22nd to August 6th.

As usual, the tour will be planned for cyclists and the day's ringing will be arranged to finish within easy reach of youth hostels.

A special invitation is extended to any ringers who may wish to join us for the first time.

All persons who intend joining us should inform the secretary as soon as possible. R. Kingsley Mason, Hon. Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Members are asked to take advance notice that the A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 1967, at St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3. This is a very important meeting to discuss the Society's Constitution, and members are asked to book the date in their diary **now.** More details later.—D. L. Cawley, Sec. 1135

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The new secretary and treasurer of the Guild is Miss Susan E. M. Davis. All correspondence to be addressed to: c/o J.C.R. Post. The University, Highfield. Southampton. 1152

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—No practice on Tuesday, March 21st. Next practice, Wednesday, March 29th. Visitors welcomed.—N. Attaway. 1128

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Weare, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec 1160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Wirral Branch.—St. Hilary's, Wallasey, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District —Striking contest, Great Longstone, March 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec 1125

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Old Fletton (near Peterborough). Saturday, March 18th Bells (5) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.—M. J Dyer. Dis. Sec

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Wethersfield, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr F. Marshall, 44, Hereward Way, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1035

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Evening meeting at Brent Pelham, Saturday, March 18th. Ringing from 6.30.—Dis. Sec. 1113

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.— Welwyn, March 18th, 3 p.m. (all day).—S.M.: Double Oxford — K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Hose on March 18th. Bells (5) 7 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 1146

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N and E. District. — St Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1105

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Aldeby on Saturday March 18th. Bells (5) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N C. 1133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on March 18th at 6 p.m. Special method for 1967: Cambridge. 1136

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greaseley (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying the District Secretary at 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Southwell, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Trebeck Hall for those notifying Mr. F W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark. Good attendance specially requested.—B. N. Reed. 1117

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Practice meeting. Stoke Ash (5), March 18th, 6.30–9.—H. W H L. 1108

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division jointly with Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Ringmer (8), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 1067

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M at Yeovil Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 12 noon. Lunch (8s.) at 1.15 p.m., and tea (3s.) in the Church Room at 7.AN and tea (3s.) in St. John's Church Room. Meeting in the Church Room at 2.15 p.m. Names for meals essential to Mr. G. Salmon,

9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset, by March 23rd. Ringing arrangements: Parish Church from 10.30 and after tea; Somerton 10–11. Montacute, Mudford, Preston Plucknett, Stoke-under-Ham and Trent all at 10.30–11.30 and 5.30–8; East Coker Hardington Mandeville and Norton-sub-Hamdon 5.30–8; Somerton, Martock, South PePtherton, Huish Episcopi, Long Sutton, Drayton and Langport 6–8.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 1095

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Clay Cross, Easter Monday, March 27th. Bells (6) 1.30 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to D. Bunting, 29, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Clay Cross, Derbys, by previous Wednesday, March 22nd. Good attendance especially requested.—E. J. Sterland, Hon. Sec. 1162

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Monday, March 27th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Gamlingay (6) 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; Great Gransden (6) 11–12 noon; Caxton (6) 12–1; Great Staughton (6) 1.30–3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 2–3; Great Paxton (5) 2.30–3.30; Godmanchester (8) 3–4. Route 2: Alwalton (5) 10.15 a.m.–11.15 a.m.; Yaxley (6) 11–12; Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) 11.45–12.45; Leighton Bromswold (5) 12.30–1.30; Kimbolton (5) 1.30–2.30; Great Staughton 1.30–3 p.m.; Brampton (6) 3–4; Huntingdon All Saints (6) 3.45–4.15. Service Huntingdon All Saints 4.15. Tea Church Hall 5 o'clock. General business meeting after tea Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from General Secretary (number limited). Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Huntingdon All Saints' and St. Mary's (8); Brampton until 8.30 p.m. —H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday March 27th. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d each (including a drink); children (under 14) of resident members 3s. each; obtainable for first 200 applicants, with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W May, Keithston, Keycol, Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, March 21st.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 992

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION —The annual general meeting will be held at Llandaff on Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow Bells available: Llandaff 2–4 p.m. and after meeting; St. John's, Cardiff, 1.30–3 p.m.; Whitchurch 2–3 p.m. Names for tea, **please**, by March 21st.—M. J. Pryor. 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 1094

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday at **11.50 a.m.** prompt. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m.: Stoulton (6) and Stoulton Campanile (6) 1.45–3; Pershore Abbey (8) 2.30–3.45: Strensham (6) 3–4.30: Earls Croome (6) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged (cost 5/9) at the Cross Keys Restaurant, London Road, at 5 p.m. for **only** those who notify me by **March 22nd.**—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 1071

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Kirk Deighton (6), on Easter Monday from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Village Institute. Names to Mr. C. Maxfield, 2, St. Mark's Terrace, Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, by Wed., March 22nd. Business meeting after tea. Wetherby bells (8) available after meeting. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1167

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch —Evening meeting, Horton (6), Wednesday, March 29th, 7.30 p.m to 9 p.m. Branch striking competition at Lane End Saturday, April 8th.—Miss Hague. 1089

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Ripley (8), Friday, March 31st, 730 p.m.—W. B. 1153

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting. **Saturday, April 1st, 1967**

Ringing arrangements:

Granby (6), **Orston** (6), **Whatton** (6) .. .. 2.30–3.45 p.m.
Bingham (8) .. .. 2.30–4.15 and 7.00–8.30 p.m.
East Bridgford (6), **Holme Pierrepont** (6), **Radcliffe** (8) 7.00–8.30 p.m.

Service: **Bingham, 4.15 p.m.**

Tea, followed by business meeting, Church Hall, **Radcliffe**, 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday previous (those requiring transport between Bingham and Radcliffe please indicate when booking tea). — W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec., St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham. 1138

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 1st Bells available: St. Alkmunds (8) 2 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 2.45 p.m.–3.55 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting and film show of Cathedral. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. — B. P. Morris, Sec. 1154

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bristol on April 1st in the Cathedral School Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral, at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 3s. 8d. per head. The Association annual service in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Choristers please come prepared to form a choir. Preacher, the Bishop of Malmesbury. Ringing arrangements: St. Ambrose's and St. George's 10–11 a.m.; St. Luke's (Bedminster) and Horfield 10.30–11 30 a.m. Christ Church and St. Michael's (City) 11– 12 noon; Emmanuel (Clifton) 11.30–12.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's 11.45–1 p.m.; St. Philip's 7–8 p.m.; Cathedral and St. Mary Redcliffe 7–8.30 p.m. There will be a social evening arranged by Richard Sweet at the Crown and Dove in Rupert Street. Names, please, to Mrs. A. P. Burcher, 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol, not later than Tuesday, March 28th. Please post early—it is Easter week-end.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 1151

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hertford, Saturday, April 1st. Service (All Saints') 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Longmore School Hall 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cheshunt (8) and Datchworth (6) 9–10: Tewin (6) 9.45–10.30; Broxbourne (8) 10–11; Hertingfordbury (6) 10.30–12; Hoddesdon (8) 11–12: Ware (8) 12–1: Aspenden (8) 2–3; Little Munden (6) 2.45–4; Hertford, St. Andrews' (8) 3.45–4.30; All Saints' (10) 4–5.30 and after the meeting. Names for tea must be sent to P. M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford, by March 31st. — A. R. Agg, Gen Sec. 1158

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — 21st Annual general meeting, April 1st. Ringing St. John the Divine, Leicester 2 to 3 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Preacher Rev. D. Goodman. Tea in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre 5 p.m.; cooked tea is being provided (price 5s. adults, 3s. for junior members), and **only 140** can be accommodated Social evening at Aylestone Parish Hall to follow. **Names not later than Wednesday, March 29th**, with remittance, to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 1149

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Pickering, Church End, Friskney, Boston, by March 28th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec. 1137

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Quadring (6), Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Double Oxford and Alnwick S. Minor. 1139

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice, Manaccan, Saturday, April 1st, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. All stages catered for. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. Cups of tea available. Names for tea to F. M. Bowers, Idaho Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. All welcome. 1092

IMPORTANT!

EASTER WEEK ISSUE
(March 31st)
goes to press
THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Annual General Meeting
on
Saturday, April 1st, 1967
at
Beccles.

Programme of 15 towers during afternoon and evening

Choral service with address by the Lord Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Full details next week. 1148

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Dorking, April 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1163

LATE NOTICE

HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—Rededication of rehung bells by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Sunday, April 16th. Service 3 p.m. Tea and ringing after service until 7–8 p.m. Names for tea to the Rector, Haddiscoe Rectory, Norwich (NOR 29. W.), please. 1168

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Eastern District

The choice of York with Huntington for the February quarterly meeting of the Eastern District attracted a good number of members along with visitors from Darlington, Lincolnshire and Pontefract.

Ringing on the heavy 12 at the Minster took place during the afternoon up to Evensong, which was attended by most of the ringers present.

At the short business meeting, which followed an excellent buffet tea arranged by members of St. John's College, two nominations were received for the position of District Ringing Master—A. C. Banton and D. S. Johnson. This will be decided by vote at the annual general meeting. A committee meeting is to be called to decide the best way of reducing the District Committee to six to comply with the new rules of the Association.

Six new full members were elected to the Association—Michael Brook (Pocklington). John Whittaker (Market Weighton), John (Birdsall (Beverley), Gwynneth C. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull), Elizabeth Johnston (North Ferriby) and Peter Perry (Selby). Mr. A. R. Hall was re-elected after lapsing and Messrs. P. M. Park and D. R. Cox, of Darlington, were elected as non-resident life members.

Mr. L. M. Woodhead, in proposing a vote of thanks to the local clergy and company, said he thought the ringing at the Minster had been very creditable and the singing of Evensong by the Minster choir "an inspiration."

LATE NEWS

The Editor regrets to announce that the "peal" rung for the London County Association at Clapham (page 171) is a hoax.

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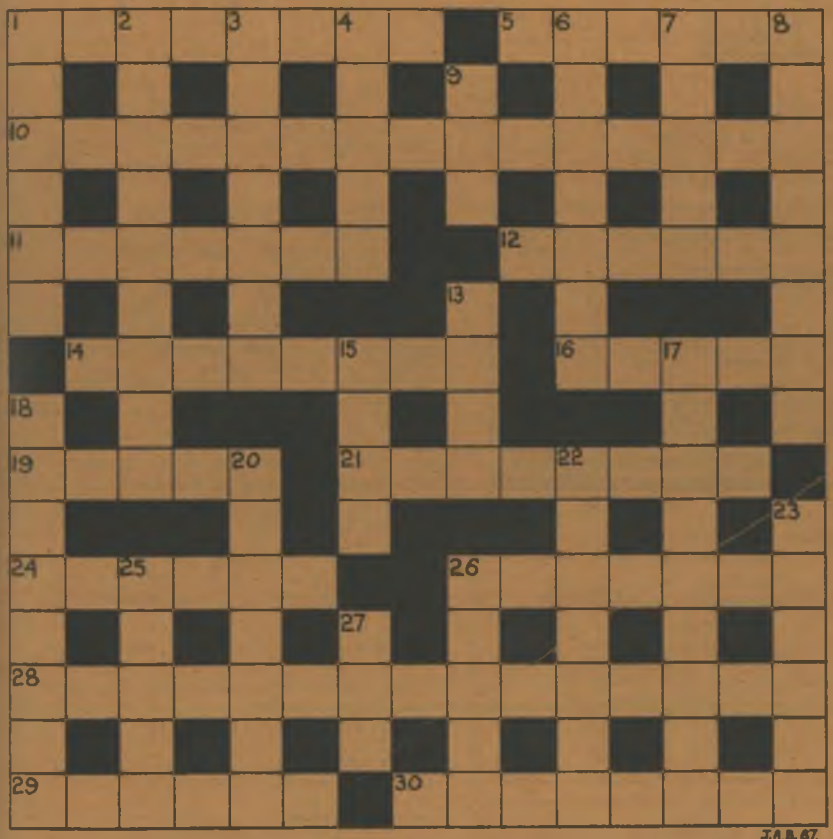

J.A.B. 67.

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Before the curtain has even been raised you get this part of the entertainment (8)
5. "Blow, blow thou winter wind, thou art not so ....." Shakespeare (6)
10. Some that lead a flighty night-life have sound lodging—yet unsound (4, 2, 3, 6)
11. Common to choir and belfry (7)
12. Perhaps a tune for one of those hymns ancient (3, 3)
14. Pitch of a tongue-twisting saleswomen (8)
16. I find myself in a couch—it's capital! (5)
19. 9 and 25 could give the opportunity for a 26d. of this (5)
21. Products of Bart's—and others! (8)
24. Sometimes used as a substitute for 25 (6)
26. Near necessities for a district meeting (7)
28. This might be produced by the steeple keeper or the other ringers (7, 8)
29. Cinderella's two versions of this were ugly (6)
30. For continental motoring make sure you drive on this (3, 5)

DOWN

1. A bistro could produce these without much difficulty (6)
2. In the utmost degree (9)
3. The usual work of the other seven which the tenor is 17d. (7)
4. Tries to rearrange for ceremonies (5)
6. Would these be useful for pricking out changes? (7)
7. Precedes dig and red on occasions (5)
8. The cause of many a lost peal (8)
9. See 19 (3)
13. Points of the compass make this and the Editor wants it (4)
15. Official correspondence often exhibits these units of resistance (4)
17. Descriptive of the work of the tenor behind (9)
18. Some peals cause these from ringers and some cause them from non-ringers (8)
20. Sounds like a lot of people waiting for the billiards player on special occasions (4, 3)
22. Appropriately he is usually to be heard at ringers' dinners (7)
23. Cling to her and Sally will provide you with this (6)
25. See 19 (5)
26. See 19 (5)
27. Even rows of changes cannot be this (3)

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QUARTER PEALS

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. W. Beeson 1, H. Mackman 2, A. Tidy 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, C. Bailey 6. First quarter on bells for 1 and 2.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Huddleston 1, P. Sturdy (first of Major) 2, M. Gregory 3, C. Abbott 4, G. Locke 5, D. Huddleston (first of Major as cond.) 6, M. Powell 7, R. Huddleston 8.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lockyer 1, R. Corke 2, Julia Pigott 3, Ann Biddlecombe 4, E. Hedger 5, L. Noakes 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. To welcome the Bishop of Winchester at service for re-affirmation of Confirmation vows.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 20th, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Freeman (first on treble) 1, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 2, J. J. Hill 3, R. C. Wilson (first "inside") 4, D. R. Reed (cond.) 5, A. Taylor 6.

BASSALEG, MON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bainham (cond.) 1, A. Bainham 2, P. Chambers 3, Mrs. G. Bainham 4, L. Bainham 5, M. Mulvey 6.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. J. Taylor 1, A. Swatton 2, J. E. Newman (cond.) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, I. P. Cox 5, B. Sarll 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: I. Wickens 1, Miss J. Stoy 2, K. Taber 3, Miss R. Cotton 4, C. Starbuck 5, N. Thomson 6, J. Pratt 7, R. C. Stevens 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10. After an ill-fated peal attempt.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight (first of Grandsire Triples) 2, Brenda Foster 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies 6, D. C. Manger (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Haseldine 1, A. Haseldine 2, K. Brown 3, G. Brown 4, D. Coxhill (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4. First in method by all the band.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. D. Corby 1, C. R. Hardy 2, J. A. Flint (first Doubles "inside") 3, P. Clarke 4, D. G. Carr (first Doubles as cond.) 5, T. W. Griffiths 6. First Doubles 2, 4 and 6. Rung by an all teenage band as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. McKissock (first away from cover) 1, Beryl M. Hills (first in method) 2, Carol C. Bunn 3, A. B. Eldridge (first in method) 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. E. Potter 1, D. Ralls 2, Miss J. A. Pullen 3, Mrs. V. A. Coppleston 4, G. C. King 5, R. E. Copleston 6, P. J. Bloomfield 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major by all except the conductor.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harvell (first quarter) 1, Rev. G. Moule 2, J. Mussell 3, P. Waterman 4, J. Baverstock (cond.) 5, D. Tiller 6.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hughes 1, M. I. Foskett 2, H. Dale 3, S. Foskett 4, V. Jennison 5, P. Blight (first quarter) 6, E. J. Hutchby (first "inside") 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. Rung by the ringers of St. Peter's, Nottingham, for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Foskett.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Oakshott (first attempt) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Jill Oakshott (first attempt as cond.) 3, W. Parrott 4, D. Oakshott 5, M. Harbot 6, J. Davidge 7, K. Burgess (first cover) 8.

GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On Oct. 9th, 1966, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Q. Breidenbach 1, G. H. Fiske 2, R. S. Minturn 3, V. P. Blair III 4, C. von E. Doering 5, W. Motley II 6, H. Auchincloss Jr. 7, G. Davies (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 7th, 1966, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. McDonald 1, P. L. Chandler 2, A. G. K. Solbert 3, S. B. Prudden 4, F. E. Ulen Jr. 5, P. P. Bundy 6. First quarter by all. Conducted by R. S. Young.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, N. Pugh (first "inside") 3, R. Goodwin 4, D. Pullin (first "inside") 5, L. Busby 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter H. Fern, ringer at this church.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): W. L. Exton 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, R. B. Mills (cond.) 5—6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Williams 1, A. H. Smith 2, P. Ford 3, Pauline Smith 4, D. Parr 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, G. Neilson 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Newark Doubles: R. D. Bing 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, M. D. Bolton 3, R. H. Jones 4, J. P. Coad (first quarter of Doubles as cond.) 5. First of Newark by all the band.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: G. Pettit 1, Anne Hunter 2, J. Southey (first of Doubles) 3, N. Woodward (first "inside") 4, Mrs. Joyce Dodds (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R. Clouston 6.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Rogers (first quarter) 1, R. Cassidy 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Knights 4, J. Marjoram (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Costella 1, B. Huddleston 2, C. Abbott 3 M. Powell 4, R. Huddleston 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6.

WHITESTONE, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Poulton (first quarter) 1, H. Heard 2, C. Mutton (cond.) 3, T. J. Setter 4, H. Stacey 5, J. R. Bailey 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. Casey (first quarter on working bell) 1, S. Webb 2, Mrs. S. Webb 3, H. Haynes 4, E. Garrett (cond.) 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, Miss C. Madge 3, Miss E. Zass 4, A. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

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"... HAST OVERCOME DEATH"

By Rev. P. T. Robbins

OUR taste in hymns has changed. We only have to look through most hymn books and see how many which may have been popular once are never sung now —or at least I hope they aren't! A good example is that famous children's hymn which starts:

"Within the churchyard side by side
Are many long, low graves;"

Few of us would bewail the fact that this one has failed to make a place in the charts for a good number of years now. We find this Victorian harping on death very dated. But are we really wise to dismiss the image which these lines put before us? Is it really possible to try, as our generation undoubtedly does try, to ignore or gloss over the fact of death? Really the one sure fact of life is death. The one certain prediction that each of us can make about the future is that we are going to die. This is an intensely personal thing. To use the imagery of that hymn, one of those graves is going to be ours. How do we look forward to that event—with indifference? with alarm? with despair? with resignation? with hope?

For the Christian there can be no doubt; even if we do not contemplate the hour of our death with eager expectancy as some of our forefathers did, we can at least look forward with hope. And the whole basis of our hope is the Easter message. At Easter we are reminded again of how our Lord Jesus Christ shared with us the experience of death. He had been betrayed by one of his disciples, tried falsely by his religious leaders, cynically abandoned by the State, mocked and tortured by Jews and Romans, and finally executed in a cruel and disgusting manner. Up to this point his story had run parallel with the experience of the general run of mankind. However, after Jesus had well and truly died something happened which was completely different. Resurrection took place.

The Resurrection of Jesus was not, we must be quite clear, a putting back of the clock. Jesus himself had previously caused one or two people who had died to be restored to life; medical science too from time to time succeeds in reviving someone who technically has died. Jesus didn't just go on as if he hadn't died. He was raised to a mode of being higher than that which he had enjoyed during his earthly life. Certainly he was able to do the same things that he had done previously—talking, walking, eating — but he was obviously alive after the Resurrection in an altogether profounder sense. Even before, and certainly after, the Ascension, the new life of Jesus was essentially something that he was able to communicate to others. People were convinced that in a very literal sense he was in them and that they were in him.

In this way the Resurrection of Jesus becomes the real source of hope for us in facing the grim fact of death. In Jesus we have one who has passed through death to a fuller life beyond. Furthermore he promises some form of mystical union between himself and us. "I am with you always"; "Dwell in me, as I in you"; "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood" as we eat and drink the bread and wine of the Holy Communion. We in all our mortality are joined to Christ in all his risen, eternal reality. In other words we can approach the apparent dissolution of our humanity in the confidence born of our knowledge that we are inextricably united with a reality greater than earthly life through our union with one who "was dead, and now is alive for evermore".

For this reason Easter is of all the Christian festivals most charged with joy and hope. The most fearsome and discouraging threat to our very being finds its complete answer on Easter Day. It must be a peculiar delight to us ringers to make a joyful noise on this day, to proclaim as long and as loudly as we can that in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ God has overcome death. I have in my possession an old peal book which records several peals rung at Tunstall in Kent in the years before the First World War, "for early service" on Easter Day. Perhaps this is more than many of us would achieve now—and maybe our efforts would not always be appreciated if we did! At any rate, let all our bells be rung as fully as they can be on Easter Day, and let us try to visit as many "silent towers" as we can at Eastertide, so that the great Christian message of hope may ring out at this joyful season.

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JOHN WORTH — A GREAT MAN IN MANY SPHERES

CHESTER GUILD MOURNS ITS MASTER

ON June 3rd, 1929, six of the young service band at Christ Church, Macclesfield, who had been trained by William Gayes, rang their first peal by all, Grandsire Doubles, conducted by John Worth. Before the end of the year most of them had rung peals of Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples and most of them were conducted by their youthful 19-year-old conductor. The next year saw the conductor venturing farther afield. He began his association with Norbury, which lasted the rest of his life, and made contact with the ringers in the Potteries. The first peal on the eight at Christ Church, Macclesfield, was rung, a feat in itself because the tower had considerable movement. He also called the first peal by Boy Scouts, rung at Over on Empire Day.

After such a beginning to his ringing career it is no surprise that he soon became one of the leading ringers of the Chester Guild and his ability as a conductor was soon recognised Naturally his weekly visit to Norbury gave him an interest in Spliced Minor and in 1933 and subsequent years peals in increasing numbers of Treble Bob methods were rung, culminating in the peal in 73 methods in 1937. During this period there began that system of dual conducting with the writer, which later did much to develop method ringing in the area. It was typical of his kindness and genius that he, the recognised conductor, encouraged and helped another member of the band to become a conductor.

ASSOCIATION WITH LINCOLN GUILD

At this time the Lincoln Guild had two bands which were competing with Cheshire in the Minor field, and contact was established with the North Lincolnshire band through Mr. J. L. Millhouse, who came to Norbury in August, 1939, and called a peal. Since that time the closest association existed between the two and it was perhaps fitting that he died on a visit to our Lincolnshire friends, with whom he had passed many happy hours.

However, he did not permit us to concentrate on Minor; we had to be able to ring anything from Doubles to Maximus. At Christmas, 1938, in six days, "East Cheshire on Holiday" rang eight peals ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Plain Bob Maximus.

In 1935 he called the first peal of four-spliced Surprise Major in the county. This was rung at the first attempt but the band had had to be trained in a new technique for them, that of ringing lead by lead. His great patience on practice nights with their efforts and his good humour when tempers were frayed undoubtedly inspired the band.

After the war came the opportunity to get together from the Guild a band capable of advanced ringing but there was much experimenting to be done before a resident band rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus, in 1947. The dual conductorship was extended and now there might be five or six conductors keeping an eye on the ringing. Since then there have been many changes and there is a new generation of ringers carrying on the work he began.

It is not the intention here to itemise his many great performances: he was the first member of the Chester Guild to ring 1,000 peals, but when his peal book is analysed it will be its great variety which will strike the reader.

LEARNERS' PEALS IMPORTANT

The above sketch of a great career cannot do justice to a man who was humble, loyal, kindly, wise and patient. One to whom a peal of Doubles for a learner was as important as a peal of spliced, who rejoiced in the accomplishments of his friends, who appreciated the efforts of his rivals without envy, and who was always on the look-out for something new and challenging.

MR. JOHN WORTH

He was anxious that the education of young ringers should be improved through day-courses and one of the last things he discussed with the writer was a device to demonstrate a point to learners.

He had played a leading part in getting a scheme lauuched for a ring of bells worthy of Chester Cathedral and was not dismayed when difficulties arose; he was confident they could be overcome.

But ringing was only one part of his life. He had attended Christ Church from boyhood, was educated at its school and became Assistant Scoutmaster there. Later he held the highest lay office the church affords, that of churchwarden, and subsequently became a trustee and elder statesman of the Church. He was also a keen member of the billiards team of the Church Institute. In his business life he served his trade associations in many ways.

In all spheres his many friends will miss him, for no one ever turned to him for advice or help and was refused. Men of his calibre are rare and it was a privilege to know him.

C. K. L.

AN APPRECIATION

The Exercise has lost, in the death of John Worth, not only one of its most accomplished ringers, but one of its greatest personalities. John Worth, to many ringers in the north-west, was a man to whom they could turn for advice. Many of the 300 people who attended his funeral on Thursday, March 2nd, were young ringers, who had come to consider John as a father figure. John was a man who always seemed to say the right word at the right time, he was never ruffled and could always see the good in any person. When the occasion demanded it John could reprimand a person without anybody else being aware of it.

John inspired many performances in which he did not take part, the extent of Major being one of them. He was consulted before every long peal attempt we made, not because we felt bound to do so, but so that we could receive his advice. John lived the Christian life to the full; he never gave anything but his best in everything he undertook. It seems almost impossible that we shall never again see his smiling face, which is the only way one could ever picture him.

His last peal attempt was Grandsire Cinques on handbells and it was fitting that a course of Grandsire Caters should be rung during the funeral service. For those taking part it was the longest course they had ever rung as they thought, like many of those present, of their associations with a man they all admired.

To Mrs. Worth and John's relations we can only say, at this difficult time, "Our lives are all very much richer for having been associated with John Worth."

R. B. S.

Remarkable Tribute at Funeral

MORE than 300 people attended the funeral service for Mr. John Worth (57), Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Thursday, March 2nd. Mr. Worth died in the street at Lincoln the previous Saturday.

The Vicar of Macclesfield (the Rev. Dick Rees) led the prayers and the address was given by the Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. A. H. M Turner), who said Mr. Worth was a friend at home, at church, at work and in his hobbies. Christ Church would remember him as a man of statesmanlike wisdom, whose opinions were highly valued and as a man of peace.

During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung "in hand" by Messrs. Alan Potts, Alan McFall, R. B. Smith, C. K. Lewis and G. Moorhouse

Committal followed at Macclesfield Crematorium. The bearers were ringers from Christ Church—Messrs. D. Pearson, H. Farrer, G. Farrer, W. Stephenson, E. Potts and H. Wood.

THOSE PRESENT

The Bishop of Chester and the Archdeacon of Macclesfield were represented by the Rev. Glyn Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley represented the Central Council.

Among the ringers present were Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Warrilow, Mr. D. Vincent, Mr. F Osbaldiston, Mr Ralph G. Edwards, Mr. H. C. Lonyon, Mrs. C. S. M. Lonyon, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. L. Groves, Mrs. M. L. Horn, Mr. Brian Harris.

Messrs. Alan A. Potts, G. Henshaw, M. Mottershead and J. D. Atkinson (Christ Church); Mr. H. O. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis and Mrs. Marian Mackay (Chester Diocesan Guild); Mr. H. Richardson (Chester Guild and Derby Diocesan Association).

Messrs. George E. Fearn and J. A. Anderson (St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham); Mr. G. Richardson (Peak District, Derby Diocesan Association); Messrs. J. V. Norbury and Frank Yates and Mr. N. Taylor, also rep. Mr. J. D. Taylor (St. Michael's Ringers); Mr C. W. Lawton (Sutton St. James and Chester Guild); Mrs. E. M. P. Lawton (St. James' and Ladies Guild of Bellringers); Mr. B. Heapy (St. Peter's); Mr. G. Moorhouse (Prestbury); Messrs. R. Hayden and David Watkins (St. Mary's, Nether Alderley); Mr. S. Jones, chairman, and Mr. J. W. Griffiths (Chester Branch); Mr. G. H. Randles (rep Mr Fred Evans, Master and the N. Wales Association); Mr. T. Wild (St. George's, Hyde, and Chester Guild); Mr. A. R. Elkins Stockport Branch, Chester Guild).

Mr. Walter Allman (All Saints', Runcorn); Mr. Basil Jones and Miss Christine Inman (Norbury); Mr. Denis Mottershead (Wilmslow); Mr. Arthur G. Mason (Cumberland Youths); Mr. John Worth (Willoughby North); Mr Frank Stenson (also rep. Mr. Wilf Kerr, Crewe Branch); Mr. John Holloway (Crewe Branch); Mr. John E. Bibby (St. Lawrence's, Frodsham); Mr. J. Scott and Mr. R. W. Worrall (Northwich Branch); Mr Michael Thomson (Grappenhall Branch), also rep. Mr. John Ryder (Daresbury) and Mr. John C. Breese (Grappenhall); Mr. Alan McFall (All Saints', Marple); Mr. Robert Smith (Marple bellringers).

Rev. R. O. Fry (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association); Mr. S. Hough (Poynton St. George's); Mr. G. R. Gardner and Mr. Peter Laflin (Stockport St. George's); Mr. Neil D. Lomas (Stockport Branch); Mr. Ernest Bennett (Norbury and Preston St. John's); Mrs. W. Penny (Disley); Mr. N. Bennett (Lancashire Association of Change Ringers); Mr. E. V. Parker (St. Mary's, Disley); Mrs. Winifred Browett (St. Thomas', Chapel-en-le-Frith); Mr. Arthur Whiting (Marple); Mr. R. Barrett, Mr. D Harradine, Mr. H. Callwood and Mr. E. Pimlott (St. John the Evangelist, Chelford).

Surrey Assn. want to share new Cathedral with Guildford Guild

SANCTION TO VISIT CAUSES SCARE

A controversial speech by Mr. C. W. Munday, the general secretary, at the 39th annual general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford Cathedral on March 11th gave rise to lively exchanges. The bone of contention was the decision of the Surrey Association to hold its annual meeting in May at the Cathedral. Was this part of Surrey's expansion policy to penetrate into the whole county? he asked.

Proceedings started with the Guild's service, held in the beautiful Lady Chapel, conducted by the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson), who gave an address. Tea followed in the Refectory; this had been prepared by Mrs. Munday, Mrs. Smart and other ladies. About 100 members and friends were present.

The Master, Mr. P. G. Smart, presided at the business meeting supported by his officers, who were elected for another year of office. They are: General secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday; treasurer, Mr C. H. Kippin; auditor, Mr. P. G. Sherwood.

MEMBERSHIP SLIGHTLY LESS

Presenting the annual report, the Master said the total membership of 591 (579 ringing and 12 associates) was slightly less than that of the previous year.

The meeting stood while the following losses by death were remembered: Miss M. E. Bragg (Aldershot), Messrs. J. Brackley (Old Woking), W. F. Matthews (Cobham) and A. Roberts (Cobham). The last three were founder members.

Reporting on the peals, which numbered 33, eight fewer than in the previous year, Major Bragg said these were rung in 18 towers by 130 members in 23 different methods. Mr. R. C. Kippin was the leading conductor with five. Fifteen members rang their first peal and 68 their first in the method. He congratulated John Hayns on ringing his first peal as conductor.

The peal book was now at Aldershot. Leading conductors since the foundation of the Guild were A. H. Pulling 334, John Wells 99, A. Harman 85, A. P. Cannon 83, C. E. Smith 49. Three of the four Districts held striking competitions, winners being St. Martin's, Epsom (Leatherhead), Farnborough (Farnham) and Egham (Chertsey).

CATHEDRAL BELFRY

Regarding the Cathedral, the secretary said £45 had been spent in providing a dedication tablet. With the Master, he had met the Cathedral Council, the builders and Mr. D. Hughes to discuss ways and means of controlling sound in the belfry and dealing with the damp conditions. The Dean told him that day that some sound deadening material was to be used to make the bells more pleasant inside the ringing room. Unfortunately they were not in a position to move the Guild library into the tower because of water coming in and the Dean promised that would also receive attention.

The Master called attention to changes in District officers, Miss D. Street had resigned as secretary of the Guildford District and had been succeeded by Miss Y. L. Eloie; Mr. R. Collins, who for 13 years had been either Master or secretary of the Chertsey District, had moved to Farnham and had been succeeded as secretary by Mr. R. Caporn; Mr. D. Tubbs had succeeded Mr. W. Savill as Master of the Guildford District, and Mr. J. L. Hayns had relieved Mr. D. Herschell as Master of the Leatherhead District.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin, presented the audited accounts, which showed an increased balance in the General Fund of £67 8s, 8d. as against £47 6s. 6d. The improvement was partly due to no Central Council expenses being claimed and the Master did not get his five guineas. The Cathedral Bell Fund had a balance of £312 11s. 2d. and the Benevolent Fund £160 19s. 7d.

BENEVOLENT FUND WOUND UP

The meeting unanimously agreed to the Benevolent Fund, established in 1935, being wound up and the balance transferred to the Guild General Fund. Provided the General Fund balance was not reduced below £100, a grant not exceeding £25 may be made with the consent of the Master and general secretary to any member or dependant of any living or deceased member in distress or in ill health or suffering from any other adversity, upon the written application of another member.

The secretary explained the differences between this rule and the previous one. The old rule provided for a member who wanted help applying; now it was another person who applied on the individual's behalf; the District officers had previously to approve. Since the fund was established, £85 10s. had been paid out; the last payment was in 1960.

TOWER AFFILIATIONS

On behalf of the Farnham District, Mr. G. K. Williamson proposed that the Guild rules relating to tower affiliation fees be rescinded. He pointed out that out of the 63 towers in the Guild in the Chertsey District six out of 15 paid; Farnham District 13 out of 15, Guildford District six out 18; Leatherhead three out of 15. He thought that only 50 per cent. of the towers were represented at that meeting and no money would be forthcoming from those towers.

During the discussion it transpired that the responsibility of collecting affiliation fees had been placed on the Districts. Mr. Kippin said when he collected in one year he received £21 15s. He had a printed form which he sent to incumbents and if the money was not forthcoming within a month he sent a reminder. If there was still no response he asked the tower captain to call. "If you want money you have to ask for it," concluded Mr. Kippin.

The motion was defeated and it was left to the Executive Committee to consider method of collection.

FEARS OF SURREY ASSOCIATION PENETRATION

Under other business, the Master said the Surrey Association was holding its annual meeting at Guildford Cathedral in May. Was it right for an outside Association to hold its annual meeting at their headquarters? he asked. The general secretary felt strongly about it.

Mr. C. W. Munday said the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which included the present Guildford Diocese, was founded in 1879, and the Surrey Association, which worked among the eastern portion of the county, in 1880. With the division of the Winchester Diocese, the Guildford Guild was formed in 1927. From the beginning there was opposition to the Guildford Guild from the Surrey Association and some of their members wanted the Surrey Association to penetrate into their area. At the present time the area in which their Association overlapped was not large.

In 1962 there was a move to amalgamate the two. At a special meeting the voting of the Guildford Guild against amalgamation was 126 against, 19 for. The report of the Surrey Association for 1963 contained a recommendation to carry out a survey of all towers in Surrey on the question of Sunday ringing, to penetrate areas in Surrey where the Association had no members and encourage ringers to join Their policy was one of expansion throughout the county.

"I felt very strongly when I heard that the Surrey Association was to hold its annual meeting in Guildford and the first I knew about it was when I read it in 'The Ringing World,'" said Mr. Munday. Continuing, he said when he spoke to the Dean about the meeting the Dean had the impression that the Surrey Association was a more important body than the Guildford Guild. The Surrey Association had only a handful of ringers living within 12 or 15 miles of Guildford.

AFRAID OF "A TAKE-OVER"

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he could not see what the general secretary was creating about. If the Surrey Association had members in every tower what difference did it make to the Guildford Guild? The fact that they had liaison officers showed there was a desire to co-operate. The general secretary seemed afraid of a "take-over" bid. The Surrey Association as far as he could see was a very go-ahead Association, very enthusiastic, and he admired it very much. He hoped the Guild would welcome the members at Guildford in May.

The opinions of the liaison officers were sought and Mr. W. Jackson, of Kingston upon Thames, said the request for the meeting to be held at Guildford came not from the officers but from the body of the hall. The Surrey Association officers felt that they would be coming to Guildford as their guests.

Mr. J. A. Harrison pointed out that where he came from, in the Southwell area, there were about six Associations operating amicably together.

The matter was discussed at length and it was finally left to the liaison officers to arrange for an amicable meeting. The general view was that the Association would be welcomed to Guildford as guests and not as "penetrators."

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Following a decision taken at the Nottingham A.G.M., Saturday meetings are held once every two months and special practices for learners are held twice a month. There was a fair attendance at the meeting on March 4th, which began with an hour's ringing on the pleasantly-toned bells at All Saints', Nottingham. Repairs carried out by Mr. Syd Foskett and helpers have made these bells ringable. Ringing continued at Bulwell, where a splendid tea was provided at the Rectory. Ringing ranged from rounds to Stedman and Surprise Major and the evening concluded with a good course of Yorkshire.

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Letters to the Editor

SOMERSET COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Before you finally put the axe down on the "Bristol affair" may I say that the Bristol Society appears to be in the same position as its slightly more southerly neighbour, the Somerset County Association.

Well known throughout North Somerset, the S.C.A. members endeavour to achieve a high standard of performance, though any peals in which its members take part are usually credited to the Bath and Wells. This is perhaps the major difference between the S.C.A. and the Bristol Society—and is probably the reason behind all the controversy.

So far nobody has done a "Mr. Tubb" on the S.C.A., and it is hoped that nobody ever will, since relationship between the Bath and Wells members and the S.C.A. members is extremely good, and many enjoyable ringing and social hours have been enjoyed in each other's company.—Yours faithfully,

M. HEYMANN.

Chilcompton.

A DIFFERENT PEDAL

Dear Sir,—Perhaps the reason for the so-called Bristol Society is valid. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has now discontinued the recording of peals and still expects to receive the same peal fee as before, one shilling per rope. This appears to be illogical, as the funds of the Association are at a higher level now than for some time, though some contribution should be made towards the cost of printing the annual reports. In any case the general trend indicates that the Association intends to become a profit-making concern.

Perhaps the secretary of the Association, Mr. Rouse, or one of the auditors, Mr. Hunt, would like to comment.—Yours sincerely,

A. TUBB.

Filton, Glos.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out the following with regard to four recent peals:—

(i) Abergele Imperial Bob.—The peal rung at Buckley, Flintshire, on January 28th, 1967, was actually a peal of Nashdom Imperial Bob Major. The first peal of this method was rung at Burnham, Bucks, on July 11th, 1964. (See "Ringing World," July 24th, 1964, page 503.)

(ii) Kenwyn Surprise Major.—An error in the notation given on page 119, February 17th. I assume that the figure 6 with which it begins should be a letter b.

(iii) Pendeen Surprise Major.—An error in the notation given on page 155 of March 3rd. I assume that the method intended is:

d—58—16—56—36—34—38.14—12.7.

I think it is the duty of conductors to see that the notation they submit is accurate, and also to do something if it is inaccurately published. It is a pity when even those of us who have some experience in these matters can only decide what method has been rung by a series of inspired guesses.—Yours faithfully.

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE REPORT CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—On page 59 of the 1966 Annual Report of the Lancashire Association appears a composition of 5,184 Plain Bob Major. This composition cannot be reduced to 5,072 simply by the omission of course "A." All concerned please note. Apologies for the error.—Yours faithfully,

R. BARNES.

Preston, Lancs.

WANTS TO HEAR GREAT PEALS

Dear Sir,—Once again I am spurred to write on a subject which has, for a period of 18 months, irked more and more.

165 Spliced Surprise Major at Longney. Before this Surprise Maximus at Liverpool; three simultaneous peals of Stedman Cinques, London; to name but a few outstanding achievements of recent months. Marvellous, we all agree.

All right, outstanding so they are; but my point is that if these gentlemen are confident enough to ring the stuff, then they should be confident enough to advertise when and where these peals will take place. Even "ordinary" peals on the more noble rings of bells should be announced; then lesser mortals of the Exercise can at least listen and share the delights.

One conclusion only can otherwise be drawn from this, that those taking part ring from motives of pure selfishness.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

Stroud, Glos.

A recording of the peal of Stedman was advertised on page 196.—Ed.

COMBATING HOAX PEALS

Dear Sir,—It is deplorable that the peal columns of "The Ringing World" should be used as a medium for private jokes.

After reading the two hoax peals—on pages 88 and 171—we strongly recommend that the "R.W." should become a rival to the "Beginners' Handbook" rather than a forum for private jokes.

We appreciate that it is impossible for the "R.W. to examine the validity of each peal but we feel that action must be taken.

We suggest that one of the following steps should be taken:

(i) Charge a 6d. "rope fee," thus discouraging would-be hoaxers.

(ii) The peals should not be printed until the conductor has obtained the signature of a senior Association official on the peal report.

(iii) That the "R.W." should cease the publication of peals.

—Yours faithfully,

G. F. WHITE,
M. MAJOR,
M. J. TUNNICLIFF,
P. S. JONES.

Forest Hill, S.E.

HANDBELL FOUNDER

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. M. King's inquiry concerning a handbell foundry in Tottenham Court Road, I cannot help him as to the site of the foundry, but the founder was Henry Symondson, a member of the Junior Cumberlands (an old London Society) mentioned by the late J. A. Trollope when writing about the Junior Cumberlands.

Symondson rang all his peals with that Society between the years 1793 to about 1814. His name appears as having rung the second to a peal of 6,003 Stedman Caters by the Junior Cumberlands at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on Monday, November 13th, 1797, composed and conducted by John Noonan, with whom Symondson rang all his peals. So the handbells Mr. King mentions could be at least 150 years old, perhaps older.

It is a pity the date is not stamped on them. I hope the lady who has acquired them will be able to have the bells restored to their former glory.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE.

Raunds, Northants.

IMBER'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having read N. O. Skelton's letter on page 148 of "The Ringing World" about the five old bells from Imber, I think that those in whose care the bells are now should have a look around Salisbury Plain at the number of towers with five bells.

I can think of at least half a dozen towers and one not much more than a stone's throw from Imber, which if another bell was added would make a far wider scope for those who delight in the art of change ringing in country parishes.

I fully understand that it would cost a good deal more to have these bells recast and rehung as trebles in these towers, and am not against these bells going to Edington to make a fine ring of bells but not all of Imber's residents went to Edington, nor did all the furnishings of St. Giles' Church, as these were distributed among many parishes on the Plain.—Yours faithfully,

ALLAN E. COOK.

Netheravon, Wilts.

"SUMMONED BY BELLS"

Dear Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of your "Letters to the Editor" column, correct an inadmissible error on my part when typing the manuscript of my sermon "Summoned by Bells!" which you printed in "The Ringing World" of March 3rd, 1967.

The source of my text is, of course, Ecclesiasticus, and not Ecclesiastes, as I in error gave you. Those of us who are familiar with these two collections of Hebrew literature know how very different the former is from the latter! For the record, then, the exact text is Ecclesiasticus 44, 1, 3, 5, 2, 15.—Yours faithfully,

ERIC HAYMAN.

Plymouth.

Note.—We thank other readers who have called attention to the error.—Ed.

OBITUARY

MRS. E. M. CORDEROY

After a very short illness the death of Mrs. Ethel May Corderoy on March 2nd came as a very sad happening in the village of Aston Tirrold, Berkshire.

Mrs. Corderoy had lived in the village all her life and died at the age of 52. A ringer for the past 33 years, her entire ringing activities had been devoted to Sunday service ringing, for which she attended twice each Sunday with complete regularity. This service, performed with the assistance of her husband, son and daughter-in-law, had been the backbone of the Aston six for many years and the link in this chain will be greatly missed.

She had also served the church as secretary to the Parochial Church Council for the past four years, a church cleaner, and enrolling member for the Mothers' Union. The Aston tower band has provided very strong support for the North Berks Branch and the members have been known to cycle 20 or 30 miles on a pouring wet day in order to be present at a Branch meeting. Mrs. Corderoy will be greatly missed by many for her great example of humble service. Sincere sympathy is extended to Gilbert and family.

The funeral service on March 6th was well attended and handbells were rung at the graveside and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the tower bells in the evening.

A. H. W.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Pedley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Town 2, A. Bashforth 3, D. Town 4, E. W. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, N. Munden (first quarter) 6. Rung on the back six.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of 1966 Meeting

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-sixth Council (69th annual) meeting, held in the Pump Rooms, Bath, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor of Bath, Alderman R. Purdie, the Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, and the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. H. F. Warren.

PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, F Sharpe and J. F. Smallwood.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A Osborn, H N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C Shepherd, R. F B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W T. Cook and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association. — Mr. P. M. J. Gray

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed, G Salmon and H J. Sanger

Bedfordshire Association.— Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. W. Griffiths and J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. D. R. Carlisle. G. A. Halls and M P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr B. E Bartlett.

Dudley & Dist. Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. B. E. Jeffrey

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association. — Dr. J. Armstrong. Messrs. F. B Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M Boyle, Messrs. N Mallett, T. G. Myers and the Rev. J. G. M Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. G. T. Cousins, C. A. Lewis and A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell and G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Mr. F E. Dukes.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D E. Colgate and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington and F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M Roderick.

London County Association.—Messrs. A. D. Barker, H. W Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. H. W Rogers

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W Critchley, T. J. Lock and Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association. — Messrs. R. S. Anderson and C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price and P. Walker.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. H. Bluff and J. Linwell.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth and G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G S. Morris and Rev. R Keeley

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman and D. E. Sibson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mr. W. L Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Messrs M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs H W. Egglestone C. W. Pipe and Miss A. E. J. Lester.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon W. Parrott and W. Streeter.

Sussex County Association. — Mrs. F. I Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Guild. — Mr G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. W. C. Boucher D. Burnett A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild —Mr. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. Hartless.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson and W F. Moreton.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 164 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were six life members, making a total possible membership of 194 There were two vacancies among honorary members and one among representative members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. B Austin, H. O. Baker, E. Billings, F. Bogan, Miss J. A. V. Caligari. Messrs. P. I. Chapman, J D. Clarke, J. D. Dunwoody, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Group Captain J. S Mason, Messrs. A. J. Pitman, T. H. Radford, R. R Savory, Miss H. G. Snowden, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. L. Stilwell, G. Tembey, C. G. J. Watts, F. A. White and E. Willcox.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following new members were presented: Messrs. J. W. Griffiths (Chester Guild), D. R. Carlisle (Derbyshire Association), M. J. Fellows (Dudley and District Guild), B. E. Jeffrey (East Grinstead and District Guild), Dr. J. Armstrong (Essex Association), Messrs. J. R. Taylor (Gloucester and Bristol Association), C. A. Lewis (Hereford Guild), B. M. Barker (Hertford Association), S. Jenner (Kent County Association), A. J. Frost (University of London Society), A. Capstick and F. Reynolds (Lancashire Association), Miss R. M Foreman (Middlesex Association), Messrs. C. S. Ryles (North Staffordshire Association), P. M. Adcock (Norwich Association), W. Butler, N. J. Diserens and F. C. Price (Oxford Guild), J. H. Bluff and J. Linnell (Peterborough Guild), J. A. Ainsworth (St. Martin's Guild), Rev. R. Keeley (Salisbury Guild), Messrs. K Newman (Cumberland Youths), M. W. Fairey and C. M. Smith (Stafford Archdeaconry), H. W. Egglestone (Suffolk Guild), W. Streeter (Surrey Association and E. Hudson (Yorkshire Association).

The following members of a previous Council, but now representing different Societies or re-elected after an interval, were also presented: Messrs. A. D. Barker (London County), G. W. Critchley (Middlesex Association), N. S. Bagworth (Police Guild) and A. P. Cannon (Surrey Association).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

Vice-President: Mr. J. Freeman was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. Bray.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. V. Bottomley was elected on the proposition of Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

Hon Librarian: Mr. F. W. Perrens was re-elected on the proposition of Miss D. E. Colgate, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

The president thanked the retiring honorary secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and Mrs. Barnett, and made a presentation to them on behalf of the members. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett expressed their gratitude and their appreciation of the privilege of having served the Council since 1952

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The president announced that Mr. P. J. Fidler and Mrs. C. C. Marshall were not seeking re-election. The other retiring members, Messrs. D Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

Mrs. V. Bottomley was elected on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

Mr. F. E. Haynes was elected on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. E Collins.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

One vacancy was left unfilled.

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Central Council Minutes—continued

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Mr. H. N. Pitstow was re-elected and Mr. D. Hughes elected, proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence:—

Messrs D. H. Bennett (1939–50), P. Crook (1927–29, 1939-50 and 1957–62), J. T. Dyke (1927–65), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (1915–65), Messrs. E. C Gobey (1912–14 and 1933–35), C. Harrison (1945), G. L. Hewitt (1946–56), T. Metcalfe (1913–36), Canon J. D. Pearson (1946–47), Messrs. A Paddon Smith (1921–53), W H Southeard (1927–32) and S. H. Symonds (1929–45)

Tributes were paid to the memory of many of the deceased, in particular to Mrs. Fletcher for her work both for the Council and the Ladies' Guild.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 25th, 1966, were adopted subject to the insertion of "by Mr. F. W. Perrens" after "Standing Committee" under "Election of Life Member," on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER
(June 10th, 1966, page 372)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN
(June 17th, 1966, page 392)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis

The president expressed the Council's thanks to Mr and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed for their work during the previous eight years in connection with the sale of publications.

Mr. G. Dodds suggested that the possibility be investigated of "Xerox" copying of certain books now out of print.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS
(June 17th 1966, page 388)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE
(June 17th, 1966, page 391)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The hon. secretary reported that at its meeting the previous evening the Committee had considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations which would be placed before the Council.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, pages 386–388)

The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and accounts and the re-election of the committee with the exception of Mr D. A. Bayles.

During the debate which followed a number of criticisms were made of the layout and contents of the paper. A proposal by Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, that an ad hoc committee be formed to examine the position was defeated. Mr. R. F. B. Speed proposed, and Mr. W. L. Weller seconded, that the committee be voted on individually This was carried and it was agreed that the committee should consist of six members. After a ballot Messrs. R. S. Anderson, D A. Bayles, D. Beresford, G. W. Pipe, J. F. Smallwood and W. G. Wilson were elected. The report and accounts were adopted.

RECORDS COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, pages 390 and 395)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr C. K. Lewis. Mr. Blagrove was re-elected and Messrs. D. E. Gibson and C. A. Wratten elected to the committee.

It was agreed that the records typed by Mrs. Fletcher should be bound as a memorial to her. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. C. C. Marshall and Mr. J. R. Mayne for their work for the committee in the past.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 391)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes, who were re-elected to the committee.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 393)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr F. J. Sanger.

It was agreed that, in addition to the comprehensive treatise for which approval had been given in 1964, the existing handbook should be reprinted to meet current needs. Tributes were paid by Messrs. Sanger and H. W. Rogers to Mr. Sharpe for his work for the committee. The existing members (Messrs. F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J Sanger, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, B. D. Threlfall and J. Worth) were re-elected and Mr. T. M. Roderick added to the committee.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 392)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. Ayre, Canon Felstead and Mr. H. L. Roper were re-elected to the committee.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 391)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, The committee (Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Fearn, A. J. Pitman and R. F. B. Speed) were re-elected.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 393)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. J. Lock, seconded by Mr. W H. Viggers. The committee (Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. Parrott. W. H. Viggers and J. Willis) were re-elected.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 390)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

It was agreed that the committee should proceed with compiling a manual for instructors. Mr. N. Chaddock, Miss M. R. Cross and Messrs. W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe were re-elected to the committee. Mrs. P. J. Staniforth was added in place of Mr. F. B. Lufkin, who did not wish to stand again

OVERSEAS RINGING COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. A. V. Sheppard. At Mr. Pipe's suggestion, Mr F. T. Blagrove reviewed the state of ringing in Africa, from where he had recently returned.

Messrs. Pipe and Sheppard were re-elected to the committee, after which, on behalf of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Mr. T. J. Lock presented to the Council a book entitled "Australia—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and an illuminated address. The president expressed the Council's thanks and congratulated Mr. Lock on the success of the previous year's tour of Australia.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE
(June 17th, 1966, page 389)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. N. Pitstow, seconded by Mr. D. A. Bayles. The committee (Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. J. Sanger, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and R. S. Wilson) were re-elected.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Mr. C. K. Lewis said that the committee had nothing to report. Mr. Lewis and Mr. F. T. Blagrove were re-elected to the committee, and Mr. S. J. Ivin was added in place of Mr. J. R. Mayne, no longer a member of the Council. The thanks of the committee were extended to Mr. Mayne for his work on their behalf.

STANDING COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary announced the names of the ex-officio members: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. J. Freeman, V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, F. Sharpe, E. A. Barnett, G. W. Fletcher, R. S. Anderson, W. Ayre, F. T. Blagrove, N. Chaddock, W. E Critchley, C. K. Lewis, T. J. Lock, G. W. Pipe and E. C. Shepherd.

After a ballot, the following 12 members were elected: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. J. Bray, W. B. Cartwight, P. A Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, F. I. Hairs, W. F. Moreton, H. J. Sanger, J. F. Smallwood, J. F. B. Speed and W. G. Wilson.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Worth:

"That this Council favours all affiliated Societies fixing the rate of their non-resident life membership subscriptions at a figure which does not exceed one and a half times the resident members' subscription."

The motion was lost.

(b) Proposed on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, seconded by Miss B. M. Boyle:

"That the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published except after payment to 'The Ringing World' of not less than sixpence for each person taking part in the peal."

The motion was lost.

(c) Proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis, seconded by Canon K. W H. Felstead:

"That this Council invites all affiliated Societies to contribute a sum of not less than three guineas per representative annually towards the cost of maintaining 'The Ringing World.'"

After debate, the Council passed on to the next business on the proposition of Mr. P. M. J. Gray, seconded by Mr. S. J. Ivin.

FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the 1967 meeting at Nottingham should be held on Tuesday, May 30th, instead of on Whitsun Tuesday.

Invitations had been received from the Surrey and Worcestershire and Districts Associations to visit Croydon and Worcester respectively in 1968. It was agreed by a majority to accept the invitation to Worcester.

The Council took note of an invitation to visit Hertfordshire in 1971.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. C. A Lewis asked whether the Council would publish a Doubles book giving details of all plain methods and variations. Mr. C. K. Lewis undertook to discuss this with his committee

On the proposition of Mr. W. H. Dobbie, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mr. F I. Hairs was thanked for his services to "The Ringing World" Committee during the preceding 15 years. Congratulations were also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hairs on their golden wedding anniversary earlier in the year.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Bath, the Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for their welcome; to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the hall; to the Rector of Bath Abbey for the use of his church for the Holy Communion service; to the officers of the Association, in particular the secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, the treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, and Mr. J. H. Gilbert for the local arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

The members were the guests at tea of the Mayor and Corporation of Bath.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented	44	119	—
Partly represented	10	21	17
Not represented	6	—	6
	60	140	23
Life members		5	1
Honorary members		14	8
		159	32

University of London Society Dinner

THE University of London Society of Change Ringers again held its annual dinner at Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 25th. Ringing during the day took place at St. Giles', Camberwell, St. John's, Waterloo, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and at the City towers of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and St. Margaret's, Westminster. Some members also rang at Southwark Cathedral and St. Olave's, Hart Street.

Though the number present was smaller than last year's bumper total, nevertheless the 80-odd who were present seemed to have a festive spirit about them. The dinner was presided over by Mr. David J. R. Martin, the president, who gave the loyal toast.

The toast of "The Church" was ably proposed by a former Master of the Society, Dr. John Armstrong. In a short but apt speech he referred to the amazing achievements of the present technical age in which so much around us was changing.. The Church was also changing and it was essential that it did; but as far as we were concerned it remained our bedrock and, as regarded our Exercise, we were deeply beholden to the Church, for without it there would be no Exercise.

In replying, Canon C. B. Mortlock (Rector of St. Vedast's) told the company that the Church was indeed changing; indeed it might change so radically that the Church of England might become unrecognisable, particularly in view of the steps being taken towards Church unity. He reminded members, however, that Ecumenism was no new thing. As early as 1908 the Bishops of the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference had issued a "Call to Unity"—something sensational in those days

In giving his own welcome to the visitors, the president particularly welcomed Mr. John Euston, of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

DEBT TO ST. OLAVE'S

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the secretary, Mr. David Cawley. In welcoming the clergy present he said how happy they were to have Canon Mortlock with them, whose six bells the Society has almost free use of. Also present were the Rev. Maurice Dean (Rector of St. Olave's) and Mrs. Dean. The Society rang the bells of St. Olave's in a room right next door to the Deans' sitting room. Not only that but they used the vestry (under the sitting room) for handbell ringing, called Mrs. Dean from the kitchen for making of coffee, etc. They were also privileged to have with them the Masters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. Dennis Beresford) and the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Alan Frost) together with their ladies. There were also guests from many Universities and at the top table Messrs. Stephen Darvill and Stephen Royal, Master of the Cambridge Guild and secretary of the Oxford University Society respectively.

Replying, Mr. Dennis Beresford regaled the company with various clerical snippets and spoke of the close link which existed between the old London Societies and the University Society and, in thanking the Society for its welcome, he expressed the hope that this link would long continue.

The toast of "The University of London Society" was given by Mr. Stephen Darvill, of Cambridge. and replied to by the Master, Mr. Timothy Pett, who reiterated the history of the Society from its inception until the present day. It was as early as 1934 that the first steps had been taken to form such a Society, but these proved abortive. But in 1943 the nucleus of the Society which existed to that day was formed, and several of the foundation members were present at the dinner that evening

WRONG PRIORITIES

Reviewing the year, Mr. Pett said that he felt that it had been an unsatisfactory one from many points of view. The Sunday service ringing had been continued without a break but was not well supported. He thought that this was partly due to some hard feeling which had arisen in the Society; but he also felt that some members had their priorities wrong, and that the correct attitude should be the same as one's attitude to a peal—attendance should be regarded as obligatory. Referring to the summer tour, he said that it had been impossible, owing to the strike, to go to Ireland; they were doing that in the coming summer. Last summer, however, Mr. Graham Elmes had kindly organised a Dorset tour, which had been much enjoyed.

The year had seen other feats performed. The magnificent Taylor eight at St. Dunstan-in-the-East had been put in thorough order and many members had rung on them that day. It had been the Society's privilege to provide the band to perform the opening ringing on them on May 24th. Quarter peals had met with varying success; ten had been rung at St Vedast's, ranging from Plain Bob Minor to 20-spliced Surprise, three at St. Clement Danes' and two at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, one of which had been the first on the bells. Referring to peal ringing, the Master said that only 12 had been rung, of which the breakdown was: Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 7. The last-named included a fine performance of 51-spliced Surprise. A bid for the record in Surprise Minor had unfortunately been lost, as had notable attempts at Grantham, Yarmouth and Redcliffe, the last being due to a slip, the ringing being excellent.

The formal part of the business was then concluded but many members enjoyed the facilities for thirst-slaking, and the handbells were put to good use. D. L. C.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Whiston and Rotherham on March 4th. Whiston bells were available in the afternoon and a group made good use of the bells. Attendance at Rotherham was low, although 37 people sat down to tea in the Church Hall. This was followed by the meeting. Mr. Michael King was elected president, Mr. G. Pilkington vice-president and all the other officers were re-elected. The recommendations of the sub-committee for the Cup rules were adopted. The meeting concluded with the showing of the Washington Film by Mr. N. Chaddock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A young starter is N. Salter, who, at the age of 11, rang his first quarter "inside" at Dunkeswell, Devon.

A special welcome was given at the Guildford Guild annual meeting to the six new members from Newdigate.

The Vicar of Malmesbury, the Rev. A. Beaghen, has coined a new ringers' motto and has used it twice recently, it is "Wait your pull, and pull your weight."

A good evening's ringing, including Cambridge Surprise Major, was enjoyed at the Eastern District of the Herts County Association practice meeting at Ware on March 11th.

A progressive young lady is Miss Ann R. Munslow (14), who only learned to handle a bell less than a year ago and is now ringing quarter peals "inside" to a number of Doubles methods in the Melton Mowbray area. She can also ring the treble to Triples and Caters.

This year's ringing tour of the University of Wales was based on Cardiff and held during the week-end of February 18th. Towers visited were St. John's, Cardiff, Whitchurch, Llanbradach, Ebbw Vale, Abergavenny and Llangibby. The dinner and meeting were held at Cardiff, when John Turney was elected Ringing Master and Miss Susan Herber secretary. The summer tour will be in Warwickshire from August 30th to September 5th.

On Mothering Sunday the bells of St. Mary's, Barking, Suffolk, were rung to call changes by six mothers for Evensong. With one exception, all are members of the local band.

Conducting his first peal at Blo-Norton, Norfolk, on February 25th, A. W. Foreman had a band of five first pealers. The peal was a 66th birthday compliment to his wife, who was ringing her first peal (Bob Doubles) from the treble. A happy occasion!

The Colegate Society, which did much work in training the new band at Drayton, Norfolk, had the privilege on March 7th of ringing the first peal on the bells—one of seven Minor methods. The bells were hallowed on February 5th.

WHAT NEXT!

"The Ringing World" once did advise:
"New methods can win a big prize,"
Till a student name Rob
Tried to prove Churchyard Bob
Extended to Headstone Surprise.

P. W.

Do Limericks cause pleasure or pain?
They're not written for profit or gain,
But after a while
We can tell from the style
That "D. B." has struck once again.

P. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A LINCOLNSHIRE FIRST ANNIVERSARY

If you are among the 70,000 holidaymakers who visit Skegness there is an excellent ring of eight (tenor 17¼ cwt) at Burgh-le-Marsh, five miles west of Skegness. In charge of the tower is Mr. R W. Paddison, and his band has just celebrated their first anniversary. He tells me that the band can now ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, but mainly Minor.

The ringers here are having to face opposition. Certain mothers have approached the parish council asking them to stop practices on a Tuesday night and ring on Fridays. Steps have been taken to hold the practices during Lent on Thursdays, and the reason Friday is not possible is that Friskney practice is on that night and both towers help each other.

Mrs. Sylvia Smith, the clerk to the Parochial Church Council, gives a very good reply to the parish council. She states:

"As most of the friends on your council will know in order to continue a tradition, dating back hundreds of years, a heritage not only of the church and congregation but indeed the whole of the parish, the bells recently were rehung at a cost of over £2,600. This money being provided by the generous support not only of church members but by members of other denominations."

Mrs. Smith goes on: "Since the bells were rehung, much effort has gone into the training of ringers; included in these are quite a number of the younger generation and also of other denominations, and they are all showing a keen interest in the art of change ringing. It is understood that there are other social activities for the young held on Friday evenings and for the bell ringing practice to be retained on Tuesday evenings does help to keep these youthful members of the parish usefully employed."

APPRECIATION

Miss G. B. Smith, of Rugeley, writes: "May I take this opportunity of saying how much I enjoy your magazine and, speaking from a learner's point of view, how much benefit I obtain from some of the articles. Surely this must be the most interesting technical publication available."

Mr. P. R. Brooks, tower captain, Swindon Village, Glos: "I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the ringers at Swindon Village, to say that we think the present cover design is an excellent one, eminently suitable for a publication of such an excellent standard."

CUPID AT MANCHESTER

Dr. and Mrs. J. Baker, now of Canterbury, whose recent wedding was honoured by Manchester University Society by a long length peal, were the eighth pair of members to get married since 1961. For those interested in marriage statistics there have been five ex-masters, five ex-secretaries, one ex-treasurer and three ex-committee members of the Guild involved. Has any other University Guild a higher penalty for taking office?

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the A.G.M. of the S.U.G.C.R. on March 8th, Robert A. Partridge was re-elected Master and Miss Susan E. M. Davis was elected as secretary and treasurer of the Guild. Please note that the address for correspondence is now: c/o J.C.R. Post, The University, Highfield, Southampton.

MELTON DISTRICT DINNER

A "coming-of-age" iced cake, made by Mrs. Wilson, was cut at the annual dinner of the Melton District at the King's Arms, Scalford, on March 17th by the Rev. Ian Phelps, South Croxton, who proposed the toast of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The company of 50 was welcomed by the chairman (Mr. J. H. Cook) and guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price (Crowthorne), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Rosemary, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jelley, Mr. A. J. Poynor, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris and Miss S. E. Chesterton. Mr. Staniforth showed his film of the English ringers' visit to Washington, which was much appreciated.

WYMONDHAM TO HAVE RING OF TEN

Wymondham, Norfolk, is to have a ring of ten bells. At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council last week the Vicar (the Rev. Tansley Thomas) announced that he had promises from two donors to provide two more bells to augment the ring to ten.

The original eight have now been recast at the Whitechapel Foundry and the recasting of the tenor on February 22nd was witnessed by the Vicar and some of the ringers. It is hoped that the bells will be back in the tower by Whitsun.

TOWER CAPTAIN MAYOR

Councillor H. W. Page, the tower captain at St. Paul's Church, Chippenham, and the present Mayor of the borough, has been nominated for a second year of office. Congratulations were offered him at a Branch meeting held at Chippenham on Wednesday evening.

89th BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT

Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Somerby, Leics, celebrated his 89th birthday by ringing in a quarter peal as Asfordby on March 9th. He carries his years lightly—still drives his own car and climbs the 52 steps up to Melton belfry every Sunday morning. A veteran of the Boer War, he has been driving a car since 1905 and has never had an accident.

KINGSTON'S GREAT LEAP FORWARD

For the first time for many years the local band at Kingston upon Thames recently broke the "six-bell barrier" and, unaided, rang Grandsire Triples for Sunday service. By itself this fact may seem trifling, but the measure of progress it represents is the other fact that until 15 months ago it was touch and go whether enough ringers turned up to ring at all for Sunday service.

On this recent occasion the great leap forward from the front six to the 27 cwt. back eight was a fluke due to one or two "irregulars" happening to turn up together. In three months' time, however, if present progress is maintained, eight-bell ringing will be the norm for Sunday service. And then for the ten . . .

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Durweston on March 11th, attended by 27 members and visitors. Ringing reached London Surprise Minor. During the Guild office 120 Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells by T. Bleathman, C. Longridge and J. Longridge. Eight new members were elected, including four from Shillingstone, thus bringing that tower back into the Guild. A proficiency certificate was awarded to Roy W. Jeans, of Durweston.

REDEDICATION of STOWMARKET BELLS

Stowmarket, Suffolk, bells, which have recently been thoroughly overhauled and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were rededicated on Sunday, March 12th, by the Bishop of Dunwich. The ceremony was carried out prior to morning service in order that bells, which have been silent for nearly three years, could be rung for that service.

The ceremony was brief but solemn and dignified. Ropes had been lowered from the ringing chamber to the base of the tower and these were handed to the Bishop by the captain of ringers, Oliver G. Barnard, who requested the Bishop to "dedicate, to the glory of God and the use of this church, this peal of bells."

The appropriate psalm was recited and the lesson read, and the Bishop, holding the ropes, blessed and dedicated the bells and handed the ropes to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Arthur Muxlow, entrusting the bells to his care to "be ever and only used in the service of God and in His Glory." The ceremony concluded with the Grace and the clergy retired to the accompaniment of dedicatory rounds from the bells above. The bells were then rung by an invited band to touches until service time.

During the service the Bishop, in his address, made suitable reference to those responsible for the restoration and spoke in glowing terms of the work of ringers generally. This gave great satisfaction to the ringers present and it was with joy and pleasure that they assembled in the tower after the service for a further half-hour's ringing, to the great delight of home-going worshippers.

It is intended to hold an open day for ringers in the very near future, and due notice will be given in "The Ringing World."

O. G. B.

CLERICAL GUILD'S WEEK

Headquarters for this year's ringing week of the Guild of Clerical Ringers will be the Diocesan House, The Old Palace, Lincoln. The week starts on the afternoon of April 3rd at Bottesford. There are to be two peal attempts—at Gainsborough and Ewerby. The week concludes on Friday at noon.

The party will consist of the following: The Revs. Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews, P. N. Bond (Great Yarmouth), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), M. Hart (Tarrington), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R N. Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), R C. Lucas (Rumney), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T Robbins (Charing), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), D. H. Sansum (Birmingham), J. Shepheard-Walwyn (Westleigh), R. D. St J. Smith (Darley), R. W. Thomas (Tenby), J. Tomsett (Surbiton), H. F. Warren (Exford), and part time A. C. F. Davies (Horncastle), Canon A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich), E. B. Wood (Mapledurham). Mesdames Longridge, Lucas, Richards, Sanders, Tomsett, Miss Homfray, John and Christopher Longridge and Robert Coleridge will accompany the party.

SURREY ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate the 87th anniversary of the foundation of the Surrey Association, every tower in the Association is going to be encouraged to ring a quarter peal for Sunday service on May 21st.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1966

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEW MILLS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

Denis Mottershead	Treble	David Walker	5
F. John Nelson	2	Geoff Gardener	6
Sidney Hough	3	Neil Lomas	7
James Belshaw	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., Dec. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Alan Sharples	2	John Robinson	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Richard Starkie	4	Neil Lomas	10
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	John H. Fielden	11
Denis Latham	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

TOWER BELL PEALS, 1967

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Raymond G. Cousins ..	2	Dennis Randall	8
Frederick R. Scott	3	George W. Pipe	9
Alan J. Frost	4	Michael P. Moreton ..	10
Alan R. Patterson	5	John H. Crampion	11
Antony R. Kench	6	James Phillips	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by David P. Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Michael G. Bartlett ..	Treble	*Walter S. Rice	5
*P. John Hall	2	†David G. Massey	6
*Roy W. Rice	3	George W. Massey	7
*Richard C. Taylor	4	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th peal.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
RAUNDS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	Treble	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	5
C. W. Daws (Trinity) ..	2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	7
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Basil Jones	Treble	Gerald Farrer	6
Wilfred Stevenson	2	Brian Harris	7
J. David Atkinson	3	Edward Jenkins	8
Ernest Bennett	4	Hedley Wood	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in memoriam John Worth after the funeral service at this church.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Boniface.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Mrs. G. H. Randles ..	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Christopher J. Jones	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Harold Worrall	3	Michael Thomson	7
John W. Griffiths	4	Harry W Howard	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove) Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb in F.

*Gerald Moorhouse	Treble	Alan McFall	5
*Cynthia Warrilow	2	William H. Dowse	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Basil Jones	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Charles Hattersley. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal of Bristol
Rung in memory of John Worth, Master of the Chester Guild, who rang many peals at Norbury.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr 12 lb.

*Ronald Andrew	Treble	†Basil Jones	5
Robert B. Smith	2	Arthur E Whiting	6
*Christine Inman	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Alan B. Rothwell	4	Alan McFall	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Frank Osbaldiston.
* First peal. † 700th peal. First peal on eight bells as conductor.
Rung in memory of John Worth, Master of the Chester Guild.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Peter S. Oliver	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
*Christine Hale	2	Alan Sharples	5
Neil D. Lomas	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild Tenor 14 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 22 lb

Robert J Warrilow ..	Treble	Michael Thomson	4
Christopher J Jones ..	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
J Anthony Beaumont ..	3	Alan McFall	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in memoriam John Worth after meeting short for Major.

(Northwich Branch)
DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Monday, March 6, 1967 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Olwen Evans	Treble	Victor Neal	4
A. Gordon Lawrence ..	2	Reginald W. Worrall ..	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Treble Bob
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 120's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Carole Street	Treble	Harry Callwood	4
Robert Barratt	2	David Harradine	5
Ernest Pimlott	3	*John Capps	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MOUNTSORREL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb in G sharp.

Graham Fisher	Treble	David K Walklate	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	David Oliver	6
Neil Handley	3	William Allsopp	7
Kevin A. Betesta	4	Reginald J. Stretton ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by David K. Walklate.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

*Cynthia Wells	Treble	Hugh M. Johnson	5
Stephen C. Wells	2	Malcolm E. Johnson ..	6
John Watkins	3	*M Alec Beaumont	7
*Charlotte A. Bennett ..	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BRANCEPETH, Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Sat., March 11 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

*Colin C. Monson (Grey)	Treble	Christopher Holmes (Bede)	4
Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.)	2	M Alec Beaumont	5
David R. Swan (Van. M.)	3	Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.
* First peal. First as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward E. Davey	Treble	*Peter G. Pitt	5
*Jennifer M. Andrews ..	2	*Michael J. Bew	6
*Catherine M. Powell ..	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Neville F. Whittell ..	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	Maurice A New	4
*Derek Dancey	2	E. William Ford	5
†Christopher Richards ..	3	†Frederick E. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First away from treble.
Rung in memoriam A. George Wells, of Christ Church, Swindon.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Jonathan S. N. Porter	Treble	*Michael J. Church	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	*Peter G. Smart	6
*†Mary Marshall	3	David E. Rothera	7
*Robert Ashman	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Rutland. † First of Major. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt. 93 lb. in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THE-ISLE OF THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Pamela E. Powell	Treble	John Pladdys	6
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Donald H. Niblett	7
James Hedgcock	3	Alan P. S. Berry	8
Keith I. Davis	4	Derek J. Carr	9
David J. Baker	5	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Composed by A. Knight. Composed by Donald H. Niblett.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Bertram H. Luck, of Canterbury Cathedral, for a speedy recovery.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	5
*David Rennolds	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Judith M. Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Anthony R. Kench. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal in the method.

COBHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., Feb. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John Pladdys	Treble	Harold Evans	4
*Malcolm J. Hitchcock ..	2	Tony Lewis	5
Peter S. Muchlinski ..	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

BRASTED, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

John Palmer	Treble	Robert Sherlock	4
Janet E. Blake	2	Richard Hayes	5
Philip Everest	3	Harold Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Donald F. Murfet	2	Geoffrey Pearson	7
Richard J. Parker	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Charles P. Quartley	4	John G. Gipson	9
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.
Jointly conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh and Tudor P. Edwards.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Feb. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 20 cwt.

*John Ascroft	Treble	*Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	5
Diana J. Handley	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	3	Stanley Anderton	7
Christopher L. Watson ..	4	Peter Handley	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Holinrake.

ECCLES, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
David Vincent	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Richard King	3	F. John Nelson	7
Derrick Davenport	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Martin Green	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Howard C. Palmer	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of fifth and tenor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Joan Gilbert	Treble	*Harold Barsley	5
†R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	2	Albert E. Flatters	6
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Keith R. Davey	7
‡Philip Reynolds	4	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major "inside."

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Walter Tomlinson	Treble	Ronald Applewhite	4
John F. Pearson	2	Philip C. Pitchford	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung with the compliments of the ringers to Miss Marion Elizabeth Hackney and Mr. Ernest Dady, who were married previous to the peal.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Annable's London. Rossendale and Stamford, (2) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (3) London and Wells, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (5) Durham, Surfleet, York and Beverley, (6) Hexham and Berwick, (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, with 84 changes in method. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Maurice Bennett	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
Frank Taylor	2	Alan G. Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
100th peal on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PENYFAI, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of Plain Bob, four 240's and 28 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Raymond J. Mayle .. Treble	William T. Petty 3
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	D. R. Lynn Jones 4
D. Walford Davies .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Alan S. Burbidge .. .. Treble	Christopher M. Movley .. 5
E. Andrew Harrison 2	Paul Coddington 6
David J. Jukes 3	C. L. Digby Munday .. 7
David Ley 4	James W. Bellshaw .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
First in method by all. First in method as conductor.

BOLLINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St John.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

A. Stephen Taylor .. .. Treble	David J. Jukes 5
James W. Bellshaw 2	Alan S. Burbidge 6
Christopher M. Movley .. 3	Peter Bellamy-Knights .. 7
C. L. Digby Munday .. 4	E. Andrew Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by E. Andrew Harrison.
First in the method by all.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

John Hill .. .. Treble	Alick Cutler 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
*Valerie E. Ware 3	D nnis Knox 7
Ruth M. Foreman 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LODDON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Roger E. Peckham .. Treble	*Anthony H. Roberts .. 5
James W Forder 2	Frederick C. Gunton .. 6
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	William J. Flatt 7
*Thomas J. Brock 4	*J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Oxford Major.
Rung as a 95th birthday compliment to Mr. R. E. Browne, of Loddon.

BLO-NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 44 extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Mrs. A. W. Foreman .. Treble	*D. Boast 4
*T. G. Boast 2	A. W. Foreman 5
*R Filby 3	*S. Flatman .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. Foreman.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 66th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also a wedding compliment to J. S. Barnes.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

J. Barry Pickup .. .. .. Treble	Michael J. Howes 4
Stephen F. High 2	H. William Barrett 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Roger E. Peckham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	*Harry E. Wells 5
William F. Butler 2	Ronald C. Christopher .. 6
William J. Irving 3	James P. Blond 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Robert B. Blond .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Angela M. Ayres .. .. Treble	Harry E. Wells 5
Frank E. Godden 2	James P. Blond 6
Harold W. Dunsden .. 3	Robert B. Blond 7
*Roy H. Jones 4	William Corderoy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First of Stedman Triples.

WEST HANNEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

J. Richard Poole .. .. Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4
A. Keith P. Poole 2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 5
Melvyn J. Hiller 3	John C. Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.
Rung to mark the birth on January 23rd, 1967, of Simon John, son of Beryl and John Baldwin.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester .. .. Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
Peter Pearce 2	D. Kay Adkins 5
Frederick W. Soden 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band except the conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Giles
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Roger W. Smith .. .. Treble	Rupert A. Clarke 6
Patrick I. Chapman .. 2	Barry E. Saunders 7
Graham C. Paul 3	Alan A. Paul 8
James Linnell 4	Charles E. Truman 9
*James R. White 5	Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., March 5, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Patrick I. Chapman .. .. Treble	James R. White 6
Graham C. Paul 2	Barry E. Saunders 7
Roger W. Smith 3	Alan A. Paul 8
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4	Barrie Henry 9
Rupert A. Clarke 5	Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.
First in the method by all except the ringers of 9 and 10.
Rung as a welcome to the son born this day to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm J. V. Chown. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods/variations, being three extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon, St. Martin, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day and Kennington and six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Ronald Russell .. .. Treble	Roger N. Scholes 3
Gerald W. Reynolds 2	J. Martin Thorley 4
Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a birthday tribute to Katharine M. Thorley and Penelope J. Thorley.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Peter J. Stretton	Treble	John R. Insley	6
George E. Fearn	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
James Insley	3	Michael J. Fellows	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	John C. Eisel	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Fearn	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	John R. Insley	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	John C. Eisel	7
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
Rung in memoriam John Worth.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WILLENHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Howard Howell	Treble	Cyril Taberner	6
*Christine J. Turner	2	†Frank Beech	7
Maurice G. Turner	3	James S. Eastwood	8
David Jordan	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
Francis Brotherton	5	Peter J. Barker	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Caters and first of Stedman "inside." 200th peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Roger G. Howell and Miss Ann Bentley, who were married at Stoke-on-Trent the previous Saturday. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Christine Slater	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	4
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Philip R. Johnson	5
Richard B. Dorrington	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First peal in seven Minor methods by all except the conductor, and first in seven methods as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., March 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter N. Felton	Treble	Robin J. Collis	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Colin G. Wright	6
Gillian S. Martin	3	Kenneth Warner	7
Norman F. Edwards	4	Dennis Ellisdon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.
25th peal on the bells. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., March 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 24 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (3) London Scholars Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (5) London and Double Court Bob, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (7) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*John Avis	Treble	*Michael J. Bew	4
*Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Stephen D. Humphrey	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHOVER, Lewes, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Derek Slater	Treble	Herbert W. Woolven	6
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Frank H. Hicks	3	Herbert G. Audsley	8
John A. Howard	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	9
*Peter S. Muchlinski	5	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside."
Rung in memory of John Worth.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Martin L. Howe	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Gillian R. Parsons	3	John A. Howard	7
*Derek Slater	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Arthur R. Kench. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DROXFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
210 extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt. in G.

*Basil E Pink	Treble	†Charles E. Bassett	3
†Ramon A. Stone	2	*Alan A. J. Buswell	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal of Minimus. † First of Minimus in the method. First peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HALLOW, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Philip and James.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*James Ranford	Treble	Fred C. Pugh	5
Walter H. Raxter	2	Robert W. Cole	6
Allan Russell	3	John Clements	7
*E. Dudley Wilson	4	*Cecil Deakin	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal on eight bells. Western Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Southrepps and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Josephine M. Haskins	Treble	James S. Webb	4
*Charles Maxfield	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in seven methods The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in the tower.

LEEDS Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Feb. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 117 methods, viz.: (1) Forncett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Vedast, St. Hilary, Lyng, Blackburn Place, Hascombe, Bedingham, Ellingham, (3) St. Alkmund, Pleasley, St. Denys, (4) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (5) Drax, Felkirk, Gisburn, (6) Ackworth, Bradshaw, Crofton, (7) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (8) Meanwood, Nidd, Wykeham, (9) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lyneham, (10) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (11) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (12) Eynsham, St. Jude, Elford, (13) Laplev, St. Mary, Shareshill, (14) St. Leonard, St. Lawrence, Austrey, (15) St. John, St. Crispin, Ryton, (16) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (17) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (18) Grandsire, St. Helen, Newborough, (19) Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall, (20) Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, (21) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (22) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (23) Wallflower, Chiddington, Cowslip, (24) Somerville, Nuffield, (25) St. Richard, St. Werburgh, (26) Campion, Hudibras, (27) Cassington, St. Thomas, (28) St. Chrysostom, St. Patrick, (29) St. Columb, Old, (30) Fortune, St. Guthlac, Marchington, (31) St. Albans, St. Nicholas, St. Paul, (32) St. Giles, St. Simon, St. Miles, (33) Winchendon, St. Martin, (34) St. Remigius, St. Ambrose, (35) St. Osmund, Church Gresley, (36) Stedman, (37) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (38) Cadbury, (39) Marston, (40) Plain Bob, Southrepps, (41) Folke, (42) Tichborne. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
*C. Barrie Dove	3	†Susan Bell	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal together. † First peal. The most methods of Doubles to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At 5, Meadow Drive.
On Sun., Feb. 26, 1967, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

*William L. Exton	1-2	Brian M. Buswell	3-4
		*R Brian Mills (cond.)	5-6

* First in two methods "in hand."

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Alford (first of Minor) 1, D. C. Henderson 2, L. P. Halling 3, J. R. Rowson 4 A. W. P. Poole (first of Minor as cond.) 5, C. I. Rowson 6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

ASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Patricia Arnold (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Sharpe 2, Judith Vince 3, J. P. Ladd 4, P. G. Smart 5, P. G. Sherwood 6. For Evensong.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Copeland 1, R. Worrall 2, G. Armitt 3, R. Moore 4, V. Stonier (cond.) 5, F. Worrall 6. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Copeland 1, Mrs. R. Worrall 2, G. Armitt 3, R. J. Moore 4, V. J. Stonier (cond.) 5, R. Worrall 6

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE. — On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. A. Edwards 2, K. W. Eaton 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, L. A. Perry 5, Iris Dykes 6. In memoriam John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

BARHAM, KENT.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Brenda Davies 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Deacon 3, N. J. Davies 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. Millward 1, Rachel Williams (first "inside") 2, D. N. Collins (cond.) 3, F. C. Millward 4, D. H. B. Millward 5, P. H. Jones 6.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. Ramsbotham (first quarter) 1, J. Rogers 2, Mrs. H. Collins 3, K. Ramsbotham 4, E. Garrett (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to K. Ramsbotham.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Barrett 1, R. D. Baker 2, Susan J. Devey 3, Sheila C. Guthrie 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, K. W. Price 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, J. P. Darroll 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At St. Alphege's, on Feb. 26th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Winch (first of Doubles) 1, J. Hedgecock 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, Margaret Judge 4, E. T. Eades 5, R Kite 6. For Evensong.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin 2, W. Holloway (cond.) 3, J. Sutton 4, L Busby 5, I. Gardner 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Fern, friend and ringer for many years.

DUNKESWELL, DEVON.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, T. Travers 2, N. Salter (first "inside," age 11) 3, R. Watts 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Driver 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 1, M. C. May (first in method "inside") 2, E. C. Leigh 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, G. S. E. Winter 5, J. H. French 6, E. J. Jenner 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For Evensong.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Wake 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Miss S. Main 3, P. Wills 4, M. J. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. With good wishes to Anne Smith and Philip Stevens, rung immediately after their wedding at this church.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Corble (first quarter) 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. Rung for Lent service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 19th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: Miss J. Hall 1, R. Aldington 2, J. A. Ainsworth 3, S. W. Barton 4, P. W. Evans 5 E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, W. White 2, H. Bishop 3, L. Cox 4, W. Gilks 5, W. Corderoy 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, D. Bosley 8. For the wedding of Miss Gillian Jordan, ringer at this church, to Mr. D. Gay

HAYES, KENT.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie Camfield 1, M. H. O'Callaghan (first as cond.) 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. P. Smith 6. For Evensong.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,344 Cambridge S. Major: A. V. Good 1, R. E. Sheppard 2, A R. Kench (cond.) 3, R. J. Picton (first of Surprise Major) 4, F. M. Byrne 5, W. Ayre 6, K. Sheppard 7, B M. Barker 8.

HEVER, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. W. Thompson (first quarter of Minor) 1, J R. Palmer (first "inside") 2, R. J. Everest 3, P. R. Everest 4, N. S. Butcher 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond) 6.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Andrews 1, R. Smith 2, Valerie J. Stone 3, M. J. Stone 4, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5 Rung in memoriam Mr. J. Kettle, late choirboy of this church, whose ashes, flown from Australia, were interred this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, J. McDonald 2, G. W. Cecil 3, C. E. Wright 4, C. C. M Pain 5, M. Lakin 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Southwood 1, D. Laker 2, G. C. Rix 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, C. Longhurst 5, F. R. Verrall 6, J. Smith 7, L. Bourne 8. For Confirmation.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Hough 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, Brenda Davies 3, D. Manger 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Craghill 1, Kathleen Egglestone (first quarter) 2, N. Brown (first as cond.) 3, D. Hunns 4, A. Cusick 5, J. Hosfield (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 6. First quarter by resident band.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J Royal 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 3, A. J. Cox 4, Shirley E. Jones (first of Minor as cond., 25th quarter) 5, H. C. Bennett 6. Rung with the band's best wishes to the Rev. D. N. Hole, curate, and Sarah Stokes, on their engagement.

KINETON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Edden 1, T. G. Hill 2, R. M. Andrews 3, Delphine Holman 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, J. F. Thorne 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Smith, and Bert Freeman. Also rung as a tribute to R. J. Edden, who learnt to ring at this tower over 50 years ago and is now moving to Brixham, Devon.

KINGHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, M. Sinden 2, B. Datson (first of Triples) 3, J. Benfield 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Coveney 6, A. Lloyd 7, C. Tomkins 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. D. Waples 1, P. Brentnall (first "inside" in method) 2, B. M. Barker 3, R. W. R. Picton 4, G. Spratt 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre 1, R. J. Picton 2, Mrs. G. Lewis 3 A. V. Good 4, R. W. Picton (cond.) 5, P. W. Harper 6, B. M. Barker 7, R. E. Sheppard 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Reginald S. Cook, for many years Ringing Master, on the day of his funeral.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea S. Bruce 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, Jennie Brown 4, M. Green 5, D. M. Wilkins 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. B. Reed (first quarter) 1, A. Walker 2, Ann Whaley 3, J. Tonks 4, H. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. Also on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Ann Whaley 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. Walker 5, H. Thompson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4.

LEEDS, KENT. — On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Weeks 1, Mrs. G. Smith 2, P. F. T. Smith (cond.) 3, S. Wigg 4, P. K. King 5, M. Barden 6. Rung by Maidstone Grammar School Society.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX. — On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Willmington 1, L. Fox 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, C. Hughes 4, R. Smith 5, M. Austin 6, D. Cobb (cond.) 7, R. Chapman 8. For Confirmation service.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Feb. 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Starbuck 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, N. Bagworth 7, W. Shanks 8, B. Mathews 9, E. Peett 10. Birthday compliments to ringers of 4 and 5. Also as a mark of appreciation to Geo. Parsons, for his 35 years' loyal service to St. Giles-in-the-Field.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (four methods): P. Downer 1, W. Price 2, J C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, J H. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Shallcross 6. Rung to the Glory of God, and to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the translation into Welsh of the New Testament and book of Common Prayer by William Salesbury and to mark the baptism of Simon John, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Evans, Llandudno.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Marian Dallison 4, K. Dallison 5, Wendy Wallace 6, R. Rayfield 7, C. H. Macve 8. First of Treble Bob Major by all except the conductor.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Kortwright 3, J. Mitchell 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, R. Allinson 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 4, I. H. Trueman 5, D. G. Wright 6, R. R. Savory 7, J. S. Hopwood (first quarter) 8.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On March 1st, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Naylor 1, R N. Scholes 2, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 3, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 4, L. Atton 5, J. C. Hudson 6. For Confirmation service.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's, on Feb. 10th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Mrs. A. E. Diserens 1, A. E. Diserens 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, F. W. Lewis 4, Mrs. H. M. Diserens 5, K. R. Davenport 6, M. G. Ingram 7, R. F. Diserens 8, J. N. Diserens 9, F. R. Scott 10, C. H. Kippin 11, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 12.

SHEDFIELD HANTS.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Miss R. J. Kemp 2, Miss B. J. Dash 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, E. Treagus 5, L. D. Duguid 6, P. Page 7, E. W. Colley 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4. For Confirmation service.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Margaret Borton 1, Monica Phillips 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, Sylvia Knight 6. Also on Feb. 26th 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Borton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bourner 6. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Johnson (cond.) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5, D. Dury 6.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,240 Plain Bob: E. Knight 1, A. Bigley 2, W. Whitemore 3, E. Whitemore 4, L. Priestley 5, J. Skerritt (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late W. R. Lovell, ringer and churchwarden.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Diana Frost 1, J. Claughton 2, R. J Sharp 3, R. French 4, I. Knox 5, S. J. Ivin 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, A. J. Stripp 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Pearce 1, A. F. Burley 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, J. J. George 4, A. Locke 5, G. D. Carter 6, A. J. Davidson 7, G. F. Dunstan 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Duck.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX. — On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gamble 1, C. A. Hughes 2, E. Holman 3, D. A. Wright 4, K. Warner 5, T. Coles 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, J. Rixon 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): C. G. Wright 1—2, D. Ellisden 3—4, K. Warner (cond.) 5—6. First on handbells by the band.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on March 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Sarah Scott 1 Betsy Proctor 2, Diana Wriggins 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Sarah Irwin 5, W. F. Gibbons 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, F. L. Barkley 8. First in method for all except 6. To welcome Bill Gibbons to Washington, and dedicated to Elizabeth Sither, fiancee of the conductor. Also on March 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sarah Scott 1, Betsy Proctor 2 Diana Wriggins 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Sarah Irwin 5, R S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First in method by all. Rung by the Whitechapel Guild in gratitude for the speedy recovery of the Dean, the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Spurling (first quarter) 1, Janet I. Rogers (cond.) 2, M. J. Drury 3, R. H. Rogers 4, R. J. Ellis 5.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Janet M. Hudson 1, J. F. Underwood 2, B. J. Bull 3, M. A. Rose 4, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Janet Hudson.

WYE KENT. — On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E F. Wyld (first of Triples) 1, Margaret Jones 2, B. Johnson 3, F. G. Hucksteppe 4, Susan E. Smith (cond.) 5, J. L Garraway 6, C. J. E. Wyld 7, E. W. Weston (first quarter) 8. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan E Smith 1, C. J. E. Wyld (first as cond.) 2, J. L Garraway 3, E. F. Wyld (first "inside") 4, E. W. Weston (first "inside") 5, W. N. Curtis 6 Both rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. Pearce, for 12 years Vicar of this parish.

NOTICES

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Memorial Service

By kind permission of the Dean of Chester a memorial service to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J. Worth, will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3 p.m. All former colleagues and friends are cordially invited.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 1170

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

KING.—The address of Andrew King, of Wentworth, will be: 7, Buckleigh Road, Wath-upon-Dearne, near Rotherham, from March 28th. No phone. 1172

MARTIN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin (née Monica Collins) is now: 25, Bakewell Street, N. Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. 1182

RUSS.—The address of Ronald K. Russ and family is now: 53, Honeycroft Hill, Uxbridge, Middlesex. Telephone: Uxbridge 37993. 1188

PERSONAL

Will Mr. C. M. Godfrey, of Cherries, Watersfield, near Pulborough, Sussex, please let the Editor have his new address, as his "Ringing World" is being returned marked "Gone away."

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Galatians vi, 7.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNWALL.—Bed and breakfast, evening meal; garage.—Mrs. Wonnacott, 4, Cleaveland, Bude, Cornwall. 906

PUBLICATIONS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—1966 Annual Report containing 20 compositions (including Norman Smith's 13–23 "all the work") available from the Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Price 4s. post free (P.O.'s, cheques payable to the Lancashire Association). 1965 Report (22 compositions), price 1s. 6d., also available. Six-figure O S. grid references of 196 churches given. 1164

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MISCELLANEOUS

16m.m. 20-minute Sound Film of Washington Cathedral tower and bells and dedication ringing. For hire £1, plus postage.—Write N. Cnaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, Yorks. 1183

HATHERSAGE, DERBYSHIRE. — At the Church of St. Michael, rededication of rehung bells (6) Easter Eve, March 25th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 1141

TOUR.—Join the S.F.E "abroad" this year —May 27th–June 3rd—Suffolk. Write Jean Sanderson, 1, Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts, for accommodation list.—F. D. Mack, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth. 1178

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This book is very highly commended, especially by leading members of the Exercise, including the Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow M.A., Fredk. Sharpe, F.S.A., and E. C. Shepherd. (See "Ringing World" 1964 pp. 339 and 490). Much of the work was hitherto unpublished in book form.

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WITTERSHAM, Kent.—The bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist will be rededicated by the Rector at Matins (10.30 a.m.) on Sunday, April 2nd, 1967. Everyone welcome. Please send names, addresses and numbers to Mrs. Denne, 11, The Street. 1147

A FESTIVAL of MUSIC, TABLEAUX AND FLOWERS
will be held in
Spalding (Lincs) Parish Church
from
Saturday, April 29th, to May 7th
commencing with a United Service at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 29th.

Sun.: Special Harvest Thanksgiving services.
Mon.: Choir of Peterborough Cathedral.
Tues.: Choir of Lincoln Cathedral.
Wed.: Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir.
Thurs.: Ascension Day Choral Evensong.
Fri.: Spalding British Legion Band.
Sat.: After the Tulip Parade. Portsmouth College of Technology Choir.
Sun. at 3 p.m.: A handbell recital by Mr Frederick Sharpe and the Launton Handbell Ringers at which all ringers will be most welcome

For ringing details apply to:
R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding.

Refreshments available in Church Hall.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M at Yeovil Easter Monday, March 27th. Service 12 noon. Lunch (8s.) at 1.15 p.m., and tea (3s.) in the Church Room at 7.AN and tea (3s.) in St. John's Church Room. Meeting in the Church Room at 2.15 p.m. Names for meals essential to Mr. G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. Ringing arrangements: Parish Church from 10.30 and after tea; Somerton 10–11; Montacute, Mudford, Preston Plucknett, Stoke-under-Ham and Trent all at 10.30–11.30 and 5.30–8; East Coker, Hardington, Mandeville and Norton-sub-Hamdon 5.30–8; Somerton, Martock, South Petherton, Huish Episcopi, Long Sutton, Drayton and Langport 6–8.30.—G. Salmon. Gen. Sec. 1095

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Clay Cross, Easter Monday, March 27th. Bells (6) 1.30 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to D. Bunting, 29, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Clay Cross, Derbys. Good attendance especially requested.—E. J. Sterland, Hon. Sec. 1162

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Huntingdon, Monday, March 27th. Ringing arrangements:—Route 1: Gamlingay (6) 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; Great Gransden (6) 11–12 noon; Caxton (6) 12–1; Great Staughton (6) 1.30–3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 2–3; Great Paxton (5) 2.30–3.30; Godmanchester (8) 3–4. Route 2: Alwalton (5) 10.15 a.m.–11.15 a.m.; Yaxley (6) 11–12; Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) 11.45–12.45; Leighton Bromswold (5) 12.30–1.30; Kimbolton (5) 1.30–2.30; Great Staughton 1.30–3 p.m.; Brampton (6) 3–4; Huntingdon All Saints (6) 3.45–4.15. Service Huntingdon All Saints 4.15. Tea Church Hall 5 o'clock. General business meeting after tea Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from General Secretary (number limited). Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Huntingdon All Saints' and St. Mary's (8); Brampton until 8.30 p.m. —H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 1119

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service in All Saints' Church noon.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 993

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday at **11.50 a.m.** prompt. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. Bells 10 a.m.; Stoulton (6) and Stoulton Campanile (6) 1.45–3; Pershore Abbey (8) 2.30–3.45; Strensham (6) 3–4.30; Earls Croome (6) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 1071

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Practice at Darwen on Wednesday, March 29th, from 7 p.m. Learners (all stages) very welcome. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1176

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Horton (6), Wednesday, March 29th, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Branch striking competition at Lane End Saturday, April 8th.—Miss Hague 1089

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on March 28th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 28th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 4th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; April 11th, St Lawrence Jewry; April 18th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. Meeting in Northamptonshire on May 20th.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Ripley (8), Friday, March 31st, 730 p.m.—W. B. 1153

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, at Upper Weston (8) on Saturday, April 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pothecary, 3, Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath, by March 30th, please.—Alec Lee, Sec. 1150

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting. Kingsdon (6, 23 cwt.), All Fools Day (April 1st), 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 1195

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting. **Saturday, April 1st, 1967**

Ringing arrangements:

Granby (6), **Orston** (6), **Whatton** (6) .. .. 2.30–3.45 p.m.
Bingham (8) .. .. 2.30–4.15 and 7.00–8.30 p.m.
East Bridgford (6), **Holme Pierrepont** (6), **Radcliffe** (8) 7.00–8.30 p.m.

Service: **Bingham, 4.15 p.m.**

Tea, followed by business meeting, Church Hall, **Radcliffe,** 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday previous (those requiring transport between Bingham and Radcliffe please indicate when booking tea). — W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec., St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham. 1138

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1967

BECCLES

Route 1	p.m.	Route 2	p.m.	Route 3	p.m.
Fressingfield (8)	1.30–2.30	Yoxford (6)	1.30–2.30	Bergh Apton (6)	1.30–2.30
Weybread (6)	2.00–3.00	Bramfield (5)	2.00–3.00	Loddon (8)	2.00–3.00
Redenhall (8)	2.30–3.30	Halesworth (8)	2.30–3.30	Raveningham (5)	2.30–3.30
Barsham (5)	3.15–4.45	Wissett (6)	3.15–3.45	Norton Subcourse (6)	3.15–3.45
		Ringsfield (3)	3.15–3.45		

St. Michael's, Beccles (10) 2.30–4.00 and 7.15–9 p.m.

Choral Evensong (address by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich) 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Conservative Club at 5.15 p.m., followed by Annual General Meeting at 6 p.m. approximately.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting
Tea bookings to Ralph W. Bickers, 6, Bally gate Street, Beccles. All members and visitors very welcome.

Andrew T. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. 1198

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bollington (8), Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to M. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langly, before March 27th. 1180

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Kineton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea **important** to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 1st Bells available: St. Alkmunds (8) 2 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 2.45 p.m.– 3.55 p.m.; St. Andrew's (10) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting and film show of Cathedral. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54. Willson Avenue, Littleover. Derby. — B. P. Morris, Sec. 1154

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bristol on April 1st in the Cathedral School Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral, at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 3s. 8d. per head. The Association annual service in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Choristers please come prepared to form a choir. Preacher, the Bishop of Malmesbury. Ringing arrangements: St. Ambrose's and St. George's 10–11 a.m.; St. Luke's (Bedminster) and Horfield 10.30–11 30 a.m. Christ Church and St. Michael's (City) 11– 12 noon: Emmanuel (Clifton) 11.30–12.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's 11.45–1 p.m.; St. Philip's 7–8 p.m.; Cathedral and St. Mary Redcliffe 7–8.30 p.m. There will be a social evening arranged by Richard Sweet at the Crown and Dove in Rupert Street. Names, please, to Mrs. A. P. Burcher, 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol, not later than Tuesday March 28th. Please post early—it is Easter week-end —C. Rouse. Hon. Sec. 1151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Postponed quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Guildford, Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5. St. Nicolas' bells available evening. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (or phone 60809), by Wednesday, please. 1190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Names for tea to Mrs. Winnett, The Vicarage, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1192

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rackenford (6) on April 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Wednesday previous. 1189

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hertford, Saturday, April 1st. Service (All Saints') 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Longmore School Hall 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cheshunt (8) and Datchworth (6) 9–10; Tewin (6) 9.45–10.30; Broxbourne (8) 10–11; Hertingfordbury (6) 10.30–12; Hoddesdon (8) 11–12; Ware (8) 12–1; Aspenden (8) 2–3; Little Munden (6) 2.45–4; Hertford, St Andrews' (8) 3.45–4.30; All Saints' (10) 4–5.30 and after the meeting. Names for tea must be sent to P. M. F. Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford, by March 31st. — A. R. Agg, Gen Sec. 1158

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penshurst on April 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 1175

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Ringing competition at Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday afternoon, April 1st. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., then judges' comments and business meeting. General ringing to follow.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Church Road, Lytham, on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 1200

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — 21st Annual general meeting, April 1st. Ringing: St. John the Divine, Leicester 2 to 3 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral 3 to 3.45 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Preacher Rev. D. Goodman. Tea in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre 5 p.m.; cooked tea is being provided (price 5s. adults, 3s. for junior members), and **only 140** can be accommodated Social evening at Aylestone Parish Hall to follow. **Names not later than Wednesday, March 29th,** with remittance, to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 1149

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Friskney on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea for those who notify Mr. E. Pickering, Church End, Friskney, Boston, by March 28th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec. 1137

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Quadring (6), Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Double Oxford and Alnwick S. Minor. 1139

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The spring meeting will be held at Kingsbury on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available also at Polesworth 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Grendon 2–3 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch..—Branch meeting at Duston on Saturday, April 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. Lamberton, 26, Althorp Road, St. James', Northampton, are essential by Tuesday previous. 1186

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Easton Neston on April 1st. Service at 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Francis 11, Hulcote, Easton Neston, Towcester, by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates, Dis. Sec. 1197

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Bradley, Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to P. Harding, 8, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts 808

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. **Own tea arrangements, please.**—L. M. Woodhead, Hon Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Conisbrough on April 1st at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 1173

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice, Manaccan, Saturday, April 1st, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. All stages catered for. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc. Cups of tea available. Names for tea to F. M. Bowers, Idaho Cottage, Lelant, St. Ives, Cornwall. All welcome. 1092

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Dorking, April 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1163

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Longparish (6) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss P. Goddard, Garden Cottage, Longparish, Andover. Bells after—Longparish (6) and Barton Stacey (6) to 9 p.m. 1174

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, April 8th, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Burgess Hill (8). Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to the secretary, Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Wednesday, April 5th. **Please note:** No name, no tea! 1193

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, on April 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Miss G. Burchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, near Newark, Notts, not later than Wednesday, April 5th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1196

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphery, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07Y. Special method for practice, Cambridge Royal. — C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1078

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Abbotsbury, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Canon H. G. Green, Abbotsbury Vicarage, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 1184

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield on Saturday, May 13th. All particulars later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 1169

QUARTER PEALS

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Phillip Goodyer (11) 1, Ray Stanton (15) 2, Phillip Brown (15 first "inside") 3, Craig Herbert (14) 4, Keith Hendry (14, first as cond.) 5, John Simmons (13, first quarter) 6. First quarter in Australia by an all under 16 band.

CHARTHAM, KENT. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: Carol C. Bunn 1, Beryl M. Hills 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5 H. McKissock 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Cullen 1, Janette R. Kipling 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, M. D. Fuller 4, T. J. Wellen 5 P Payne 6

DERBY.—On March 6th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 1-2 leading): J. Bailey 1, P. Bartlett (10) 2, Helen Bartlett (12) 3, D. K. Walklate 4, A. Mould 5, K. A. Betesta (cond.) 6, G. Bridges 7, W. Allsopp 8. Longest length for 2 and 3

ELING, HANTS.—On March 1st, 1,392 Doubles (11 methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. Allinson 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. S. Hopwood 6. Third anniversary of rededication of bells.

FENITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Salter 1, C. Manley 2, R. Watts 3, L. Stevens (first quarter) 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. J. Carruthers (first of Royal) , R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Miss Y. Edwards 3, Miss A. R. Alexander 4, P. S. Royds-Jones 5, R. R. Churchill 6, J. Seager 7, A. F. Scholfield 8 C. P. Starbuck 9, M. W. Coleman 10.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Robinson 1, W. F. Adcock 2, A. Brown 3, B. A. Richards 4 Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, R. Hardy 8. For Evensong, and Mansfield Festival Week Civic service, and a birthday compliment to W. F. Adcock.

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JOHN CARTER 1854 - 1927

By E. C. SHEPHERD

EARLY one afternoon on a fine day in May 1911 two gentlemen arrived at a modest house in Walford Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham. One was Sir Arthur Heywood, President of the Central Council; the other was the Secretary to the Council, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Both gentlemen were in a high state of expectancy, for they had been invited to this house by Mr. John Carter and they were to see a demonstration of a remarkable machine that was reputed to be able to ring changes in any method required of it. They were not disappointed in their hopes, for the machine exceeded their expectations, and, indeed, defied their powers of description. In a long and interesting account of this afternoon Mr. Davies struggled to convey to readers of "The Bell News" the principles on which the machine performed its functions; but he had neither the technical knowledge nor the powers of exposition necessary for this difficult task. Most of us will doubtless readily acknowledge that we could have done no better; indeed no adequate explanation of the working of this and other ringing machines was ever made until March 1950, when Mr. Brian D. Price in a series of articles excellently planned and painstakingly illustrated brought the whole thing as near to our comprehension as is possible with so complex a subject.

John Carter, the deviser of this the first Campana Mutaphone (as the ringing machine is sometimes called), was born at Darlaston in 1854 and died in 1927. His father was a gun-lock maker, and John, at the age of 12, was taken by his parent to work at Enfield where the small-arms factory was busy in the manufacture of pistols and the new Schneider rifle. Later the family returned to Darlaston, and at the age of 19 John, through an accidental visit to a belfry, became interested in ringing. Within two months he could ring Stedman Triples better than his tutors, and indeed he had completely mastered this method long before he learned to ring Grandsire. He has described a visit he made to Bethnal Green, and the astonishment of the ringers there to find that this young man rang Stedman so perfectly but had no knowledge of Grandsire. But master as John became of Stedman in theory and practice, he later developed an absorbing love for Grandsire and stoutly defended the method, even on eight bells, going so far as to compose and call a 10,000 of Grandsire Major. Tom Miller, who rang in the latter performance, used to chuckle and say: "Henry Johnson said that John Carter couldn't compose 10,000 of Grandsire Major. But he did, *and* we rang it on handbells!"

From about 1890 to 1900 Carter ruled over a lively band of young men at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, and he founded what he called the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society, a body rather frowned on by the aristocracy at St. Martin's Church, in whose circles it was held that the new society tended to diminish the importance of the old Society of St. Martin's Youths. John Carter, however, was too discreet (or perhaps too inarticulate) to quarrel with the Bull Ring men, and relations between St. Philip's and St. Martin's remained for all practical purposes unimpaired.

It was during this time that Carter's genius as a composer and method constructor produced an astonishing stream of compositions and new inventions. This was the time of birth of Darlaston Bob, Forward, Handsworth, Aston, and Carter's Principle, and in Stedman Triples the famous Odd-Bob One-Part. In the realm of Stedman he was amazingly prolific, and his productions of peals of Caters and Cinques numbered many thousands. A broadsheet published by him provides 7,000 peals of Stedman Caters on the half-and-half plan having the 6th fixed in 5ths place; and some years ago we received from Mr. Albert Walker a small and tattered piece of paper on which were inscribed in Carter's crabbed figuring 217 different peals of Stedman Cinques. This curious and very useful production will be found in the Central Council's Collection of Peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

John Carter was notable rifleman, and distinguished himself at Wimbledon and Bisley. In the gun trade he was a fine craftsman, and, we are told, produced a number of minor inventions which were afterwards patented. But in the eyes of ringers he stands as the inventive genius of the ringing machine. For some years his mind had worked on the possibility of such a device, and it was in 1890 that the self-sown seed suddenly germinated. He described to Mr. Alex Young in after years how he was ringing and conducting a peal of Bob Major at Handsworth when the full plan of what he needed to do unfolded itself before his mental eye. The peal was lost, but John was soon hurrying home to get to his drawing board. There followed thirty years of work and experiment before John was satisfied; and then the masterpiece appeared to astonish the Exercise.

We knew the old man in his latter years and occasionally rang with him in Birmingham. The last time we saw him he rang in a touch of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Church. He was by then very deaf, and we recall his turning to James Groves, who was calling, and saying in his piping voice; "You must tell me the calling, Jim; I can't hear very well."

He was a wonderful man, one of the great geniuses of the ringing world. Obstinate in his views, inarticulate and often unable to convey conviction by word of mouth, but so often fundamentally right, he commanded respect on the Central Council and in ringing circles. In his grasp of method construction and composition his touch was sure and eminently practical. And in the Science Museum at South Kensington the Campana Mutaphone stands as a lasting monument to his virtuosity and mechanical skill.

ISLEWORTH'S FIRST 250 PEALS

A WEALTH of ringing history lies behind the 250th peal, which was rung at All Saints', Isleworth, on February 11th, 1967. This stems largely from the fact that Isleworth has, for the majority of the life of its bells, had a fairly strong local company and visiting ringers have always been made welcome to join in the ringing and conducting.

The local element was predominant in the 250th peal, there being eight members of the local company and two visitors participating. Additionally, at least five other members of the local company are capable of peals in the same method

Stedman Caters was the method chosen; the peal was rung for the London County Association and the composition was specially produced for it by Mr. C. W. Roberts. It consisted of 5,250 changes starting with a full quick six and having the first third in the handstroke position and the other two-thirds in the tittums. As can often happen with Stedman, two abortive efforts had been made, both failing as a result of bells crossing over; the first after one hour and the second after two and a half hours.

THE EARLIER PEALS

The first peal on the bells was Bob Major in 1768, rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths and conducted by Joseph Monk. Five more peals occurred before the end of the 18th century and it is notable that these first six were all of Major—three of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. The fourth of these was conducted by the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, Shropshire, who was supposed to have weighed 32 stone and was the second heaviest man in England. In the 19th century the first 80 years saw only seven more peals, and before the last of these in 1879 there had been a gap of 26 years without a peal. However, a peal rung in 1831 is of special interest as it was the first of Stedman on the bells and a board, the largest in the tower, records that:

"On Sunday, March 13th, 1831, was RUNG on these BELLS A complete PEAL of 5040 trebles on STEDMAN'S principle composed by MR JOSEPH CLARK of Kingston upon Thames, Consisting of 240 Singles, 158 Bobs and 22 Doubles, being the first PEAL ever RUNG with the least calls on this SYSTEM."

The 14th peal, one of Grandsire Triples in 1889, marked the start of regular peal ringing at Isleworth, and indicated the beginning of a local change ringing band that has continued ever since. This peal was conducted by John Barsden, who altogether conducted 20 peals on the bells, of which all were Triples, and 11 Holt's Original.

Between 1880 and 1900 fourteen more peals were rung, and another 52 before the outbreak of the first world war. In this period most of the peals were of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, but in 1905 came the first of Surprise—London—by the College Youths, and also peals of Superlative (1908) and Bristol (1911).

AUGMENTED IN 1931

In between the two wars a further 28 peals were rung and the augmentation of the bells to a musical ring of ten had taken place in 1931. The nine years between 1931 and the second world war saw 36 peals, mostly of Caters and Royal, which brought the total for the first 188 years to 143 peals.

After the war the local company turned its attention to peals in the standard ten-bell methods and also to the field of Surprise Royal. In the eleven years from 1945 to 1955 inclusive a further 50 peals were rung with three new Surprise Major and nine new Surprise Royal methods being added to the list. These were rung principally by the local company and all for the London County Association; most of them were the first in the method for the Association and the county of Middlesex. Also included during this period were peals of two- and three-method Spliced Surprise Royal.

Eleven years further on brought us to the 250th peal and in this period 57 peals had been rung with four new methods added—Gainsborough Bob Royal, Isleworth Little Bob Royal, Fulbeck Bob Royal and Syon Court Bob Royal.

In summary therefore, the peal curve ran: No. 1 in 1768, No. 100 in 1925, No. 200 in 1956, No. 250 in 1967.

One performance which is recorded on a board in the tower but not included in the foregoing reads as follows:

"On Friday, August 12th, 1826, was performed on Six of these BELLS by JOHN STONELY of Twickenham, a Compleat 720 of Court Bob in 31 minutes which is believed to be the first ever done by one person."

PERSONAL MILESTONES

Among the personal milestones in the 250th peal were the following:

One hundredth peal on the bells and 65th as conductor for H. W. Rogers, 93rd, 72nd and 38th peal on the bells respectively for Mrs. O. L. Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. K. Parr.

It was also the 135th peal together for Harold and Olive Rogers.

ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES AND GUILDS

Heading the list is the London County Association (including the St. James' Society) with 123 peals from 1897 to 1967. Running second is the Middlesex County Association (including the South and West Middlesex Society) with 88 peals from 1894 to 1939. The only other body in double figures is the Ancient Society of College Youths with 18 peals from 1768 to 1932. Three peals have been rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one each by the following: Waterloo Society 1879, Winchester Diocesan Guild 1907, St. Mary Abbots Guild 1910, Guildford Diocesan Guild 1936, University of London Society 1963, and the Cambridge University Guild 1965.

CONDUCTORS

Twenty-four different conductors have called the peals, the leading five being: H. W. Rogers 65 (1946 to February 11th, 1967); J. Basden 20 (1889 to 1907); T. H. Taffender 13 (1921 to 1947); E. C. S. Turner 10 (1933 to 1939), W. G. Wilson 10 (1956 to 1966).

Additionally, the Cambridge University Guild's peal in 1955 was Stedman Caters, silent and non-conducted, umpired by R. C. Kippin.

METHODS RUNG

In all, 43 different methods and extensions of methods have been rung to peals. The highest number in one method was Stedman Caters with 34. Running second was the old standby for the early Isleworth ringers—Grandsire Triples with 32. Other methods rung were:—

Twenty-eight Stedman Triples, 18 Plain Bob Major, 17 Cambridge S. Royal, 15 Grandsire Caters, 14 Kent T.B. Royal, 12 Yorkshire S. Royal, 11 Kent T.B. Major, 9 Plain Bob Royal, 8 each Oxford T.B. Major and Oxford Bob Triples, 7 Double Norwich C.B. Major, 3 Yorkshire S. Major, 2 each Bristol S. Major, Cambridge S. Major, 2-Spliced S. Royal, Little Bob Royal, Syon Court Bob Royal, 1 each of Oxford T.B. Royal, Union Triples, London S. Major, Superlative S. Major, 4-Spliced Surprise Major, Isleworth Bob Royal, Erin Caters, Pudsey S. Royal, 3-Spliced S. Royal, Solihull S. Royal, New Cambridge S. Royal, Albanian S. Royal, Prittlewell S. Royal, Belgrave S. Royal, Lincolnshire S. Royal, Southwell S. Royal, Southwell S. Major, Ashtead S. Major, Rutland S. Major, Rutland S. Royal, Gainsborough Bob Royal, Isleworth Little Bob Royal, Plain Bob Caters, Fulbeck Bob Royal.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to W. A. Watts, aged 96, grandfather of the conductor.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 26th Council (70th Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967, in the Portland Suite of the Victoria Hotel, Nottingham.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (1)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1967.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 18th, 1967.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

HUNTINGTON GUILD'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR

THE week-end of February 17th-18th marked the end of another highly successful year for the Guild. On Friday evening a good company of members and friends gathered at the Londesborough Hotel, Tadcaster, for the Guild's first dinner. After an excellent meal the president, the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn (Vicar of Huntington) welcomed the guests, who included the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. Alan Richardson) and Mrs. Richardson, and the president of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) and Mrs. Bottomley.

The president expressed the thanks of all to the secretary for his arrangements. He added that all too often the church organisations were run with little regard for the remaining body of the church, in Huntington he was thankful that this was not so. The bellringers were active in other spheres, too, not least in the choir, of which they formed a considerable part.

The Dean, who is patron of the Guild, said it was a joy to see a group of young people working hard in the church; bells had an important part to play in church life for they could be heard by many people, and even if people were not moved to come to church the sound of the bells reminded them of the work and prayers of the Church.

Mr. Bottomley endorsed the remarks made by the Dean and said that the number of young people who took up bellringing seemed to be on the increase; nevertheless it was not always that one found a complete group of young people working together in this way. He also expressed thanks for the invitation which had been extended to his wife for a most enjoyable evening.

The evening concluded in a very informal manner.

The annual general meeting was held on February 18th. The meeting began with the president thanking the Guild for all its work over the past year.

The annual report and balance sheet were formally approved, thanks being expressed to the secretary. There were 18 members actively concerned in Guild activities and Sunday service ringing. Of these, 13 had rung at least one peal during the year for the Guild, the total for the year also being 13. The balance sheet showed a very healthy state, there being a credit balance of £51 9s. 2d.

Officers elected for 1967 were: President and chairman, Rev. Geoffrey Lawn; joint Guild Masters, Mary I. Hildred and Jennifer E. Pearce; treasurer, Bryan J. Seymour; secretary, A. Colin Banton; committee, the above plus Lynne I. Clowe and Susan Mitchell.

Both the general report and the peal report emphasised the importance of good striking and the need for co-operation and teamwork. One can only hope that this Guild, made up very largely of young people, will continue to work towards even higher standards and that 1967 will go down as a year of even greater progress and success.

Liverpool Univ. Society Annual Dinner

ANY misgivings which might have been entertained over the necessity of changing the date of the Society's sixth annual dinner to March 4th proved unfounded for the weekend turned out to mean success. Many friends arrived in time for the University practice on the eight at the R.C. Church of St Francis Xavier, or at St. Nicholas', Pierhead.

On Saturday four peals were attempted, those at Liscard and Halsall being unsuccessful, but Cambridge Royal was scored at Blackburn and the University's first peal of Stedman Caters at Leyland. For those not ringing in peals there was general ringing in the morning at Birkenhead (6), Port Sunlight (8), Bromborough (8), Oxton (8). In the afternoon St. Nicholas (12), St. Francis Xavier (8), West Derby (6), Huyton (6) and Woolton (8) were visited.

Dinner was served at the Strand Hotel, where 98 ringers and friends sat down to a very satisfying meal.

WEDDING RINGING

The Master, Mr. D. F. Moore, proposed the loyal toast and then a toast to "The Church." In reply the Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Vicar of Oxton, reminded us that some people actually objected to the sound of bells; he maintained that ringing at Oxton that morning had only been possible because it had been at a time which could have passed for a wedding, and that he had walked round the parish for most of the morning looking as if he had just conducted a marriage ceremony or was about to do so. He went on to express his hopes that the ringers present did not think of a church merely as a building which functions as a prop for a belfry!

Proposing that toast of "The Visitors," Dr. Tony Bennett welcomed, on behalf of the Society, members from the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds, London, Loughborough, Nottingham, Sussex and Wales, and the vintage wine collectors of Bristol. Also present, he noted, were five members of the band which had recently rung the first of peal of 24 Spliced Surprise Maximus for the Chester Guild; two of them being past members of the Society and another the guest speaker. Non-University ringers from Essex, Herts, Manchester, the Midlands, Preston, Somerset and South Wales were welcomed. So too were friends from the Liverpool Branch and the Wirral Branch (Chester Guild) and the two honorary members — Tudor Edwards and Alex Martin — who did much to encourage the growth of the Society during its formative years. The two "youngsters," Lester Gray and Joe Ridyard, firm and valuable friends, were also welcomed.

In reply Mr. Robert B. Smith entertained with stories of many famous local ringers which will never reach the "R.W." We listened enthralled to tales of wooden legs being nailed to the belfry floor, of countless insults flung (in fun, of course) across belfries and of the startling coincidences between the standing-up of peals and opening time.

Proposing the toast of "The Society" Mr Smith said that he hoped the Society would continue to prosper and wished it every success in the future. The reply was undertaken by Miss Julie Lethbridge, who reported that three peals had been rung during the year, Cambridge Minor, two Minor and the Stedman Caters that morning. The annual tour had been held in Warwickshire, and a highly successful minibus outing had been held in Cheshire and Shropshire.

Miss Lethbridge commented that a cupid in numan form did not seem to be necessary in Liverpool, and expressed congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. M. Pilgrim on their recent marriages, Mr. J. Fox and Miss Janice Smith on their engagement and best wishes to Mr. J. Fielden and Miss Maryl Crossthwaite and Mr. P. Bennett and Miss Marion Panton on their forthcoming marriages. She concluded by emphasising that the Society, although possessing only an indifferent peal record for the year, was in fact very much alive and much more socially active than the publicity of its ringing indicated.

The formal proceedings concluded, the rest of the evening was spent to the strains of handbells and obscure melodies from a piano in the corner.

Those who were still in Liverpool on the Sunday morning were invited by the Dean to ring at the Cathedra, and by kind permission of the Ringing Master were allowed to return in the afternoon to ring with the local band for Evensong. Thus ended a very successful dinner weekend.

THE COMPANY

The Master was accompanied on the top table by the Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips Mr and Mrs. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs M. Pilgrim, Mr. and Mrs. J. Foot, Miss Julie Lethbridge and Messrs. T. Bennett, G. Pullen, R. Shea, B. Veitch.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodall, the Misses H Arrowsmith, J. Bateson, D. Bird, G. Brearley, H. Buller, S. Cowan, E. Cranfield, M. Crossthwaite, L. Emmett, H. Essen, L. Essen, F. Fairbank, B. Faunch, B. Fox, A. Hoggarth, V. Powell, L. Roberts, J. Reynolds, M. Simmett, G. Smith, S. Sutton, S. Turner, M. Webster, H. Walters, R. Wilson J Young.

Messrs. C. Bainham G. Austin, P. Carne, J. Coope, G. Cooper, P. Crossthwaite, R. Dennis, H. Dobbin, C. Eden, R. Edwards, T. Edwards, J. Fielden, I Foster, J. Fox, J. Gipson, N. Goulding, L. Gray, H. Hatfield, K. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, D. Jenner, D. Keast, R. C. Kippin, F. Mack, D. McCormick, D. Murfet, M. Mulvey, R. Parker, J. Parsons, R. Palmer, G. Pearson, D. Peers, H. Peers, D. Phillips, C. Pocock, J. Porter, J. Prytnrch, P Reading, J. Ridley, J. Ridyard, D. Rothera, N. Simon, A Smith, M Snape, G. Spailing, C. Watson, A. Wilby, D. Wilford.

F. D. K.

OBITUARY

MR. J. L. HEDGE

The Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member in the death of Mr. John Linnel Hedge, of Flore. He was 91 years of age.

When the Branch was formed, in 1924, he was one of its first members and, until about 15 years ago, when his disablement and ill-health prevented him, he was to be seen regularly at Branch meetings.

Although his name did not appear in the peal columns he was a keen ringer and was always ready to welcome and encourage young learners.

Members of the Branch rang half-muffled touches before and after the funeral service.

F. W. H

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Guild was held at St Mary's, Haverfordwest, on March 11th, when 20 members from eight towers and three visitors from Hereford attended.

This was the first meeting at Haverfordwest for a number of years as unfortunately, this tower does not belong to the Guild. The bells are an anti-clockwise ring of eight (tenor almost 20 cwt.) The stay of the treble bell was broken, which limited its use to the more experienced ringers. The afternoon ringing was not a success, partly due to the fact that three bells were "up" the wrong way. This was later rectified.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart, a life ringing member of the Guild; the organist was the Rev R W Thomas (Master), and the lessons were read by the secretary, Mr Richard C. Warburton.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall. The Master took the chair and, after the opening prayer apologised on behalf of Canon Tree of Haverfordwest, for his unavoidable absence. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the report of the committee was discussed.

At the business meeting, with the Master presiding, it was decided to produce another booklet in three years' time for the 25th anniversary of the Guild and an annual leaflet containing a brief report of the activities and the balance sheet.

It was decided to retain Llanelli for the competition venue in May provided the work on the tower had not by then been started. Mr. Rees (Llanelli) reported that they had been given seven new handbells by various parishioners, and the Ringing Master reported that the three bells at Bosherston were being rehung for ringing by Taylors of Loughborough.

Touches of Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round in the evening ringing.

B. M. R.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

The first quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Cattwg's, Cadoxton, on March 4th. Towers represented were Cadoxton, Neath Newton Nottage, Swansea and Sketty. Ringing throughout the day ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

After the service an excellent tea was served in the Church Hall.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G Lloyd). Both the hon. secretary (Mr. J. A Hoare) and the hon. auditor (Mr. T. M. Roderick) were re-elected. Gorseinon will be the place of the September meeting (alternative, Baglan). Two new members were elected and Mr. Alwyn Lewis and David Culpan were congratulated on their first peal.

Five bands agreed to enter the ringing competition on May 20th. A coach is to be hired to make the event more of a social occasion.

J. A. H.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor M. J. C. Cannon 1, J. M Dennis 2, H. Taylor 3, M. Blanchard 4, P. M. Giles 5, J. E. Newman (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

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Letters to the Editor

GARDENING AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—Two thoughts prompted by recent issues First, what began as an understandable error before the war seems in danger of being accepted as a fact. Many people well remember Mr. C. H. Middleton's radio talks on gardening, but to the best of my knowledge he knew absolutely nothing about the composition of Cambridge Major. I hope that for the future Charles Middleton can be allowed the credit for his celebrated composition without an "H" he never possessed.

Second, I wonder if the "unnamed ringer" of the tenor to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by the Essex University Society had the same motive as an earlier undergraduate. About 1880 the Oxford University Society published an account of various performances including (I think) an extent of Grandsire Doubles which showed a "—" against one of the bells. A footnote explained that the name had been omitted because the gentleman in question objected to having it associated with such an insignificant performance! — Yours sincerely, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

"LONG TEN"

Dear Sir,—The passing of Mr. Bert Dean, of Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire, at the advanced age of 82, brings back to me the subject of "The Long Ten" recently discussed in your columns. In the early 1930's, when I was without a local tower and lived in the adjoining village of Newton, I chanced to hear the five old bells of Little Shelford being rung. On entering the belfry I found a band ringing call changes, which they called their "long ten." This consisted of a Grandsire start, then all bells plain hunting in the order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, which, of course, never comes round—a very "long ten" indeed. How they brought it round I cannot remember.

This struck me at the time as an easy step from call changes to method ringing. After a few rebuffs I succeeded in getting the same band through a peal of Grandsire Doubles. One or two of them afterwards managed Stedman and were a great help to me when I had the forming of a new band at Harston in 1937.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. COOK.

Meldreth, Cambs.

ST. MARY'S, BUNGAY

Dear Sir,—Suffolk ringers will welcome the news that an appeal has been launched for the restoration of the bells at St. Mary's, Bungay, and wish the organisers success in their efforts. The amount required is not excessive by present day standards and I am sure that, in spite of a few dissident voices, support will be forthcoming both locally and further afield in the county.

Tragedy has on occasion struck at the tower of St. Mary's, as the following extract from the churchwardens' book shows:—

"1774, January 18th As the church clock was striking 12 at noon and the ringers were on their way down from ringing a peal on the Queen's birthday, the large clock weight fell upon the head of John Gibborn, one of them, who died the next day, and cut off one of the great toes of Edwd. Tibbenham, another of the ringers."

This event must have cast a gloom over what, in happier circumstances, would have been a convivial occasion.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. HANCOCK.

Thurston, Suffolk.

JOHN CARTER

Dear Sir,—In the brief but admirable survey of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, in your issue of March 17th, reference is made to the famous John Carter, and the writer states that this notable person died in 1914 This is not correct. In May, 1914, John conducted a "veterans" peal of Grandsire Caters, each member of the band being over 60 years of age. Mr. Carter just crept in, being 60 years and six months. I think I am right in saying that the composition was later found to be false. John Carter died in 1927.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster.

IN DEFENCE OF LEFT-HANDED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I have just finished reading the report of the St. Martin's Guild dinner and I feel bound to write before every left-handed ringer thinks himself a renegade.

The hand that is uppermost on the sally is the hand not holding the tail-end. When the learner is presented with the tail-end he should take hold of the end of the rope as if he was grasping a cricket bat, and the rope is retained in the hand nearest the rope end. This will be the most natural and comfortable way of holding the rope and there is nothing outdated in holding it left-handed, as suggested by Mr. Lock.

Females, who on the whole do not indulge in cricket should not be asked to hold the rope end like a hockey stick, as hockey is the only game where one is not allowed to play left-handed.

I am not a left-handed ringer.—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN A. ROYDS-JONES.

Holt, Norfolk.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—It seems rather strange that the "Ringers' Diary" contains no touches of London Surprise Minor which are shorter than a 720 and longer than 456 changes, since touches of this length are desirable for quarter peals. I have not seen any published elsewhere, so I enclose the figures of one which may be of use:

576 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

23456 (Out)	W	H
42356		—
34256		—
25346	—	—
45236	—	—
23456	—	—

This is probably not original, but can any readers supply some others?

Does a bob "in" followed by a single "before" provide the quickest way of bringing up backstroke 468's in Bob Major, as used in the following quarter peal?

1,264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

234567	W	B	In	M	H
352764			1		
235746		S			—
357246	S				2
253647			1		3 (BBS)
234567	—			—	4 (BSBB)

Contains 28 roll-ups, Queen's and Tittums, and three courses of backstroke 468's.

Yours faithfully,

PHILIP J. DANIEL.

Crediton, Devon.

A MOSCOW MYSTERY

"We slowly climb a winding, narrow stairway. Thick, bare stone walls remind me of a mediæval casement. It's cold and damp. 'Take it steadily, my guide warns me, 'there's a long way to go' . . . I was warned to be careful of the ropes, 'otherwise the bells will be ringing at the wrong time.'"

Another first visit to a belfry? Yes, but not to an English tower this time. It's the start of an article on the Kremlin chimes by Ya. Miletskij in the January issue of the Russian illustrated "Ogonek."

The clock and its bells are in the Spasskij ("Salvation") tower of the Kremlin. The original clock was of 16th century construction but it was replaced in 1625, when the Spasskij tower was finally completed. It was again replaced during the reign of Peter the Great (1672–1725), this time by a Dutch clock, which was itself completely reconstructed in 1851–52. The last major overhaul of the clock and chimes took place in 1918, just after the Revolution.

The "Encyclopædia Britannica" says that "in 1625 an Englishman erected the famous peal [sic] of bells in the tower above the Spasskij gate." Unfortunately it doesn't name the Englishman, and Miletskij doesn't refer to him at all in his article He does, however, quote the inscription on one of the smaller bells:

> "This chime was cost on the 27th day of May, 1769, to chime the quarters in the Spasskij tower. Weight 21 poods (i.e. about 7 cwt.). Semen Mazhzhukhin, Master Founder."

Clearly, whatever "famous" bells the mysterious Englishman hung in 1625, the implication seems to be that either some at least were recast in 1769 or that the chime was then augmented. At present it consists of ten bells

Miletskij gives the weight of the hour bell as 135 poods, or just over 43 cwt., and adds that the "nine smaller bells . . (are) also of considerable weight." One of the photographs accompanying the article shows five of the bells hanging suspended from metal crossbars, apparently in the tower openings; a sixth bell is standing on the floor, and would seem to be additional to those in the chime. All are complete with canons, but, as they are shown in silhouette, no inscriptions are visible. Through one of the openings, incidentally, the famous Tsar Kolokol is discernible on the ground far below, apparently with a small crowd of sightseers round it.

But we are left with a number of questions. Who was the Englishman referred to in the "Encyclopædia Britannica"? And what bells did he hang, and what became of them? One might perhaps speculate that, under the circumstances, they may even have been English castings But in view of the inscription quoted by Miletskij it would seem that the encyclopædia entry is at best misleading, with its implication that the present bells are those hung in 1625, and at worst incorrect. C. A. W.

PEALS AT ELLESBOROUGH

The suggestion that the peal at Ellesborough, Bucks, is the first on the bells for 25 years (page 185) is refuted by Mr. A. J. White, of Aston Clinton, who recalls ringing in a peal in four Doubles methods there in June, 1953, for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. F. Reed, of Little Rissington, Cheltenham, states that he rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles there in 1947 whilst undergoing training at nearby R.A.F. Station, Halton.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

FOR THE BEGINNER

SUGGESTIONS for INSTRUCTORS

By BARRY J. COUZENS

(Aided and abetted by JEAN SANDERSON)

(Continued from page 184)

I find it best to divide the process of learning to handle a bell into several distinct stages. Before expecting the learner to try each stage the instructor should demonstrate exactly what he wants him to do, preferably by another experienced ringer playing the part of the learner.

THE BACKSTROKE

The instructor should set the bell at backstroke, then ask the learner to reach as far up the rope as he possibly can with both hands, without pulling at all on the rope The rope should be adjusted until between two and four inches are showing beneath the lower of the learner's hands when they are close together, but not overlapping. Depending on the age and attitude of the pupil, the instructor can tell him to stand on tiptoe when trying the length, or just say that the correct place to hold the end is an inch or so above the highest point the learner can reach without going on tiptoe At the same time explain that the object is to get the bell up to the balance but not as far as the stay and having the arms at full stretch when the bell is in this position is the easiest way to achieve it It puts far less strain on the pupil's muscles, already taut with the excitement and the novelty.

The bell should then be set at handstroke and the exact position of the hands on the tail-end demonstrated. The right hand should be above the left, with all the fingers around the rope and the thumb along it. Close enough to touch, but not overlap, the left hand has the rope tucked well into the crotch of the thumb and palm, with the fingers round the rope and the thumb across it, as in diagram 2.

Left-handed learners may prefer left hand above right, in which case change the description as necessary, but make sure that in subsequent lessons he keeps to the decision. In the early stages an unnoticed change of top hand can be confusing for the learner, later it can slow his progress.

The rope should be held at the proper position already found, full stretch on tiptoe when set at back. Impress on the learner that you will look after the woolly bit (sally); all he has to do is allow his hands to be pulled up by the tail-end and then guide it right down, straight down. This should have been demonstrated earlier, but is probably worth doing again.

Have your pupil stand in the correct position, with the rope about six to eight inches in front of him, facing the centre of the circle. Talking of standing, have you looked at his feet? Astride or at attention? Persuade him to stand with his feet comfortably apart, with the right foot a little further forward than the left if he is ringing right hand above left Then at last (hands in the right position?) you are ready to go. For the first few strokes you will probably need to guide the rope down, with one of your hands well above the pupil's. The instructor should always be able to reach above the learner in the early stages, perhaps by standing on a box. I prefer to stand, not directly opposite, but at an angle of about 120 degrees to the pupil with my right side towards his left.

Diagram 2

FAULTS TO WATCH

I deliberately tell the pupil to **guide** the rope, not to pull it. If the bells go well he will probably pull too hard, anyway, and using the word "pull" will only encourage this. Guide also stresses the importance of direction. The pupil often throws the rope outwards in an arc, through not bending the arms sufficiently on the way down. This must be cured by demonstration: "Your way . . . my way," by firmer guidance, and verbally: "Imagine your hands are made of lead falling straight down." One of the most common faults—and one that will cost him dear on more difficult bells with a long draught—is that of not completing the backstroke. I have often seen and winced as learners desert the tail-end at waist level. Show him again, and emphasise the important point: "Guide it right down, as far as your arms can go, and give it a final flick with your right thumb as if you were throwing the rope on to the floor a few inches in front of your feet." This fault is likely to recur, particularly when later stages are reached and the learner is concentrating on another movement, when the instruction can be shortened to an anguished cry of: "Finish your backstrokes!" Beginners often fail to notice when the bell comes off balance at backstroke, with the result that yards of rope fall in any direction. It must be driven home that sufficient tension must be kept on the rope whenever the bell is near the balance to feel what the bell is doing: "After all, you cannot see the bell, and there is nothing else to tell you what is going on up above."

Instructors frequently encourage overpulling This, combined with bent arms (also often neglected, if not actually taught) results in exhaustion, a broken stay and a badly frightened learner, who may become an incurable bell-mauler if he continues at all. This stage is the best chance to check a tendency to overpull. If the handstroke nearly lifts you off your feet, tell him to ease up. You, for your part, should give the bell little more than the minimum impetus to carry it up to the balance at backstroke. If it fails to get there you know he is checking it: "Let it go right up, Stretch!" About this time explain the difference, and show it, between "checking" the bell (restraining it from going to the balance or over it) and "pulling" it (adding to its momentum) so that clear instructions can be given crisply and understood: "Check your bell; pull harder." Encourage the learner to keep the bell going right up, close to the balance. As his skill develops, show him exactly what setting a bell entails, that is, getting it up over the balance and easing it back on to the stay, while always being ready to guide it down in the usual way if it should some off the balance again.

This is a good stage to show the effect of too long and too short hand positions on the tail-end. If the learner has enough confidence and is handling reasonably well, teach him the technique to shorten his rope, by an inch at a time. The right hand moves up the rope a little, while the arms are at full stretch downward, followed by the left hand as soon as possible. Emphasise that the time for shortening tail-ends is not just before the bell reaches the balance at backstroke, and you mean an inch, not half a yard. How often have I seen a learner in rounds getting farther and farther out of place because no one sees that the tail-end is too long, or has slipped, and the learner cannot alter it while ringing.

From the first a learner must be taught to ring by skill and not strength. He should be guiding the tail-end straight down, right down as far as he can, not pulling too hard, then after the handstroke (looked after by the instructor) letting the end go up smoothly until the bell is on the balance. He is? Full marks, go on to the next stage.

THE HANDSTROKE

The pupil should guide the rope down and with arms stretched downwards give the final flick with the right thumb as before, but immediately bring the right hand off the rope and move it so that the right arm is beside and a little away from the body. At the end of the handstroke, as the sally reaches its lowest point the right hand should return to its original position on the tail-end just as this starts to rise This sounds far more complicated than it is, and should be carefully demonstrated. At first, until the pupil is familiar with the timing, it helps to say: "Away . . . and . . . back" at the appropriate times. Be prepared for the pupil to ring one-handed at an unlikely time. The instructor must be prepared for anything at any time; I remember very clearly a particular lady learner who twice succeeded in getting an almost complete coil of rope around her neck. She was freed both times before the following backstroke At this point, particularly at this stage, the instructor will have to exhort the pupil to look straight ahead, not upwards or at the floor. Explain that it is much more difficult to get the timing right if he watches the sally approaching, and that later he will be looking past his sally at others.

(To be continued)

COWLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Violet Holloway 1, Brenda Martin 2 W. Holloway (cond.) 3, R. Goodwin 4, J. Sutton 5, L. Busby 6. With best wishes to the Rev. J. Hathaway and Mrs. Hathaway in their new parish of St. Mary Magdalene, South Holmwood, Surrey.

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ABINGDON, BERKS—At St. Helen's, on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Dickson (first quarter) 1, Barbara F. Banks 2, J. R. Poole 3, R. H. Johnston (first of Minor) 4, W. A. Smith (cond.) 5, A. K. Poole 6, M. J. Hiller (cover) 7.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, C. H. Macve 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Briggs (aged 89) 1, J. H. Cook 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, J. L. Day 4, Mrs. D. A. Day 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. For the 89th birthday of treble ringer.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Clark (first of Major) 1, Brenda Davies 2, Margaret Jones 3, C. Wyld 4, N. J. Davies 5, R. A. Swift (first of Major) 6, F. Huckstepp 7, R. Swift (cond.) 8. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Swift 1, Mrs. B. M. Davies 2, Miss M. M. Jones 3, Dr. J. T. Garraway 4, F. Huckstepp 5, R. A. Swift (first of Grandsire) 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. C. Clark 8.

ASTON TIRROLD, BERKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Corderoy 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. H. Webb 3, L. F. Cox 4, J. H. Napper (cond.) 5, W. Blake 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ethel May Corderoy, a ringer at this church for 33 years.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. J. Osborne (first away from tenor) 1, D. R. McLean (25th quarter, cond.) 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, Amette E. Bradbury 4, A. Turner 5, M. A. Hills (first in more than one method) 6. For the wedding at this church earlier in the day of David Newman (local ringers) and Josephine Rush.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): R. Cassidy 1, S. Bedford 2, J. Pilgrim 3, V. Bedford 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

BEVERLEY E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 22nd 1,288 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Elizabeth A. Ewan 1, P. Church 2, M. Maughn (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Foster 4, R. D. Gibson 5, C. C. Brown 6, A. Bridges 7, G. Wirandall 8.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. S. King 1, D. Philips (first in method) 2, R. S. Clench 3, D. J. Hughes 4, D. Pike 5, L. Jones 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Longland 1, R. G. Care 2, P. Jones 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. N. G. Phillips, curate and Vicar, 1941-1967.

BRAMHAM, W. YORKS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Burnett (first "tower" quarter) 1, A. C. Banton (cond.) 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, C. J. Groome 4, S. P. D. Burnett 5.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Warner 1, Mrs. J. Tarrant 2, J. Wimlett 3, R. Wimlett 4, I. Tarrant (cond.) 5, S. Sturgess 6. First quarter 1. First "inside" 4. A compliment to the treble ringer on being awarded the B.E.M. for service in Borneo, and for Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on March 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Jean Preston 1, C. M. Tuckett 2, Jane Shaw 3, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 4, R. S. Bradley 5, M. C. E. Hodge 6, E. N. Thomas 7, R. A. G. Inglis 8.

CHAILEY, SUSSEX.—On March 11th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Stella J. Soper 1, Amette E. Bradbury 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in method for all the band. For the wedding this day of David Newman and Josephine Rush.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On March 5th, 1,260 Spliced Minor: Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King (first spliced) 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday, and 67th birthday of ringe of 2.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Pickett 1, Miss C. R. Cole 2, E. Newnham 3, D. King 4, R. Durrant 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6. After Parish Communion.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Double Oxford Triples: H. W. Knight 1, D. G. Yeo 2, E. T. Lee 3, M. J. Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, A. E. Cox 7, S. G. Smith 8. First touch in method by all.

COLCHESTER Shrub End), **ESSEX.**—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Martin (first quarter) 1, P. Schafle 2, D. Cobb 3, K. B. Good (cond.) 4, U. Wildney 5, M. Bushell 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CLIFFE, KENT.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marilyn Chidwick 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, Phyllis Chidwick 3, G. Philpott 4, B. J. Couzens 5, C. T. Osenton 6, B. R. Trill (cond.) 7, L. Crouch 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. C. Chapman, a ringer of this church for 44 years.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janine Blanche 1, Margaret Powell 2, M. H. Gregory 3, T. Newlands 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, J. G. Rose 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On March 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. J. Hawkins 1, Miss G. Beckett 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 5, C. J. A. Brown 6, A. F. Lee 7, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Morton 1, W. Kerr 2, F. S. Sutton 3, G. Parsons 4, R. C. L. Brown 5, B. Harris 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, J. Scott 8. In memoriam John Worth. Rung after failure of a peal attempt.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Radley 1, R. Radley (first "inside") 2, K. Fox 3, J. Radley (first "inside") 4, V. S. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Coddington 6. Half-muffled for old year. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Radley 1, K. Fox 2, T. R. Smith 3, J. Radley 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, C. V. Cade 6. Half-muffled for passing of Mr. W. Cottingham. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Fox 1, J. Fox (first quarter) 2, J. Radley 3, G. Radley 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, H. J. Radley 6. A farewell token to Jean Fox leaving for a nursing career in London.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, J. King 6. For the induction of the Rev. D. Price.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Etherington 1, G. Charman 2, A. Tidy 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, D. Batcock 6. Four towers in Guildford District represented.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Caroline Clarke 1, Ann R. Munslow (first quarter) 2, A. Clarke 3, A. E. Hinman 4, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 5, M. Hall 6. For the 40th anniversary of the re-forming of the Diocese of Leicester.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Field 1, Ann R. Munslow 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, B. W. Rhodes 5. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Gilbert Slater), for his 33 years in the ministry.

HAMPTON WORCS.—On Feb. 18th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, J. Smith 3, Mrs. J. Smith (first Triples "inside") 4, G. Brown 5, C. Edwin 6, L. Mills 7, B. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Hyde, grandfather of 3, 4 and 7.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Bailey 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 12th, 720 Oxford and 552 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Christian 1, Jennifer Andrews 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, D. J. Derrick (first as cond.) 4, R. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell 6.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Barnes 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. E. Newman 4, W. J. Newman 5, R. Harris 6, P. Harris 7, M. E. Newman 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. P. Newman and Miss G. Ross.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Miss F. Riley (first "inside") 2, Miss F. Stocker (first quarter) 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, A. Nunn (first as cond.) 5, T. Hood (first quarter) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Sheila A. Harfield 1, M. C. Wooldridge 2, B. J. Harfield 3, H. W. Brown 4, P. Hepburn (first "inside") 5, P. Clayton (first quarter) 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. H. Iribe 8. To celebrate the wedding of Valerie Mepham to Tom Haxton, and the engagement of Pam Gough to Dennis Wears.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On March 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Bowen 1, L. Toseland 2, R. Turner 3, B. Austin 4, J. G. Michell 5, C. Stephenson 6, J. Michell 7, F. Coales (cond.) 8.

KENILWORTH WARWICKS.—On March 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. K. Griffiths 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, H. C. Bennet 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, S. F. Royal 6. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 3.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob Grandsire): E. Hastings 1, L. B. Ellison 2, A. J. Henman 3, A. R. Jones 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. N. G. Phillips, curate and Vicar, 1941-1967.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): D. R. Fallick 1, R. Allinson 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. R. Gilks (first in three methods) 4, L. D. Smith (first as cond. in three methods) 5, D. C. Jackson 6.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Feb. 26th, 1,292 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. R. Churchill 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, Miss A. R. Alexander 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, R. A. J. Bower (cond.) 5, A. F. Scholfield 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Major: D. C. Jackson 1, J. Hartless 2, R. M. Roberts (first of Major) 3, L. D. Smith 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, I. Matcham 6, D. G. Wright 7, R. Atkinson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. Howell 1, W. R. Manser 2, S. Wigg 3, P. Muchlinski 4, M. L. Howe (cond.) 5, J. Long 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Readshaw 1, Pauline Hilliard (first "inside") 2, P. H. Langton 3, D. Feek 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Davies 1, Hazel Giddins 2, M. Catell 3, K. Glue 4, I. Etherington 5, D. May (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. A. Derbyshire.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eady 1, M. E. Care 2, B. R. Care (cond.) 3, C. Care 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. Sheldon 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kay Murphy 1, Joy Askew (first "inside") 2, Susan Elliott 3, R. Askew 4, G. White 5, A. Craddock (cond.) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ian Perry (first on working bell) 1, Heather A. Walters (cond.) 2, Susan E. Davis 3, D. Stone 4, R. A. Partridge 5, R. W. Price 6. Rung by S.U.G.C.R.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On March 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. G. Ponting 1, G. W. Shanks 2, C. D. J. Wells (first Yorkshire) 3, J. F. M. Maybury 4, P. Henry (first Yorkshire) 5, A. I. Pairman (first Surprise) 6, B. Rogers (first Surprise) 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Rosemary Perry 1, R. Tandy 2, M. Clewes 3, P. Bill (25th as cond.) 4, J. Lawley 5, B. Sutton 6, B. Wootton 7, A. D. Roden 8. First in method by all. Local band.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Hills 1, Vivien Matthews 2, G. Lucas 3, H. Smith 4, H. Turner (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A wedding compliment to Josephine Burleigh, ringer and chorister and Derek Willett, organist and choirmaster, married here this day.

OWLESBURY, HANTS.—On March 4th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. A. Tremeer 1, Prisca Hornby (first of T.B. Minor) 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, K. Sansom 4, D. M. Hughes 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, Mrs. S. Hibbard 2, B. Branston 3, R. W. Smith 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the ringer of 2 and her husband to St. Mary's Church.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,272 Minor (three methods): E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, P. Richardson 3, J. Richards 4, J. Cooper 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rachel M. J. Atack (first quarter) 1, A. S. Burbidge 2, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, D. Ley 5, A. S. Taylor 6, J. W. Bellshaw 7, C. M. Moxley 8. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Tiverton Little Bob Major: S. Taylor 1, A. S. Taylor 2, J. W. Bellshaw 3, A. S. Burbidge 4, D. J. Jukes 5, D. Ley 6, J. W. Gander (cond.) 7, C. L. D. Munday 8.

QUARTER PEALS

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nita West 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, W Simpson 3, A. Humphrey 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Neil Richard) to Mrs. Leah Hopkin, a member of this band.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods). J. C. Hudson 1, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 2, C. J. Groome 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W S. Richmond 1, Mrs. M. Crosthwaite 2, C. Crosthwaite 3, S. Anderton 4, W. K. Martin (first as cond.) 5, R. Anderton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SELLINDGE, KENT.—On March 4th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): Margaret Judge 1, D. W. Grimwood 2, H. J. Payne 3, J. B. Keeler 4, C. W. Beeching (cond.) 5, W Epps 6. Most methods to a quarter for all

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): C. Jennings (first quarter) 1, F. Welch 2, A. C. Drayton 3, J. Cornelius (cond.) 4, G. Norcliffe 5, R. Welch 6, K. Welch 7. For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.—On March 4th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. M Hartless (first quarter, age 9) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (first Grandsire) 3, L. D. Smith 4 T. Matcham (first Triples) 5, J. Hartless (cond.) 6, D. C. Jackson 7, W. E. Trevett (first Triples) 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F Down 1, W. J. Ransom (first quarter) 2, H. Ransom 3, R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, D. Petherick 6. By the local band.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On March 5th, at Bitterne Park, 1,440 Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering; 12 methods): Beryl J. Cross 1, Heather J. Hinton 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Deborah N. Maggs 4, Muriel J. Mason 5, S. R. Smith 6, Pamela J. Coombs 7, R. V. Smith 8. First in 12 methods by all. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On March 5th, 1,344 Bristol Surprise Major: E. Short 1, H. Scott 2, Anne P. Leigh 3 E. Cooper 4, W. B. Critchley 5, E Dalingwater 6, G. Jackson 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8. For Service.

STEEP, HANTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna L Gollins 1, Elizabeth M. Whittome (first "inside") 2, Ann M. Hall 3, R. A. Routh 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, H. C. Milward 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Haden Badley, founder of Bedales School, died March 6th, 1967, aged 102 years Ringers of 1, 2 and 6 Bedalians: 3 and 4 Bedales staff.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Bushell 1, Pamela Tomsett 2, M Lacey 3, C. Mannering 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 4. A birthday compliment to Richard Bushell. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Crofts (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Thomas 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, J. Rose 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Rev. N. Monk, curate.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. C. Biggs 1, L. J. Walters (first as cond.) 2, J. Ranford 3, J. Cale 4, B Bell 5, G. Gwynne 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles .Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Ranford 1, L. J. Walters 2 J. Cale 3, S. B. Bell 4, E. C. Biggs (first as cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6.

SWINDON VILLAGE, GLOS.—On March 5th, 1 260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. M. Brooks (first quarter) 1, P. R. Brooks (first quarter) 2, G. L. Maggs 3, R. Newman (first Bob Doubles) 4, M. A. Maggs (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to 1 and 4. Believed to be first quarter at Swindon Village for 20 years.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Watkin 1, F. R. Morton 2, G. A. Edwards 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, L. A. Perry 5. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Beech), on his retirement.

TAUNTON (Staplegrove), SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Drowley (first quarter) 1, J. A. Drowley (first "inside") 2, N. J. Maggs 3, A. P. Rothwell 4, S. J. Gullick (first as cond.) 5, J. S. Hacking 6. Rung by the Taunton School Ringers Society as a belated welcome to the headmaster, Dr. J. M. Rae, and his wife.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, C. A. Gray 3, Miss A. Rouland 4, D. Neal 5, E. C. Steele (first of Grandsire "inside") 6, J. M. Steele (cond.) 7, D. C. Grove 8. Rung for the engagement of Edward C. Steele to Miss Nina R. Grove, also a birthday compliment to E. C. Steele.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, C. J. N. Dalton (first of Stedman) 3, R. L. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, C. A. Thomas 8. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Gordon 1, B. B. Huliah 2, R. G. Smith 3 Maud Lindsay 4, D. Laud 5, W. G. Paul 6, J. Lindsay 7, R. G. Bell 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, S. Laud 10. A wedding compliment to Maud and John Lindsay, of Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Evans 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Caroline Madge 3, Rosamond Rawlings 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, Elizabeth Zass 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Burn 8. To mark the birth of a son, Christopher, (March 11th), to the Rev. A. Esdaile, curate and ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Kay Lynas, from Adelaide, arrives in England on Easter Sunday.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Audley for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society was the 25th together by Philip R. Johnson and Philip G. K. Davies.

Eastwood Church, Notts, which was burned down in 1963, is being rebuilt but the bells have been rehung Appropriately, a new Surprise method—Eastwood— was introduced for the first peal on the bells since rehanging.

From Ashington, Sussex, a reader writes that in last week's copy of "Amateur Gardening" there was an article entitled "Bark Ringing Methods." He suggests that "Woodbine" might be applied!

This Easter Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd completes 60 years of close service in the church, having joined the village choir at Solihull (it is now a borough) in 1907. For the last 40 years he has been both a ringer and chorister.

The bells of St. Lawrence's (8) at Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos, are now available to visiting bands. Peals are restricted to four peals a year and there are three bookings left—June, September and December quarters. Requests should be addressed to the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Pickthorne, The Rectory, Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, Glos.

A special thank you to our Welsh crossword enthusiast who sent a P.O. with his entry! Practical appreciation is always welcome.

Sincere regret at its failure was expressed by the band that attempted an in memoriam peal to Mr. John Worth at Crewe. A quarter peal was, however, rung.

Mr. J. Henry Fielden, of Halifax, rang 32 peals last year, and not 27 as published. The extra ones were not credited to his namesake, John H. Fielden, as his were correct!

We are sorry to learn that Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, is in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, having been taken ill suddenly on March 17th. At the time of writing his friends are anxious about him.

At the memorial service to John Worth, late Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, on Saturday, April 22nd, the address will be given by the Bishop of Birkenhead (the Rt. Rev. E. A. J. Mercer).

An interesting point about the peal of Minimus on the four bells at Lazonby, Cumberland, is that the bells are hung in a straight line on one side of the tower only. It was the first peal on the bells and was listened to throughout by Mr. M B. Graves, the tower captain, who has been a ringer here for 50 years. The peal was a compliment to him.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A WORTHWHILE VENTURE IN SUFFOLK

Until recently, Horringer, a small village near Bury St. Edmunds, had not had its eight bells rung by a local band for at least 30 years. And so it may have remained but. following a peal attempt in August, 1966, the new enthusiastic Rector asked who he could get to instruct a band.

The task was readily snapped up by members of the young Great Barton band and the first practice started at the end of October. Our target was to have all the bells manned locally on a Sunday in six months. provided that the Rector could supply enough recruits. This was achieved in four months and now the eight bells are rung twice on a Sunday with a total complement of 20 either handling competently or under instruction.

Several factors have contributed to the initial success of this venture. The Rector obtained his recruits of mainly teenagers and a few older family men to add some stability and instilled in them the strength of purpose which is so important in the early stages when a dozen or more are being taught to handle a rope. With this backing the beginners showed loyalty from the start. determined to master this new. fascinating pastime.

The striking thing about practice night is the atmosphere which prevails. The evening has a friendly "club-like" air and the people come as much for a social chat as for a ring and so look forward to a Thursday evening gathering Before long. we hope. they will have caught the ringing "bug" and gain experience in other towers.

There is of course a moral in this story. The only result of perseverance is success It does mean the self-denial of another evening a week, and it may be felt that progress is stationary, but the final reward is seeing the pleasure of a new band pulling together and working to one end. One member has already rung a quarter peal and several others are showing promising ability.

The 20 or so present on practice night shows that the decline of bellringers and ringing in N.W. and Central Suffolk need not continue. The incumbent must be closely associated with starting a new band He only can do the behind the scene prodding which is necessary to keep morale up in difficult times and show public gratitude when progress is made

Create your own friendly atmosphere. let them know who is in charge. get them to respect your ability and have confidence in you, and they will give you and the church 100 per cent. effort. No one can give or ask for more.

R. H. R.

TAUNTON SCHOOL SOCIETY

The quarter peal recorded by the Taunton School Ringers' Society as a welcome to the new headmaster was conducted by Stephen Gullick as a farewell performance. In October he goes to Durham University to read law and will no doubt be adding to his ringing achievements which also include a peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

BUSY AT ORSETT

Mr. Gordon Lucas rang his first quarter peal for 14 years at Orsett. Essex, on March 11th He rang originally at Clapham and is now teaching at Basildon. Miss Joan Hills tells us that his presence is truly welcome, as Desmond and Mary Mayell have moved to Somerset, leaving Messrs. F. W. Blatch and Vivien Matthews and Miss Hill with a tower full of learners.

FIRST WEEK-END SCHOOL FOR LINCOLN GUILD

The proposal to organise a week-end school. presented at the last annual Guild meeting. reached fruition on March 10th, when 33 students assembled at the Youth Service Residential Training Centre at Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire

After an excellent evening meal the students were welcomed to the course by Dr Golby, the Director of Education for Kesteven, the sponsoring authority and by Mr. J Bray, the Master of the Lincoln Guild.

Lectures on a wide range of topics including "Bells, History of Casting and Tuning." "Learning and Teaching Elementary Change Ringing." "Double Handed Handbell Ringing." "Tune Ringing on Handbells." "Maintenance of Bells and Fittings" and "Conducting" were given by the very able lecturing team of Messrs. N. Chaddock, J. Freeman W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe.

Practice ringing sessions. using the six-bell towers of Brant Broughton and Bassingham and the eights at Caythorpe and Balderton. enabled the student body to make use of the new ideas in conducting training sessions for recruits.

The full programme of Saturday was closed by the showing of the Washington Film.

The lectures on Sunday morning were preceded by a short service conducted by the Vicar of Brant Broughton. for which Mr Sharpe hastily produced a score to provide music for the hymn "There is a Green Hill."

All connected with this course spent an enjoyable week-end and thanks are due to the Kesteven authority. the staff of Brant Broughton House and the incumbents who allowed the use of the bells. H. J. R.

MONTACUTE RINGING AGAIN

For the last eight weeks the bells of Montacute. Somerset. have been silent owing to the renewing of the tower roof. It can now be said. writes Mr. G W. Rendell. that the bells will be ringing for Easter. The ringers would like to thank the incumbents and tower captains of Seavington. Marston Magna. Ash. Bradford-Abbas. Preston Plucknett. North Perrott. Langport and Yetminster for the use of their bells during this period and for the cordial way in which they were received. Thanks also to friends who came along and kept the numbers up.

BRISTOLIANS IN LIVERPOOL

Four members of Bristol University Society had an adventurous time when they set out to attend the Liverpool Society's dinner on Friday March 3rd. making the journey in a little old Morris 8. E. M. E. writes: "We stopped twice on the way for liquid refreshments and chips. after which the co-driver was seen feeding the driver with his share so that he could keep both hands on the wheel. Later on in the week-end, however. the driver became more competent and found out. much to his delight. that he was quite capable of driving with one hand!

The climax of the week-end was ringing at Liverpool Cathedral on the Sunday afternoon "Here our tenor queen was seen being rung by the tenor with the aid of our C.C. representative. Unfortunately the Master was not there to watch this spectacle.!!"

Home was reached at 12 midnight (Sunday) and the purport of the report is: "Thank you, L.U.S.C.R., for giving us the opportunity to visit your city. A good week-end enjoyed by all."

"BLACK TUESDAY" AT HOBART

Last week-end we received a graphic account of the great fire in Tasmania from Miss Mary Atkinson whose home is in the Lenah Valley. Hobart She writes:—

"I was at work on 'black Tuesday about 2 p.m. when thke smoke became so thick in the city that we had to put our lights on. Then I rang Mum to see how things were. To say she was alarmed was to put it mildly. She said flames three times as high as the houses were shooting up further along the Valley and that there was a constant stream of cars as people came out.

"I came home and watered the roof while Mum watered the walls with the poor trickle we could get from the taps. Smoke was so thick in the passage that we could hardly see from one end of the building to the other. I put the car out on the road with a few things we most treasured and that are quite irreplaceable The fire was now on both sides of the Valley. but after three anxious hours of watering there was a slight wind change which took the fire over the hill at the back and we were saved There were 14 homes in the Valley burnt and three people lost their lives."

Overall picture: The fire burned over an area of approximately 60 miles by 30 miles in the space of one afternoon Approximate figures to date: Sixty-three persons dead, 1,400 homes destroyed. 4,000 homeless, 50,000 sheep, 1,000 cattle, 300 dairy cows and 600 pigs burned

We are pleased to learn that all Hobart ringers are safe.

RINGING PROSPECTS AT NORTHALLERTON

We hope that the local quarter peal from Northallerton. the seat of local government for the North Riding of Yorkshire. will be the forerunner of many more. as there is a keen group of grammar school boys and girls who have been taught by David Town. the vice-captain. David. who is 18, only started ringing in 1964 and can now take his place in a Surprise Major band

All Saints' Church has a fine central tower and is situated in the High Street. The main road from York to Darlington runs by it on the east side and on the north and west side is the church green. The bells are a very fine eight (tenor 18 cwt.), recast at the end of 1961 To combat the noise outside the local company are planning to provide a shuttering device to deaden the sound Mr. E. D. Metcalfe informs us that peals here are out of the question on account of the proximity of local government and business premises, but permission might be obtained by a touring party for an odd quarter peal.

PEALS ON ALL CORNISH EIGHTS

By taking part in a successful peal at Werrington, Cornwall, on March 11th, the Rev. A. S. Roberts has now rung a peal on all the 45 rings of eight in Cornwall, and he proudly informed the band at the conclusion of the peal that it was 40 years and one week since he rang his first on eight, at Kea in 1927. His ultimate Cornish eight for a peal would have been at St. Mary's, Launceston, where a successful peal was rung last Whit Monday, but before the claim could be published it was discovered that a boundary change a few weeks previously had brought the parishes of Werrington and North Petherwin "back into the fold" from the foreign parts of Devon!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St Martin.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt 20 lb in D.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	7
Michael P. Moreton	2	Martin C. Faulkner	8
Joan Hill	3	Brian Bladon	9
David P. Hilling	4	John M. Jelley	10
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
John D. Rock	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 18 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Dennis Latham	7
Alan Sharples	2	Allen Twyman	8
Margaret E Fort	3	Richard S. Starkie	9
John Robinson	4	Neil D. Lomas	10
Denis Mottershead	5	John H Fielden	11
Philip G. K. Davies	6	Richard King	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by F John Nelson

SUTTON, Macclesfield.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Susan Wilcox	Treble	Hilary L. Horn	4
E. Millicent P. Lawton	2	Anthony William Lawton	5
Charles William Lawton	3	Peter William Horn	Tenor

Conducted by Charles William Lawton.
* First peal Tenor 12¼ cwt.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Mr. John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and chairman of the Macclesfield Branch.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 25 methods/variations, being 120 each of Dedworth. Tichborne. Seighford. Primrose, Wychbold, Little Aston, Marston and Salwarpe, and 240 each of Grandsire. Reverse St. Bartholomew. Northrepps. Fortune. Moira, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Windrush. Norfolk. Reverse Canterbury, St Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps. Broadwas and Honeysuckle. Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 16 lb. in G

John R. Scott	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	*Keith W. Eaton	5
*Leon A. Perry	3	*Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* First peal in 25 methods/variations.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EASTWOOD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 EASTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat

Clive Thrower	Treble	Edward F. Gobey	5
Jack Chadwick	2	Harold Taylor	6
David J. Marshall	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
John S Dean	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being rehung after the church was burned down in 1963.

EASTWOOD SURPRISE
—38—14—1258—36. 14—14, 38—56—78. Lead head 15738264.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, seven extents: One each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford. Single Oxford. St. Clement's and two Plain Bob

*Adrian G. Semken	Treble	Michael Bew	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Michael J. Howes	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* 50th peal. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OCKHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 methods, viz: (1–3) Grandsire. (4–6) Reverse St Bartholomew. (7–9) Northrepps Pleasure. (10–12) Fortune. (13–15) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. (16–18) Southrepps Pleasure. (19–21) St. Columb. (22–24) Clifford's Pleasure. (25–27) Little Aston. (28–30) Plain. (31–34) Kennington. (35–36) Seighford. (37–39) April Day and (40–42) Old.

*Robert Gee	Treble	†John A. Collier	3
†Janet E. Cleeve	2	John A. Harrison	4
Martin J. Kirk	Tenor		

Conducted by Martin J. Kirk.
* First peal. † First in 14 methods. Tenor 7 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire.—At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr.

Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	†Peter D Sell	5
*Denise Jaine	2	‡Dennis Jaine	6
*David Brookes	3	George T. Cousins	7
Ralph C. Godsall	4	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by George T Cousins.
* First peal at first attempt † First of Triples in the method.
‡ First of Triples.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Oxenham.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CODICOTE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 11 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	J. Richard Castledine	4
Jack S Dear	2	C. Michael Orme	5
Eric Edmondson	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dianne Gazeley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb in F sharp

Colin A. Tester	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
D. Paul Smith	2	†Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*David Rennolds	3	†Tony Lewis	7
*Richard W. Sweet	4	Philip J Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise Major.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in F

Lucile M Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Ann Jenner	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Richard V. Fuller	3	*Richard Hayes	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B Speed. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as birthday compliments to Lucile and Judith Corby.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb in F sharp.

Harold Evans	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Ann Jenner	2	Richard Hayes	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Tony Lewis	7
Paul J. Dye	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ann Jenner.

CUXTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford. St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr 21 lb. in A.

Martin C. May	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
Richard Hayes	2	Martin L. Howe	5
Harold Evans	3	Christopher T Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

SEAL CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., Feb 12, 1967 in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Harold Evans	Treble	John Pladdys	4
*Robert J. Everest	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Richard Hayes	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., March 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Donald F Murfet	Treble	*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Geoffrey Pearson	7
John H. Fielden	3	John G. Gipson	8
Margaret E. Fort	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	9
David E. Rothera	5	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* 50th peal of Surprise.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Ronald Kenrick	Treble	John A Elliot	5
Martin E. Snape	2	Eric Cook	6
Kenneth Wilson	3	Horace Grounds	7
Alan Wilson	4	Peter Coxall	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Peter Coxall.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Grounds, daughter of the ringer of the seventh and a former ringer at this church.

WESTHOUGHTON. Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Roy Jolley	Treble	John Illingworth	5
*Christopher Lomax ..	2	Allan Keen	6
James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
R. Keith Lister	4	Albert Greenhalgh	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* 25th peal for the Lancashire Association. First in the method by all the band
Rung as a welcome to Martin Peter, son of the conductor.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 18 cwt.

Geoffrey Fothergill ..	Treble	*Allan G. Keen	5
Joseph Thornley	2	†James Andrews	6
*R. Keith Lister	3	John Ashcroft	7
Albert Greenhalgh	4	David R. Forsythe ..	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. † First in method "inside." First as conductor in the method.

(Preston Branch)
SAMLESBURY. Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less
On Friday, March 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Glen Clayton	Treble	Tony Gardner	4
Pat Gardner	2	Jeffrey Simcox	5
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Simcox (one extent), Roger Barnes (two extents) and Dennis H. McCormick (four extents).

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr 15 lb. in A.

William B. Dawson ..	Treble	Harold Barsley	5
*R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	2	Philip H. Reynolds	6
Rhoda Reynolds	3	Roy Stephenson	7
John P. Morriss	4	Robert Howard	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Susannah Thorlby.

FRAMPTON, Lincolnshire—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise. (7) Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	R Arthur Goldsmith ..	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Albert E. Flatters	5
Keith R. Davey	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne, (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick, (3) Annable's London Rossendale and Stamford, (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull Primrose and Bourne, (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, with 82 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt in F sharp.

Maurice Bennett	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
Frank Taylor	2	Alan G Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
Rung to mark the birth of John David Chapman.

BUTTERWICK. Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., March 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Harold Barsley	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	4
David Carrot	2	C. Victor Waite	5
*Robert Paddison	3	Albert E. Flatters	Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Flatters.
* First peal.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith ..	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
*Susan D. Cowan	2	†John K. Foot	7
David F. Moore	3	Christopher K. Cooper ..	8
†Michael Pilgrim	4	John H. Fielden	9
Cyril Crossthwaite	5	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman Caters for the Society.
Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

William J. Thomas	Treble	*D. R. Lyn Jones	4
Benjamin Williams	2	†D. Geoffrey Kerley ..	5
Edmund J Morris	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* 25th peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

David E. Parsons	Treble	‡Richard C. Taylor	5
*Alan D. Flood	2	‡Robert J. Wiggins	6
†Michael G. Bartlett ..	3	Norman Summerhayes ..	7
Richard C. Stevens ..	4	†Edgar G. Skipsey	Tenor

Conducted by David E Parsons.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 736 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	†Christopher H. Rogers ..	5
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	Richard J. Parker	6
David E. Rothera	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 125th peal.
Rung in honour of the marriage of John Lindsay and Maud Austin, which took place this day at the Church of St. Nicholas, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Philip C. Kimber	Treble	*George W. Biddulph ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J Ballard ..	7
Hilary F Pardoe	4	David J. Midgley	Tenor

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 960 Cambridge, 960 Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland, 1,152 Yorkshire and 1,152 Bristol, with 75 changes of method and all the work for every bell in each method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Philip C. Kimber	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	4	Walter Sherratt	Tenor

Composed by Philip G K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal of five-spliced by all the band. First peal of spliced as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs) Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

William Clover	Treble	*Owen Claxton	5
Harry B. Fuller	2	*William Pye	6
*Desmond P. Mortlock	3	Ernest W. Pye	7
Thomas E. Spight	4	Frank C. J. Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Sutton, of Wortwell.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 10, 1967 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G

Leslie F Bailey	Treble	Martin Cubitt	5
Angela M. Wright	2	David Cubitt	6
George P. Adams	3	Kevin S. Hohl	7
Sidney Marshall	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G

Stephen F. High	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
*Diane Toone	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
J. Barry Pickup	3	Norman P. J. Cossey	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of seven methods "inside." The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals and is believed to be the first to do so.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Frederick C. Gunton	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
Norman P J. Cossey	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J Barry Pickup.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Humphrey.

(The Colegate Society)
DRAYTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in B.

David Cubitt	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Martin Cubitt	5
Angela M. Wright	3	*Peter Adcock	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F Bailey.
* 150th peal for the Association. The conductor has now rung peals in 50 towers throughout the county. First peal on the bells, which were hallowed on Sunday, February 5th, 1967.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A flat.

Pamela J. Cadman	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	Leslie F. Bailey	5
Henry Tooke	3	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
The conductor's 100th peal for the Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

David A. Cornwall	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Frank Reed	6
*Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Major in the method.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WITNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Peter J. Heritage	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter Beedie	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Frederick W Soden	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method.

WITNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
B—38—14—58—16—12—1458, 36, 14, 56, 78.

BINFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Joan A. Rance	Treble	Stanley G. Scott	4
*Susanne Sargeant	2	Arthur J. N. Rance	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First multi-method peal.

LANE END, Bucks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Percy Newton	4
Joyce I Barton	2	Christopher J Royal	5
Michael J. Best	3	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH. Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

Frederick W. Soden	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Frank Reed	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge and St. Clement's and one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat

Philip J. Daniel	Treble	Stephen K. Thompson	4
Richard J. Wilshire	2	J Paul Coad	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Stephen F. Royal	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four different callings. Tenor 9 cwt

Louise A. M. Evans ..	Treble	Brian J Edwards	4
*Ronald J. Snack	2	Roger G. Mitchell	5
Christine T. Wilkins ..	3	†Dorothea M. Hargreaves	Tenor

Conducted by Roger G Mitchell and Ronald J. Snack
(21 extents each.)

* 50th peal. † First peal. First of Bob Doubles by all the band.

POTTERSPURY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford T.B., Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., Beverley Surprise, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Barry R. Care	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
William J. Chester	2	Charles E Truman	5
Raymond A. Vickers ..	3	George E. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
Rung for the wedding of Dennis Wright and Linda Holloway.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTON NESTON Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Rev. Ernest G. Orland ..	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Alan A. Paul	7
James R White	4	James Linnell	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

NEWDIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents and one 2,160 in 11 methods, viz.: Allendale, Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, Fryerning, London, Norwich, Surfleet, Wells, Westminster and York Surprise, with 28 changes of method

Rosemary J. Cotton ..	Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt	4
Paula Healing	2	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	5
*G. William Shanks	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

* First peal of Minor. First of spliced as conductor. First of spliced and most methods to a peal for all the band except the conductor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

L. Ann Mew	Treble	Julie S. Armstrong ..	4
Gerda Baresel	2	L. Carole Andrews	5
Rosemary J. Cotton	3	*Alison M. Mann	Tenor

Conducted by Alison M. Mann.

* First peal as conductor. Tenor 3 cwt 3 qr 11 lb. in E.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Iris Freeman and Tom Felton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FELPHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt

*Elizabeth W. Smith ..	Treble	*Michael J. Wake	4
E. Winifred Keys	2	Barry J. Davis	5
Christopher B. Fynes ..	3	Robert Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First of seven Minor as conductor. First in more than one Minor method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Anne and Philip Stevens, married at this church the previous Saturday.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., March 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Cunecastre, London, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Irene Gocher	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A Howard	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

WERRINGTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Frank D. Mack	5
*Malcolm F. Bowers ..	2	Michael J. Stone	6
Alan Carveth	3	Brian J. Wylde	7
Rev. A. S. Roberts	4	Cecil J. Clarke	Tenor

* First eight-bell peal. Conducted by Alan Carveth.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROTHERWICK Hampshire.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat. March 11 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Philip Taylor	4
Philip Murduck	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	5
Robert Crocker	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells.

SWALLOWFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods/variations being 720 changes each of Old Doubles, Kennington, April Day and Grandsire and 2,160 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Peter J. Shipton	3
Robert Crocker	2	Philip Murduck	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor		

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
First peal on the bells and believed to be the first attempt for one.

SOPLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: 720 each of Double Court, Kent, Beverley, Cambridge, Deuble Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Anthony A. Nunn	Treble	Richard F. Prime	4
Andrew N Johnson ..	2	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	5
†David Wilson	3	†William T. Perrins	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey L. Claughton.

* First peal. † First in seven methods
Rung prior to the departure of Richard Prime to a new post in Middlesex.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

*John Barker	Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore	5
Arthur D. Cook	2	Robert Edwards	6
J. Clifford Skidmore ..	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Joseph Warr	4	*Stuart Caldwell	Tenor

Arranged by James E. Groves. Composed by J. J. Parker.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal. Both members of the new band formed at Kidderminster.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Wed., Feb. 22 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Christine Andrew	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Margaret Booth	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Richard J Tibbetts	3	Stuart Armeson	7
John S. Seagar	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr J. Whitehead, tower captain at this church and 62 years a ringer.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

Eric Robinson	Treble	Irvin Slack	5
*Patricia Lockwood	2	*Alan Clifton	6
*Fred Bennett	3	Ian North	7
*David S. Lockwood ..	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb. in F

William Dixon	Treble	Ronald R Warford	5
James S Webb	2	John Potts	6
*Allan Sheppard	3	H. David Holland	7
Kenneth B. Sissons ..	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by C Barrie Dove.

* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

*Susan E. Bell	Treble	James S. Webb	4
John Webb	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Josephine M. Haskins	3	Christopher A. Moxon	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal off cover bell.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sun., March 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Arthur B. Cooper	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	David S. Johnson	6
Howard C. Palmer	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., March 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 12 methods in seven extents, comprising (1) Thelwall Double Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., (4) Childwall, St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge, (6) Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, (7) Plain Bob, Southrepps. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Arnold Cole	Treble	Allan Sheppard	4
*C. Barrie Dove	2	John Potts	5
*M. Susan Jackson	3	*†Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in 12 methods of Minor. † 400th peal. The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower" three times.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., March 11, 1967 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods, being: (1) Felkirk and South Kirkby T.B., (2) College Exercise and Norbury T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

Irvin Slack	Treble	Alan Newbould	4
Ian North	2	Alan Clifton	5
Eric Robinson	3	Patricia Lockwood	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.
The ringer of the treble has now "circled the tower."

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In N7, Memorial Court, Clare College.
On Wed., March 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	1-2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5-6
C. W. Daws (Trinity)	3-4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
Rung to the respected memory of John Worth.

CAMBRIDGE.—In N7, Memorial Court, Clare College.
On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A

C. M. Tucker (Queens')	1-2	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5-6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3-4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ellis N. Thomas, secretary of the Guild, on the eve of his 21st birthday

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Feb. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

Frank Osbaldiston	1-2	Alan McFall	7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
Robert B. Smith	5-6	*Herbert Heaton	11-12

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Maximus

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Feb. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

*Frank Osbaldiston	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
Robert B. Smith	3-4	*David F. Moore	9-10
Neil Bennett	5-6	Alan McFall	11-12

Composed by John Worth. Conducted by Robert B. Smith
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.
Rung in memoriam John Worth, Master of the Chester Guild, who died suddenly on February 25th. He is remembered with affection.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., March 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in F.

Alfred Mould	1-2	Kevin A. Betesta	5-6
Jack Bailey	3-4	David K. Walklate	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David K. Walklate.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 2,112 Plain Bob, 1,056 Double Bob, 384 Reverse Bob, 288 each of Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 240 Little Bob, 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court and 96 each of St. Clement's Crayford College, Cambray Little Court and Crayford Little Court, with 276 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N. Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A. Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., March 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 15 methods, comprising 1,632 Plain Bob, 1,440 Double Bob, 480 Reverse Bob, 288 Little Bob, 144 each of Lansdowne Little Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 96 each of St. Clement's, Crayford College, Hackington Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Imperial, Cleatham Imperial, Cambray Little Court and Crayford Little Court, with 312 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N. Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A. Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At 81, Park Street.
On Thurs., March 2, 1967 in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 5 in F.

*Peter Church	1-2	Alan H. Bridges	3-4
		*Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.)	5-6

* First peal of Minor on handbells. First handbell peal for the Guild. First as conductor "in hand."

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At 81, Park Street.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 5 in F.

Peter Church	1-2	Alan H. Bridges	3-4
		Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.)	5-6

THE KENT COUNTY ASOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	7-8
Christopher T. Osenton	3-4	Edward J. Beer	9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6	Stuart Sandford	11-12

Composed by John Worth Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band and for the Association.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View
On Fri., March 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Edward J. Beer	1-2	Joan A. Hayward	5-6
Christopher T. Osenton	3-4	Frank J. Matthews	7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 17, Southern Avenue.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Christopher L. Watson	1-2	Cyril Crossthwaite (cond.)	3-4
		*Dennis H. McCormick	5-6

* First peal "in hand."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Stafford.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Mon., Feb. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*†Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
		*Kenneth R. Davenport	5-6

* First handbell peal. † First peal on six bells.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

HINDE.—On Monday, February 27th, 1967, at Livingstone. Dartford, Kent, to Hilary and Robert Hinde, a son, Patrick Robert. 1239

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HATFIELD—BIRD. — The wedding between Mr. H. Lyndon Hatfield and Miss Dianne M. Bird will take place at St. Nicholas', Godstone, Surrey, on Saturday, April 8th at 12 noon. All ringing friends very welcome at the church. Bells will be available to visitors from 11–11.45 a.m. Future address: 23, Cumberland Avenue, Liverpool 17. 1185

DEATH

LEWIS.—Peacefully on March 22nd, 1967, Agatha J. T. Lewis, widow of the late Edwin H Lewis, of Lochghilphead, Argyllshire. Funeral Saturday, March 25th, at Christ Church, Lochghilphead. 1250

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUCKER.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ducker (secretary of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association) is now: 2, Cavendish Road Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire. 1242

FEARNEHOUGH.—The address of Geoffrey and Dorothy Fearnehough is now: 16, The Rise, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland. 1240

FIELDEN. — The address of John and Maryl is now: 1, East Cliff, Preston, Lancs.

"PLAIN BOB" and Mrs. Edden have now moved from Deppers Bridge, Leamington Spa, to 3, Chestnut Drive, Summers Lane, Brixham, Devon. Ringing friends (if any) most welcome. 1234

SWEET.—The address of Richard W. Sweet is now: 16, Honetoun Road, Ashley Vale, Bristol 2. Tel. Bristol 45203. 1206

PERSONAL

"Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."—St. Matthew vi, 34.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CORNWALL — Bed and breakfast, evening meal; garage.—Mrs Wonnacott, 4, Cleaveland, Bude, Cornwall 906

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Wittersham, Kent.—Rededication of six bells after hanging in new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Sunday April 2nd, 10.30 a.m. All ringers welcome at service and for general ringing afterwards. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. P. J. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham, Kent. 1233

STOWMARKET, Suffolk. — Practices now resumed on Tuesdays, 7–9 p.m., also ringing for Sunday morning services (service time 10.30). Visitors welcome, especially if willing to assist learners.—O. G. Barnard. 1226

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting. **Saturday, April 1st, 1967**

Ringing arrangements:

Granby (6), Orston (6), Whatton 6) .. .. 2.30–3 45 p.m.
Bingham (8) .. .. 2.30–4 15 and 7.00–8 30 p.m.
East Bridgford (6), Holme Pierrepont (6) Radcliffe (8) 7.00–8.30 p.m.

Service **Bingham. 4.15 p.m.**

Tea, followed by business meeting, Church Hall, **Radcliffe**, 5 p.m

Names for tea to me by Monday previous (those requiring transport between Bingham and Radcliffe please indicate when booking tea). — W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec., St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham. 1138

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.**

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street, followed by Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d. and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained before May 8th, from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford (6), Alderley (6), Gawsworth (8) and Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m., and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary 122

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Chedzoy (6), Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. — J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater. Holford 345. 1156

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Bedford, Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m to 7.30. Service 4 45. Business meeting St. Paul's Vestry Please make own arrangements for tea. 1212

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bollington (8), Saturday April 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to M. C. Lonyon. The Shrubberies, Langly. 1180

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Kineton on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea **important** to J. L. Garner-Hayward. Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Egremont, Cumberland, Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage. 1224

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Pensnett (8), Saturday, April 1st. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting (5 p.m. approx.). Ringing after meeting. 1213

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Practice meeting at Chippenham (6) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Hereward Bob and Lincoln Surprise. 1211

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bristol on April 1st in the Cathedral School Hall, adjacent to the Cathedral, at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 3s. 8d. per head The Association annual service in the Cathedral at 6 p.m. Choristers please come prepared to form a choir. Preacher, the Bishop of Malmesbury. Ringing arrangements: St Ambrose's and St. George's 10–11 a.m.; St Luke's (Bedminster) and Horfield 10.30–11 30 a.m. Christ Church and St. Michael's (City) 11– 12 noon; Emmanuel (Clifton) 11.30–12.30 p.m ; St Stephen's 11.45–1 p.m.; St. Philip's 7–8 p.m.; Cathedral and St Mary Redcliffe 7–8.30 p.m There will be a social evening arranged by Richard Sweet at the Crown and Dove in Rupert Street. Names, please, to Mrs. A P. Burcher 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol. Please post early—it is Easter week-end.—C. Rouse, Hon. Sec. 1151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Postponed quarterly meeting, Holy Trinity, Guildford, Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5. St Nicolas' bells available evening. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Tubbs, 133a, Worplesdon Road, Guildford (or phone 60809) please. 1190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Grayshott (8) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vicarage. Names for tea to Mrs. Winnett, The Vicarage, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1192

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rackenford (6) on April 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1189

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Hertford, Saturday, April 1st. Service (All Saints') 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Longmore School Hall 6.15 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Cheshunt (8) and Datchworth (6) 9–10; Tewin (6) 9.45–10.30; Broxbourne (8) 10–11; Hertingfordbury (6) 10.30–12; Hoddesdon (8) 11–12; Ware (8) 12–1; Aspenden (8) 2–3; Little Munden (6) 2.45–4; Hertford, St Andrews' (8) 3.45–4.30; All Saints' (10) 4–5.30 and after the meeting. Names for tea must be sent to P. M. F Searles, 55, North Road, Hertford.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 1158

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Penshurst on April 1st Bells available at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr L. P. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 1175

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Rev. T. C. Ledgard, The Vicarage, Kirkby Lonsdale. 1217

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Please bring own food: cups of tea only provided 1207

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD — The spring meeting will be held at Kingsbury on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available also at Polesworth 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Grendon 2–3 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Gen. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Keele on Saturday, April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Midgley, 3, Eleanor Place, Westlands, Newcastle, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Conisbrough on April 1st at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 1173

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Annual General Meeting

BECCLES

Saturday, April 1st, 1967

Choral Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea in Conservative Club 5.15 p.m., followed by Annual General Meeting.

Details of the 15 towers open in last week's "Ringing World." All members and visitors welcome.—A. T. B. 1199

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Country Meeting

at

NORTHAMPTON

on Saturday, April 8th, 1967

Ringing arrangements:

St. Peter's (8) .. .. 11.00–12.15 p.m.
St Giles' (10 .. .. 2.00—3.30 p.m.
Holy Sepulchre (8) .. 3.45—5.00 p.m.
All Saints' (8) .. .. 7.00—8.15 p.m

Lunch at Chicken and Grill (Abington Street) at 12.45 p.m.

Tea and meeting in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms at 5 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London. S.W.15, by Thursday, April 6th. 1210

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Slaugham (8) (not West Grinstead) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 8, Horsham Road, Peas Pottage, Crawley. Sussex, by Wednesday. March 29th, please.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, April 3rd, 7 p.m. 1237

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Huish Champflower (6 bells) on Tuesday, April 4th, at 7 p.m. 1248

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Langford, Tuesday, April 4th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching, Branch Sec. 1231

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Hinton Blewitt on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. F. Andrews, Abbots Barn Farm, Hinton Blewitt.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Willington (6) 3–4.30 and Caple (6) 6.30–8.30 on Saturday, April 8th. Service, tea and business at Willington. Everyone made welcome. 1220

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holme-on-Spalding Moor (6), Saturday, April 8th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr R. Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, E. Yorks, by previous Thursday.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Tattenhall, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive. Upton-by-Chester, not later than Wednesday, April 5th. 1216

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting at Moretonhampstead on Saturday, April 8th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Secretary, Brennan. Crossparks, Dartmouth, by April 5th. Also Lustleigh 7 p.m. 1127

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wivelsfield (6), Saturday, April 8th, 3–4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. at Burgess Hill (8). Service 6 p.m. Evening ringing 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to the secretary, Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Wednesday, April 5th. Please note: No name, no tea! 1193

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth and Melbourn, Saturday, April 8th. Meldreth (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, The Hall, High Street, Meldreth (opposite British Queen), 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Melbourn (6) after meeting (approx. 6 p.m.).—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Brent Pelham 6.30 p.m – 8.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Brent Pelham ringers.—G Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Meeting at Shenfield April 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Turner, 31, Hall Lane, Shenfield 1246

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Harris. The Post Office, Benington, or Tel. Letchworth 5015, by the 6th latest.—P. M. F. Searles, C. M. Orme, Dis Secs 1232

LADIES' GUILD—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, on April 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Miss G. Burchnall, 3 High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, near Newark, Notts, not later than Wednesday, April 5th — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, April 8th Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements —G. Cheetham. 1223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Brownedge Road, Bamber Bridge, Saturday, April 8th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Direct buses from Tardy Gate and Preston (120, 121, 132). Other buses on A.6 Road, alight Withy Trees; and on Leyland-Preston Road alight Tardy Gate.—L. Walmsley 1230

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District striking competition at Groby, April 8th, commencing 3 p.m. Names to Ron Hughes by Wednesday April 5th (whether competing or not), please. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 1129

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurmaston on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m in Parish Room (at the Vicarage). Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Durance, 26, Northdown Drive, Thurmaston, by Wednesday, April 5th. Tel. Syston 2308. 1225

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. A. Pumphery, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07Y Special method for practice, Cambridge Royal — C. Bird, Hon. Sec 1078

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch — Meeting, Bugbrooke, Saturday, April 8th. Names for tea to Mr. K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 1228

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Woodford on April 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. 1175

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Abbotsbury, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Canon H. G Green, Abbotsbury Vicarage, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 1184

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Meeting, St. Martin's (6), near Oswestry, Saturday, April 8th. Ringing 3 p.m.–5 p.m., 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to D. Leach, Gwalia Wen, St. Martin's, Oswestry, Salop, by Wednesday, April 5th. 1205

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts.—Meeting at Dunham, April 8th, 3–4.30, and East Drayton after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Spencer, The Vicarage, Dunham-on-Trent, Newark, by Wednesday, 5th. 1227

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Allesley on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, to H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry. Meeting of committee at 5, Burges, Coventry, on Friday, April 7th at 8 p.m.—J. L G. H. 1241

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — South West Branch.—Spring meeting at Buckland Monachorum on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m Ringing at Shaugh Prior (6) 7.45–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. A Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday. April 10th. 1143

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Rolvenden. Saturday, April 15th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J. Osenton, 39, Sparkswood Avenue, Rolvenden, near Tenterden, Kent, by Thursday, April 13th.—A P. S. B. 1229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Rodmersham on Saturday, April 15th. Competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Ferguson, The Post Office, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 1247

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Market Deeping Saturday, April 15th. Ringing 2.30 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to the Rev. D. E Davies, The Rectory, Market Deeping, near Peterborough, Northants, by Monday, March 10th. —F. G Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON D. GUILD.—Annual meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 15th. Business will include election of officers Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Ringing: Stanmore 2.30–4 p.m; Pinner 3 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 1235

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — The annual meeting will be held, following tea, in the Unitarian Chapel, Cross Street, Manchester, on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing at Swinton (8) 10–11; Worsley (10) 10.30–11.30; Eccles (8) 11–12; Pendleton (8) 11.30–12.30; Ashton St Peter's (8) 2–3; Ashton St. Michael's 2.30–3.30; Birch (8) 3–4; Salford (8) 3.30–4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Unitarian Chapel (4s. each). Names to Alan Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Whitefield, Manchester (Tel 766–6786 Std Code 061) by April 22nd. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10) and the Town Hall (12).—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 1221

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield on Saturday, May 13th. All particulars later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen Sec 1169

LATE NOTICE

SURREY ASSOCIATION DINNER.—Have you got your ticket? On April 8th, 1967, at the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way, Croydon, 6.30 for 7 p.m These are still available from Mr. C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15, at 27s. 6d Please send a stamped addressed envelope and names for seating with remittance. 1245

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BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, St. J. Perry (first "inside") 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, R. F. Taylor 6. For visit of Diocesan Bishop to the Bosmere Deanery.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell 3, A. Swatton 4, B. Sarll (first "inside") 5, J. G. Hobbs 6.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mavis Clarke 1, G. Tyler 2, L. Wickens 3, M. Wickens 4, Ruth Paton (cond.) 5, A. Tyler 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

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Little John Dreams Again — Another Fantasy

A GROUP of ringers was waiting at the foot of the Post Office tower for the last three of the band to arrive. It was rather a dull autumn afternoon and the top of the tower was veiled in mist. No matter, the bells were hanging there, unseen, waiting. At last the second city had a ring worthy of its ringers!

The months of waiting had seemed endless and had not been without their difficulties. George reflected that, in spite of all his efforts, he had been unable to persuade a band to ring at that nearby pseudo-Gothic edifice designed by Pugin. Those small towers, the ringers exclaimed, could not possibly hold a ring of bells. They would not even believe an officer of the Guild who explained in simple language that there were four bells in each of the twin towers. In any case, they insisted on ringing peals on twelve bells, those on lesser numbers being impossible to find in the new mixed up lay-out of "The Ringing World."

What they really meant, as George knew only too well, was that they doubted their ability to ring difficult methods such as Double Norwich or Bob Major. No, it had not been an easy time. They had had to travel quite a lot to get their peals—Exeter, Manchester, Cripplegate, Newcastle on Tyne. George looked pensively at the rather battered bicycle leaning against the wall. It would never be quite the same again!

The last of the ringers arrived and they all ascended the tower. It had a spacious ringing room, but was cluttered up with a certain amount of apparatus belonging to the Post Office. (There would be time enough later to remove this if it interfered with the ringing.) Fourteen ropes dangled in a good circle—yes, FOURTEEN. The Guild must make progress, it could not stand still. It had rung many new Maximus methods, and held records for long lengths. It had shown the Exercise the value of singles in Surprise ringing, and had introduced calls when the treble was behind. What more remained but to have more bells to ring in a peal—from the right foundry, of course.

Stedman Sextuples was the method chosen for the first peal, and soon the glorious music of the bells was booming down the wide thoroughfares of the city, reverberating from the new skyscraper blocks of offices and drowning the roar of the traffic. The dislodged starlings swirled round the swaying tower, their screams unheard. Some four hours and a bit later the bells came into rounds in a masterly fashion. The first peal at the Post Office tower had been accomplished. Peace descended once more on the city and the ringers, in their time-honoured custom, made their way to a nearby alehouse.

The weeks passed into months, and the columns of "The Ringing World" were full of the peals of Surprise rung on fourteen bells. At the same time, the columns of the national Press carried much speculation about the new code with which the Post Office was experimenting, involving the use of bells.

February and March brought a period of severe gales, and ringing at the tower became a tricky matter, as one had to combat the sway of this tall mass of masonry. One night seemed worse than all the others. The tower was buffeted by severe gusts of wind and rocked and shaken to its very foundations. Little John was rather glad when the bells at last came into rounds. His arms ached from ringing under these conditions.

"I think we'll drop them tonight," said George. "It won't do to have them damaged by this gale." The bells were about halfway down when the lights began to flicker and some went out. The shadows of the ringers on the walls danced like dervishes, now short, now tall. The tower lurched again, and the box on which Little John was standing slid towards the centre of the room. Wildly he clutched the sally as he felt himself falling . . . falling . . . falling with a crash to the floor.

He wakened in a tangled cocoon of bedclothes, one hand still gripping an end of the sheet. He had had a nightmare. What had caused it, he wondered, as he scrambled back into bed. Could it have been that piece of Continental cheese given him by a well-known ringer who was partial to the stuff? Surely not! Then, was it that last half-pint with which he had "washed it down"? Perish the thought!

MAID MARION.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT ITS ZENITH

RECORDS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Ringing in Kent seems to have reached its highest peak during the 87 years of its existence. In all directions—practising members, finance, peals rung—we cannot recall a more satisfactory year in the Association's history than 1966. And the presence of the large number of enthusiastic youngsters at the annual festival at Maidstone on Easter Monday augurs well for the future.

Maidstone rose to the occasion in its welcome. The centre of the spacious nave of All Saints' Church was well-filled for the service; a congregation of more than 200, which included the Mayor (Aid. P. A. Barden) and the Mayoress, was present. Later lunch was served at Maidstone Grammar School, the catering and serving being undertaken by local ringers and their wives.

THE SERVICE

The theme of the service was the Easter Festival and the hymns were all associated with it. The singing was led by the choir, who sang as an anthem the Jubilate to a setting of Benjamin Britten. The secretary of the Association, Mr P. A. Corby, read the lesson, and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Warner, priest-in-charge during the interregnum since the appointment of the Rector to a canonry at Canterbury.

The Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Ven. Michael Nott, gave the address, and in his welcome commented that the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress strengthened the recognition of the civic authorities of the importance of the work ringers were doing.

The Archdeacon said he often wondered what was the dominant thought in most people's minds when they heard church bells ringing, either coming across the countryside or among the houses of their towns and cities. To him it was a vital one. The message could be crystallised as "The Lord is risen." It was a challenge to a disobedient world of a factual expression of the Risen Lord.

THE DINNER

The meal was served in the dignified hall of Maidstone Grammar School. It was not inappropriate that those assisting with the meal were members of the Maidstone Grammar School Society. The helpers included Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Groves and Bernard, Valerie and Christine, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs Leeds, John Betts, Pamela Davis, W. Manser and W. Manser.

Mr. John Willis, who for many years has occupied the chair, was again in office, and brief speeches were given by the Mayor and the Archdeacon, who had a word of appreciation for those who provided "the lovely grub."

For the business meeting Mr. Willis was voted to the chair on the proposition of Mr. F. S. Macey seconded by Mr. D. W. Woodcock. With him sat Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice-president) and the general secretary.

APOLOGIES

The general secretary reporting the apologies said Mr. B. J. Luck, a vice-president, had been ill with a heart attack but was making excellent progress. The meeting decided to sent good wishes for a speedy recovery. Another absentee was Mr. E. Barnett, who had not been absent from an A.G.M. since 1904. Good wishes were also sent to him. Mr. Tom Sone had had a recurrence of his chest trouble, and Mr. G. H. Spice was not very well. Other apologies were received from Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. W. A. J. Knight, now at Milverton, Somerset.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The following deaths of members were remembered, the company standing:—

Practising: T. Baker (Bobbing), A. Bates (Farningham), R. W. Belsey, C. Chapman, J. W. Coleman (Cobham), T. G. Dennis (Rainham), Miss L. B. Finn (Brabourne), H. Gilbert (High Halden), J. E. Grinstead (Borden), H. Kingsnorth (Selling), Miss A. D. Mills (Selling), P. Page (Margate), E. S. Ruck (Willesborough), J. A. Russell (Birchington).

Life Members: Mrs. M. Poole (Northfleet), J. A. B. Robertson (Shoreham), H. Reid.

Non-resident: Peter Crook, sen. (Bolton), T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), W. H. Hewett (Westminster), W. L. Rayner (Bosham), R. Sanders (Streatham), K. Snelling (Cuckfield), J. W. Ward (Melbourn, Cambs), J. Worth (Macclesfield). Also Mrs. A. L. T. Lewis, wife of the late Edwin H. Lewis, former president of the Central Council and a vice-president of the Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION STATISTICS	
Resident Members	1,279
Towers in Union	168
Peals Rung in 1966	207
Conductors	44
First Pealers	40
Assets	£1,542

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This was taken as read and gave the membership of the Association as 1,279 resident members, 72 associate members. District resident membership was: Ashford 241, Canterbury 283, Lewisham 183, Maidstone 239, Rochester 189 and Tonbridge 144.

Towers in union were 168, and not in union 62

RESTORATION WORK

The secretary's report stated that they rejoiced in the fine new eight at Sevenoaks, which although lighter than the previous ring were a delight to ring and hear. Brabourne and East Malling sixes were both now hanging in new iron frames, and the five at Preston-by-Wingham were also in a new frame. All four jobs were completed by Mears and Stainbank. They still awaited the return of Mersham and Queenborough.

Wittersham bells had been restored by J. Taylor and Co.; Ivychurch's were now ringing for short periods as a result of voluntary labour by David Cawley. Newchurch had a bell fund, and Kingsnorth had been inspected by Mr. R. Clouston, who gave advice at Tenterden when the bells there were restored. There was still hope of a new ringing floor at Eynsford, and Foots Cray had been rehung.

Upchurch bells were ringing again. Rodmersham's had been rehung without assistance from the Association. It was hoped the work to the tower at Queenborough would be completed in 1967.

There was an attempt to raise £1,000 at Newington, and the fund at Bredgar was progressing well.

ACCOUNTS FAVOURABLE

The Income and Expenditure Account concluded with a balance carried forward of £248, against £245. Mr. B. W. May (honorary treasurer) reported on the income side; membership had gone up and the arrears due last year from the District secretaries had all been paid. The A.G.M. last year showed a profit of about £10. Eight or nine years ago the A.G.M. cost about £30. They had completed the purchase of £50 in 5½ per cent Development Bonds for the upkeep of Milton-next-Gravesend bell fund. From the Belfry Repair Fund only one payment had been made—a grant of £30 to Sevenoaks. This year they had made from the fund grants of £90 and he had another £25 which he proposed to pay that week. He commended the excellent work Mr. Berry was doing in support of the Belfry Repair Fund in the Ashford District.

The general secretary gave a word of warning about the cost of the printed reports as their printers had given up. This coming year the cost would be nearly £200, as against £120 last year.

The balance sheet showed that the assets of the Association had increased from £1,214 to £1,542.

The accounts were adopted.

The general secretary said a lot of hard work had gone into the preparation of the peal report. It was a record year for the Association in the number of peals rung, and also for the number of first pealers.

The chairman added his congratulations to Mr. Ian H. Oram (peal secretary) and to the little lady who, they hoped, would eventually be his bride.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

There was no change in the election of the president, vice-president and officers of the Association. Since the last A.G.M. they had lost one vice-president, Mr. E. S. Ruck. The officers were all thanked for their services.

When it came to the election of the other members of the committee (permitted number six) Mr. Corby proposed the election of the present five members, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, E. J. Ladd, F. S. Macey and T. E. Sone. The meeting would not accept this but wanted elections individually. Eight nominations were received and the following were elected by a show of hands: Dr. Niblett, Mrs. Olive Tester, Messrs. C. Osenton, N. Davies, G J. Butcher and E. J. Ladd. Messrs. F. S. Macey and D. Manger were unsuccessful. Mr. Macey had previously commented that he had been 60 years with the Association and was prepared to stand down for a younger man

OTHER BUSINESS

Under other business the secretary said Mr. Victor Sheppard, who was responsible for the Overseas Committee on the Central Council, had suggested that their Association should establish some link with Kent School, Connecticut. He was waiting to hear from Mr. Sheppard whom to contact.

Mr. Corby also made an appeal for a 100 per cent response from Kent members to "The Ringing World" questionnaire.

The secretary announced that a little while ago the mother of the late Frank Knight sent £5 to the Association. He thought it would be a pity to pay it into the General Fund, but it should be identified with some object. He accordingly sent it to Mr. Bert Luck to use for a new shelf to the library at Canterbury Cathedral When Mrs. Knight heard of the proposal she kindly sent a further £10 for additional shelving.

Mrs. Olive Barnett proposed a vote of thanks to the Maidstone District for the wonderful job they did in providing such an excellent lunch, which included soup. The ladies and gentlemen responsible were called from the kitchen and thanked from the chair.

This was followed by votes of thanks to the many who had contributed to the success of the festival and to the chairman.

RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS

The peal secretary's report stated that 207 peals were rung for the Association during 1966, 30 more than last year; this total constituted a record, the previous highest being 183 in 1951. The increase was almost entirely due to a jump in handbell peals from nine to 35. Forty members rang their first peal, an increase of six. This high number of first pealers augured well for the future of the Association.

There were 44 conductors, and Christopher T. Osenton headed the list with 38, followed by Bernard F. L. Groves and the peal secretary with 24 each. The local bands at Chartham, Crayford Eltham, Hawkhurst and Tonbridge each scored a peal.

Mr. Ian Oram presented the report and announced the ringing of Surprise Major in five methods rung at Frindsbury the previous Saturday, with changes of method at the half lead and full lead. He congratulated the conductor (B. F. L. Groves), the composer (R. G. Crosland) and the band.

100 Peals at North Muskham, a Trent Valley Tower

STANDING on a hillock surrounded by what was once marshland, keeping look-out on the Great North Road on the one side and the placid waters of the River Trent on the other, there is the embattled tower of St. Wilfrid's Church, North Muskham, Nottinghamshire

One foggy day in November, 1928, a young man who was just learning to ring heard the five bells being raised and, making his way to the belfry, he sat down in the gloom of an oil lamp and two flickering candles and as he watched and listened he witnessed the first peal to be rung on these bells.

Nearly 40 years later this same man, still young in heart, had the satisfaction of turning in the tenor to the 100th peal on the bells, but on this occasion there were all the comforts of a present-day ringing chamber with electric light, carpeted floor and the added luxury of being transported from his own front door by motor car—it was, however, still foggy outside.

Originally a ring of three old bells thought to have been founded by Henry Oldfield of Nottingham during the early 17th century, and made into four when a treble was added by John Taylor and Co. in 1897, increased to five when two of the old bells were recast and a new treble added by Taylors in 1923, they were made into the present ring of six when John Taylor and Co. made a 13¼ cwt. tenor in 1935. The money for this tenor bell was raised by local subscriptions in the 1930's, when the tower had an enthusiastic band of nearly all lady ringers.

And so it was that on Friday, February 10th, 1967, the 100th peal was rung on the lovely bells of this little Nottinghamshire village church in the Trent Valley, thus stirring the memories of ringers over the years who have rung on these bells, either in peal attempts, on outings or at meetings. This is a popular tower for ringers on the move, and a genial welcome is always there from Mr. Charles J. Copp and his almost perpetual band of youngsters learning to ring, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Snow, who takes a rope occasionally if they are one short for service ringing.

THE PEAL RECORD

Glancing through the peal record book, many names well known as ringers throughout the land appear during the last 20 years or so.

Of the successful peals, 57 were of Doubles from one to 126 methods/variations, and 43 of Minor from one to 35 methods. One false peal was rung in 1954 and had to be withdrawn, and the footnotes over the years make interesting reading.

Most of the peals were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, with an occasional one for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, although the earlier ones were for the old Midland Counties Association or the North Notts Association.

It is also noted that 19 people are recorded as having rung their first peal on these bells, and the number of times ringers have "circled the tower" has become something of a local maypole dance.

The first peal to be rung on the bells was on Friday, December 7th, 1928, and was in three Doubles methods, taking 2 hours and 30 minutes (M.C.A.): Edward Foster 1, George E. Foster 2, Arthur J. Chamberlain 3, Leonard Pierrepont 4, J. Frederick Milner (cond.) 5.

THE BELLS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—Founded by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in D sharp. "Gloria Deo, Joseph Gardner gave me." 1923.

Second.—Founded by John Taylor and Co. 4 cwt. 15 lb. in C sharp. "O Ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous Bless ye the Lord." J. W. Hull, Vicar. V.R. Saxaginoa Annos 1897

Third.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B sharp. "God save His Church." 1609. Recast in 1923 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Canon W. H. Williams, Vicar. J. Gardner, T. Gascoigne—Churchwardens.

Fourth.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A sharp. "God save this Church." Cast in 1617. Recast 1898 by John Taylor, Loughborough

Fifth.—Probably founded by Henry Oldfield, Nottingham. 9 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp. "Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis." Recast 1923 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Canon W. H. Williams —Vicar. J. Gardner, T. Gascoigne—Churchwardens.

Tenor.—Founded by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp. "I the Bell of St. Wilfrid resound—To the praise of the Triune God." Canon W. M. Williams—Parish Priest. C. R Charles, S. Gardner—Churchwardens. 1935.

As the traffic rushes by on the A.1 going we know not where, and the waters of the Trent flow leisurely towards the sea, may the future hold in store plenty of ringers of good intention who will maintain and continue to ring peals on the bells of North Muskham.

F. W. M.

ST. WILFRID'S, NORTH MUSKHAM

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Bristol ringers provided the tea when the Society held its monthly meeting there on February 25th. Methods ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Double Norwich and Cambridge.

Because of "beat-the-tax" weddings, Rothwell Parish Church will not be available for the March meeting. The reserve tower, East Audsley, was immediately offered and accepted. Two new members from East Audsley —Paul Swindale and John Marsh—were welcomed.

LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable and well-attended meeting at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, on February 25th.

The ring of eight bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor, proved ideal for such a meeting and a variety of methods was rung. Visitors and friends were warmly welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. Norman Griffiths), by Mr. John Garrett (tower captain) and by Mrs. Jacqueline Apsitis, a member of the band and the organiser of a fine tea.

After appropriate votes of thanks new members elected were the Misses Anne and Frances Cooke and Lynn Parker (all of Llandaff Cathedral). Miss Anne Thomas (Rumney) and Miss Margaret Luther (Swansea).

It was decided to try to hold meetings at Ebbw Vale in June and at Swansea in November.

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Letters to the Editor

PEAL RINGING EXAMPLES FROM KENT

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Muncey is yet another instalment of the unwarranted and usually unfounded attack on peal ringing, which has exploded fairly regularly ever since I have been reading "The Ringing World" (45 years).

It is significant that most of the letters written in criticism are from people who do not take part in peals and who object to the prominence given to peal achievements, and usually based on the assumption that peal ringing is almost the only ringing activity of the people concerned My own experience shows me that this is not so and, indeed, that those ringers whose names appear or have appeared frequently in the peal columns are among those who give freely of their time and energy to the furtherance and continuation of the Exercise.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to have taken part in successful peal attempts with ringers in this part of Kent, whose names were and still are household words as some of the leading ringers and conductors—I instance such people as the three generations of Barnetts of Crayford, two generations of Groombridges, the present H. E. Audsley, F. J Cullum, the late J. Chiesman, I. G. Shade and I. Emery, etc. All these people were, or are, excellent ringers who gave freely of their time in their own and neighbouring towers to local bands. Many learners have reason to be grateful for the time spent with them, and although these notable ringers scored a high number of peals they all derived (and those still living do derive) the greatest pleasure from including "first pealers" and "first in the method' by individuals in the band

From this I am sure that the peal ringers are just as dedicated to ordinary ringing and ringers as anyone else, and look upon the opportunity for peal ringing as a relaxation and reward for all their other ringing activities, and I feel they are justified. Because of this, the peal columns of "The Ringing World" should still retain prominence as a measure of the progress of our Exercise.

There are "pealers" and "non-pealers." The latter derive a "full life" in ringing from their activities, and it is not in Christian charity and tolerance for them to decry the "full life" of the former.

Let us have a little more community attitude in a community hobby.—Yours sincerely,

Erith, Kent. C. BRETT-SMITH.

PEAL RINGERS AND CHURCH SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr H. T. F. Muncey, of Histon, Cambs, I suggest his facts are not correct, that people who ring peals have some sort of disease and do not ring for service or render any other valuable service to the Church. My experience of peal ringers has been the reverse—peal ringers I know and respect have many interests in church affairs, many serve on Parochial Church Councils and other committees and do a considerable amount of minor repairs and maintenance to bell frames, etc. Some ringing chambers are a pleasure to enter.

To clear the position of Mr. Muncey's last paragraph, that ringers should pay a considerable amount of money for the use of the valuable equipment, he may be correct in this statement but who is he to say what moneys should be paid? This is a matter for the Church authorities or the incumbent to decide.—Yours sincerely,

RON BULLEN.

Darley Dale.

THE BEST WAY FOR PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—I feel that I cannot let the letter from Mr. Muncey, of Cambridge, pass without comment. He is the third person in recent weeks to "have a go" at peal ringers, and now people who go on outings are included! What Mr. Muncey and these other correspondents do not seem to realise is that the great majority of peal ringers are regular Sunday service ringers. Mr. Muncey would be at home working for the Inland Revenue—"if anybody enjoys anything, put a tax on it."

Peal ringing is the best way to become a proficient ringer and most "first pealers" learn more from their first peal than they would from a dozen practices or lectures. Regular peal ringing is one of the few activities having a sporting atmosphere that is associated with the Church. Why shouldn't we enjoy it and try to excel? It grips some of us like a disease, Mr. Muncey says—ringing would be in a pretty poor state if somebody was not very enthusiastic about it! Somebody did comment that the footnote "Rung to the glory of God" did not appear very often; this should be taken as read if the participants are all Christians. We cannot vouch for every member of a band, however, and to put the footnote would be hypocritical.

To take up Mr. Muncey on another point about our expensive equipment; we are well aware that it is expensive, and modern restorations and augmentations are paid for with money raised by ringers. We had two new trebles added at our tower a few years ago and £640 was provided via the ringers towards the bill paid by the P.C.C. (this is not an isolated case, either). Eight resident members of our Guild appeared in the list of leading peal ringers which was referred to; all eight serve in some office in the Guild, five of them being tower captains. We are trying to raise £15,000 for Chester Cathedral bells, and now Mr. Muncey wants to charge us for ringing!

Looking down the list of leading ringers I could quote cases outside the Guild of which I am a member, of ringers doing similar work throughout the country. I suggest Mr Muncey and his fellow killjoy friends forget about charging for peal ringing and touring bands.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple.

P.S.—There is plenty of evidence available to support the theory that learners progress more quickly in areas where there are active peal bands.—R. B. S.

HOAX PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would suggest that it is now time to impose a tighter control on what peals are published, as we seem to be getting a number of hoaxes these days as well as the recent childish misattribution of a composition. Might I suggest that there are two possible approaches which might help, viz.:

(a) A publication fee, or
(b) only accepting peals which are countersigned by the appropriate Association's peal secretary.

Both have objections, (a) because many people (including myself) do not think there should be such a fee, and (b) because "non-Association" peals present a problem, but I think something must be done.—Yours faithfully,

W. D. N. FOOTE.

Bracknell, Berks.

UNORTHODOX "RUBBISH"

Dear Sir,—I noted with considerable interest the letter from John D. Grue ("Ringing World," page 164) concerning the introduction of somewhat unorthodox Surprise Minor methods into peals.

Many years ago I had the privilege of living for some time with that well-known pioneer of Spliced Surprise Minor, Douglas B. R. Helbeach. I can remember that he once produced the same methods as those rung at South Mymms by the University of London band, together with a number of equally inferior methods

We found that by using such methods we could in fact raise the record of Spliced Surprise Minor up to at least 135 methods. However, after many hours of fruitful discussion we came to the conclusion that the ringing of these methods would do nothing to further the art of Surprise Minor ringing. It was with this in mind that our files were left to gather the dust and the methods we hoped would remain "undiscovered." You can imagine the shock I received on seeing some of these methods included in a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor.

I am entirely in agreement with Professor Dodge when he condemns the ringing of this rubbish and only hope that the habit is not catching or else we will find ourselves ringing Surprise Major methods with places made in 78 while the treble is neither leading nor lying.

However, I think it was most appropriate that the South Mymms band should give these methods equally ridiculous names such as St. Pancras and Eadburgebyrig (wherever that may be).

May I remind Mr. Grue that I am not some old "fuddy-duddy" who is opposed to change. I am merely trying to stress the fact that. like all noble institutions, the ringing Exercise has got certain standards which must be maintained at all costs.—Yours faithfully

CHARLES M. WILSON.

London, N.

THE WAY KENT HELPED

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. G. H. Goodyear's letter in the issue of March 3rd, I would disagree about the help from the Kent County Association in such conditions.

In my own case if it had not been for the very real help and encouragement that I have had in the past dozen years or so not only would I not be a ringer now but the bells of Ash would have been silent as well.

I was left to try and keep the bells ringing about one year after I learned, and the Rochester District provided instructors to get the band started. Since that time I have been made welcome with any of my ringers who were willing to travel to other towers to practise. For a long time we had a regular monthly meeting here when several really experienced ringers came nearly 20 miles in order to try and keep the enthusiasm and to train us in method ringing.

I know that there are towers that will have nothing less than perfection and do not welcome visitors; there are also ringers who unfortunately have forgotten that they were once learners. These are, I am glad to say, in the minority, otherwise we should have no ringers today.

Now that I have a new band in the making, we had ringers from nearly 20 miles away on a recent Friday. Our own beginners made a big stride forward and I was encouraged more than I can say.—Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER,
Tower Captain.

Ash, near Sevenoaks.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

TOWER GRABBERS OF 1966

Compiled by Christopher Groome.

NEW TOWERS		During 1966	Total to end 1966
D. G. Pickett	Stanwell	346	727
M. J. Mulvey	Aldridge	300	500
D. E. Rothera	Hendon	245	588
Miss D M Mullins	Warnham	235	542
N. White	Rushall	212	227
R A. Ward	Houghton Conquest	208	1790
J. P. Coad	Lanreath	166	292
Paddy M. Thorley	Uppingham	160	607
J. R. Norris	Crawley	158	577
R. C. Woodward	Goathurst	157	333
J. S. N. Porter	London	155	175
J. E. Pickett	Stanwell	152	355
D. R. McLean	Hailsham	145	262
Christine Mould	Staveley	139	674
E. G. Mould	Staveley	134	692
P. G. Taylor	Highclere	134	192
T. Newlands	Bristol	128	185
Gillian B. Smith	Codsall	126	129
E. N. Thomas	Cambridge	120	336
Angela Newing	Blockley	119	1039
Jennifer E. Pearce	Huntington	118	190
H. J. Payne	Sturry	115	137
B. Martin	Bristol	113	129
Anon.	Somerset	112	122
M. E. Stracey	Swindon	109	804
A. C. Banton	Huntington	107	365
C. J. Groome	Huntington	107	410
S. B. Bell	Ledbury	106	108
P S Abbott	Brampton	104	146
Katharine M. Thorley	Uppingham	104	108
B. E. Mozley	West Bridgford	103	162
J. M. Thorley	Uppingham	103	864

NEW TOWERS		During 1966	Total to end 1966
E. Hudson	Ripon	102	526
Rev. M Melville	King's Lynn	101	1954
H. E. J. Smith	Basingstoke	101	125
R. K. Williams	Ledbury	101	110
L. D. Smith	Fawley	100	251
M. P. Tobin	Wolverhampton	100	114
R. H. Youdale	Cambridge	100	145

When we found that Barrie Dove was giving up the task of compiling a list of "tower visitors," I took it on mainly to avoid disappointing ten-year-old Katharine Thorley, who was pleased with her 104 new towers. In the event it has been a pleasurable task with many correspondents writing full and interesting descriptions of their year's ringing activities in addition to the bare figures.

Of particular interest was a letter from Clare Masefield, of Kidlington. She did not ring in 100 new towers because the supply ran out—she spent a year in Australia and New Zealand. She rang in 23 towers, all the ringable bells except those in Tasmania—quite an achievement for a 20-year-old girl on her own. She speaks highly of the hospitality of ringers down under, a sentiment which I would like to echo for the ringers in Canada and U.S.A., who were so kind to me a year ago.

There has been some comment on my open use of the common term "tower grabber" rather than the euphemistic term "tower visitor" beloved of Mr Dove. Unfortunately Mr. Dove has not sent in his total, though by all accounts he has not let the grass grow under his feet. I was also rather puzzled by one ringer's letter giving details but asking that his name should not be published as he was not proud of his activities. Two other keen tower grabbers (I do not count myself as one) have also declined to give even their numbers to make the list complete. Perhaps whoever does the job next year will make it easier for them!

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Welwyn, one of the best-kept villages of Hertfordshire, was the delightful setting for the meeting on March 18th. The spring weather encouraged a fair number to come and ring on the light eight, which are not the easiest bells to strike. Methods up to London were rung during the afternoon in spite of difficulty with the treble and yards of rope on the fifth—both causing much amusement throughout the meeting.

Tea was in the small village teashop and, due to the size of the shop and the time it closed, ringers were served in two "shifts."

At the service the Vicar remarked on the age of those present, as well he might—out of the 18 members only two were over 24 years of age

The business meeting was held in the tower, everyone just about finding room! The chair—or should I say floor—was taken by Mr Robert Hardy. The secretary, Mr. Keith Walpole, mentioned that the course held on belfry maintenance recently was very well supported.

Again a request from Mr. Walpole—to think hard of ways of raising money for the possible visit by the Central Council. The figure of £75 was a possible target for the District to think about.

J. A F.

WHERE PEALS WERE RUNG IN 1966

Dear Sir,—While apologising for any inaccuracies in the above article I would explain that the reason for my research was merely to ascertain how many other towers were privileged to record as many peals as my own, and not with a view to preparing the article, otherwise I might perhaps have taken greater care.—Yours sincerely,

R. H. DOVE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Secretaries

The Northern District held a well-attended meeting at Wethersfield on March 18th, when the pleasant six were rung to a variety of methods. The Vicar (the Rev. J. B. MacGowan) conducted the service, during which he gave some thoughts for Holy Week to take the place of ringing for the next seven days.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting. The District Master, Mr R. J. Lindsell, congratulated the Vicar on ringing his first quarter peal last year and apologised for omitting this from his annual report.

The last two District secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wood, who are leaving Essex to live in Malvern, were presented with a stainless steel tea set in gratitude for all their work for the Northern District through the past years.

LADIES' GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Eastern District was held at Norwich on February 4th, when 14 ladies attended the meeting held at St. Miles'.

Ringing during the day took place at Scole Long Stratton, Mulbarton, St. George's Colgate, St. Miles and St. John-de-Sepulchre.

It was decided to hold one meeting per year in future, because of the low attendance, to take the form of a ringing day or outing

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—May I please draw attention to a misprint in the minutes as published on March 24th.

On page 202 under "The Ringing World" Committee, the end of the first sentence should read, ".... with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles."—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The crisp spring day of March 18th drew from hibernation over 60 ringers of the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood, Little Chart. A short service was conducted by Fr. Denis H. May and was followed by tea in the Village Hall. It was disappointing to note that several ringers had not sent in their names for tea, thus inconveniencing the resources of the hard-working Little Chart band. The business meeting was short, thanks to the skill of the chairman Mr. A S. Phelips. Ringing to suit all tastes, under the enterprising direction of Nicholas Davies, concluded a happy meeting

R. J. S.

JOINT MEETING AT STAPLEHURST

The annual meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies Guild, which was held in conjunction with the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association at Staplehurst on March 11th, attracted over 80 ringers and friends, including 17 members of the Ladies' Guild. The service was followed by an excellent tea provided by the Staplehurst band.

At the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild the resignation of Mrs. S. Dobbie after ten years as secretary was received with much regret. Miss Marilyn Chidwick is her successor. Although there was a possibility that Mrs. Mitchell might be moving from Kent in the near future, she agreed to carry on as vice-president. Elected to the committee were Mrs. Cheal, Mrs Wratten, Miss I. Pearce and Miss J. Wood, and to the Central Council Miss F. Cannon and Miss E. Todd As many members as possible were asked to attend the Guild's annual general meeting at Lincoln on July 1st.

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FOR THE BEGINNER

SUGGESTIONS for INSTRUCTORS

By BARRY J. COUZENS

(Aided and abetted by JEAN SANDERSON)

(Continued from page 217)

Point out that in the previous exercise the right hand of the pupil has been doing nothing for several seconds, then get him to bring his right hand up to the sally to cover the instructor's hand before taking it away and replacing it on the tail-end. Demonstrate and keep the bell well up on the balance. Timing is assisted by an elaboration of the commentary: "Away, up to the sally, down and away, and back on to the rope." When this goes smoothly the instructor should leave a gap between his hands on the sally, at the height where the learner should catch it. This height is very critical, like the position of the hands at backstroke, and can be gauged in the same way as was done for the tail-end. The learner should catch it in that space. Any tendency to keep hold of the sally too long should be nipped in the bud; once cured, this fault seldom recurs. Also its opposite, "touch and off," should be discouraged gently until the pupil's hand is coming off the sally at the right time and going down to rejoin the other hand on the tail-end. As the pupil progresses the instructor should be able to manage the sally with only one hand. Eventually he will be able to leave the sally to the learner for an occasional stroke, then for several at a time. Triumph! At last he is ringing a bell by himself! Some praise and congratulation are called for; they help him over the next stages. Be alert; he is bound to miss the sally sometimes or get into other difficulties, and this is the time at which those who are overpulling will break stays. Do not linger over this stage, its value is limited and can lead to bad habits, such as relying on one hand to do the work on the sally when two should be used, and taking the hands off the sally at different times. The beginnings of a bad fault may show at this stage. Having taken his hand off the sally the learner may keep it at waist level or a little below, and wait for the left hand to pass by, catching on the tail-end only as it passes his chest. It may seem easier to him, and he may have seen experienced ringers doing it—he cannot distinguish between the good and the bad handler yet. Make sure his hands do go down to join the tail-end. This fault is likely to reappear when using both hands on the sally, and again when trying to follow another bell, and therefore not concentrating on "Finishing handstrokes."

As a preparation for catching the sally with both hands, the learner returns to handling backstroke only, leaving the sally to the instructor. Make sure that the rope is held deeply in the crotch of the left thumb, as in diagram 3. After he has guided the rope right down (**Beginners' Handbook**, fig. 10) he brings his hands up quickly, without touching the sally All the fingers must point diagonally upwards, as in diagram 3:—

Provided the rope is in place in the crotch of the left thumb, the rope then falls over the back of the hand (not the knuckles or the elbow) and past the wrist. The end itself will stick out horizontally between the hands, already in the correct position to lie across the learner's side of the sally later on. When this is being done correctly it should be easy to work up to catching the sally as before: hands over the instructor's; hands in gap left by instructor; instructor using one hand, then neither, though ready for emergencies Many learners are very much afraid of dropping the tail-end when catching the sally. Ask them to think how little weight there is in the rope (there is no pressure on it until the handstroke is completed) and the pressure of the thumb against the sally will hold the tail-end securely. (See **Beginners' Handbook**, figs 7 and 9) for the correct position of tail-end and hands on the sally.

Diagram 3

You will have noticed that I have not mentioned a technique which is widely used and recommended: the use of a dummy tail-end. This does not come into my basic routine but I am quite ready to use it, and often do, when a learner has some trouble catching the sally, usually due to incorrect handling of the tail-end. Another technique is that of swinging the bell so that the sally is bobbing up and down, then getting the learner to catch the sally on alternate swings while holding the tail-end. This is an exercise intended to give practice at coping with the tail-end as the sally is caught, since the motion is somewhat similar to the sally's bob up to the balance and off again, but my opinion is that it is too far removed from reality to be of much value It has the advantage that the learner cannot come to any harm. and so gains confidence. and can be used if the instructor is swamped by learners.

By the time he can catch the sally with both hands as well as look after the backstroke the learner should have been shown a bell in action. You can remind him that, contrary to instinct, a bell has to be checked rather than pulled to make it ring faster, and that when it is not reaching the balance, and he has least time to pull it, that is the time it needs pulling most. and that the art of bell handling is not the application of brute force, but skill.

As soon as the learner learns to catch the sally with both hands, or even earlier if you like, the pupil should be shown how to raise and lower a bell. The correct way to make coils and to let them out when raising the bell and to pick up coils when lowering is very important Any fool can pull a bell about menacing life and limb, not only of himself but others also. If later in his career he is with those who ring up and down in peal he will be at a tremendous disadvantage if he has to unlearn bell-bullying. The correct way has to be explained and demonstrated with care, and faults spotted quickly. Make the learner show you how he will pick up the coils in lowering (on a bell that is already down) when you have explained and demonstrated it. "Take in the rope about an inch at each stroke until you have about a foot of tail-end beneath your hands. Make your first coil by sliding your left hand down to its original position at the end, then catch the rope again just beneath your right hand, which has kept hold of the same place on the rope and has been guiding the length of it. Feed rope into the coil until it is bigger than you want it (never let it get so big that it could slip back over your elbow), slide the left hand back to half-way, and rejoin the right hand (below, not on top of or above it)—now you have two coils. Continue feeding into the latest coil, and make others as necessary, until you can stop the bell by holding on to the sally." When a learner does this on a bell that is up, the instructor should look after the sally as soon as the bell is away from the balance until coil-making is fairly competent.

Faults to watch for include: Moving the right hand up as the left hand moves down the rope; taking the right hand off the rope then grasping it palm outwards so that the coil is made by the right hand's circular movement at the risk of a wrenched wrist: a frantic flapping movement carried out by the left hand because it has not gone far enough down to make the new coil In the same way, when about to raise a bell, the coils held in the hand must never overlap, or be paid out all at once. An inch at a time, paid out only as the bell "asks for it." Of course, the instructor must emphasise again that the tension must be kept on the rope above the right hand all the time. Experience in raising and lowering a bell gives a pupil much more confidence in ringing, and no learner should be allowed to ring a bell more than a few paces from a reliable source of help until he can raise and lower by himself.

When learners can handle a bell fairly competently by themselves they should try to follow the instructor as in rounds, though still on tied bells. As they improve, he can vary his speed of ringing, and tell them if they are in the right place. One pupil may be under instruction and ringing steadily, and the more experienced learner may try to follow him. In suitable cases an element of competition can be introduced when practising standing the bell When the learners do come to ring on open bells they should not disgrace themselves or their instructor.

ODDS AND ENDS

The instructor must think for the learner a great deal and be ready to explain in different ways if the first one has not been understood. For example, it may not dawn on the hapless learner that some of his troubles are due to his hands having slipped two or three inches down his tail-end. All he knows is that he is losing control of the bell and cannot apply the good advice you gave him just before he pulled off. Tell your learners that ringing is like learning to drive a car really well, and encourage them with a kind word when they do correctly what you have just explained. Some learners are bumptious and think they know it all after two lessons; is it because they are ready to go on to the next stage, or is it showing off? Others are nervous, willing to do their best, but panic-stricken when expected to do it. Treat them gently and do all you can to give them confidence in their own ability to ring the bell. Warn the learners that you will nag them for their faults in handling, and that the nagging will seem everlasting, but that you really want them to be admired for their good ringing. (Note: Not just for their own good, but with a definite object.) Try to get each pupil to achieve something by the end of the lesson, particularly in the early stages. It may happen that you have an extra tall learner for whom you cannot shorten the rope enough at backstroke, for some reason. The surplus tail-end can be tucked up the pullover sleeve (not the shirt sleeve), or held against the arm by loose broad rubber bands. In an emergency the wool or rubber bands will let the rope go without any risk, but will keep a long tail-end from bothering him until he is able to ring

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Compositions of Surprise Maximus

(Continued from page 185)

LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5,040 by R. W PIPE

23456	M	6ths/Out/7ths	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—
42563		x		—
46325		x	2	—
23645			2	2
25346		x	—	—
34256			—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,088 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
24536			—	2
24365		x		—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
62534	—		—	
42356	—		2	—
23456	—	x	—	2

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
43526			2	—
43265		x		—
24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
64523	—		—	
35426	—			—
42356			—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,568 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
53462	—	8ths in 5ths 9ths	—	
24365	—			—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
35264	—			2
63254			—	
42356	—			—
53624	—		—	
53246		x		—
23456	—	x		—

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236			—	—
53462		x		
24365	—			—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
62534	—		—	
42356	—		2	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by P. BORDER

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
54632	—		—	
26435	—		3	—
34562	—		—	
32465		x	—	—
42635	—	x		—
42356		x		—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

5,040 by R. W PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
52643	—		—	
36245	—			—
24365			—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
64235			—	
53246	—		—	—
23456	—	x		—

5,040 by R. W PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236			—	—
32654	—		—	
42356		x	—	
54326			—	
54263		x		—
24653	—	x		—
34256		x	—	
25346			—	—
43652	—		—	
23456		x	—	

5,040 by R. W PIPE

23456	M	6/0/7	W	H
45236			—	—
32654	—		—	
25346		x		
54263		x		
32465	—			—
43265	—	x	—	—
43652		x		—
23456		x	—	3

SUGGESTIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS

(continued)

with the spare rope, as coiled tail-ends are not satisfactory for the learner.

There are some advantages in two instructors combining their talents. Provided, of course, that they get on reasonably well and can co-ordinate their teaching techniques. There are several learners to learn from one another, and two ringers who can do demonstrations and share the responsibilities of learner-watching. If one instructor has to be absent the tuition can still continue. One pupil may be stuck in a particular fault; sometimes this is improved by a change of instructor, and each instructor's pet handling fault is less likely to be passed on to his learners. Two instructors combining their learners will also be encouraged to visit both towers, usually with considerable benefit to all. One final suggestion, which should perhaps have been given right at the beginning: get copies of the **Beginners' Handbook.** It is wonderful value and all good sense.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are asked from Taunton School to state that Mr. Stephen Gullick is going to Birmingham University in October, and not Durham University, as stated.

To the list of unlucky 13 comes the experience of Mr. E. G. Slater. On March 4th he rang his 13th peal at Illston-on-the-Hill, Leics, despite his bell having no stay and a rope with a tendency to unravel at tail-end. But he got the peal.

The claim that the peal at Streatley, Berks (page 189), was the first of Surprise on the bells is not correct. Mr R. A. Partridge informs us that a peal of Cambridge Minor was rung there on April 2nd, 1964, conducted by P. G McIlhone.

The service of Family Communion at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, April 2nd, is to be televised by ABC television and transmitted in the Midlands and the North. It is hoped that the bells of this church will be heard at the beginning of the broadcast at 11 a.m

By ringing the second to a peal of Stedman Triples at Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, on February 18th, Mr. Ronald K. Russ scored his first peal in this principle. There had been previous attempts to enable Ron to ring a peal of Stedman but, as these had all come to grief, word was getting round that Stedman and Ron just did not get on together.

Miss Anne Horsford arranged a beginners only practice at Sunbury on April 1st, followed by tea at All Hallows', Twickenham.

Mr. T. G. Pett, Master of the University of London Society, informs us that the letter signed "Dudley Cook" on page 182 is a hoax.

The Davids have added another name peal—this time Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on March 18th. It was conducted by David P. Hilling.

St. Patrick's Day was observed in Western Australia by the Manns with Miss Eileen S. Palin ringing a 720 "in hand" of Double Bob Minor and St. Clement's.

Mr. Dennis Willcocks, of Southgate, who started ringing on May 7th, 1966, rang in his 100th tower on March 11th. Has any beginner rung in 100 towers in 10 months? he inquires.

A film is being made about the Post Office in which a girl counter clerk gives her hobby as bell ringing. The ringing part of the film was done at Chiswick on March 28th, the actors having had three lessons previously.

Another example of local progress is at Minster-in-Sheppey, where the quarter peal is the first by an all Minster band since December, 1948. Only one of the present band—Joan Exeter—rang on that occasion. From Sprotborough, Yorks, there is the first local quarter for 40 years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

TWO UNUSUAL FIRST PEALS

Rotherwick has for some time been known as one of the roughest sixes in North Hampshire, and it proved to be the third time lucky for the band that rang the first peal on these bells on March 11th. The first visit there, two years ago, resulted in a quarter peal being curtailed owing to illness.

On our October visit last year we met one short so had to be satisfied with one peal only at Dummer, another first on the bells This time, however, we made sure by ringing only Plain Bob, but the ringers of 2, 4 and 6 had had enough at the end and were glad to finish.

At Swallowfield, just over the border in Berkshire, there is an unusual ring of five with a very long draught, and 1, 2, 3, 4 in a dead straight line and 5 level with the treble. Here Peter Shipton, our man on the spot, joined us and, after oiling and tightening the tenor wheel, a start was made to ring five Doubles methods on this tricky five that tend to drop unexpectedly

The Vicar, walking about among the ropes in the fifth 720 of Grandsire, added interest to the peal, and all credit to the men in the straight line for keeping a good five-bell beat and ringing a good peal far better than we had expected.

Robert, our youngest member, still at school, handled the second well and made an able substitute for Reg, who preferred to stand out after his hard work on the tenor at Rotherwick. All agreed Roger rang well We very much doubt if either church will have another peal. G. K. D.

SURREY ASSOCIATION GOING TO GUILDFORD

Mr. C. W Munday, general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was misreported at the annual meeting of the Guildford Guild. It was another speaker who said that the first he knew of the Surrey Association's intention to hold their A.G.M. in Guildford was when he read it in "The Ringing World." Mr. Munday adds that in fact Mr. Parrott, the Association's general secretary, sent him a letter telling him about the Surrey Association's decision to go to Guildford the day after the decision had been taken.

The quotation about penetrating every tower in the county was taken from the 1962 report.

FORDINGBRIDGE'S HAPPY EVENING

A vigorous young life prevails at St Mary's, Fordingbridge, Hants, and on February 6th they were able to revive their annual dinner. The New Inn Hotel provided a splendid meal for the 15 members Mr. Ron Marlow, the captain, who presided, gave a special welcome to friends from Ringwood and thanked them for their help during the past year. A pictorial record of the event was secured by Frank Marks, and after the meal the Rev. John Richards joined the company.

The evening concluded with darts, at which Dennis Melborne scored 107, and the domino man, Frank Marks, also had his usual game. After all the happiness, the company are determined that the event will be in the 1968 calendar.

MARRIAGE OF CUMBERLANDS' SENIOR STEWARD

Mr John S. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, was married to Miss Anne M. Parish, A.R.C.M., at St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, Kent, on February 18th The service was conducted by Canon R. S. G Bradshaw, Vicar of Cranbrook, who also proposed the toast to the bride and bridegroom at a reception held afterwards at the Willesley Hotel, Cranbrook. Mr. Charles Rowe, of Chelsfield, Kent, was best man.

The bride, the only daughter of Mrs. M. L. Parish and the late Dr. T. N. Parish, is an organ student at the Royal College of Music, London, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. G. Parish. She wore a peacock green wild silk dress and coat.

The bridegroom, elder son of Mr. and Mrs H. J. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, is senior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and is a schoolmaster at Tubbenden Junior School, Orpington, Kent.

The bride and bridegroom departed from tradition by travelling to church together half an hour before the service in order to hear Dr. Harold Darke, Anne's professor, play the organ she knows so well. Then, having made a secret exit, the bride entered the church to "Rhosymedre," by R. Vaughan Williams. For the service they had chosen a New Testament psalm from the New English Bible: "Let your bearing towards one another arise out of your life in Christ Jesus." The ceremony was followed by Holy Communion for the newly-married couple, during which "Nun Komm', der Heiden Heiland" by J. S. Bach was played. The service ended with that great hymn of dedication "Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go.' While the register was being signed "An Wasserflüssen Babylon" by J. S. Bach was played, after which Harold Darke's own triumphal "Bridal Procession" accompanied the happy couple down the aisle.

Both bride and bridegroom are bellringers, and the occasion was marked with two peals in the morning, one of Pitman's four-Spliced Surprise Major at Brenchley by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the other a peal of Zennor Surprise Major at Benenden by members of the Kent County Association. The Cranbrook ringers and ringing guests joined in ringing as the couple left the church

After the reception there was an informal party at the bride's home, Hazels, Cranbrook, by kind permission of Mrs. Parish. Then in the late evening the married couple left for their new home at 56, Leamington Avenue, Orpington. D. L. P.

THE TENOR

I call from tower high and strong
To those among the mighty throng,
Who to our Mother Church belong,
For Matins. Mass and Evensong.

My voice is heard both far and near
As through a dodging course I steer,
To dodge the treble was once no bother,
But nowadays I'd rather cover.

I'm getting old; my canon's cracked;
My headstock's held up by a strap.
One consolation yet there be,
Into the pot they'll ne'er put me!

READING UNIVERSITY'S DISAPPOINTING YEAR

Reviewing the past year, Mr. M. G. Ingram, secretary of Reading University Society, reports disappointments during the year, the main one being the cancellation of the Society's dinner. Two reasons are given for the poor response—the date was in the middle of six or seven other dinners in the South and the advertisement in "The Ringing World" was late. "We have learned that it is futile to try and arrange a dinner in the two months after Christmas."

Another disappointment was that St. Laurence's tower was being repaired throughout the autumn term "The Society considers itself very fortunate to have a 12-bell tower for practices and Sunday service ringing"

Despite these setbacks the Society is probably in a better state than for some years. It has about ten keen ringers and is in the process of teaching four or five others. Next term the Society will be able to ring the 12 regularly on Sunday mornings and evenings. The present repertoire is rather limited—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Minor. It is hoped next term to ring a peal or two and arrange two or three outings. The report concludes: "If our ringers spent as much time in the tower as they did in the pub then we should have the most advanced University Society in the country."

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Calling attention to the fine achievements of Mr. Robin Leale's peals of Scientific Triples, Mr. Roy Collins writes: "I think Robin is the only person to have called this method, though after the first one he did issue a challenge to others to do so. Perhaps we could ask him to submit an article on the method, also the story of the peals." We fully endorse Mr. Collins' request.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Mr. Paul L. Taylor was re-elected president of the Nottingham University Society at its annual general meeting on March 15th. The following were elected to serve on the committee: Master and chairman, D. R. McLean; secretary, Miss C. Stewart; treasurer, Miss M. Coombes; steeplekeeper, I. V. J. Smith; committee member, Miss A. Harris. Ringing arrangements for next term were deferred as there was an uncertainty as to when the bells would be removed to the foundry.

HIS AMBITION—PEAL IN EVERY TOWER IN HAMPSHIRE

Mr. G. K. Dodd joined the growing company of ringers who have rung 500 peals, on March 15th, with a peal of London Surprise Minor at Midgham, Berks. This total has been spread over 18 years of peal ringing and involved visiting 16 counties.

By far the greater number of his peals have been rung in the area of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Of the 147 towers, he has rung peals in 62, but 11 of these are regarded as having unringable bells, the latest being Sydmonton. Spurred by the example of the late Ernest Morris in ringing a peal in every possible tower in Leicestershire, Geoffrey hopes by 1980 to have done the same in all ringable towers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Michael V. Chilcott	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Albert M. Tyler	2	John Phillips	8
William Hibbert	3	Dennis Randall	9
David E. Parsons	4	James Phillips	10
Roger F Overington	5	Frank C. Price	11
Brian R White	6	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Wells, London, Norfolk. Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

Ronald G Beck	Treble	Robert E. Beck	4
David Targett	2	Edward J. Chivers	5
Eric C. Wadman	3	Adrian P. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage this day of Mr. David Adnett and Miss Judith Wyatt. The bridegroom is a member of the local band.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*Elizabeth A. Ewan	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
*Maris Stephenson	2	Robert Hawtree	5
Peter Church	3	Richard D. Gibson	Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.
* First peal at first attempt
Rung on the occasion of the birthdays of the ringers of the treble and tenor

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Phillip C. Kimber	Treble	Paul J. Atkins	5
*Phillip A Beckett	2	Gerald Parsons	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Norman Sherratt	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe (2). Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal of Surprise as conductor.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Frank R Morton	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Christine E. Johnson	2	Keith W. Eaton	5
*Leon A. Perry	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now conducted a peal off each bell. The ringer of the third has also "circled the tower."
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Gould.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Old and Kennington. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Gordon K. Green	Treble	Keith W. Eaton	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal away from a cover bell

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Feb. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of London S., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

BRASSINGTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of. (1) Single Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.

John A. Greasley	Treble	Melvyn A. Rose	4
T. Felicity Webber	2	Gordon A. Halls	5
Burley P. Morris	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Philip Thompson	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Neville F. Whittell	3	Geoffrey B Andrews	7
Michael J. Bew	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by J. A Trollope. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Major.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 27 methods: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star T.B., (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (4) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (7) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred E. Honeywood	Treble	*Michael J. Bew	4
*Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	*Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
PIRBRIGHT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Martin J. Kirk	Treble	Dennis G Blows	4
*Peter J. Privett	2	Roy Collins	5
*John A. Collier	3	E. John Wells	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal in five methods. 100th peal as conductor for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Alexander Waddington	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Christopher T. Osenton	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Robert W. Hinde	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Bernard F L. Groves.
Rung for the birth of a son (Patrick Robert) to Hilary and Robert Hinde on February 28th, 1967.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Confessor.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,824 London, 1,248 Cambridge, 864 Rutland, 768 Bristol and 384 Superlative, with 81 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Harold Evans	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Lucile M Corby	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Judith M Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Brian Bladon	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of five-spliced "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HOTHFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Tony Lewis	5
Richard Hayes	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
The band extend best wishes to Ann Jenner on her birthday.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*Quentin Partis	Treble	John Howard	4
John Pladdys	2	Tony Lewis	5
Richard Hayes	3	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	*Charles H. Underdown	4
Phyllis R. Chidwick	2	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Malcolm J. Hitchcock	3	*David E. Garrott	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal. First of Doubles for all except the conductor.
Rung to welcome Bishop Mann.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, Berwick and Primrose, (2) York and Durham, (3) Norwich, (4) London, (5) Wells, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

*Jennifer L. Quaife	Treble	Michael O'Callaghan	4
D. Paul Smith	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Ralph Bird	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal.
Rung on the Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

William Birmingham jun.	Treble	Roger W. Coley	5
*Rosemary E. White	2	Richard C. L. Brown	6
*Juliet Stamper	3	Alan H. Bridges	7
Margaret Whitehead	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Hodden. Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal of Major.
Rung on the occasion of the Manchester University Dinner.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., March 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	John H. Fielden	6
Norman Smith	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Neil Bennett	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., March 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

James E. Dickinson	Treble	Eric Rigg	4
Frank Birkett	2	Eric Birkett	5
Alan Capstick	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F Metcalfe.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. L. Webber, the oldest Methodist minister in Great Britain, on his 100th birthday this day. Also as a compliment to the over 90's of the Langdale Valley—Mrs. J. Balme, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. J. F. Buntin and Mr. W. H. Ireland. Also to Frank Birkett on his 40 years as tower captain at Langdale.

LAZONBY, Cumberland.—At the Church of S. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents.
Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

Kevin M. Price	Treble	William Kenyon	3
Mary W. Whalley	2	Joseph Whalley	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
First peal of Minimus by all. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. W. B. Graves, the tower captain, who has been a ringer at Lazonby for 50 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

Alan Evans	Treble	Alfred Ballard	5
*Peter C. Randall	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal by the ringer of the fifth.

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Cambridge Surprise and one each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	Edward Guy Slater	4
Judy Morris	2	Edward W. Martin	5
Dr. Ron W. Adams	3	Arnold S. Goad	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

(Syston District)
THURCASTON, Leics.—At the Latimer Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 27, 1967 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings).
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Josephine E. Flint	Treble	Julian M. Morley	4
Christine J. Hart	2	Roger I. Kendrick	5
B. Stedman Payne	3	Frederick T. Bindley	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal (aged 11).
A wedding compliment to Diane Flint, of this tower.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CONINGSBY, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt in G.
Being three extents of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

Frederick Ingall	Treble	Harry Barnes	4
Bernard H. Dalton	2	J. Edward Brown	5
William B. Cox	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Lorraine H. Emson, only granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes, Woodhall Spa.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWER HEYFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 84 methods, being 120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Seighford, Rushall, St. David, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Royston, Southrepps, Primrose, Violet, Cowslip, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, St. Matthias, Buttercup, Wollaton, Clashmore, Allexton, Beauxfield, Coxmoor, Pancraswyke, Duxford, Euxford, Foxhill, Goxhill, Hexgreave, Ixworth, Jevington, Kexby, Laxton, Moxley, Kevsoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum, Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St Tydfil, Xanxene, Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford, St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme, Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxton, Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell and 240 each Little Aston, Litchurch, Grandsire, Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	Noel D. Deam	4
John A. H. Betts	2	Leonard R. Porter	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Richard D. Bing	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLETON STONEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In ten methods, comprising: (1) London, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Primrose, (4) Beverley and Berwick, (5) Surfleet and Hexham, (6) York and Durham, (7) Ipswich.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

Ernest G. Jones	Treble	Robert A. Reeves	5
Diana Reeves	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Edward R. Venn	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
First peal in ten Surprise methods for all the band.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents in four different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	4
Frank W. Lewis	2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald W. Rex	3	Ronald F Diserens	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 500th peal. First of London Surprise on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Raymond A. Vickers	2	James R. White	6
James Linnell	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
William J. Chester	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Raymond A. Vickers	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Roger W. Smith and Delia M. Langton. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson	4
*Sheila J. Staley	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
David W. James	3	Arthur Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First in seven methods. For 60th anniversary of dedication of bells.

HALLATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

John Hunt	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
Ronald Russell	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung in memoriam John Worth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Frederick G. Beddow	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
Jennifer Beech	2	*Ernest F. Willcox	6
Philip J. Evans	3	Frank Beech	7
Reginald H. Newton	4	Arthur Pritchard	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method. Rung for visit of H.M. the Queen.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Feb. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	William L. Exton	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Frederick G. Hooper	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
100th peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Albert G. Richards	Treble	Gordon Griffiths	5
*Robert Humphries	2	Roger L. Hawksworth	6
Albert D. Collins	3	†John Smith	7
Margaret Swain	4	Stanley Illidge	Tenor

Conducted by Albert D. Collins.
* First peal. † First "inside."

ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Eric E. Speake	Treble	*John H. Allen	5
Philip G. K. Davies	2	*Gordon H. Lane	6
*Lucy Smith	3	Roderick J. Lees	7
*Clive M. Smith	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Susan J. Newman	2	Tom Page	6
Peter Beresford	3	*Derek E. Sibson	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. M. Hocking on their silver wedding anniversary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	John R. Insley	7
*James Insley	2	Peter J. Stretton	8
George E. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Herbert C. Spencer	4	John C. Eisel	10
John A. Anderson	5	David J. Purnell	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 100th peal.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	*Michael J. Fellows	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	John A. Anderson	9
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
John C. Eisel	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* 400th peal.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Matrin.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Stephen W Barton	6
Richard J. Parker	2	Peter J. Stretton	7
John R Insley	3	Peter D. Warren	8
James R. White	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
James Insley	5	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Peter Border	6
John R. Insley	2	Norman J Goodman	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	John C. Eisel	8
George E Fearn	4	David J. Purnell	9
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David A Cornwall	Treble	David J. King	6
David J. Llewellyn	2	David W. Friend	7
David T. Darby	3	David J. Hunt	8
David E. Rothera	4	David P. Hilling	9
David J. Forder	5	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WIGHT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*R. Jean Henderson	Treble	Simon Humphrey	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Alison M. Mann	3	John R. Pratchett	7
Christopher P. Starbuck	4	†Christopher F. Mew	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Christopher F Mew.
* First peal on eight. † Has now "circled the tower" three times.
First peal in the method (C.C.C No. 65). 150th peal on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Coatsworth and Patricia Randall, ringers, married at Thorpe St. Andrew, Norwich, on February 25th; also as an engagement compliment to Michael Bull and Elizabeth Murray, of this church.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT CHEVERELL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt

Colin C. Hillier	Treble	William T. Alexander	4
*Jennifer Alexander	2	Robert J. Purnell	5
Jonathan H. Nibbs	3	†Ronald Whiting	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Maxwell H. B. Williams, B.A., inducted March 17th 1967.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CUCKFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Reginald V. Johnson	Treble	Stanley G Ponting	5
Alison M. Mann	2	George Francis	6
Edgar R Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
David D. Smith	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

David L. Cawley	Treble	Michael W. Coleman	5
Audrey R. Alexander	2	*Robin R. Churchill	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Roger D. Bailey	7
Christopher P Starbuck	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 50th peal.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast-alias-Foster.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Philip G. Erith	4
Robin R. Churchill	2	C. Martin Press	5
Graham W. Elmes	3	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
Rung for the feast of St. Patrick.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Winchester College Society)
BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967 in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 50 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2) Winchendon, St. Nicholas, (3) St. Simon, St. Martin, (4) Eynesbury, (5) St. David, (6) Clifford's, (7) Royston, (8) Little Aston, (9) Reverse Canterbury, (10) Southrepps, (11) Litchurch, (12) April Day, (13) May Day, (14) Seighford, (15) Kennington, (16) Plain Bob, (17) Antelope, St. Swithin, (18) St. Cross, Northleigh, (19) St. Valentine, St. Margaret (20) Freeland, Oxford, (21) Jacobstow, Gresford, (22) Harbury, St. Tydfil, (23) Ray, (24) Isis, (25) Stanton, (26) Beckley, (27) Allestree, (28) St. Quintin, (29) St. Frideswide, (30) St. Lucy, (31) St. Helen, (32) Grandsire, (33) Longparish, (34) Newborough, (35) Keysoe, (36) Ladbroke, (37) Pink's, (38) Zennor, (39) St. Anne, (40) Daffodil, (41) Middleton Stoney, (42) Bluebell. Tenor 7 cwt 12 lb.

Michael Evans	Treble	Anthony Mason	4
Tony Pawson	2	Barry Johnson	5
Richard Underwood	3	John Butler	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
Most methods to a peal for all the band and for the Guild. Rung by men in the School only.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Beverley and District Society)
WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Sandra Crossley	Treble	Peter Church	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Alan H. Bridges	6
*J. M. Brook	3	Michael Maughan	7
Geoffrey W. Pilkington	4	Richard D. Gibson	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

David Nichols	Treble	Richard Tibbetts	5
Howard Scott	2	Gibson Jackson	6
*P Anne Leigh	3	*Ernest Padgett	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 700th peal. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" with a different Surprise method on each bell. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,440 Double Bob, 432 Little Bob, 384 Reverse Bob, 107 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's, Crayford College, Fishwick, Hudson, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Cleatham, Crayford Little Court and Cambray Little Court, and 144 Lansdowne Little Bob, with 309 changes of method.

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Hugh N. Evans	5—6
Valerie Willard	3—4	Cyril A. Wratten	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A Wratten.
Greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association. Tenor size 12 in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Mon., March 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1—2	Frank J. Matthews	5—6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3—4	Edward J. Beer	7—8
		Stuart Sandford	9—10

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At 29, Dimbles Hill.
On Wed., March 15, 1967 in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

Lucy Smith	1-2	Clive M. Smith	3-4
		*John H. Allen (cond.)	5-6

* First peal of Minor and as conductor "in hand."

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I Wiltshire 2, Carol Cousins 3 Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. A. Swift 1, Miss E. John 2, Miss M Jones 3, Mrs. B M Davies 4, R. Swift 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, F. G Huckstepp 7, J. C. Clark 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

BABWORTH, NOTTS. — On March 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Doreen Metcalfe 1, P. Mounsey 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S G Pick 4, D. Chambers (first of Surprise) 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

BATTERSEA LONDON.—On March 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Tipler 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. L. Jones (first of Major "inside") 4, N Thomson (first of Major as cond.) 5, Rosemary J. Cotton 6, R. J. Cooles 7, Jeremy R. Pratt 8. For Confirmation service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Mary Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, P. Corderoy 5, R B. Blond (cond.) 6, Claude Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W Yates 1, W. Townsend 2, C. Gough 3, R. A. Vickers 4, H. Wood 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6, W. H. Yates 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on March 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. W. Davis 1, W. T. Perrins 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Claughton 4, G W. Scragg 5, R. Prime 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A Johnson 8

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On March 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): G. T. West 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. D. Mack (cond.) 4, A. R. Williams 5, J. Gatter 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Louise Cockerton.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 2, Anne Pearce (first "inside") 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Margaret Weston 6. For method ringing practice.

DUNHOLME LINCS.—On March 5th, 540 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob: J. Radley 1, G. Radley 2, K. Fox 3, H. J. Radley 4, W. S. Smith (cond.) 5, T. R. Smith 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 19th 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Susan Davis 1, N. Edwards 2, M. Sprackling 3, Jennifer Murphy 4 Ann Horsford 5 A. H Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8 First in the method by all the band. For morning service.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bushell 1, J. Marsh 2, A. Holliday 3, C. Dalley 4, C. S Naylor 5, A. Clifton (cond.) 6.

ECKINGTON WORCS. — On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wainwright (first on working bell) 1, R. Draper (first "inside") 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trenfield (cond.) 4, R. Hickmott 5, J. Attwood 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Cruickshank 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, L. Tubb 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6 W. Harwin cover.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDS. — On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Sell 1, P. D. Sell 2, L. S. Hodges 3, R D Hodges 4, Rev. M. S. Hart (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6 First quarter 3, 4 and 6.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Whiting 1, Janet Pink (first "inside") 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For the induction of the Rev. M. H. B. Williams.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. R. Gee (first of Triples) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, M J. Kirk 3, C. D. J. Webb 4, A. D Flood 5, D J. Tubbs 6, C. M. White (cond.) 7 J. Collier 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J Gosnell 1, S. P. Piper 2, W. Gorringe 3, E. G. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6 S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8.

HEREFORD—At the Cathedral Church, on March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Deacon (first away from tenor) 1, E. Taylor 2, G. Sims 3, G. Fanshawe 4, A. T. Wingate 5, D. Barwick 6, T. E. Wood 7, M. C W Sherwood (cond.) 8 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dean Waterfield, Dean of Hereford Cathedral 1919-1947.

IDE, DEVON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. D. Mack (cond.) 1, F. Williams 2, D. A Wills 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, A E Knight 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles M. Peters 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3 A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Ten different extents, rung unconducted.

QUARTER PEALS

LIMERICK, IRELAND.—At the Church of Mt. St. Alphonsus, on March 18th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: P. J. Hanley 1, J. Sciascia 2, J. Neville 3, Mrs. M. Lindsay 4, N. Newman 5, L. Benson 6, A. Curtin 7, J T. Dunwoody (cond.) 8, J. Lindsay 9, H. O'Brien 10. First quarter in the method by all.

LIMERICK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Palmer 1, T T. Marsden 2, C. R. Foster 3, P. Talbot 4, G. H. Ellis (cond.) 5, J Lindsay 6, C. W Galbraith 7, J. T. Dunwoody 8. First quarter in the method by all. Both rung as a wedding compliment to John and Maud Lindsay.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. McDonald 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. E. Scoones 8. For Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Gillian Richards 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, T. G. Pett 3, R. R. Churchill 4, M W. Coleman 5. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Audrey R. Alexander 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, R. Horder (first of Minor) 3, R. A Q Blower 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,250 London S. Minor: R A Q. Blower 1, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. R. Churchill 5 M. W. Coleman 6. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. R. Churchill 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2. Audrey R. Alexander 3, C. P. S. Tarbuck 4, R. A. Q. Blower (cond.) 5, A. F. Scholfield 6. Also on March 5th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. P. S. Tarbuck 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, J. Pladdys 4, M. W Coleman 5, D L. Cawley 6. Conducted alternately by R. R. Churchill and R. D. Bailey. Also on March 12th, 1,250 Minor (six methods): R. J. Parker 1, Audrey R. Alexander 2, R. R. Churchill 3, A. D Elsmore 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) and R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6. All for morning service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Margaret Judge 1, C. W. Beeching 2, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 3, H. J. Payne 4, D. W. Grimwood 5, W. Epps 6. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, R. Birch (first of Minor as cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Eastment 1, Mrs K. Barlow (first quarter) 2, A. J. Barlow (first quarter) 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. J. House 5, H. C. Vowles 6. 1, 2, 3 and 5 are members of the local band.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—At the Abbey Church, on March 19th: Glynis Poppleton (12 years old) 1, Jane Bryant 2, R. Yardy 3, Joan Exeter (first "inside") 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Hunt 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Matins, also as a birthday compliment to Joan Exeter.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 11th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Knight 1, F. Coales 2, C. Stephenson 3, E. Buckby 4, B. Care 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G Mitchell (cond.) 7, R. Cowley 8.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: D. Neale 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, J. J. Laverack 3, F. G. Hooper 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, A. E. Chilton 7, H Stevenson 8, J. W. Raithby 9, H. P. Mabbott 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Chilton.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Schwarz 1, P. Harding 2, J. Hurt 3, J. Lucas 4, A Knight 5, J. Case 6. F. Slatford (cond.) 7, G. Schwarz 8. Rung for the blessing of the Vicarage by the Bishop of Salisbury this day.

PERTH, W.A.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Lawes 1, Nancie J Page (first Minor "inside") 2, Heather A. Mann 3, A. R. Mann (cond.) 4, L. Reynolds 5, J. Watson 6. To mark the 21st birthday of J. Watson. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Reynolds 1, Nancie J. Page 2, J. Carter (first Minor "inside") 3, Eileen S. Palin 4, M. C. Page 5, A. R. Mann (cond.) 6. A farewell to Michael Page, and a birthday compliment to Heather Mann

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On March 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Board (first quarter) 1, R. J. Vardy 2, J. W. Rose 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, E H. Amey 5, T F Collins (cond.) 6.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor J Shingler 1, B. Huddleston 2, M. Powell 3, G Locke 4, R. Huddleston 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: A. House 1, P. Bedford 2, Mrs. S. Bedford 3, Mrs. J. Hallett 4, F. May 5, J Laken 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also on March 19th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: W. F. Ward 1 Mrs. S. Bedford 2 T. Sharp (first of Kent) 3 F. C. May 4, P. A. Sadler 5, P. Bedford 6, P. Sloman 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday.

RENDCOMB, GLOS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Wood 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Miss E. M. Bliss (cond.) 3, W. A. Thompson 4, F R. Glennie 5, N. J. Green 6. First quarter 1, 4, 5 and 6 Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. P. Hart.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Bates (first quarter) 1, Diana White 2, M. Mulvey 3, C. Pearson 4, N. White 5, C Bainham (cond.) 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover bells): 1. Whorlow 1 Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4. Mrs. N. Bridges 5, E. Fowles 6, A. W. Bridges 7, W. Bridges 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Jarrett, on his 83rd birthday.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On March 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, M. C. Hughes 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8, G E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to the Rev. L. B. Hutchings and Mrs. Hutchings, on leaving for Modbury, Devon, where Mr. Hutchings will be inducted Vicar.

SOUTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Goodspeed 1, Thelma West 2, Corinna Smith (first quarter) 3, G. Sillis 4, A Wilby 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. S. White (13, first on treble) 1, Ann M. Hall 2, A P. Reeves 3, D. W. Struckett 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, H. C. Milward 6 A greeting from Steep ringers to Mr. J. H. Badley, founder of Bedales School, for his 102nd birthday on February 21st.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: Miss W. Marriott 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, R. Hulme 5, W. G. Merritt 6, M. Scowen 7, M. J. Stanley 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, E. Sutton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Spliced Royal by all the band except 4th. A farewell to M. Scowen, on his last Sunday in this country before flying to Melbourne, Australia.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on March 12th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda M. Dade 1, Marian J. Beale 2, Mary E. Norman 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. First of Doubles by the Sunday service band. For Confirmation, at which two members of the tower were confirmed.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Wilkes 1, Miss D. White 2, A. Botterell 3, Miss J. Sturrock 4, J. S Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" 2 and 4.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Sandra Ivey 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A wedding compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Priddle.

WEST TILBURY, SUSSEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Sloman 1, B. C. Sadler 2, D Sloman 3, P. A. Sadler 4, H. H. Furminger 5, Conducted jointly. To celebrate the marriage this day at Grays of Margaret Gibbon and Geoffrey Eve.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thompson 1, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 2, Mrs M Godwin 3, N. Chamberlain 4, W. C. Godwin 5, Miss D. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. J. B. Morton, organist, choirmaster, ringer and for some time secretary of the Oxford City Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WYKE REGIS DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. P. Herbert 1, B. Kear 2 F Stedman 3, P. Herbert 4, R. F. Symonds 5, J. Rose (cond.) 6, G. Abbott 7. For Confirmation service.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mary Eyres 1, Carol A Long 2, Marie R. Cross 3, Angela G. Wakefield 4, Catherine A. Salter (cond.) 5, Daphne J. Pollard 6. 2-3 shifted in last lead Rung for the birth of a son to Catherine (nee Chapman) and Kenneth Day (a former ringer at this church).

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ENGAGEMENTS

FELLOWS—FLYNN. — The engagement is announced between Martin Daniel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. A. D. Fellows, and Lilian Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Flynn, both of Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

HOUSE—DAGLEY. — The engagement is announced between David E. House, of Southampton, and Miss Janet Dagley, of Watford, both at present of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. 1270

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HATFIELD—BIRD. — The wedding between Mr. H. Lyndon Hatfield and Miss Dianne M. Bird will take place at St. Nicholas', Godstone, Surrey, on Saturday, April 8th at 12 noon. All ringing friends very welcome at the church. Bells will be available to visitors from 11-11.45 a.m. Future address: 23, Cumberland Avenue, Liverpool 17. 1185

DEATHS

KINGCOTT.—Elizabeth Annie, on Tuesday, March 28th, 1967, of Wrington, Somerset, aged 63 years. 1307

MYERS.—On March 27th, 1967, suddenly, at Scott Hospital, after much suffering, Thomas George, aged 60 years, of 10, Connaught Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth, beloved eldest son of the late George Harry and Blanche Myers, and loving brother of Will, Arminel and Fred, brother-in-law of Sam and Barbara, uncle of Malcolm and Graham. 1281

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Memorial Service

By kind permission of the Dean of Chester a memorial service to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J. Worth, will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3 p.m. All former colleagues and friends are cordially invited.—Henry O. Baker. Gen. Sec. 1170

HARRIS.—A memorial service for Mr. H. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, who died on March 21st, aged 92, will be held at Woburn Parish Church on Tuesday, April 11th, at 8 p.m. All friends welcome. The bells are to be rung half-muffled before the service. 1266

PERSONAL

"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves how Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?"—2 Corinthians xiii, 5.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BURNETT.—As from April 18th the address of Douglas Burnett will be: c/o Ridley Hall, Cambridge. 1268

COOK.—The address of Colin and Sarah is now 63, Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey. Postal Code CR3.5PG. Telephone number CAterham 46218. 1244

LAMB.—The address of Mr. Gordon W. Lamb is now 24, Henleaze Gardens, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 1265

LAND.—The address of Pauline and Gordon Land is now 24, Henleaze Gardens, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. 1283

TREBILCOCK.—The address of Robin and Pam Trebilcock is now 1, Crofton Rise, Dronfield, Sheffield. 1278

HANDBELLS WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act farce on April 12th, 13th and 14th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on April 14th has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 1297

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—Practices are now held on Monday every week, 7.30–9.00 p.m., and at Linslade on Tuesdays. Visitors welcomed.—A. J. Frost. 1253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield on April 15th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Surprise Major. 1287

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Ten-bell practice to be held at St. Giles', Northampton, from 2.30–4.30 p.m., Saturday, April 15th. 1187

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" 10-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, April 15th, 5.30–7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1269

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Tattenhall, April 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester. 1216

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Hilda's, South Shields, Saturday, April 8th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields, Co. Durham. 1255

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Meldreth and Melbourn, Saturday, April 8th. Meldreth (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, The Hall, High Street, Meldreth (opposite British Queen), 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Melbourn (6) after meeting (approx. 6 p.m.).—B. Pratt, Dis Sec. 1236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Brent Pelham 6.30 p.m – 8.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Brent Pelham ringers.—G Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Meeting at Shenfield April 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Turner, 31. Hall Lane, Shenfield 1246

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham (6), Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing from 6.45 p.m. at Frampton (6). Names for tea to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Gloucester. 1267

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slymbridge, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 8th, Purton (6), 3–5 p.m., and Lydiard Millicent (6), 6–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques. 1260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Exeter, on April 8th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 1299

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Benington (8), Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Harris, The Post Office, Benington, or Tel. Letchworth 5015.—P. M. F. Searles, C. M Orme, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Midgham, Saturday, April 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pike, 30, Kingsbridge Road, Newbury, Berks. Branch striking contest will precede general ringing (commencing 2.30 and ending approximately 3.30). 1259

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Country Meeting

at

NORTHAMPTON

on Saturday, April 8th, 1967

Ringing arrangements:

St. Peter's (8) .. .. 11.00–12.15 p.m.
St Giles' (10 .. .. 2.00—3.30 p.m.
Holy Sepulchre (8) .. 3.45—5.00 p.m.
All Saints' (8) .. .. 7.00—8.15 p.m.

Lunch at Chicken and Grill (Abington Street) at 12.45 p.m.

Tea and meeting in Holy Sepulchre Church Rooms at 5 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15. Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by Thursday, April 6th. 1210

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Solihull, April 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham. 28. 'Phone SPR 1025.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Elveden (8), on Saturday, April 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk. 1257

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Easebourne, Saturday, April 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Lodsworth (6), 7 to 9. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keymer Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 1251

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Basford, Tuesday, April 11th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Double Norwich and Yorkshire Major. 1275

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Hendon, on Wednesday, April 12th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1282

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Necton (6), Wednesday, April 12th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Good attendance, please.—R. J. Harrop, Hon. Sec. 1279

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—The first District practice will be held on Thursday, April 13th, at Writtle, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 1290

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells, by Wednesday, 12th. 1286

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice, Minehead (10), Saturday, April 15th, 7 p.m. 1301

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Butcombe (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1309

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1289

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Allesley on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, to H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry. Meeting of committee at 5, Burges, Coventry, on Friday, April 7th at 8 p.m.—J. L. G. H. 1241

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Carlisle Cathedral, April 15th. Thursby bells available 11 a.m. Cathedral bells 1 p.m. Washington film and A.G.M. 2.45. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Forsyth, 10, Green Garth, Upperby, Carlisle, not later than April 12th. Ringers' Notebook and Diary owners please note this meeting one week earlier.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 1263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, the Hemingfords, Saturday, April 15th. Bells, Hemingford Abbots (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Hemingford Grey, 5.15. Abbots and Grey bells after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Alderton, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) available from 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. Heath. 1296

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Tredington, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tewkesbury Abbey (12) after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Pouncey, Vicarage, Tredington, Tewkesbury. 1277

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — South West Branch.—Spring meeting at Buckland Monachorum on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Shaugh Prior (6) 7.45–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton (Phone Plymouth 36891) by Monday, April 10th. 1143

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Rolvenden, Saturday, April 15th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss J. Osenton, 39, Sparkswood Avenue, Rolvenden, near Tenterden, Kent, by Thursday, April 13th.—A. P. S. B. 1229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Rodmersham on Saturday, April 15th. Competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Ferguson, The Post Office, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 1247

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Bacup, St. Saviour's (8), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Parkinson, Hon. Sec. 1280

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Long Clawson, April 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Willcock, The Vicarage, Long Clawson, near Melton Mowbray.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 1298

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting with North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association at Ibstock (6), Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Heather (5) also available during afternoon.—R. M. W. 1284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Western Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, April 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Yorkshire Surprise and St. Clement's.—G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1254

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch —Meeting, Market Deeping, Saturday, April 15th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to the Rev. D. E. Davies, The Rectory, Market Deeping, near Peterborough, Northants. by Monday, March 10th.—F. G Vickers. Hon. Sec. 1215

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, April 15th: St. George-in-the-East, Cannon Street Road, E.1, 3.30–4.30; St. Botolph Without, Aldgate High Street, E.1, 5.30–6.30.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 1303

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON D. GUILD.—Annual meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 15th. Business will include election of officers. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Ringing: Stanmore 2.30–4 p.m.; Pinner 3 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 1235

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Catfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., followed by a meeting of the Branch committee. Names for tea to Canon H. Wake, Catfield Rectory, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, by previous Thursday. 1312

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chiltern Branch.—A.G.M., Stoke Mandeville, Saturday, April 15th. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 12th.—D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 1313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle, April 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton. Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by 13th. 1304

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Shalbourne and Great Bedwyn, afternoon and evening respectively, April 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1311

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8), April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Buckeridge, Grip House, Market Hill, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 1272

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by April 12th. 1271

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Evening meeting, Lowdham, on April 15th, 6 p.m.—R. Blackshaw. 1285

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Mansfield District with East Derbys and West Notts Association, Heanor (8), Saturday. April 15th. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Methods for special practice during evening: Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys, by Wednesday previous, please.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. (Mans., S.D.G.). 1295

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Tutbury, near Burton-upon-Trent, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) available 6 to 8 p.m. sharp.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1302

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, SS. Cosmos and Damian, Keymer (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by April 12th. 1308

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, April 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Bitterne Park bells (8) available 2.30–3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton, by April 13th. 1273

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Upton Grey, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, April 11th. 1252

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, Harlington, Thursday, April 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1238

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting, Saturday, April 22nd, Drewsteignton, 2.30–4 p.m. Service 4–4.30. Tea and meeting, Checkers Filling Station, Cheriton Bishop, 5–5.30 p.m. Ringing, Tedburn St. Mary, after.—G. Skinner. 1218

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, St. Mary Cray. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. G. Braund, 32, Priorsford Avenue, St. Mary Cray, Orpington, by Wednesday, 19th. 1276

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Barton Seagrave, April 22nd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Hulme, 26, Queensberry Road, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 1292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, April 22nd, Thornhaugh (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Also Yarwell (4), afternoon; Wansford (5), evening only. Names for tea to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, by Wednesday, April 19th.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 1305

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be at Skipton on April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Millfield Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names, please (not just numbers), for tea should be sent to Mr. C. Lawson, 41, Long Meadow, Skipton, by Wednesday, April 26th, at the latest. Ringing arrangements: Bingley (8), 10.15–11.15; Ilkley (8), 10.15–11.15; Silsden (6), 11.15–12.15; Addingham (6), 11.15–12.15; Giggleswick (8), 1.30–3.0; Gargrave (8), 2.30–3.30; Kildwick (8), 2.0–3.30; Skipton (8), 2.0–3.45; Keighley (8), Kildwick and Skipton after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 1294

COMPOSITIONS

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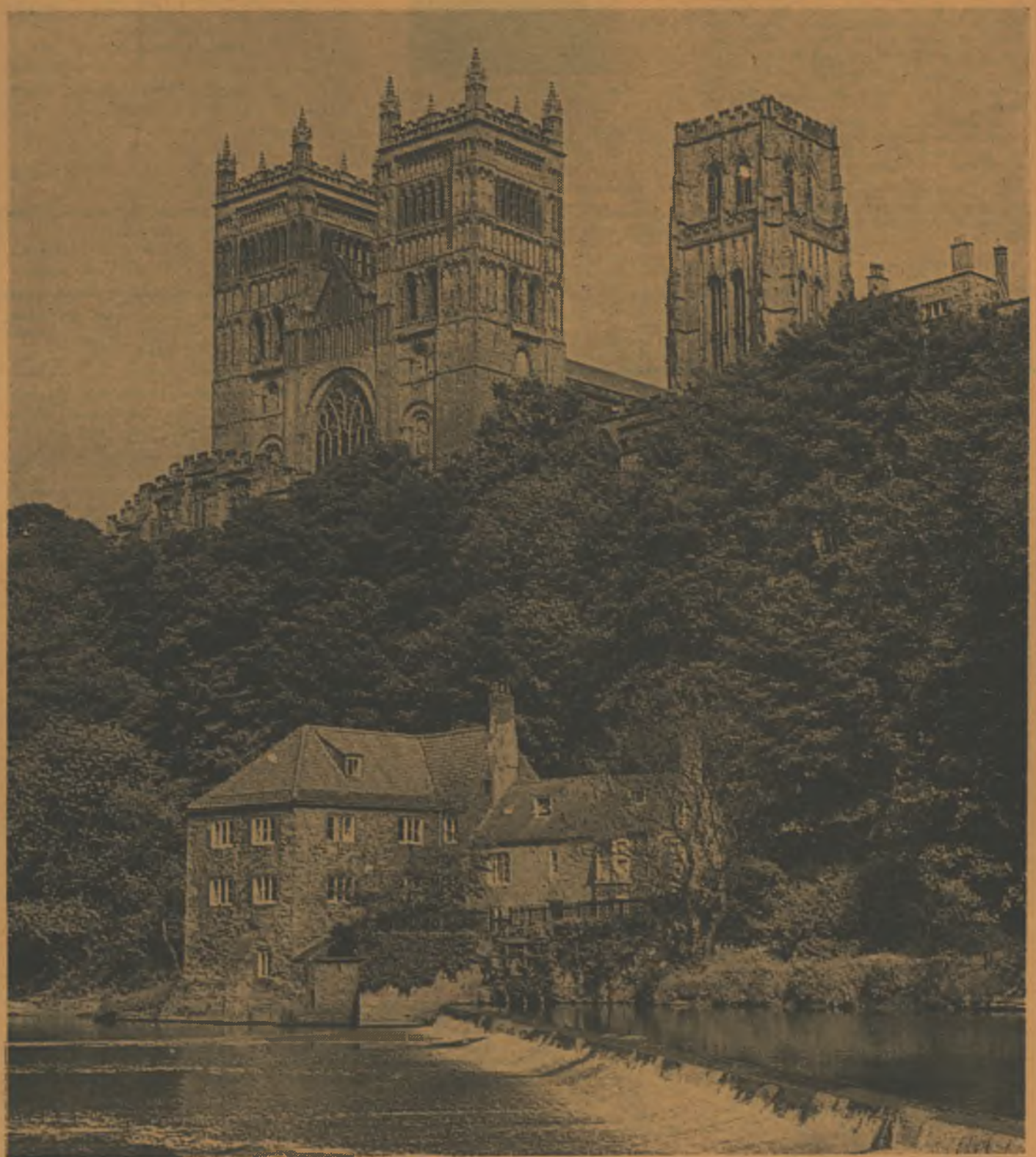

A FLASHBACK OF 90 YEARS

Durham and Newcastle Association's Anniversary

Grey towers of Durham
Yet well I love thy mixed and massive piles
Half Church of God, half castle 'gainst the Scot,
And long to roam these venerable aisles
With records stored of deeds long since forgot.

THESE words were written by Sir Walter Scott on the occasion of his visit to Durham for a banquet given by Bishop Van Mildert in honour of the Duke of Wellington. The verse is inscribed on a stone let into the approach to Prebends' Bridge, from which general direction the world-famous view that graces our front cover this week would be taken.

One deed which is not being forgotten occurred in the Song School of Durham Cathedral on August 17th, 1877, when the Durham Association of Ringers was founded. Later, when the Newcastle Diocese was formed in 1882, the title was expanded to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association to cover the two dioceses embracing the original territory.

PEAL IN 1790

There is evidence of earlier ringing societies in the area, one of these being the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead, which had recorded peals as having been rung as far back as 1790. The great wave of feeling for belfry reform that swept through the country in the latter part of the 19th century brought with it the formation of many of the present territorial bodies and the Durham and Newcastle Association is one of the oldest of them. The only older bodies of this type are those for Devonshire, Yorkshire, Lancashire and the Diocese of Norwich.

The Association had stated among its objects the promotion and improvement of church bell ringing, especially scientific change ringing for divine service. The qualification for membership was the ability to ring rounds to the satisfaction of the committee and the subscription of a performing member was one shilling per annum.

The first annual report for the year ending September, 1878, was published as a broadsheet, and it was reported in "Church Bells." It took the form of a review of previous Associations and activities in the District, and continued with a report of progress since the inauguration.

The report also contained a mention of a distant feeling amongst the ringers at Durham, and quite plainly belaboured the Cathedral men for their refusal to co-operate with Association members, even to the extent of debarring them from the Cathedral belfry. A footnote to the report gave the news of the first peal by the Association, Grandsire Triples, at North Shields.

BELFRY REFORM

The earliest reports, whilst detailing the events of the year, placed great stress upon the need for yet more and more belfry reform, and contended in one case ". . . if the once familiar pipe, the jug of beer, or the usual associations of a tap room are indulgences strictly forbidden by the self-imposed rules of ringers, then this Association produced a beneficial effect."

The insistence upon this side of the Association's aims did not prevent many frequent exhortations to improve the quality of ringing, and the advancement into more complex methods.

Due to the sparsity of ringing towers in the North Country, a great difficulty to be surmounted in those early days was the distance between towers, making it anything but easy to gather mixed companies for practice, but the enthusiasm and abilities of the first leaders and their colleagues were responsible in a large measure for the spreading of the Association's activities, and meetings as far afield from Newcastle as Chester-le-Street were attended by Newcastle men, whose means of transport was frequently by road on foot.

The President, Mr. W. Tyson

Early office bearers, holding the positions of president were William Reed, of North Shields, the brothers R. S. and W. Story, and C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, and the first secretary was G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, whose period in office lasted from 1877 to 1898.

A copy letter book by G. J. Clarkson has recently come to hand. This contains copies of 128 of his letters, all associated with the restoration of bells. It is hoped to give extracts from this book in a series later in the year. Much of the interest derives from Clarkson's style of writing, and paraphrasing or drastic condensation would spoil that interest.

The towers at North Shields, Stockton and St. John's, Newcastle, had companies of enthusiastic and competent ringers, who rang some of the earliest peals for the Association.

PIONEERED SPLICED SURPRISE

The talented Gofton family, of Whitley Bay, pioneered Spliced Surprise Minor in the North, ringing 14 methods in 1906, and later accomplished peals of the first Surprise in Scotland, London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques on handbells, and the first ever of Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge and Superlative, at Whitley Bay in 1924.

At Sunderland, St. Ignatius' (a most competent six-bell company) were ringing Surprise Minor in many methods during the early part of the 1900's and from Joseph W. Parker, of this band, came such a flood of brilliant compositions as to place him amongst the most honoured of the Exercise's composers.

At a later time, the mantle of Surprise Minor fell upon the Darlington Holy Trinity band, who took the score to 21 methods.

The Newcastle Cathedral ringers under William H. Barber, whose conducting of difficult compositions of Stedman excited the admiration of the ringing world, took Erin Triples and Caters as "firsts," but were forestalled for the Cinques by the Birmingham men.

The augmentation of the Newcastle Cathedral ring to 12 opened a new field, and full advantage was taken by the ringers of the district.

KEENNESS

Great strides in new methods have been a feature of peal ringing of recent years, and there is a keenness in the district which gives every confidence for the future.

Training and encouragement of ringers is very much part of the Association's outlook upon its responsibilities and, under the Ringing Master, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, supported by a competent panel of instructors, one-day courses of instruction in many aspects of the art have been held annually at Lumley Castle for four years.

The Durham and Newcastle Association enjoys the patronage of the Lords Bishop of Durham, Newcastle and Jarrow, the Dean of Durham, the Provost of Newcastle and the Archdeacon of Northumberland, and it earns the respect and co-operation of the clergy in both dioceses.

Its president is Mr. W. Tyson, a member of a well-known ringing family, and he enjoys the support of a membership of 220 serving 34 active towers in Northumberland and Durham.

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OUR PICTURE

Durham Cathedral of Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin from the south-west, above the wooded slopes of the River Wear, is one of the most memorable views in the country.

In its strength and grandeur the building, which was finished in 1133, remains unsurpassed. The twin western towers are Norman to the level of the nave clerestory and then raised in the Early English period. The lofty central tower, built about 1465–1490, impresses with its great height and quiet design.

Experts regard the nave as one of the finest Romanesque interiors in Europe; the massive cylindrical columns are adorned with a variety of bold chiselled patterns.

The great stone screen of 1372 contains 107 alabaster figures in beautifully pinnacled niches. The bones of the Venerable Bede lie under a plain tomb in the Galilee Chapel near the west end. In 1370 his shrine was encased in plates of gold and silver, states an old record.

A visit to Durham Cathedral is a lasting memory; so perhaps is the long climb to the ringing chamber, where there are eight bells with a tenor of 30 cwt. in D flat.

UNIQUE FACILITIES FOR ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY DURING CELEBRATION WEEK

THE outline programme of special events is advertised in this issue. The rally at Lumley Castle is envisaged as a mainly local event, for the accommodation is rather limited, but the other events are designed to attract visitors or to give them opportunities that do not normally occur.

Ringing at Durham Cathedral is severely limited by the architects, and most visitors who have rung there in recent years have done so as part of the Sunday ringing. Change ringing is very limited during the summer when the University students are on vacation. It is hoped that by providing a band of change ringers on these three Sunday afternoons some visitors may be enabled to add Durham to their lists of towers. Perhaps a holiday in Scotland may be contemplated this year, and the idea of ringing at York Minster in the morning, Durham Cathedral in the afternoon and Newcastle Cathedral in the evening on one of these Sundays, with St. John', Newcastle, as a bonus, while on the journey north, should be quite attractive. In the reverse direction, Newcastle in the morning, Durham in the afternoon and a Yorkshire tower such as Selby Abbey or St. George's, Doncaster, might be found convenient and attractive.

The celebrations will culminate in Durham on Saturday, September 23rd. On that day there will be ringing in the area around Durham before Evensong in Durham Cathedral. The preacher at that service will be Canon Thurlow, president of the Central Council. At 6.30 for 7 p.m. there will be a special dinner at St. Aidan's College, Durham. The Bishop of Durham, Canon Thurlow, the Master and other College Youths are among those who hope to be present and, with the enthusiasm already evident among resident members, it is confidently expected that the capacity of the dining hall, set at 200 for this special occasion, will be fully taken up, and early application for the tickets (priced at £1 per head) will be essential. St. Aidan's College is an attractive modern building, designed by Sir Basil Spence, standing on high ground with a commanding view of the city. Overnight accommodation can be provided by the College for any visitors at a cost of 27s. 6d. per person per night for bed and breakfast.

COLLEGE H.Q.

Ringers who have not visited this area might be interested in a tour in the week preceding this dinner. If demand is sufficient (minimum 20 to maximum 40) the option on the accommodation at St. Aidan's College can be taken up and the detailed arrangements made in due course. Any individual or group interested in this idea should communicate with me as early as possible. In outline the full tour would commence with ringing prior to dinner on Saturday, September 16th, and conclude with breakfast on Sunday, September 24th. During that time it would be feasible to ring on just about all of the ringable bells in the Association's territory, as shown by recent experience with London University and Universities' Association tours. The totals would be about 500 miles and 50 towers, with some fine scenery in many parts. The cost of accommodation at St. Aidan's College for the eight nights (dinner, bed and breakfast and including the special dinner) would be approximately £14 per head. This would not include transport, for which it would be expected that there would be sufficient cars.

Ringers who are not able to visit the Durham and Newcastle area on these occasions might find themselves in it at some other time, such as in the course of business. Visitors are always welcome and for their convenience a list of practice nights in the more populous centres and telephone contacts for further information about them are given below:

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Tuesdays.	Cathedral (12) and St. John's (8) alternately. Left- and right-hand pages of current Ringers' Diary). G. S. Deas, Low Fell 878822*
Wednesdays	All Saints', Gosforth (10). Miss G. Douglas, Gosforth 58044. St. George's, Jesmond (8). A. Craddock, Newcastle 813174.
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Chester-le-Street

Fridays.	SS. Mary and Cuthbert's (8) D. A. Bayles, Chester-le-S. 3504

Darlington.

Mondays	St. Cuthbert's (8). T. Cooke. Darlington 2077* (prefer 1-2)
Thursdays.	Holy Trinity (6). R. Park. Darlington 60188 Ex. 35*.

Tees-side

Thursdays.	St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby (8). K. Lawson, Middlesbrough 87426.
Fridays.	Stockton Parish Church (10) E. P. Rock, Eaglescliffe 2451.

South Shields

Mondays.	St. Hilda's (8). C. N. Lea, South Shields 4163.

Whitley Bay

Mondays.	St. Paul's (8) R. A. Gofton. Whitley Bay 25526.

Sunderland

Mondays.	St. Michael and All Angels', Bishopswearmouth (8). R. Chicken. Sunderland 67377.

West Hartlepool

Wednesdays.	All Saints' Stranton (8). W. Maughan, Hartlepool 3242*

Those numbers with an asterisk * are business numbers. Others are home numbers.

All these practices are approximately 7.30 to 9 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH'S EASTER

Roy W. Spencer tells us of the busy Easter Day of St. Mary's, Peterborough, band. Assembled at St. Mary's at 7.30 a.m. for ringing for 8 a.m. service; then travelled five miles to Alwalton and ringing for the 9.30 service, which all attended.

Another band of seven rang at St. Mary's from 9.30 to 10.15 for the Parish Communion. Handbells were rung for 20 minutes outside the daughter church of St. Michael, which is without bells, for the 11.30 service. The usual ringing from 5.45 to 6.30 for Evenson at St. Mary's concluded a happy day of service.

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SEPTEMBER 16th to 23rd.—Ringing tour of the area if justified by demand.

SEPTEMBER 23rd.—DINNER AT ST. AIDAN'S COLLEGE, DURHAM, at 7 p.m. Tickets (£1) on sale now. Service in Durham Cathedral. Ringing in the vicinity beforehand to be arranged

For further details on any of these events or tickets for the dinner, write (with s.a.e., please) to the general secretary, D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 1157

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY DINNER

The annual dinner fell on February 4th, and was again held in Jesus College. The day's ringing began at noon at Carfax. All the Oxford towers were available except St. Thomas', which the organisers felt would scarcely attract even the most inveterate grabbers. However the Master of the Sheffield University Society refused to take this good-natured hint and insisted on ringing a quarter peal there the next day.

Despite the crowds however, one of our members managed to find time to introduce a foreign visitor to ringing, although unintentionally. Congratulations are certainly due to the beginner for initiative and observation in ringing three strokes alone before inevitably breaking the stay. Ringing, apart from this episode, was painfully unoriginal as is only to be expected where bells are more numerous than easy. Magdalen's, some of the easiest bells, probably produced the best ringing.

After Evensong at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin we moved to Jesus College where the Dinner Committee's seating plan came under the usual critical review. More worrying, however, was the crisis of numbers which was only solved by the fortunate absence of some guests. This prevented the Committee from saving their money by dining on fish and chips. Instead they were present to hear the President, Canon C. E. Wigg, propose the loyal toast and introduce the other speakers.

Brevity was to be the major theme of the evening in which the three Oxford speakers excelled. An interruption by the ex-Master during one speech suggested that secret orders were perhaps responsible for this. "The Church" was proposed by the secretary, Mr. Stephen Royal, in an amusing speech, recalling the mission which was ending in Oxford that night, and its purpose. The Rev. Phillip Martin replied for the clergy but emphasised that the Church included laity as well as clergy.

Mr. Brand then welcomed the visitors despite expressing some doubts about the purity of their motives in coming. We were pleased to have Mr. Peter Border as guest of honour to defend the visitors and he promised not to be absent from Oxford for such a long time again.

As usual the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, the experienced Mr. Stephen Darvill, was forced to sing for his supper by proposing the toast of "The Society." The secret orders about brevity had not penetrated to his end of the table but his kind advice to the new officers was well received.

The Master replied with the traditional résumé of the year's events recalling with glee the various accidents which had befallen his fellow members. Members and guests then adjourned to the beer cellar which, though small, appeared to serve its purpose. V.R.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S 8 per cent MEMBERSHIP JUMP

THE attendance at the 21st annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, held in the Bingham District on April 1st, was most encouraging. During the afternoon ringing took place on the six bells at Granby, Orston and Whatton-in-the-Vale, and on the eight bells at Bingham. Evensong was held in Bingham Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev H A. Kirton), Mr. Peter Else playing the organ.

A most enjoyable tea, prepared by the ladies of the Bingham District and their helpers, was partaken of in St. Mary's Church Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

The business meeting, attended by 130 resident members, was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the vice-chairman, the Rev. F. W. Stepheni, the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Raithby, and the hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton.

The meeting was opened by prayers, led by the vice-president, and a minute's silence for five members who had died since the last A.G.M., namely Messrs. J. W. Coleman (Nottingham, St. Peter's), H. M. Turner (South Anston), S. Pinder (Basford), Mrs. C. M. Crawford (Rampton) and Mr. C. Randall (Mansfield).

Mr. J. D. Clarke, chairman of the Bingham District, gave a very warm welcome to the Guild on this their first visit to the District.

The minutes were approved and the annual report, which had been in circulation for some two weeks was, with one or two queries, accepted on the proposition of Mr. J. D. Clarke, seconded by Mr. B. M. Buswell.

UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE

The hon. general secretary reported that despite an increase in subscriptions, with its consequent loss of several members, membership had risen by an unprecedented amount of nearly 8 per cent., and for the first time in its history the Guild had a membership of well over 500 members. Noteworthy increases were amongst the younger age groups and for the first time four clergymen who were also practical ringers were members.

Lectures on bells and ringing, with handbell demonstrations, had been provided by members through the Rural Communities Council, and the Further Education Department had during the past year exceeded 25, with a result that over 600 people now knew a little bit more about bells and ringing.

The year 1966 also proved to be a busy year on the bell restoration side: the bells at Eastwood (8) were rehung, the five at Sturton-le-Steeple were augmented to six and the three at Sutton-cum-Lound were rehung in a new frame for six. To each of these a donation of £50 had been given by the Guild.

RESTORATIONS

New ground was broken at Shelton (2) and Whatton (6), where close co-operation between the P.C.C.s, ringers and bellfounders resulted in the bells being rehung on ball-bearings by local labour, this resulting in a substantial reduction in the final cost of the completed work. Restoration work was also undertaken at Sibthorpe (4) and Nottingham All Saints' (8), where broken wheels and other minor defects were repaired. Inspections carried out and reports submitted amounted to 14 in various parts of the diocese. The income to the Bell Repair Fund was down by £26 1s. 11d. to £151 15s. 2d. and donations at £168 14s. 5d. were slightly above the income, but a balance of £213 10s. 2d. carried forward was considered satisfactory.

The hon. treasurer reported that the increase in subscriptions and peal fees had resulted in a satisfactory balance sheet, the profit on the year's working amounting to £39 3s. 10d.

MORE PEALS

The peal committee reported that with a total of 123 peals in 1966 (not including the peal of 5,319 Doubles rung at South Collingham on November 29th, which they rejected) they had exceeded the previous record set in 1964 by two. Seventeen members rang their first peal and ten of the 19 1965 first pealers rang further peals in 1966. Not one peal bore the footnote "First as conductor," but all save one of the 1965 crop called further peals in 1966. Leading conductors were W. L. Exton 16, G. A. Dawson 13, Ruth Blackshaw 10, H. Poyner 9 and S. Humphrey 8.

The 117 tower-bell peals were rung in 53 towers, 43 (out of the total of 92) in the county and there were three independent handbell centres. The conducting was shared among 26 people; there were 165 involved, 11 (21 per cent.) of whom were resident members of the Guild.

Coddington and Harby bells have had peals rung on them for the first time. Balderton has now reached 25 and Greasley 100. The peal at South Collingham on January 24th, in 44 extents of Doubles with 54 plain course methods and 126 variations, is the largest number of methods/variations yet rung to a peal.

Quarter peals were down, only 76 against 134 were rung in 34 towers, the list being headed by Kirkby-in-Ashfield 9, Holme Pierrepont 7 and Wollaton 6.

OFFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The retiring officers were thanked for their services to the Guild during the past year, and as no nominations had been received they were re-elected to serve for one more year. The vice-chairman (the Rev. F. W. Stepheni) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. W. Raithby) both gave notice that they would not be standing for re-election next year, and the hon. general secretary gave notice that next year nominations would be required for the election of Central Council delegates for the period 1969–1971.

The collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £4 16s. 9d.

An amendment to the Crawford Cup rules, proposed by Mr. H. Poyner and seconded by Miss R. Blackshaw, that the following should be added to Rule 6: "No ringer shall ring for more than one team in the final contest," was carried unanimously.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S VISIT

The hon. general secretary reported on the arrangements that had been made for the forthcoming visit by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Nottingham at the end of May. He gave details of the ringing, including the ringing tours and the social arrangements already in hand, and gave out a short résumé to the District secretaries for issue to tower captains so that everyone would know his or her part in the arrangements. Following a few questions, Mrs. B. N. Reed proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. general secretary and the officers for all the arrangements they had made. This was carried unanimously.

Details of the arrangements already in hand for the Three Counties Festival to be held at Derby on September 16th were also given. It was interesting to note that amongst the members present there were ten old M.C.A. members.

Mr. S. W. Fossey, the Mansfield District chairman, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the officers, the incumbents for the use of the bells and for the service, the ladies for an excellent tea, and to the Bingham District in general for the way in which they had entertained the Guild that day.

The chairman declared the meeting closed, and said that further ringing was now available at Bingham (8), Radcliffe-on-Trent (8), Cotgrave (6), East Bridgford (6) and Holme Pierrepont (6). Further visitors during the evening swelled the attendance during the day to well over 150.

OBITUARY

MR. S. BROMFIELD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost yet another member of long standing with the passing of Stephen Bromfield. He had done almost all his ringing in North Lincolnshire, starting in the early part of the century in the Barton-on-Humber area.

After the first world war he resided in Grimsby and was a member of the band at St. Andrew's. The church was later destroyed and he then joined the band at the Parish Church of St. James. In 1956 he returned to Barton-on-Humber in his retirement, where he was greatly valued by those ringing at the two beautiful old churches.

A most reliable ringer with a quiet, unassuming manner, he was greatly respected by all. His peal total is not to hand but the writer would say that he had rung about 80 in the standard methods.

A number of ringers attended the funeral service on March 28th and in the evening a quarter peal was rung half-muffled on St. Mary's bells by the local band. J. B.

MR. HORACE MORRIS

It was with shock that the villagers of Wootton (Oxon) learned of the sudden death of Mr. Horace Morris on Easter Saturday.

Horace was 65 years of age and was due to retire from his job as gardener at Blenheim Palace this summer. His wife had died eight years before him, and since then Horace had lived by himself.

He was tower captain at St. Mary's Church, where he had rung for 52 years. In that time he had taught many villagers to handle a bell. For years Horace looked after the clock and bells, a job he did with pride.

The funeral was on March 30th and was attended by nearly all his fellow bellringers. Interment was in a shady corner of the churchyard, within sound of the bells he loved. St. George's flag was flown at halfmast from the tower all day, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal by the local band.

May he rest in peace. We shall miss him very much. E. R. V.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Venn 1, D. Cleaver 2, B. Hoare 3, J. Buggins 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, A. Cleaver 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Horace Morris, interred this day in Wootton Churchyard.

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OBITUARY

MR. T. G. MYERS

His countless ringing friends throughout the country will mourn the passing of Thomas George Myers, of Plymouth, to whom death came suddenly on Easter Monday after a prolonged period of suffering and ill-health.

Tom a true son of the West Country, was born in Plymouth on September 29th, 1906, and at a very tender age was introduced to the delights of bellringing by his father, the late Harry Myers, who was at that time captain at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. So determined was Harry that his three sons, Tom, Will and Fred should become ringers that the brothers had no option but to follow in their father's footsteps, and indeed a non-ringing male member of the Myers family would have been regarded as a black sheep.

Tom very quickly showed himself to be a born ringer, and on July 19th, 1922, at the age of 15, he rang the treble to his first peal—Grandsire Triples—at St George's, Stonehouse, conducted by his father. In all, Tom rang 243 peals, conducting 96. His last peal was one of Plain Bob Minor at Kelly on July 6th, a peal in which the writer was privileged to take part, and which was conducted by Roy Bould, who started his change ringing career as a pupil of Tom's.

It was not only in the field of peal ringing that Tom showed his capabilities; for over 20 years he held office in the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers at various periods as chairman, Ringing Master, secretary and treasurer. He represented the Guild on the Central Council and in later years was accorded the honour of a vice-presidency of the Guild in recognition of his loyal and devoted service over so many years. He was a member of 14 other Associations, among them the College Youths, the Truro Guild, the St. Martin's Guild, the Irish Association and the Durham and Newcastle Association, to mention but a few.

To Tom, there was no place like Devon, and one of his great joys was visiting, with his friends, the many lovely village churches with which the county abounds, and ringing on bells that are rarely rung to half-pull ringing. He made many friends among the call change ringers of the county and would enjoy sitting in the "local" with them after ringing, with a pint of mild and talking, naturally, of bells and ringers.

Tom was a Christian and a practising churchman who recognised the value of his branch of the ministry within the Church, and he had little time for a ringer who was not prepared to take his place for regular service ringing. He laboured unceasingly in the training of young ringers at St Andrew's, Plymouth.

It is due to his efforts also that the fine old ten at St. Andrew's were kept in good ringing order and it would be impossible to estimate how many hours he spent among these bells, so beloved by him. If it was not for his attention to detail in ensuring the louvre shutters were closed these bells would have crashed to the ground when the church was gutted during the blitz of the last war; as it was, the sparks from the blaze were unable to drift up through the louvres and the tower was saved intact.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's on March 31st prior to cremation at Efford. Tom's beloved bells were rung before and after the service half-muffled to rounds and touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples. The coffin was borne by six members of the South West Branch of the Devon Guild and at the close of the service handbells were rung over the coffin by four members of the same Guild. During the service the Vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. J. K. Gavell, paid warm tribute to the devotion and loyalty Tom had given his Church during his lifetime and pointed out that his life was a shining example of true churchmanship that would for many years leave its mark not only on St. Andrew's but on the whole of the Devon Guild.

So passes from our sight one of the great ringers of the West Country, and we who are left thank God for the privilege of having known him and for the countless hours of pleasure in his company.

May God grant him eternal peace. R. A. S.

MR. A. E. HINMAN

Ringers of the Melton District were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr Alfred E. Hinman at his home at Kirby Bellars, Leicestershire, early on March 16th at the age of 54 years. Although he was in hospital about three years ago for a heart operation, he still attended ringing practices at Great Dalby and Gaddesby; in fact he had been to Gaddesby on the previous evening.

He was a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Framland Association. He had also been Vicar's warden for five years. A man of a quiet and friendly disposition, he was very fond of ringing and had rung 52 peals in all. He leaves a widow and a son and daughter.

The funeral at St. Peter's, Kirby Bellars, on March 20th was attended by a large congregation, which included workmates from the Ordnance Depot at Old Dalby, and Melton District ringers. The Vicar, the Rev J. G Frostick, conducted the service and an address was given by the Rev G. Slater. Interment was in the churchyard under the sound of the bells he loved.

A half-muffled quarter peal in three Doubles methods was rung by Mrs. B. Woodcock 1, Mrs. M. Stimson (District secretary) 2, J. H. Cook (District chairman) 3, H. J. Bonshor (conductor) 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

MR. J. W. PRICE

It is with regret that we publish the death on March 21st of Mr. John William Price, tower captain at Clay Cross, at his home at the age of 63.

Until his illness, Mr. Price was an active member of the ringing circles in North East Derbyshire and chairman of the Chesterfield District of the Derbyshire Association. Although he was never a great peal ringer, he was always ready to welcome and encourage young ringers.

He was a member of the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association for the past 40 years and served the Association very well, being secretary for a number of years, Ringing Master and president, and was a vice-president and life member until his death.

The funeral took place at Clay Cross Parish Church on March 23rd, followed by cremation. Before the funeral service several touches were rung on the half-muffled bells by members of both the Derbyshire Association and East Derbyshire and West Notts Association. A memorial peal was rung on the bells at Clay Cross on Saturday, March 25th, and a memorial service at Evensong on April 19th was attended by many ringers. E. J. S.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. A. Fox 1, K. Medhurst 2, Miss J. R. Cox 3, M. Bridges 4, Miss M. R. Andrews 5, E. A. Barnet (cond.) 6. In memory of David Connolly (age 19), a ringer at Bexley, who died on March 18th as the result of a road accident.

MR. H. D. HARRIS

The death of Douglas Harris on March 21st, at the age of 92, marked the end of an era that was begun in Woburn in the last century by the man who introduced change ringing into Bedfordshire, namely Charles Herbert.

Douglas was born in Nantwich, Cheshire, on March 1st, 1875, and was confirmed at Ashton. He moved to Woburn at the age of 17 and went to work in the estate office of the Duke of Bedford in Woburn Park. When he retired, after 47 years' service, he was head accountant. He was founder and secretary of the local football, tennis and bowls clubs, in all of which he had taken part.

Charles Herbert taught him to handle a rope in 1895. He also taught him to ring handbells. He rang his first quarter, of Plain Bob Major, in 1896, and joined the Bedfordshire Association the same year. His first peal was on the eight bells of Woburn old church in 1897. His first on handbells, Plain Bob Royal, took place in 1902 at the house of Mr. Herbert, where many more were to be rung including one of Plain Bob Maximus "in hand" in 1903; this was the first for all the band, for the Bedfordshire Association and in the county (this has not yet been surpassed). He rang about 50 peals in all, about half of which were "in hand."

He was a vice-president and trustee of the Bedfordshire Association. He sang in Woburn choir for 50 years and was Vicar's warden for seven years, after which he served as a sidesman and on the Parochial Church Council. He was tower captain for some time, following Mr. Avis, and always referred to the bells as "his bells."

In 1931 he went on a ringers' pilgrimage to Belgium, and it was on this trip that he met the late H. J. Poole. He rang 9–10 to a touch of Grandsire Caters during a service at the Menin Gate: the rest of the band were: Raymond Philpott 1–2, Redvers F. Elkington 3–4, Alfred H. Pulling 5–6, and Harold J. Poole 7–8. Rather unique, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the border, with 1–2, 3–4 in France, and 5–6, 7–8 in Belgium. Peals of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Triples were also rung. His favourite method was London Surprise Major, and on at least three occasions a peal in this method was arranged at Woburn, but, alas, much to Douglas's disappointment, the attempt was never made.

When he was 82 he was knocked down by a car and sustained a dislocated shoulder. This put him out of action for a time but not for long. We lowered the tail-end of the 4th (his favourite bell) and he soon got going again. He rang tower bells until he was unable to climb the steps, but he was able to ring London "in hand" to celebrate his 90th birthday.

He was meticulous in everything he did; he kept a day-to-day diary up to the end of his life.

The cremation took place at Bedford on March 25th. At his request there was no fuss and no flowers. A memorial service was held in Woburn Church on April 11th. K. G. S.

Letters to the Editor

INFORMATION OF PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir.—I wholeheartedly support Mr E. Cribley's plea on page 200 for information to be published as to where and when what might be noteworthy peals are to be attempted. It is right and proper that regular peal ringers should constantly be aware of the possibility that there may be a number of critical witnesses of their performances. Such an awareness can do much to maintain and improve standards.

To provide this information is a news service that you, sir, might consider offering your readers. Perhaps a paragraph every week on the Bell Founders' page entitled "Forthcoming Peal Attempts" would be appropriate, provided that peal arrangers supplied the necessary details.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH,
Ringing Master,
St. Martin's Guild for the
Diocese of Birmingham.

Note.—Space will be allocated.—Ed.

BELLS OF THE MOSCOW KREMLIN

Dear Sir, — Apropos the article by "C. A. W." ("Ringing World," March 31st, 1967) on the clock and bells in the Saviour Tower of the Moscow Kremlin, according to "Palaces and Churches of the Kremlin" (Progress Publishers, Moscow, 1965), the clockwork which sounds the peal was installed by Christopher Galloway, and on another page he is quoted as joint architect with Bazhen Ogurtsov of the superstructure which crowns the tower, in 1624–25.

The "Pelican" publication, "Russian Art" (Tamara Talbot Rice, 1949, page 91), describes him as an "English architect" and responsible for the erection of the clock.

Apart from the above, I have no further information on Christopher Galloway but as there was considerable commerce between the Moscow Principality and London in the 16th and 17th centuries he may well have gone to Moscow by invitation to supervise the erection of the clock and casting of the bells —in effect a 17th century Lord Grimthorpe, although doing no actual bell founding himself.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

SYMONDSON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. J. Whitmore's letter concerning the Symondson handbells, I have an octave of theirs which I have overhauled. The late Mr. Ernest Morris told me they were nearly 200 years old.

The inscription on the tenor is:

Symondson
and Son, Founders
N-1- Tottingham
Court Road
London
Penge Union.

"Penge Union" is also on the sound bow. It would be interesting to know about Penge Union.—Yours, faithfully,

W. WAGSTAFF.

Ickwell Green,
Biggleswade, Beds.

P.S.—Tottenham is spelt Tottingham.

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Miss Brenda Arnott, of Thame, writes that a friend of hers has a set of handbells with the address inscribed on the tenor: Phillip Symondson, Bell Founder, 30 Clerkenwell Close, London. She asks if there is any connection between Henry and Phillip Symondson.

INTEREST IN PEAL COLUMNS

Dear Sir,—May I take up the point made by the Wrattens in their article "Leading Peal Ringers of 1966" (page 129) that, judging from the number of people who only ring one or two peals a year, the peal reports must be of interest to a large majority of your readers.

The same conclusion can be obtained from the figures they have produced as follows. These show that the 235 ringers who rang 25 or more peals have scored a total of 10,491 individual performances. The average is 44.7 peals each. If we suppose the average band for a peal numbers halfway between 6 and 12, i.e 9 (and ignore the fact that some peals were "in hand"), the 235 ringers make up 235/9=26.1 bands, which at 44.7 peals each could ring a total of 1,167 peals.

So we have shown that in the thousands of peals rung in a year, the leading peal ringers have accounted between them for the space occupied by about a thousand peals in the reports. Therefore, of the total number of peals rung, the great majority are rung by people who score fewer than 25 in a year.

I suggest that this clearly shows that the peal columns are not merely of interest to those who ring large numbers of peals, but to the Exercise in general.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. COOK.

Beddington, Surrey.

SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—Regarding the use of silencers in Barry Couzens' article, we at All Hallows', Twickenham, use wooden bars to hold the clapper central. These are hinged at one end, made to drop over the lip of the bell and then held together at the other end with a simple window sash clamp. This has the advantage when the bell is up that there are no loose pieces (nuts or bolts) to fall inside the bell.

Perhaps a better method still is that invented, I believe, by Geoff Dodds, of St. Albans, of using pieces of old car tyres This enables the muffled striking to be heard.—Yours sincerely,

ANNE HORSFORD.

Twickenham.

165 METHODS PEAL RECORDING

Dear Sir,—Mr. James R Taylor has compiled a tape recording lasting 30 minutes with extracts ranging from 14 to 165 methods from our recent peal series. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy should contact him at 15, Greenacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol 15, to make arrangements. For those with more time to spare, Peter Bridle has three complete peals recorded plus extracts from others.

In reply to Mr. Cribley, may I point out that we have never kept any of our attempts secret and, judging from the ringers who have turned up to listen to some of these attempts, the news has circulated quite well without taking up valuable space in compiling lists of future attempts in "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts.

MANCROFT GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild was held on March 20th and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ringing Master, Dr. D. Heighton; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. M Cubitt; secretary/treasurer, Mr D. P. Mortlock; steeplekeeper, Mr. C. Bird.

SINGLES IN SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. J. Lock is not quite right when he says that the St Martin's Guild were the first to introduce the single into Surprise; a peal of 5,090 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on January 18th, 1947, at St. Michael's, Southampton, using a single in the same way as in Surprise Maximus. The composition, by Mr. Brian D Price, keeps the tenors together throughout and is a useful alternative to Middleton's, though no improvement on it.

However, it seems that Mr. Price was not the first to explore the possibilities of using a single in Cambridge Major in this way, for in the report of the Central Council meeting for 1948 Mr. H G. Cashmore disclosed that he had produced two peals, a 5,058 and a 5,090, some 15 years previously. At the time Mr. Cashmore was seeking to produce something which would have been an advance, musically, on Middleton's, but he subsequently realised that all the composition, except the last two rows, would have had to be contained in the orthodox 25 courses, and no improvement would therefore be obtainable with the single in that position. He went on: "Having failed in what I set out to achieve I threw the figures into the fire and I think Mr. Price would have been well advised to have done the same with his, not because he had used a single, but because the peal was no advance on Middleton's."

Happily for us, Mr. Price did not throw his figures in the fire and the peal has been rung a few times since It seems a pity, therefore, that Mr Cashmore's two compositions were not published as the variety of compositions of Cambridge Major with the tenors together is very limited

Whether any improvement on Middleton's is obtainable by using a greater number of singles is an interesting question which perhaps one of your readers could answer.

I append Mr. Price's composition for those who may be interested.—Yours faithfully,

Cove, Hants. ROBERT C. KIPPIN.

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
25463		2	2	3
34562		—		—
63542			—	3
34625	x			3
34256		2	2	—
53246			—	
42635		—	—	
56234		—		—
26435		—		
63254	x			
62534			—	2
(32456)		—	S	

Round two changes after single.

P.S.—I believe that, many years ago, singles were used in a long peal of Treble Bob Major. Can anyone throw any light on this?—R. C. K.

RINGERS IN TWO CATEGORIES

Dear Sir,—Whether or not it was his intention, Mr. H. I. F. Muncey's critical comparison of peal ringers against service ringers does give one the impression that, broadly, he supposes all ringers fall into one category or the other. This point of view is not new. It has been brought out in letters to you, sir, on previous occasions.

I have often wondered, with some concern, why attempts are made, from time to time, to divide us in this way. It is certainly true that some of us ring regularly for service and some of us, unfortunately, do not, but it is equally certainly untrue that those who do not are mainly peal ringers.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH LAWSON.

Middlesbrough.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MR. DOUGLAS BURNETT
(the retiring Master)

THE 1967 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at St. Austell on March 4th and was attended by about 70 ringers. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild bell and reading the objects of the Guild. Prayers were led by the Vicar of Kenwyn, the Rev. A. J. Vincent.

The treasurer, Mr. S. J. Robinson, reported balances of £48 in the general fund and £39 in the badge account, and the accounts were formally adopted.

NOT A CHANGE RINGING SOCIETY

In his Ringing Master's report, Mr. Douglas Burnett remarked that the Truro Guild was a Diocesan Guild and not a change ringing society containing rounds ringers, call change ringers and change ringers. Fortunately the Guild was big enough to include these differing types of ringers and to try to unite them in one cause for the Church. It was the responsibility, he maintained, of the Guild officers to hold the interests of these types of ringers and he realised that this was no small job The duties of the Master of the Guild were not laid down and for the benefit of his successor Mr Burnett gave an account of the many varied duties he had been asked to perform, including attending meetings, lecturing, recommending a tower for Christmas broadcasting as well as being expected to have a good knowledge of bellringing, trends in prices of installations, etc., ringing weights and times and being able to ring with all types of ringers. During his 13 years as Master he had worked with one president, one treasurer, one Assistant Ringing Master and three secretaries, all of whom he thanked for the support they had given him over that time. To his successor he wished him well, and to the members of the Guild he trusted they would back up the new man as they had backed him up.

LOSS TO LAUNCESTON

The Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Wilfred Boucher reported the loss by death of Horace Hicks, who was the Launceston Branch secretary and whose place was being taken by Mr. W. F. Moss One of the highlights of the year in the northern end of the Guild was the peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Launceston, in honour of Mr. A. Wroth's 60 years as a ringer.

TRURO GUILD HAS A NEW MASTER

The peal secretary, Miss Marion Lidgey, reported on the 12 peals rung during 1966, of which four were by entirely local bands, and three ringers rang their first peals.

Mr. Boucher gave an account of the Central Council meeting at Bath and, on behalf of the librarian, Mr. Derek Trethewey, the chairman gave a brief account of the workings of the Guild library during its first year as a lending library.

The election of officers followed and Mr. Burnett took the chair to receive nominations for president. Mr. Carveth was elected to a further term of office and, as Mr. Burnett was not seeking re-election due to his imminent departure for a theological college, a new Master had to be elected. After considerable discussion Mr. Wilfred C. Boucher, of Launceston, and Mr. Anthony Locke, of Kea, were elected Master and Assistant Master respectively. The remaining officials were re-elected and Mr. Burnett was elected a vice-president.

A GUILD DINNER

The meeting then discussed the recommendations of a Standing Committee. The Report Sub-Committee was given discretionary power over the recommendation to alter the mode of distribution of the reports but the meeting approved the suggestions to chase up the towers whose subscriptions were not properly paid, and also to hold a Guild Dinner to mark the 70th anniversary of the Guild's formation, this to be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Truro, on October 14th, and Mr. Harry Miles suggested a service be held during the afternoon.

It was decided to hold the Summer Festival at Stratton on July 8th (if convenient) and the 1968 annual general meeting at Launceston on March 2nd.

Under the generous heading of any other business, several matters were dealt with. Silent tribute was paid to the members who had died since the last meeting—Canon F. Boreham, H. Hicks and P. Spargo. The elections during 1966 of the following non-resident life members were confirmed: J. H Taylor, J. P. Coad. P. J. Daniel, J. C. Mitchelmore and R. H. Jones. A letter from Mr G. W. Pipe of "The Ringing World" Committee asking for front page photograph material for "The Ringing World" was read to the meeting, and the chairman urged members to comply.

Mr. Burnett was presented with a brief case and a book token by the president on behalf of the Guild, and appreciation of his work for the Guild and well-wishing for his future were expressed by the chairman and Mr. H. Lander, who for many years had worked closely with him in the Mid-Cornwall Branch.

The meeting was then closed and followed by tea, for which the St. Austell people were thanked by Mr. Locke, after which the bells of St. Austell, St. Mewan, Luxulyan, St. Stephen in Brannel and St. Dennis were put to good use. A. J. D.

ACTING UNDER DOCTOR'S ORDERS

Mr. Ernest Warner, of Woking, has had to give up ringing and has resigned his membership of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Society During his nine years with the Society he has proved to be a popular and co-operative member

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On March 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss M. L. Lidgey 1, H. Miles 2 W. R. Curtis 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, D. Stephens 6.

MR. WILFRED C. BOUCHER
(the new Master)

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NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jane Dando (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Huggins 2, Prisca Hornby 3 R. B. Walton 4, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 5, R. Joyce 6.

OXFORD.—At New College, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. P. Mackie 1, V Rodrigues 2, R. Wilsher 3, P. J. Daniel 4, R. E. Burbery 5, J. P. Coad 6, B. Wakefield (cond.) 7, P Bradford 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 3.

PICTON, HEREFORD.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn 1, J. G. Flint 2, P. Clarke 3, S. H. Ashton 4, D G. Carr (cond.) 5. To celebrate the wedding of Thomas Thrussell (ringer at this church) and John Lumsden.

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"KNOW YOUR PLAIN BOB MINOR"

By N. CHADDOCK

Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper, then check your total score.

1. Write down the sequence of the dodges as they occur after 2nds place over treble has been made.
2. Write down which of the following is correct: "In Plain Bob, treble is met one place sooner after each dodge." "In Plain Bob treble is met one place later after each dodge."
3. In what place when hunting down is treble met (or struck over) after the following dodges. Say also at what stroke you strike this blow over the treble: (a) 3–4 down, (b) 3–4 up, (c) 5–6 down, (d) 5–6 up.
4. What dodge do you do after striking over treble (when hunting up) in the following places: (a) 6ths, (b) 3rds, (c) 5ths, (d) 4ths,
5. How many changes in (a) one "treble lead" of Bob Minor? (b) How many leads in a plain course? (c) How many changes in a plain course?
6. When treble leads at backstroke what are all the bells (except one) doing?
7. What is the sequence in which the bells come to lead in Bob Minor? (a) disregard treble. (b) What is the sequence called?
8. Write out a course of Plain Bob Minor, one bell at a time.
9. (a) What dodge puts you into 4ths place at treble's backstroke lead, (b) into 3rds place, (c) into 6ths place, (d) into 5ths place?
10. (a) What will be the first dodge of No. 6 bell in a plain course, (b) of No. 2 bell, (c) of No. 4 bell, (d) of No. 5 bell, (e) of No. 3 bell?
11. What do we mean by course bell? Is it (a) the treble, (b) the bell that takes us off lead, (c) the bell over which you strike your first blow in 6ths? Where else do you strike over her?
12. In a plain course, which bell is No. 2's course bell?
13. Which bell courses after No. 6?
14. If, for one lead, you course the treble, what dodge do you do in that lead?
15. When starting the course of Bob Minor, which three bells start by hunting up and which 3 by hunting down?
16. Can the following two change rows be consecutive ones in Bob Minor:

    3 1 5 2 6 4
    1 3 2 6 5 4

    If not, why not?
17. When hunting up or down, what must you always do all the time, in addition to looking and listening?
18. If we call the time interval between the two consecutive bells in one change row a "beat," (a) **How many beats between your own bell striking** in **2nds** and then in **3rds**, when hunting up at handstroke with open leads, (b) at backstroke, (c) when hunting down at handstroke, (d) when hunting down at backstroke?
19. Write out a course of Bob Minor by the places you strike in, thus: 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, (6), 6, 5, 4, 3, [4] (3), 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., to the end.
20. Now ring those blows which are over treble, and box in those which are dodges, as shown.
21. Which blows are quick ones, hunting up or hunting down?
22. Another name for hunting up is hunting . . . .
23. Another name for hunting down is hunting . . . .
24. If we make a 2nd consecutive blow in the same place we are said to be . . . . that place.
25. To lead means to strike in . . . . place.
26. To lie means to strike another blow in . . . . place.
27. If we are on the front we are near to . . . . place.
28. If we are on the back we are near to . . . . place.
29. When hunting up we should only look at the bells . . . . us.
30. When hunting down we should only look at the bells . . . . us.
31. When hunting up we must follow the bell (rope) that followed us on the . . . . . .
32. One way in which we can hunt back to lead is to follow the bells in the . . . . . as when we hunted up.
33. When hunting up we follow each of the other bells . . . and . . . only.
34. When hunting down we follow each of the other bells . . and . . only.
35. Only three bells are affected by a bob. They are:
    (a) The one which should . . . . but does . . . . instead.
    (b) The one which should . . . . but does . . . instead.
    (c) The one which should . . . but does . . . . instead.
    The lead after (a) does . . . . . .
    The lead after (b) does . . . . . .
    The lead after (c) does . . . . . .
    unless another bob is called next lead.
36. (a) At a single, the bell which should make 2nds . . . .
    (b) At a single, the bell which should dodge 3–4 down . . . . and does . . . . next lead.
    (c) At a single the bell which should dodge 3–4 up . . . . instead and does . . . . next lead.
37. A bell which makes 4ths at a bob or single always . . . . next lead.
38. If you have made 3rds at a single, what will you do next lead if a bob is called?
39. When making 4ths at a single, what is the bell over which you strike these two blows in 4ths doing?
40. If you make 3rds at a single, are these two blows over the same bell or a different one? At what strokes are these two blows in 3rds—hand and back, or back and hand?

(Answers on page 263.)

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. DINNER

THE London County Association dinner, held at the Chatham Rooms, Victoria, and presided over by the Master, Mr. H. W. Rogers, on February 25th, proved to be an extremely successful function. In welcoming all members and friends, the Master referred to various groups and individuals.

Firstly, all those young people who had entered the Exercise since the war. Secondly, all those "young" pre-war stalwarts who were present and who, with others of similar calibre, had been the backbone of the Association for so many years. The bright future of the Association lay in the hands of these two groups: the first to provide enthusiasm and new ideas, and the second to provide the mature and tolerant influences so necessary to the success of the products of youthful enthusiasm. They did not necessarily want "the mixture as before" for 1967, but the best of the old spliced to the new ideals. With them that evening were two recent Past Masters of the Ancient Society and, as was expected, three Past Masters of the L.C.A.

After making suitable references to achieving a genuine 1967 interpretation of the objects of the Association generally as outlined in the recent "R.W." report of the Association's annual meeting, the Master talked of the need for the influence of the Association to extend to all quarters of its territory and to do all possible, in harmony with the overlapping Associations, to strengthen the weaker towers. In this connection he was very pleased to have Dennis Hewitt as his Deputy Master and he felt quite certain that he would make sure that no aspect of East London was overlooked.

After doing their work well, the members were entitled to their fun, and since the fun of peal ringing had a direct plus of improving the standard of participants for Sunday service and other general ringing, he hoped that a good number of peals would be rung during the year. Both himself and the Deputy Master would like to hear from ringers who would like to take part in these.

A West London singing group, led by Ian Cooper, entertained and, judging by the applause was greatly appreciated. Other activities were a guitar recital by Tony Caldwell and handbell ringing by members.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

Long Ashton was chosen for the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch on March 18th, and various methods were rung before the well struck touch of Stedman Triples which preceded the service.

The Vicar the Rev. I. F. Westmacott, welcomed those present, after which the company adjourned to a nearby church hall, where an excellent tea was enjoyed, prepared and served by ladies from the local band.

The chair was taken by Mr. H. W. Knight, who expressed regret at the illness of Mr. D. Yeo, the Branch secretary, and invited Mr. J. H. Gilbert to deputise for him. Mr. Horseman gave details of the striking competition to be held at Clapton-in-Gordano in May, to be judged by Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

A welcome visitor was Mr. F. C. Mogford, of Pensford now making steady progress after his bad accident. Despite his two sticks, Cecil climbed the belfry stairs and took part in several touches.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON SURREY.—1,260 Double Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Gavnor Wallace 1, C. Jeffrey 2, C. H. Macve 3, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 4, Amanda Powell 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, Miss H. Jones 2, A. Palmer 3, G. Newman 4 A. Keen (cond.) 5, K. Harvey (first quarter) 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Stocker 1, R. C. Kift 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. G. Collinge (first in method) 4, H. M. Williamson (cond. 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, M. J. Fackrell 2, F. C. Fackrell 3, L. Pople 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, G. Brown 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH. — 1,320 Plain and Little Bob Minor: A. K. Oliver (aged 13) 1, Miss M. Hill 2, J. Cooper 3, A. E. J. Foster 4, G. F. Oliver 5, F Sismey (cond.) 6. Also a compliment to J. Coulson, 50 years a chorister.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—1,260 Plain bob Minor: Gillian Moss (first quarter) 1, Anne Galloway 2, Felicity Mussell (first of Minor) 3, D. L. Parker 4, Ann Blatcher (first as cond.) 5, D. C. Manger 6. Also to celebrate the christening of Richard Thomas Blatcher son of the conductor, and Mr. Tom Blatcher.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Candy 1, Margaret J. Grantham 2, J. T. Cousins 3, B. Butler (first Major "inside") 4, A. J. Leeves (first Major as cond.) 5, A. W. Webb (first on eight) 6, D. C. Manger 7, R. Weeks (first of Plain Bob Major) 8. First Major 1, 2 and 3.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Smith 1, A. W. Fuller 2, B. M. Baines 3, A. E. W. Barnes 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. B. Lucas (first on cover bell) 6. Also a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. Paton Hunter).

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W White 1, G. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. Cox 5 M Bishop 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Wells (first of Stedman) 1, J. Napper 2, M. Bishop 3 L. Cox 4, C. Garlick 5, G. Bishop 6, A. Webb (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8.

ELM, CAMBS.—1,260 Doubles: B. Crane 1, N. C. Richards 2, G. Knight 3, T. R. Bush 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5, A. W. Smart 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1 Renee Sturgess 2, Jennifer M. Tyack 3, S. A. Scott 4, Rosemary J. Kemp 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, F. E. Fagg 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Smith 1, R. Perry 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombes 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Anderton 1, D. H Garnett 2, J. E. Dickinson 3, R. Moore 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5. Rev. J W. Garnett 6.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK. — 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Culpin 1, M. J. Drury 2, Toni M. Rogers 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Ellis 5, J. E. Fisk (first quarter) 6.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Deason 1, Hilary Essen 2, Lesley Essen 3, Monica Blagrove 4, P A. Lawrence 5, Alison Wylie 6, F. I. Blagrove (cond.) 7—8. First of Major 2, 3 and 5.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Archer 1 Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Dowse, R. D. Marsh, J. M. Marsh 1, R. Blackshaw, S. Dutton 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison, R. D. Marsh 5, T. Dutton 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Mrs. R. Hazell 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4 C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 April Day Bob Doubles: Marion Jones (first away from tenor) 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5. First in the variation for all the band. Also to mark the christening of Catherine Jane Peters, daughter of Michael Peters, a local ringer.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Gant 1, Miss C. Cole 2, D. Wright 3, D. Ellisdon 4, I. Dear 5, R. Durrant 6, K. Warner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Brotherston 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, G. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. Birch (cond.) 5. B. Butcher 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Neilson 1, B. Butcher 2. R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, K. Butler (first as cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Buck (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Soper 1, A. Price 2, P. M. Cuckson 3, R. Fraser 4, T. H. Pink 5, C. King 6, C. W. Ward (cond.) 7, W. J. Langley 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman): Glyn Webb 1, Mrs L. Bainham 3, A. Bainham 4, P. Chambers 5, R Smith 6 L. Bainham (cond.) 7, R. Owen 8. Treble leading and tenor cover.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Lawson 1, A Woodall 2, Mrs. L. Yates 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, S. Yates 5, T. Cox 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, P Wishart 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, Miss S. Smith 3, A. Page 4, W. Cope 5, R Green 6, A. Burbidge 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 7. Also a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

PRESTON, RUTLAND. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Patsy M. Barnes (first attempt) 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, R. A Todd 3, J. C. Hudson 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Janet M. Hudson 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, A R. Millidge 3, B. J. Bull 4, D. C. Brookes 5, M. I. Uphill (cond.) 6.

RADLETT, HERTS.—1,320 Bob Doubles: Margery Cartledge (first quarter) 1, J. Southey 2, R. Clouston 3, N. Woodward 4, B. Denmark (cond.) 5, Anne Hunter 6.

RAINHAM, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6, 8 covering): Miss H. M. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J Cheal 2, R. E. Finch (cond.) 3, Mrs. T. Wraight 4, T. Wraight 5, N. Jackson (first quarter) 6 F. J. Cheal 7, K. Williamson 8.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET. — 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T A Hiller 1, J. Krsmanovic (first "inside") 2 D. B. Ellery 3, M. J Hiller (cond.) 4. Rung by a Bradpole band.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Wood 1, Wendy S. Austin 2, G Kenward 3, J E. Clark 4, G. A Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hare 1, F. R. Scott 3, W R. Hare 4, R. J. Foster 5 B. T Lister 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, S. Blythe 8.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): S. Laidlaw 1, E. Short 2, J. Laidlaw 3, J. Langton (first quarter of Doubles) 4, C. Joyne (cond.) 5, P. Ruckley 6, R. Royston 7, C Dunkley 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P Rumley 1, W. Brown 2, L. Cooper 3, D. Taplin 4, S. Gullick 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8.

TARRANT KEYNESTON, DORSET.—1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Christine Mould 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, E G. Mould 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4. Rung prior to the christening of Simon Ross, son of the ringers of 2 and 4, and godson of the ringer of 3. First quarter peal on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Offen 1, Miss M Meynell 2, Eleanor Hough 3, Jane Hough 4 R. Hough (cond.) 5 J. Nicholson (first quarter) 6 M. French O. Webster 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Chris Bassett (first quarter) 1, B. V. Collison 2 Mrs. J. E. Warner 3, Glenda Beckett 4, R. Jean Osbon 5, J. E. Warner 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, C A Osbon 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. C. Grove (first other than cover) 1, Naomi Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, J. A. Hales 4, D W. Gray 5, J. M Steele (cond.) 6. E. C. Steele 7.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gamble 1, C. G. Wright 2, D. Wright 3, C. T. Coles 4, E. Holman 5, P. Chapman 6, K. Warner (cond.) 7, J. Rixon 8. Also for the engagement of Helen Gamble.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R Nalliah 1, M. R. Meadows 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, D. Hunton 5, A. King (cond.) 6. The conductor's last quarter prior to his marriage on Easter Tuesday.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS — 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Cynthia E. Barnett (aged 11, first quarter) 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, Katharine M. Thorley (aged 11, first quarter "inside") 3, Mrs. J. M. Thorley 4, J. Woolley 5.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.—1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob): Miss C. L. Ward 1, Miss S. V. Mitchell 2, Mrs. P. C. Clarke 3, W. L. Exton (cond.) 4, T G. Goodwin 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St Mary's College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. M. Evans (first of Minor) 1 B. R. M. Johnson 2, R H. Youdale 3, W. G. H. Parker 4 M. J Church 5, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM. — 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Park 1, Kevin Park (first of Major) 2, Frances Chapman (first "inside") 3, Beryl Park (first of Major) 4, H. Fitter 5, R. Weekes (first of Major) 6, M. Edwards 7, J. Belshaw (cond.) 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Service touches and quarter peals rung at Lympne, Kent, during 1966 totalled 62,279 changes.

The quarter at Lyng, Somerset, on March 30th, is believed by the conductor to be the first on the bells.

Mr. W. H. Raxter, of Droitwich, completed his 100 peals with the peal at Hallow, Worcs (page 268). Congratulations!

The ringer of the tenor in the three-method peal of Doubles at Benhall, Suffolk, on January 23rd, 1967, was Harry Archer, and not Harry Draper, as submitted.

The peal at Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, March 11th, was rung as a farewell compliment to Henry and Elizabeth Rossell, who were leaving for Australia on April 5th.

The tower captain at Saxmundham, Mr. H. Archer, thanks the company at his tower who rang the bells for his daughter's wedding on Saturday, March 25th.

The peal of Minor at Potterspury, Northants, on page 224, has been erroneously credited to the Oxford Diocesan Guild; it should read the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Arthur G Mason rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral in honour of his 75th birthday. Happy birthday. There are still oysters in the month!

Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, has returned home from hospital and is assured by his doctor that if he goes very steadily there is every prospect of a return to normal health in the near future.

The peal in five Minor methods rung at Hinton Waldrist on March 4th was rung for the Oxford University Society, and not the Oxford Diocesan Guild as printed in "The Ringing World" of March 31st.

Mrs. Deborah Bishop calls attention to a slip by the sender of the quarter peal at Owslebury, Hants (page 218), calling her by her maiden name. She has been Deborah Bishop for the past six months.

His many friends in and around Leicester will be pleased to know that Mr. H. L. (Les) Wykes is making a satisfactory recovery from an appendix operation, after being rushed to the General Hospital early on Easter Sunday morning.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

APPRENTICES TO THE RESCUE

The tenor bell in St. John the Baptist Church, Boddington, near Daventry, has been repaired and now runs smoothly, thanks to the good services of three apprentices at the British Timken works, Duston, Daventry.

An inspection of the bells revealed that the bearings of the 14 cwt. tenor were so badly worn that the bell had become almost immovable. In addition, the headstock and stay were infested with woodworm. An estimate for repairs was too costly for church funds.

The three apprentices undertook the repair in their normal training schedule. The bells were removed to the apprentices' workshop. Peter J Gardner, a 20-year-old technician apprentice, with the full co-operation and approval of the technical dept., designed a new Timken bearing-equipped housing to replace the older bronze type.

The actual machinery and assembly of the housing was the work of Trevor Tulley, another 20-year-old apprentice, and Barry Bearman, a carpenter apprentice, shaped a new heavy oak headstock. The rehanging was done by the three apprentices.

Boddington has six bells but only five are used for change ringing.

This story is extracted from the works magazine of The British Timken Roller Bearing Company, Duston.

MR. C. F. WILLMINGTON IN HOSPITAL

For many months members of the Essex Association and Police Guild have watched the increasing immobility of Charlie Willmington, never ceasing to wonder at his courage, perseverance, and, above all, his cheerfulness —the inevitable reply to the question as to the state of his health always being "Not too bad"

Charlie is at present in Dressmakers Ward of the Middlesex Hospital, where last week the operation on one of his hips was performed. The information at the time of writing is that he is as well as can be expected and that recovery is following its natural course.

It is the sincere wish of everybody, Charlie, that this operation will be a complete success and that very soon you will be taking a rope for a service quarter—standing up. You tell 'm Charlie. Good luck. H. V. G.

NOW IN NORWICH

The best wishes of the local band and indeed of the Essex Association are extended to Andrew Salisbury as he leaves Hornchurch to take up an appointment on the mathematical staff of the Training College for Teachers at Norwich.

Andrew was taught to handle a bell by Fred Freestone way back in 1948 and, apart from the years in National Service, has been a loyal and regular member of the local band since—in fact, part of the local scene.

If we might be forgiven the cliché, the loss to Hornchurch is indeed the gain of Norwich, for with his ringing he has combined a high degree of churchmanship. Good luck, Andrew.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

April 15. Southwell Minster, start 11 a.m.
April 15. St. Peter's, Nottingham, 5 p.m. Surprise Maximus by St. Martin's Guild.

CUPID AT BRISTOL

The report of the University of Bristol's dinner on January 21st is to hand this week A capacity attendance of 200 was present in the Senior Common Room. Our correspondent writes: "The meal proceeded smoothly and during it the Master and the secretary rose to take wine with their predecessors in office."

They were followed by Cupid, that unique Society figure, resplendent in new wings and brandishing aloft his ceremonial bow and arrow who, after similarly taking wine, announced that he had to resign from his post. The presence of a certain young lady at the dinner had made it obvious to all and sundry that he no longer fulfilled one of the most important requirements of the tenure of the office, that of impartiality towards the charms of the female of the species. Cupid reported that he had had a negative success rate during his term of office, for in the two matches which he had initiated the cankerous worm had gnawed the young bloom of love, causing it to wither prematurely, and he reluctantly had to admit defeat.

Judging from the records of former Cupids this state of affairs must be almost unprecedented. Cupid IX nominated Mr. John Parsons as his successor, and wished that he might be more lucky in his efforts, and also avoid his own darts, which are known in the Society to have a distinct tendency to backfire! Mr. Parsons, reluctantly accepting the office, said he hoped that he would succeed in his task, and that he would not give Mr. Zobel as much trouble in this field as he had in another!

The Master, Nicholas Simon, told us that again the Society had gone from strength to strength. Only one member had left at the end of the last session and it was anticipated that he would be seen frequently in Bristol, as he retained a great interest in one member of the Society at least!

This year there was a very strong and loyal third year, and it was hoped that progress would be maintained when these people left, as numbers would be greatly depleted then. The Society had rung more peals than ever before recorded during the last academic year, including one of the record number of Minor methods for the Society. The bells of St. Michael's had been rung regularly for Sunday services during the last year, but had been out of action for most of the first term of this year as the tower had been under repair It was now restored. Practices were held regularly at Christ Church, and more recently had been held at St. Stephen's on the first Friday in each month. There had been two outings each term in different areas around Bristol, which had been most successful.

H. E. R.

WOOTTON WAWEN DINNER

The annual Wootton Wawen bellringers' dinner was held at Stratford-on-Avon on March 11th, when 40 ringers and friends sat down to roast beef and horseradish sauce.

Wootton Wawen tower captain, Dr. A. Collings, expressed the delight of the company that Peter S. Bennett and Marion Panton were to be married at Chelmsford Cathedral on April 1st. On behalf of the ringers from Wootton Wawen, Stratford-on-Avon and Henley-in-Arden he presented Peter Bennett with a clock and wished him and Marion every happiness and good fortune in their new life.

KEEPING THE EXERCISE ALIVE

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, as Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, comments on our journal in his notes attached to the 82nd annual report of the Association. He writes:

"I know there are quite a number of our members who do not take the paper and it is to them chiefly that I am writing. Whatever may be your reason for not taking 'The Ringing World' one must admit that if the Exercise is to be kept alive it needs some means of communication, some means whereby one tower knows what the other towers in different parts of the country are doing, and the only means of such communication is 'The Ringing World.'

"Where should we be if one morning we woke up and found we had no newspapers or wireless? We might not agree with all the paper contains, but we still buy it and read the stuff with which we don't agree, thereby ensuring its circulation, so let those who do not buy the paper make a belated New Year resolution to start at once. Only continued and increased support for 'The Ringing World' will ensure the success of the paper. Borrowing another chap's copy is not quite fair, is it?"

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

RINGERS from 18 towers attended the annual meeting on Easter Monday at Clay Cross. The very fine-toned six bells were put to good use in the afternoon. The usual ringers' service was held in church.

Some 46 ringers and friends attended tea and the business meeting, at which all officers were re-elected with the exception of the Central Council representative. It was unanimously decided that the present secretary (Mr. E. J. Sterland) should take up this post.

Swanwick ringers were presented with the Jubilee Shield, being the most progressive tower during the past year.

Ten new members were welcomed into the Association. Further ringing took place after the meeting until 9 p.m., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Price, a ringer at this church, and past president and secretary of the Association, who had recently passed away. Also to the late Mr. Thomas Clarke, Past Ringing Master. The attendance at this was even better than at the afternoon session, many members being present from outlying districts at a very enjoyable meeting.

Next meeting: Heanor, April 15th. E. J. S.

TWO WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL ON THE SAME AFTERNOON

Wentworth, Yorkshire, ringers had the unusual experience of ringing for two weddings and a funeral on the same afternoon. Ringing for the second wedding concluded at 2.50 p.m. and by 3.05 the bells were being raised half-muffled. The bridal party had not left the church grounds before the solemn, half-muffled ringing was heard for the funeral service of the 90-year-old Dowager Countess Fitzwilliam, who in her lifetime had been hostess to King George V at Wentworth Woodhouse.

AU REVOIR AT CHRISTCHURCH

The quarter peal rung at Christchurch Priory on March 9th was "au revoir" to Alan Price and Dick Prime. Alan's bank promotion has taken him to the St Helier, C.I., Branch of the Midland Bank, and Dick has a new R.A.F. posting from Sopley to a station in Middlesex.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Tombs	Treble	William E. Gearing ..	4
*Anita D. O'Brien	2	Derek J. Carr	5
H. Raymond Hayden ..	3	Gordon W. Land	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung in memoriam George Wells, of Swindon (Christ Church).

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. No. 7. Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	Treble	R. Shipp (Peterhouse)	7
K. J Darvill (St. Cath's)	2	*†A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	8
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	3	R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	9
R. W H. Hayes (Caius)	4	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	10
*M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	5	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	11
*†C. W. Daws (Trinity)	6	S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Arthur E. Whiting	Treble	Christopher Movley	5
Derek F. Yates	2	David Salter	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Gerald Moorhouse	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

ROSTHERNE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 22¾ cwt

David A. Godfrey	Treble	Brian Schofield	4
Christopher J. Jones ..	2	John Moore	5
Michael Thomson	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor, and an 85th birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, of Davenham.

CLIVE, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
John E. Brough	2	*†John R. Scott	5
Leon A. Perry	3	†Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Morton.
* 50th peal. † 50th peal together.

MORETON CORBET, Salop.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A.

*Joyce Grainger	Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	4
*G. Richard King	2	Kenneth R. Davenport ..	5
*Derrick A. Davenport ..	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth R. Davenport.
* First peal of Minor and in more than one method. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Maryl R. Crossthwaite and John H. Fielden, married this day at Preston, Lancs.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*David Allman	Treble	†‡Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
John R. Scott	2	‡Frank R. Morton	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	§Leon A. Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of five Minor methods. † 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal together. § First peal of five Minor methods "inside."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*George H. Paulson ..	Treble	*Timothy Wylie	5
Rev. R D. St. John Smith	2	Burley P. Morris	6
*Ann M. Smith	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Jean M. Pailing	4	James H. Pailing	Tenor

Composed by N J Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.
* First peal in the method First in the method as conductor.

HATHERSAGE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Reuben E. Rastall	Treble	Gillian M. Fanshaw ..	4
Timothy Wylie	2	Barrie Bateman	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon F. S. Fairclough, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Hathersage since 1947.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	William G. Wilson	6
John E. Anderson	2	Eric N. Harrison	7
Kenneth Lawson	3	David J. Marshall	8
*Geoffrey Wrandall	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
James Crowther	5	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

James L. Towler	Treble	John Clark	5
*Patrick J. Cross	2	Ian Foster	6
Yvonne A. Murray ..	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	7
†Noel Denson	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Composed by C. A. Wratten. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. The treble ringer has "circled the tower." Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.
Rung as a compliment to John Benbow and Linda Balls, whose wedding took place at this church earlier in the day.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Alan K. Griffiths	Treble	‡Edric J. Ovens	5
†Susan A. Moore	2	Anthony W. Gibbs	6
Myra J. Gibbs	3	Henry Taysom	7
‡Kenneth G. Weeks ..	4	†Richard J. Moore	Tenor

Composed by S. Biddleston. Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples in the method as conductor.

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising 18 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, Munden and Chester, (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, with 73 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Frederick E. Jones ..	Treble	Brian Bladon	4
Bruce Wakefield	2	Anthony R. Peake	5
Derek J. Carr	3	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
Rung as a compliment to Carole Lovegrove and Maurice A. New on the occasion of their engagement.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Mon., March 27, 1967 in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

Henry Taysom	Treble	Edric J. Ovens	4
*Elizabeth A Webb	2	*William Lampard	5
*Derek M. Smith	3	*Anthony W. Gibbs ..	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First of five Minor methods. First of five Minor on the bells.
Rung before the wedding at this church of Ian G. Smith and Diana J. Lawrence.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

Peter G. Sherwood	Treble	Michael J. Church	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Peter G. Smart	6
Helen M. Diserens	3	Malcolm M. Powell	7
G. Kenneth Williamson ..	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frederick R. Scott.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

Michael P. Moreton ..	Treble	Thomas Ward	5
Elizabeth Taylor	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Ralph C. Godsall	3	George T. Cousins ..	7
Gillian Sims	4	*Thomas Cooper	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas Cooper.
* First peal of Major. Ringer of treble has now "completed the circle."

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sun., March 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Margaret Hope	Treble	John W. Hope	4
Lyndon H. Hatfield	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Gillian E. Lewis	3	Colin A. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
*Susan D. Cowan	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	6
†Katherine S. Hardy ..	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
Gillian M. Brearley ..	4	Stephen P Darvill	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Stephen P. Darvill.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Nina B. Thomas by members of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GOUDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

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

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,488 Yorkshire, 1,152 Superlative, 960 Cambridge, 912 Rutland and 576 Bristol, with 194 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Alexander Waddington ..	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Richard Hayes	4	Christopher P. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by R. G. Crosland. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Surprise with changes at the half-leads as well as the full leads.

5,088 SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD G. CROSLAND.

23456	M	W	H	Methods
42356			—	B
35426		—	—	(Y.S)Y(Y.S)C(S.Y)(Y.S)Y
35264		—	2	(Y.S)(S.Y)(Y.S)C(S.R)(S.B)R(C.R)(C.R)(Y.S)C.RB
(63254)			—	BC
52643	—	2	—	(S.Y)YR(Y.S)C(S.Y)(Y.R)R(Y.S)CR
56423		—	2	(Y.S.)(S.Y)(Y.S)C(S.Y)Y(Y.S.)B
45623			—	(Y.S)Y(Y.S)CR
24563		2	—	RCB(S.R)(S.B)(S.Y)

Twice repeated.

Comprising 1,488 Yorkshire, 1,152 Superlative, 960 Cambridge, 912 Rutland and 576 Bristol, with 194 changes of method.
Letters in parentheses denote one lead with a change of method at the half-lead, the places made at the half-lead being determined by the first method.
First rung at Frindsbury, Kent, on March 25th, 1967.

CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being six extents of Reverse Canterbury, four of St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, six of Plain Bob, four of St. Osmund, five of St Simon, three of St. Martin and six of Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Alison E. Page	Treble	Rev Peter T. Robbins ..	4
†‡Diana H. M. Bradford	2	†Rhian N. Bagshaw	5
†Paul J. Bagshaw	3	John L. Anderson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Rhian N. Bagshaw.
* First peal at first attempt (age 13 years). † Most methods to a peal ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. All are members of the local Sunday service band. Rung for Easter.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B

Derek Yates	Treble	Colin Ashworth	7
Basil Jones	2	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Neil Bennett	3	Alan McFall	9
Frank Osbaldiston	4	Edward Jenkins	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Neil D. Lomas	11
Philip Crossthwaite	6	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

ST. HELENS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon March 27 1967 in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in E flat.

*Graham K. Austin.. ..	Treble	*John R. Ridley	6
†James Hedgcock	2	Martin E. Snape	7
*Ronald F. Cleaver	3	†Dennis R. Jones	8
*Nigel P. A. Goulding ..	4	Terence M. FitzGerald ..	9
*Donald Peers	5	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal.
Rung for Easter, and as a compliment to Mr. A. Wallace, who has been a ringer at this church since the bells were installed 40 years ago.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Ann C. Hardman	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Christine Andrew	2	F. John Nelson	6
Margaret Booth	3	*Edward Jenkins	7
Neil Bennett	4	*Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* 100th peal together.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,760 Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	*Christopher M. Movley	5
*Christopher L. D. Munday	2	*Alan S. Burbidge	6
*A. Stephen Taylor	3	Giles B. Thompson ..	7
*James W. Belshaw	4	Jeffery Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

David J. Ley	Treble	Christopher M. Movley ..	5
*Margaret Whitehead ..	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Basil Jones	3	Christopher L. D. Munday	7
A. Stephen Taylor	4	Jeffery Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 11 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Thomas W. Hesketh ..	Treble	John R. Ridley	4
Nigel P. A. Goulding ..	2	Graham K. Austin	5
James Dunbavin	3	*Derek Tinne	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal. First of Grandsire Doubles on tower bells for all the band.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. Barrow, who was interred at Hale the previous day. Also as a farewell to the tenor ringer who is leaving to reside in Ireland.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert Moore	Treble	Kevin Price	4
James E. Dickinson ..	2	Alan Capstick	5
Stanley Anderton	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal, first attempt First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung for the Easter Festival

NEWCHURCH, near Warrington. Lancashire.—At the Parish Church.
On Mon., March 27, 1967 in 2 Hours and 45 Minuntes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160, four different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*Neil T. E. Burnett	Treble	James Cunliffe	4
James E. Andrews	2	Brian A Tomlinson ..	5
Christopher A. Lomax ..	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal.
Rung to mark the wedding of Maryl Crossthwaite and John H. Fielden.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Sat., March 25 1967 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	6
David F. Moore	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
W. Ernest Rawson	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	8
John K. Smith	4	Richard Inglis	9
Rupert A. Clarke	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 11. 1967. in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

John E Cook	Treble	William A. Lacey	5
Denis A Frith	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
*Roland T Wakefield ..	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as birthday compliments o Mr T. Briggs, of Somerby (89th), Mr. Arthur E Rowley, of Ibstock (65th) and Mr. Malcolm E. Wade, of Leicester (19th). Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

LOUGHBOROUGH. Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Richard Inglis	5
John K. Smith	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
David F. Moore	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
Rung after meeting short for Royal.

GREAT DALBY. Leics.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Mon., March 20 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A flat.

Thomas Field	Treble	Michael T. Stimson	3
Harold T. Bonshor	2	Charles E Cooper	4

*Owen Homewood 5

Conducted by Harold T. Bonshor.

* First peal.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Alfred Edward Hinman. bellringer and churchwarden, of Kirby Bellars.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Norman F. Edwards ..	Treble	C. Victor Waite	4
John D. Arkwell	2	David Maltby	5
David V. Carrott	3	John R. Ketteringham ..	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., March 18, 1967. in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Simon Taylor	Treble
John F. Bryant (Master 1957–58)	2
Brian A Tomlinson (Master 1954–56)	3
Alan S. Burbidge	4
A. Stephen Taylor	5
David J. Baker (Master 1964–66)	6
Edward F. P. Bryant (Master 1962–64)	7
E. Andrew Harrison (Master 1966–68)	8
Allen Twyman	9
Brian Harris (Master 1952–53)	Tenor

Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal on ten bells.
Rung on the day of the Guild's Annual Dinner.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs , March 9. 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	David J Ley	5
Margaret Whitehead ..	2	Christopher M. Movley ..	6
David J. Jukes	3	C. L. Digby Munday ..	7
Alan S. Burbidge	4	E. Andrew Harrison ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Wed., March 15, 1967 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Godfrey G. Walpole ..	Treble	James W. Forder	4
A. Ernest Long	2	Norman P. J. Cossey ..	5
Frederick C. Gunton ..	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Cable, an honorary member of the Association and sexton at this church from 1924 to 1955.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD, Oxon.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., March 11, 1967. in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	7
Edward R. Venn	2	Henry J. Rossell	8
Peter J. Heritage	3	Edgar J Smith	9
Anthony P. Foster	4	Roger M. Heyworth ..	10
J. Elaine Mordaunt ..	5	Brian R. White	11
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	6	G. Robert Mordaunt ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Patricia Diserens	Treble	*John C. Slater	7
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	8
John N. Diserens	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
Christopher H. Rogers ..	4	David P. Hilling	10
Helen M. Diserens	5	Frank C. Price	11
Maurice G. Ingram	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 100th peal. First peal of Londinium by all the band except the ringers of 2, 11 and tenor. Tenor 23 cwt 20 lb. in D.

HIGH WYCOMBE. Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30¾ cwt in C sharp.

Dennis Knox	Treble	Derek Francis	6
*Christine A Smith ..	2	William Birmingham ..	7
*Sara K. D. Woolley ..	3	†Robert H. Newton	8
†Ronald J. Snack	4	Anthony K. Fortin ..	9
*Ian Knox	5	Sydney M. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by William Birmingham.
* First peal on ten bells * First of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung late on Easter Eve at the instigation of the Vicar to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILPERTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

*C. Mary Box	Treble	Peter Beaven	4
Frederick W. Box	2	Philip S. Gaisford	5
†Graham B Davis	3	*Nigel M. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Philip S. Gaisford.
* First peal. † First "inside" First as conductor.

CHIRTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Easter Monday (March 27th), 1967 in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents and a Morris' 240.
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

Bert Smith	Treble	Colin Hillier	4
David Stone	2	Colin Smith	5
*Fred Stone	3	*Raymond Watts	Tenor

Conducted by Colin Smith.
* First peal. Rung for the festivities of Easter.

LILLINGTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Wed., Feb. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 14 extents each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell	3
Raymond P. Selway	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
William E. Turner	Tenor		

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

PUTNEY, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck	5
*Michael J. Uphill	2	Simon Humphrey	6
Cecilia J. Bland	3	George A. Dawson	7
Elizabeth J. Foster	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* Completes second "circle of tower" to peals. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Society.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Michael J. A. Orman	Treble	†Frederick G Beddow	6
Frederick A. H. Cattell	2	Frederick Leach	7
Bessie Carter	3	Reginald H. Newton	8
Philip J. Evans	4	Ernest F. Willcox	9
Barnabas G. Key	5	Alfred E. G. Owen	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † 100th peal for the Association.
Rung in honour of the visit to Shrewsbury this day of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb in E flat.

Beryl N. Reed	Treble	Royston Blackler	7
Margaret E. Chilton	2	Harry Poyner	8
F. Neville Pailing	3	John Walden	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
Herbert T. Rooke	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
Harold F. Gibson	6	David Stainsby	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick Salter.

BEESTON, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter R. Humphrey	Treble	John G. Hallett	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	E. Andrew Harrison	6
David Stainsby	3	George A. Dawson	7
Simon Humphrey	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
50th peal on the bells. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Cynthia Warrilow	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Derek Yates	2	Ian Friend	7
Richard J. Warrilow	3	Arthur Pritchard	8
F. Hector Bennett	4	Philip G. K. Davies	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Donald G. Little	Treble	Norman S. Bagworth	5
Richard C. Stevens	2	†Andrew J. C. Brown	6
†I. Malcolm Parry	3	†Ian Wickens	7
Keith Game	4	Kevin Taber	Tenor

Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal. † First of Triples "inside." First of Triples as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Christine Snelling and Martin Foster, both members of the local band, who were married on March 25th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Easter Monday (March 27th), 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods/variations, being Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.

Robert Cassidy	Treble	Stephen Bedford	4
Adrian Knights	2	Peter Bedford	5
Vernon Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Terry Lee Nash, of Lindenhurst, Long Island, New York, U.S.A., and Miss Linda Archer of Saxmundham, daughter of the tower captain at this tower, who were married at this church on Easter Saturday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St Peter's Society.)
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., March 27 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt 2 qr. in D flat.

*Bernard G. North	Treble	*Raymond J. Talbot	6
*R Ian Vaughan	2	†Bernard J. Stone	7
*Catherine M. Powell	3	*Michael J. Bew	8
†Angela M. Wright	4	Albert W. Bond	9
*John R. Norris	5	Douglas P Snoswell	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the ninth has now "circled the tower"
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and also for his engagement to Sylvia Taylor. Also with the band's best wishes to George North on his retirement.

THE WHITECHAPEL GUILD OF THE CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY

WASHINGTON.—At the Washington Cathedral.
On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Sarah Scott	Treble	Christine Kelsey	4
Elizabeth Proctor	2	†Sarah Irwin	5
Diana Wriggins	3	†Richard S. Dirksen	Tenor

Conducted by Richard S Dirksen
* First peal. † First of Minor First peal as conductor.
First peal for the Whitechapel Guild, and believed to be the first full peal by an all-American band
This peal is dedicated to Mr Fred Price, and to the ten Englishmen who dedicated the Cathedral bells

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, SS. Peter and Paul and St. Swithun.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Edward W. Colley	8
John Freeman	3	Edward R. Venn	9
Thomas H. Francis	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Harold Gibson	5	R. Roger Savory	11
Peter J. Heritage	6	David J. Forder	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Arthur G Mason.

LISS, Hampshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Easter Monday (March 27th), 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt 44 lb. in F sharp.

*Keith Sansom	Treble	†Michael J Uphill	5
*Rex J Corke	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
*Lesley J. Read	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
*David M. Hughes	4	*Thomas S. Bowles	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Triples in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard S. Gambrill, vice-captain of the local band, and Miss Sheila Knox, who were married this day.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., March 27th, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	*Andrew Jobson	7
Michael J. Best	2	David J Llewellyn	8
John J. L. Gilbert	3	Brian J. Luff	9
William A. Theobald	4	James A. D. Woolford	10
Ian M. Holland	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

BEVERLEY, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Easter Monday (March 27th), 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

F. Charles Hobson	Treble	*Richard D. Gibson	6
Ian G. Campbell	2	John S. Rank	7
Howard C. Palmer	3	Ronald Ducker	8
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	David S. Johnson	9
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

PONTEFRACT, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Kathleen M Higgins	Treble	F. Charles Hobson	6
Frances Fairbank	2	*Christopher L. D. Munday	7
*Robert C. Hawtree	3	Ian G. Campbell	8
John S. Rank	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb. in E.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

*R Anne Johnson	Treble	George Hancock	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	2	John E. Kirby	7
Rev Frederick Ross	3	Trevor Tarbatt	8
David S Johnson	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
*Rev. Nicholas Webb	5	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Easter Festival.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	Roger J. Lumley	5
S. Barry Schofield	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
Peter Scholfield	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Roderick W. Pipe and Gillian Schofield, who were married the previous day at Bradford.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. J R. Render	Treble	John Potts	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Alan Sheppard	3	David Smith	7
James S. Webb	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
First peal in the method by all the band.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Richard Tibbetts	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Alan H Bridges	6
Gibson Jackson	3	Alan W. Hartley	7
A. W. Alan Leggett	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen, Sandal.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford and Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Charles S. Naylor	Treble	Alan Clifton	4
Alan Newbould	2	Irvin Slack	5
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 42 methods: One extent each of St. Cecilia, St. Richard, Little Missenden, St. Remigius, Horsley, Church Gresley, St. Austell St. Werburgh, Chalfont, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, St. Osmond, St. Jude, Somerville, Elford, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, St. Mary, Nuffield, Shareshill, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, St. Laurence, Magdalen, Austrey, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Crispin, Wadham, Ryton, Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, Litchurch, Hudebras, Seighford, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*Allan Sheppard	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
John Potts	3	Susan E. Bell	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First in 42 methods "inside."

WOODLESFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*William P. Haskins	Treble	Arnold Cole	4
Josephine M. Haskins	2	Charles Maxfield	5
James S. Webb	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal off cover bell.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

F. Neville Pailing	Treble	F. Charles Hobson	6
Howard C. Palmer	2	Ian G. Campbell	7
*Robert C. Hawtree	3	H. David Holland	8
Richard D. Gibson	4	John S. Rank	9
David S. Johnson	5	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First blows in Yorkshire Royal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston.
On Wed., March 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 19 methods, viz.: Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Wellington Little, Crayford Little, St. Clement's, Fishwick, Scholfield, Fielden, Blackley, Goldhanger, Hudson, Nelson, Leigh, Lesser Wapping, Loughborough College and Crayford College, with 245 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in G.

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 35, Long Street
On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
A. Maxwell Lindsey	3–4	David F. Moore	7–8

Composed by James Nicholls. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. Davis, of Barming, Kent, of the birth the previous day of their son (Matthew George). Tenor size 15 in C

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
*Michael W. Crowder	3–4	C. Aubrey Harrison	7–8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First in the method "in hand."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Bellringers)
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At The Vicarage.
On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 1 Hours and 57¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 20 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Southrepps, Northrepps, Hudibras, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob and All Saints, and 120 each of New Grandsire, St. Bartholomew, Reverse St. Simon, Reverse St. Martin, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Snowdrop, Daffodil Coxwell Place, Huntspill, Seighford, Ready Money and Ludham, with 41 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton	3–4
Susan Mitchell	5–6		

Conducted by A Colin Banton.
Most methods/variations to a peal for all the band and for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHBOCKING SUFFOLK.—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, P Archer 2, L J Parry 3 R C Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

BAGSHOT, SURREY. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Wellen 1, M. D. Fuller 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, J. A. Collier 5, J. H. Payton (cond.) 6, P. Privett 7, K. Mumford 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,344 Staffordshire S. Major: D. Wright 1, D. Hewitt 2, D Cobb 3, C. G Wright 4, K. Warner 5, M. Austin 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, R. Chapman 8. For Festival Evensong, on the eve of the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On March 28th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Gill 2, G. Bromfield (cond.) 3, E. Broughton 4. R. Harrison 5, F. Green 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stephen Bromfield, local ringer and late of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, cremated earlier this day.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: Margaret Westwood 1, M. J Mulvey 2, E. Hough 3, N. White 4, J. P. Burton 5. C Barnham (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

BRASTED KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wardle (first quarter) 1, C. Saville 2, R Everest 3 J. Palmer 4, H. Evans 5, R. Sherlock (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on March 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Gough 1 Stella Rice 2, D. Nibbs 3, J. Hills 4, D. Snoswell 5, T. Williams 6 R. Talbot (cond.) 7, A Bond 8. In memory of Harry Statham.

BRISTOL —At SS Philip and Jacob's, on March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. J. Murrell 1, Mrs. R. J Bowden 2, J Hillman 3, A. Tubb 4, B. Shackleton 5 G. King 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, D. Powney 8. First in the method "inside" 3 and 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY. — On March 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, R. Padbury 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4 D Harding (cond.) 5, H Padbury 6. For Matins, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Sullivan, the bride being a ringing member of Burstow

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP. — On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosaline A. Ditch 1, W. S. Crawford 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, R. Evans 4 B. L. Jones 5, W A Norcott 6. Rung as a loyal greeting to H.M the Queen, on the occasion of her visit to Shropshire.

COLCHESTER. ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, A. R. Andrews 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, M. Philips 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Also on March 19th, 1,280 Painswick Surprise Major: K. Smith 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B Webb 4, A. R. Andrews 5, M. Philips 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Tremain 1, Ann P Durent 2, W E Bond (first quarter "inside") 3, Jenny Brunger 4, Susan P. Nicholson 5, E. A. Barnett 6, C. A. Tester (cond.) 7, E. J. Brunger 8. For Evensong.

CROWCOMBE, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, A. R. Somerfield 2, R. Penny 3, P. Watts 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to Mr P. Hutchings, who died on March 11th.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor. Marilyn J. Chidwick 1, Jennifer M L. Wood 2. G. Wood 3. M. Hitchcock 4, P. D. J Beal 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6. For the wedding this day of David Stuttard and Susan Wash, a former ringer

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK. — On March 16th, E.260 Stedman Triples: W. B. Duncan 1, Angela McBride 2, P. J. Stimson 3, A. J. Moy 4, A. G. Wigmore 5, G. W. Fletcher 6, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 7, P. G. W. Newstead 8. Prior to Confirmation and as an act of thanksgiving for recovery from serious illness of the Vicar, Rev. Donald Holt.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On March 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major P. C. Sinden 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3 N J. Davies 4, H. Deacon 5, E. Clifton 6, A P. S. Berry 7, B Johnson (cond.) 8. A welcome to the Rev. R. Maxwell, after his induction.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, A. P. S. Berry 6 N. J. Davie (cond.) 7, B. Johnson 8

HENDON, MIDDX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples D. T. Darby 1, Ruth M. Foreman (first as cond.) 2, Dianne Gazeley (first of Stedman) 3, M. L. J Jordan 4, W. G. Knight 5, Christine C. Darby 6, D. E. Rothera 7, R. J. Moore 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

KEA, CORNWALL. — On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan (first of Triples as cond.) 2, A. Locke 3, C. W. Jose 4, J. P Coad 5, A. Carveth 6, A. J. Davidson 7, C J Dunstan 8.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On March 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Anne Pearce 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, Mary Carveth 3, A. F. Burley 4, A. Carveth 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (first in method as cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. To mark the baptism of Patrick Carveth.

KIRBY WISK, N YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): D. Town 1, P. Town (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, E. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, N. Munden 6. For Evening Communion, and the first visit of the Bishop of Knaresborough.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, at Chapel Allerton, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: G. Cooper 1, Miss A. Baldwin 2, Miss J. S. Coles 3, M. G. Dodson 4 G. J Jones 5, P. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6. First Cambridge 1, 3, 4 and 5. Also at the Church of Emmanuel, on March 10th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M G. Dodson (first "in hand") 1—2, P. Crossthwaite (cond.) 3—4, J. L. Riley first of Minor "in hand") 5—6. Both by Leeds University Society.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Houghton 1, E. Houghton 2, Diana Frost 3, H. B. Whitney 4, Valerie Willard 5, E. J Conquest 6, A. J. Frost (cond.) 7, R Woodruff 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial thanksgiving service for R. C. Kitely.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Maureen J. Carruthers 1, R. E. J. Dennis cond.) 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, Audrey R. Alexander 4, P. S. Royds-Jones 5, R. R. Churchill 6, J. S. Seager 7, A. F. Scholfield 8, C. P. S. Tarbuck 9, M. W Coleman 10. Also on March 12th, 1,250 Yorkshire S. Major: Gillian Richards 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, T. G. Pett 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6, M. W. Coleman 7, R. J. Parker 8. Both for Evensong. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Sprackling 4, N. Edwards 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

LYDD, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: Carol Gosling 1, A. J. Ede 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, N. Thomson 4, D. Brazier 5, H. Burton 6, I. Wickens 7. A. W King 8.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (Durham, York, Wells, London): Prisca Hornby 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley J. Reed 3, R. B. Walton 4, D. M Hughes 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6. Ringers of 3 and 5 have now rung 50 quarter peals together.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Maundy Thursday, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge). B Barber 1, J. W. Forder 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, A. E. Long 4, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 5, F C. Gunton 6. To welcome the St. Andrew's University Renaissance Group choir.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J P Coad 1, P. J. Daniel 2, R E. Burbery (cond.) 3, P. Mackie 4, P. Bradford 5. For O.U.S.C.R.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, P. Sloman 2, Miss P Halliwell 3, S. Halliwell (first of Grandsire) 4, P Sadler 5 C. Belcham 6, L. Beale 7, E. Furminger 8, M. Hallett (cond.) 9, D. Sloman 10. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. A. Bacon 1, S. G Halliwell 2, B. C. Sadler 3, Miss P. Halliwell 4, P. D. Chapman 5, C. J. Belcham 6, H. H. Furminger 7, L. J. Beal 8, D. Sloman 9, P. Sloman (cond.) 10. For Confirmation. Also on March 15th 1,280 Oxford T.B Major: H. H. Furminger 1, P. A Sadler 2, D. Sloman 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. J Belcham 5, G A Bacon (cond.) 6, P Sloman 7, B. C. Sadler 8. First of Oxford T.B. for 3, 6 and 7. For Lenten service.

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DEATH

BULLEN —Mary Ellen, of Handsworth, Station Road, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, April 5th, after a long illness. 1346

MEMORIAL SERVICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Memorial Service

By kind permission of the Dean of Chester a memorial service to the late Master of the Guild, Mr. J Worth, will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3 p.m. All former colleagues and friends are cordially invited.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec 1170

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

REED.—The address of Colin and Beryl (hon. sec. Newark District, Southwell D.G.) is now: 2, Bulpit Road, Balderton, Newark, Notts. Tel. Newark 3585. 1314

ROBERTSON.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. David T. H. Robertson is now: 47, Critchill Road, Frome, Somerset. Ringing friends please note. 1320

PERSONAL

"Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed."—I Samuel ii, 3.

HANDBELLS WANTED

PREPARATORY SCHOOLMASTER requires immediate loan of handbells with tune and change ringing cards if possible. State charge for hiring.—Vernon Boardman. 10, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent. 1315

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act farce on April 12th, 13th and 14th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on April 14th has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 1297

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Bagshot (8) on Tuesday, April 18th, 7.30–9 p.m. Special method: Dorchester. 1335

IRISH ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The new hon. secretary is Peter W. Brown, 2, Norfolk Road, Phibsborough Dublin 7 (Phone 303468). Visitors should contact him for ringing cilities in district. 1347

MANCROFT BELLS.—All correspondence concerning Mancroft bells should now be addressed to D. P Mortlock, Norwich Road, Framingham Earl, Norwich, NOR 44W. 1348

NOTICES

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT. — The address of Peter and Marion is now: 43, Dewsland Park Road, Newport, Monmouthshire. All friends welcome. 1349

SPENCER.—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer have moved to 3, Washington Road, Wickhamford, near Evesham, Worcs. A welcome awaits our friends. 1353

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells, upwards of 1½ octaves, for Junior Christian Endeavour. Please write, giving details and price, to Mrs. D. A. Gilbert, Sturton-by-Stow, Lincoln. 1360

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE
Sixth Bell Fund

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1967
at 6.30 p.m.
Choral Evensong and Concert of Music by All Saints' Church Choir.
Bells available from 5 o'clock. 1300

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reading, April 29th, 1967

Programme (as per leaflet).
Lunch and Tea, Co-operative Restaurant, (Town centre.)
Business meeting 5.30 p.m.

J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glamorgan. 1288

ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM. — Please note that there will be no ringing on Tuesdays during the period April 18th–May 9th owing to special services in the church. 1362

ST. PETER'S SIBLE HEDINGHAM, have changed their bellringing practice night to Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
1967 TOUR

This will take place in S.E. England from July 22nd to August 6th.

The tour will be planned to fit wherever possible with the youth hostels.

The tour is arranged at the pace of a cyclist, but this should not deter people in mechanised transport from taking part.

May I warn all past and present members and those wishing to join that this may well be the last tour unless better support is forthcoming.

Those wishing to join should write at once; the tour has to be planned and cannot be until actual numbers taking part are known.

In the past we have been a very strong and able touring society. This must not die! I ask those who have been on tour to think again and to join this year's tour. It is also very important that the actual time that members can be on tour is known.

The subscription of 5s. is now due. Those wishing to join, and I hope there are many, please contact: R. Kingsley Mason, Hon. Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. 1306

WOULD any ringers who work for Barclays Bank please let me know (must be in the London area). Send, via H.O. letter bag, to Miss Spiller, Economic Intelligence Department, Head Office, stating name, branch, and what you ring, etc. 1352

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will not be a practice on Wednesday, May 5th, 1967. 1321

MASONIC RINGERS' GATHERING, 1967

The next meeting at Bath, Sat., May 6th.
Particulars and ringing arrangements from

Eric Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen's Drive, Bath. 1355

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK

Festival of Thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells.
April 15th, 2.30 to 9.
Service 4.45, followed by tea

All ringers are cordially invited to try this fine ring of eight after thorough overhaul by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Names for tea, please, to O. G. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 1319

CORRECTION

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Evening meeting, Lowdham, was held on April 8th. Last week's announcement was an error in transmission.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Allesley on Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in School. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, please, to H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry.—J. L. G. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting, the Hemingfords, Saturday, April 15th. Bells, Hemingford Abbots (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Hemingford Grey, 5.15. Abbots and Grey bells after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1310

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Staunton and Corse on Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Notify for tea.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 1336

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Stroud Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Standish on April 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Haresfield open in evening for junior instruction. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos. 1329

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Quarterly meeting at Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon on April 15th. Bells at both 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. R. Hayward, 43, Leigh Road, Cobham. Ringing at both churches in evening.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Essendon, April 15th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea 5 p.m. Also ringing from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Farnes, 22, Glebe Cottages, Essendon.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1317

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Rodmersham on Saturday, April 15th. Competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Ferguson, The Post Office, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 1247

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting with North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire Association at Ibstock (6), Saturday, April 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Heather (5) also available during afternoon.—R. M. W. 1284

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Western Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Epworth, Saturday, April 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me. Special methods: Yorkshire Surprise and St. Clement's.—G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1254

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Saturday, April 15th: St. George-in-the-East, Cannon Street Road, E.1, 3.30–4.30; St. Botolph Without, Aldgate High Street, E.1, 5.30–6.30.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 1303

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON D. GUILD.—Annual meeting at Pinner on Saturday, April 15th. Business will include election of officers. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Ringing: Stanmore 2.30–4 p.m.; Pinner 3 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 1235

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Catfield, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (5) from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., followed by a meeting of the Branch committee. Names for tea to Canon H. Wake, Catfield Rectory, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. 1312

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 1271

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Tutbury, near Burton-upon-Trent, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (6) available 6 to 8 p.m. sharp.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1302

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Southern Division.—Practice meeting, SS. Cosmos and Damian, Keymer (6), Saturday, April 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 1308

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Southampton, April 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Bitterne Park bells (8) available 2.30–3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. 1273

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Upton Grey, Saturday, April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 1252

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Ranmoor, Sheffield (10), Tuesday, April 18th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: Call changes, plain hunt on 8, 9 and 10, Plain Bob Major. Ringing Master, Mr. John J. L. Gilbert. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1080

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Holy Trinity, Badgeworth, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th. All welcome. 1340

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Evening meeting at Downham, Wednesday, April 19th, 7 p.m. to 9. Special methods: Beverley and Surfleet Surprise Minor and Grandsire Doubles. All are welcome. 1325

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, Harlington, Thursday, April 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Thornbury, Glos, Friday, April 21st, at 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 1351

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Practice at Accrington on Friday, April 21st, from 7.30 p.m. All learners wanting to progress welcome—come and see! —Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1323

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babcary (6), Saturday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.— L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 1333

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Westoning, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names to Mr. B. Deacon, 10, Flitwick Road, Westoning, Beds. 1344

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Barnard Castle and Staindrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing at Barnard Castle 3–5 p.m. Ringing at Staindrop 6–8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 1338

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Annual meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells 6 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 1341

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Meeting, Saturday, April 22nd, Drewsteignton, 2.30–4 p.m. Service 4–4.30. Tea and meeting, Checkers Filling Station, Cheriton Bishop, 5–5.30 p.m. Ringing, Tedburn St. Mary, after. —G. Skinner 1218

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking Competition will take place at Horsell on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by a service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Privett, 8, Butts Road, Woking. 1354

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting, Welshpool, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 1350

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, April 22nd, St. Mary Cray. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. G. Braund, 32, Priorsford Avenue, St. Mary Cray, Orpington, by Wednesday, 19th. 1276

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 22nd, at Bolton. Ringing at The Saviour's 2.30–5 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m, followed by meeting. Holy Trinity 6–8.30 p.m 1361

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 22nd. Ringing at Chapel Allerton (6) 3–4.45 p.m. Tea provided at Headingley in the School Rooms, Otley Road, at 5 p.m. Names not required. St Chad's bells available after tea and meeting. 1329

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Striking contest and meeting, Leire, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1261

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch — Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1326

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Denham, Saturday, April 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names must be sent to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham, before April 18th. — Miss Hague. 1356

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woolsteck Branch. — Spring meeting, Northmoor, Saturday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. — Ted Patching. 1339

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Barton Seagrave, April 22nd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Hulme, 26, Queensberry Road, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 1292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, April 22nd Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 1358

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting, April 22nd, Thornhaugh (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Also Yarwell (4), afternoon; Wansford (5), evening only. Names for tea to A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, by Wednesday, April 19th.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 1305

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilmark, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 1330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 1332

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Great Finborough (6), April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Buxton Village Hall, 5, followed by business meeting. Rattlesden bells available in evening 6.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mitson, Alanore Lodge, Buxhall, Stowmarket, by Wednesday. 1342

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Nantmel, Rads, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea (2/6 per head) and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. 1264

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting at Constantine, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 18th. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 1318

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Curdridge. April 22nd. Bells 3 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Reading Room. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Rev. W. B. Sells, Curdridge Vicarage, Southampton, by **previous Wednesday, please.** Special methods: Erin and Double Norwich. 1343

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—**Combined practice**, Redhill (8). Thursday, April 27th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. — K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1328

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting and District striking competition at Breadsall on Sat., April 29th. Horsley Cup heats 3–5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. General ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea to Bernard Greasley, 106, Brookside Road, Breadsall. 1327

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — Meeting at Westham (6), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 1357

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Harrow Weald, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting. Please make special effort to attend. Important business meeting.—J. Hooton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held, following tea, in the Unitarian Chapel, Cross Street Manchester, on Saturday, April 29th. Ringing at Swinton (8) 10–11; Worsley (10) 10.30–11.30; Eccles (8) 11–12; West Didsbury (8) 11.30–12.30; Ashton St. Peter (8) 2–3; Ashton St. Michael 2.30–3.30; Birch (8) 3–4; Salford (8) 3.30—4.15. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Unitarian Chapel (4s each). Names and stamped addressed envelope to Alan Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Whitefield, Manchester (Tel. 766–6786 Std Code 061) by April 22nd. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10) and the Town Hall (12). Please note change from Pendleton to West Didsbury.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec 1221

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 29th Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Lincoln Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing: Fulbeck (6) 10–11; Leadenhall (6) 11–12; Navenby (6) 12–1; Waddington (6) 1–2; St Botolph's, Lincoln (6) 2–4; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) 2–4; St. Giles (8) 2–3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30–4.15 Lincoln towers after meeting until 9 p.m. except St. Giles (8 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—John Freembn, Hon. Sec. 1334

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at East Harling Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No names required. —C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 1345

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District). — Meeting. Nuthall, April 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Cunningham, 106, Watnall Road, Nuthall, by April 20th. 1359

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District —Quarterly meeting at Putney on Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Vestry Hall. Bells in evening Special method: Bristol. Names for tea to Mr. B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, Fulham, S.W.6. 1225

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Fordingbridge, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Ringwood bells in the evening Names for tea essential to Mr. R. N. Marlow, Rose Cottage, Bickton, Fordingbridge, by Thursday, 27th. **No name—no tea.**—L. F. C. 1331

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be at Skipton on April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Millfield Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names, please (not just numbers), for tea should be sent to Mr. C. Lawson, 41, Long Meadow, Skipton, by Wednesday, April 26th, **at the latest.** Ringing arrangements: Bingley (8), 10.15–11.15; Ilkley (8), 10.15–11.15; Silsden (6), 11.15–12.15; Addingham (6), 11.15–12.15; Giggleswick (8), 1.30–3.0; Gargrave (8), 2.30–3.30; Kildwick (8), 2.0–3.30; Skipton (8), 2.0–3.45; Keighley (8), Kildwick and Skipton after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6) on May 6th. Competition at 2.30. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton 140 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 1291

QUARTER PEALS

BARTON STACEY, HANTS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (31 methods): S. M. Jack (first away cover) 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 3, R. H. Youdale 4, C. W. Daws 5, J. F. Butler 6. First in 31 methods for all.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Lloyd 1, Susan Devey 2, Sheila Guthrie 3, G. Reynalds 4, P Barker 5, A. Barker 6, K Price (cond.) 7, J. Darrall 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8, and by local band

DEWSBURY, YORKS. — On March 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich: Jeanne E. Bottomley 1, D Archer 2, Ruth Richardson (age 11) 3, V. Bottomley (cond.) 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, E. Betts 7, D. Carruthers 8 By the service band, fully muffled. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

EARLS CROOME, WORCS. — On March 16th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. A. Jopp 1, P. Jopp 2, E. D. Wilson 3, P. Young 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, B. Spiers 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

GOXHILL LINCS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R Chafer 1, J. Bray (cond.) 2, N. Bell 3, R Naylor 4, A. Crowder 5, S. Neave 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. J Barrick, churchwarden.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. F. Ross (first quarter) 1, M. Hawtree 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, K. Gatman 4, R. Horton 5, R. Hawtree (cond.) 6

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Spurling (first Minor) 1, M. J. Drury (first Minor "inside") 2, Toni M Rogers 3, R J. Ellis 4, R. J. Fordham 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Audrey Tipple and David Mizen, and as a 16th birthday compliment to Toni M. Rogers.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Seymour 1, T. Wright (first "inside") 2, R. Hazell 3, Mrs. R. Hazell 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, C. Meakes 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Frome, SOMERSET. — On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Baker (first quarter, age 11) 1, W H. Mills 2, G. H. Wareham 3 A Bratten 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6.

WARWICK.—On Good Friday, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Clare F. Dolphin 1, Caroline Mackie 2, G W Randall 3, P. C. Randall 4, P. H Mackie 5 F W Perrens (cond.) 6, D. E. Rothera 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. First Stedman 2 and 5.

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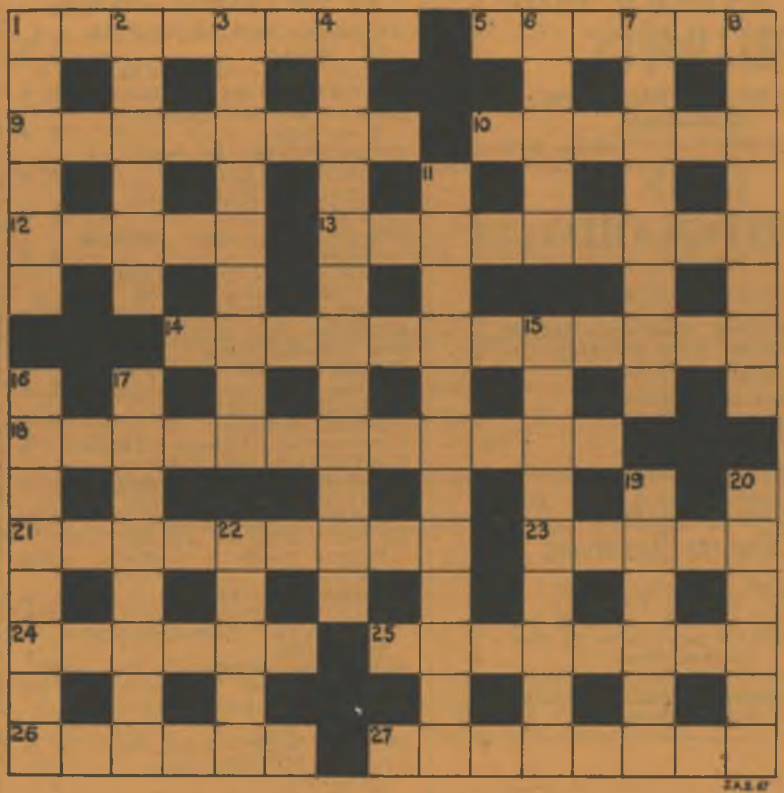

CLUES

ACROSS

1. This cathedral was front page news recently (8)
5. Dramatic (6)
9. But it produces positive results with printing (8)
10. Not essential for a shot at a new method (6)
12. He can make things easier for some ringers (5)
13. Sounds as though the conductor is starting to place his band (6, 3)
14. The Central Council has a collection of these (5, 7)
18. Can one expect this after losing a peal? (12)
21. Is a monkey-wrench for tightening this? (6, 3)
23. Illicit spirit (5)
24. Cheapside's famous ring gets mixed up after losing a pound (6)
25. Most touring bands find this useful (5, 3)
26. Detach the French from 24 and then take the opposite ends (6)
27. Abel with mess can put things together (8)

DOWN

1. Methodically it's a surprise and it's capital! (6)
2. St. Michael usually has all of these with him (6)
3. To resolve (9)
4. Challenging number for modern ringer or ancient caterer (4, 8)
6. This can leave one cold (5)
7. Inseparable companion of the Ringers' Diary (8)
8. Gourd (8)
11. These produce rows among ringers (12)
15. Palatable (9)
16. Mac backs into the press, upsets it and beats a hasty retreat (8)
17. Liable to be called to account and answer (8)
19. Sly young animal (3, 3)
20. It's often conveyed by Bill (6)
22. Man who could be wined without much difficulty (5)

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ANSWERS "KNOW YOUR MINOR"

(See page 252)

Question No.

5. (a) 12 changes, (b) 5, (c) 60.
6. Dodging.
7. (a) 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 5, 3, 2 . . . ignoring treble. (b) Coursing order.
11. The bell over which you strike your first blow in 6ths. Your blow in 2nds just before leading.
12. No. 3.
13. No. 5.
14. 3–4 down.
15. 1, 3 and 5 (odd bells) hunt up at the start. 2, 4 and 6 (even bells) hunt down at the start.
16. No. No. 5 has jumped two places.
17. Count your place "religiously."
18. (a) 8 beats, (b) 7 beats, (c) 6 beats, (d) 5 beats.
21. Hunting down
22. Hunting out
23. Hunting in
24. "Making."
25. Firsts.
26. Sixths place.
27. Firsts.
28. Sixths.
29. Above us or after us.
30. Below us or in front of us.
31. Previous stroke.
32. Same order or sequence.
33. Once.
34. Once.
35. (a) — dodge 3–4 down but runs into 2nds instead.
(b) — dodge 3–4 up but makes 4ths instead.
(c) — make 2nds to treble, but runs out into 3rds instead.
(a) does 3–4 down.
(b) dodges 5–6 down.
(c) makes 2nds to treble.
36. (a) Makes 2nds as usual (unaffected).
(b) Makes 3rds and back instead and does 2nds to treble next lead.
(c) Makes 4ths instead and does 5–6 down next lead.
37. 5–6 down next lead.
38. Run out into 3rds instead of 2nds to treble.
39. It is making 3rds and back.
40. Over the same bell, hand- then back-stroke.

Other answers are self-evident from the plain course of Bob Minor. Now try to compose another different questionnaire.

5.039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By ALBERT M. TYLER.

23456789				
32654789	1	2	3S	4S
43256978	1			4S
24356	1	2	3	
32456	1	2	3	
52436	1S			
23456		2	3	4
42356	1	2	3	
34256	1	2	3	
63452	1	2	3S	
35462		2	3	4
43562	1	2	3	
24365	1	2	3S	
52463	1	2	3S	
45263	1	2	3	
24563	1	2	3	
32465	1	2	3S	A
53264	1	2	3S	
25364	1	2	3	
32564	1	2	3	
43265	1	2	3S	
54362	1	2	3S	
35462879	1		3	4S
54362		A		
45362978	1		3	4
53462		A		
45362879	1		3	4S
34265		A omitting last course		

CROSSWORD COMPETITION, MARCH 17th, 1967.

The winner of this competition was the Rev. P. C. F. Wooster, 44, Sadlers Mead, Chippenham, Wilts, who receives our prize of 10s. Solution:

Across.—1 Overture, 5 Unkind, 10 Bats in the Belfry, 11 Trebles, 12 Old Air, 14 Seashore, 16 Sofia, 19 Royal, 21 Musicals, 24 Tubing, 26 Teapots, 28 Spliced Surprise, 29 Sister, 30 The Right.

Down.—1 Orbits, 2 Extremely, 3 Triples, 4 Rites, 6 Needles, 7 Infra, 8 Day Dream, 9 Ten, 13 News, 15 O.H.M.S., 17 Following, 18 Protests, 20 Long Cue, 22 Clapper, 23 Ascent, 25 Bells, 26 Touch, 27 Odd.

5.184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By ROGER D. BAILEY

I	H	O	23456
		—	34256
—		3	45236
—		(3)	35246
—		3	54236
2	x		23654
		2	62354
S		(3)	25364
	x		32456
		—	24356
	x		32645
		2	63245
—		2	23465

Repeat.

(3)=SBB. Contains 144 combination roll-ups, with 3 never in 6ths and 2 never in 4ths or 6ths.

First rung at North Elmham, Norfolk, an February 4th, 1967, conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knewstubb (first off tenor) 1, Jane Fransella (first "inside") 2, Valerie Jones 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, G. Lonsdale 6, M. Hollis (first quarter) cover.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, B. Branston 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, F. Sismey 6.

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23564	—	3	—
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OUR MOST DISTANT BELLS

FOR 85 years the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, have rung out Sunday by Sunday giving their message; and the story of the bells is vividly told in "Bobs and Singles," a history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, written by Patricia Ward, the wife of one of the ringers and a former Master of the Society.

The donor of these bells was Mr. R. H. Rhodes, and his desire was to have eight bells of the same weight as the recently hung ring in St. Paul's Cathedral. Mr. A. Troyte, regarded then as the leading authority, suggested a ring of ten instead of a heavy eight, and to this the Cathedral authorities agreed, but when the sanction arrived Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had already made the moulds for the eight. The two trebles were added as the gift of Mr. E. P. W. Miles. Before leaving England the bells were inspected by Dr. Stainer, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Mr. Troyte and pronounced to be a magnificent ring.

Gratitude to the donor is expressed by the following inscription on the tenor:

> Through all the ROADS of life, the best
> We'll strive to be your guide;
> And let our notes do your behest
> By tolling far and wide.
> We've crossed the seas to this fair land,
> To do God all the honour;
> From clime to clime we'll ring our chime,
> And tell of Rhodes the donor.

Not to be outdone the story is continued by the following verse on the trebles:

> We, two little bells to complete the chime
> Were nearly left out too late.
> When MILES to the rescue, but just in time,
> Added us on to the eight.

The Society of Christchurch Cathedral Bell Ringers was formed on November 19th, 1880, with Mr. T. B. Hall, an experienced English ringer and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as the first Master. Practices were held on the light bells of St. Paul's, Papanui, which had been installed that year. The blessing of the Cathedral bells took place nearly 12 months later, on October 31st, when some 150 people crowded into the ringing chamber having mounted the spiral staircase. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Christchurch and Primate of New Zealand (Bishop H. J. C. Harper).

The service of consecration of the Cathedral took place the following day, the architect being Sir George Gilbert Scott. The Mayor declared the day a public holiday, and the bells were rung at intervals from 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. The first evidence of change ringing recorded was 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles on August 27th, 1882, and in June of the following year came the first 720 of Grandsire Doubles and on December 16th 1,200 Grandsire Doubles.

In May, 1890, it was reported to the Cathedral Chapter that the ninth bell, used for daily services, was cracked. The architect suggested that further damage might be stopped by having a hole drilled in the metal above and below the crack, then cutting it off from the uninjured metal. The crack was through "clocking." This bell was sent home to be recast and the eighth with it to test the pitch, tuning forks being unknown in those days. The work was most satisfactory and the ninth became the best-toned bell in the ring.

The Society went ahead during the Boer War and scored its first peal—Grandsire Doubles. The arrival in Christchurch of T. W. Biddle from Ballaraat influenced ringing considerably. He was self-taught through reading Jasper Snowdon's books. A personality in the tower was W. Jones, who for 30 years rang the tenor. At the word "go" he would turn his face to the wall and maintain a steady pull. A peal of Bob Triples was scored on the light eight in January, 1903, to be followed later in the year by a peal of Grandsire Triples. That year was notable for its ringing activities, in all 43,000 changes being rung—Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor, Triples, Major, and Caters. Stedman Triples was not introduced until 1908.

The arrival from Birmingham of G. H. Clayton in 1911 had a big influence on the Society and in his reminiscences later in life he comments that he was amazed at the all-round competence of the men, who could all ring Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. On various occasions Mr. Clayton was Master, and it was a pleasure for Mr. T. J. Lock and the Editor to meet him in 1965. For many years he seems to have been the mainstay of the Society.

"The Great Adventure" party to visit New Zealand in 1934 consisted of Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), G. Martin, J. Hardcastle (Bradford), R. Maude (Pudsey) and W. Linter (Fareham). The week spent at Christchurch was marked by extensive ringing practices and hospitable entertainment. Two attempts were made for a peal of Bob Major. The first was lost after 70 minutes due to a rope jumping on the fifth, and the second when in sight of home two bells changed course after ringing for three hours and 13 minutes. The band consisted of G. Nelson Sloan 1, S. H. Barnett 2, W. Linter 3, J. S. Wilde 4, C. Charge 5, W. H. Fussell 6, B. Shaw 7, G. Martin 8.

And G. Nelson Sloan was still ringing with enthusiasm when Great Adventure II went to Christchurch in 1965. But Nelson during the interval had travelled far; he had toured England visiting 55 towers and had been elected a member of the College Youths. During the Second World War he kept the Society together, and it is an indication of patriotism that, out of an active membership of 12, nine served with the Forces and all returned home safely.

(Continued on next page)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 26th Council (70th annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967, in the Portland Suite of the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, at 9.45 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Applications to affiliate to the Council:—

(a) The Railwaymen's Guild.

(b) Beverley and District Ringing Society.

Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of Honorary Members.
Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. F. A. White retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Presentation of the 1966 Accounts.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) "The Ringing World" Committee.
(c) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
(d) Records Committee.
(e) Literature and Press Committee.
(f) Towers and Belfries Committee.
(g) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(h) Biographies Committee.
(i) Peals Analysis Committee.
(j) Overseas Ringing Committee.
(k) Peals Collection Committee.
(l) Methods Committee.

MOTIONS

9. (a) "That this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in 'The Ringing World' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal."
Proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers.
(b) "That all peal reports will continue to be published in 'The Ringing World' but only those accompanied by a peal fee of 2d. per word will be published in the present style."
Proposed by Mr. W. Butler, seconded by Mr. N. J. Diserens.
10. To determine the date of the 1968 meeting at Worcester.
11. To determine the place of the 1969 meeting.
12. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association

THE annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association commenced as usual on Easter Monday with ringing on the ten bells of All Saints', Worcester, followed by the annual service. In the absence of the Association's chaplain, the service was conducted by the Rector of All Saints' the Rev J. G. Barnish, M.A., who used the Association's form of service. During the course of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by M J. Fellows 1–2, J. C. Eisel 3–4. J. D. Johnson 5–6, and D. Beacham 7–8.

Following the service, members transferred to the Cathedral Chapter House for the annual general meeting, the Association's president, the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, M.A.) being in the chair.

This year it had proved possible to send the annual report to members in advance, thus giving them a chance to read the officers' reports and accounts beforehand. This, however, did not prompt any members into asking questions when the reports came up for discussion. In his report of the recent Central Committee meeting, the general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, mentioned that a grant of £50 had been promised to St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, bell restoration scheme and that arrangements for a one-day ringing course were being considered.

POSTAL VOTES REJECTED

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the president stated that some postal votes had been handed to the general secretary immediately prior to the meeting. The president said that as the rules of the Association did not say this method of voting was permitted, then, in his opinion they could not be taken into account. This ruling was contested but accepted by a majority after a show of hands.

This year there were again two candidates for the office of Association Master, namely Mr. W. B. Cartwright and Mr. M. D. Fellows. Following election speeches and voting by show of hands (a proposition for a secret ballot having been rejected), Mr. W. B. Cartwright was re-elected by 43 to seven votes.

The remaining officers were all returned unopposed, viz.: General secretary, Mr. D. Beacham; treasurer, Mr. G. Westwood; peal secretary, Mr. G. Bowen; chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies; librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper. The auditors, Messrs. R. W. R. Sheppard and A. D. Cook, were also re-elected. Mr. A. J. Brazier was elected as the Association's fourth representative on the Central Council.

The remainder of the business concerned two motions to alter the rules. The first was to correct an omission when the rules were revised last year by making it clear that only paid-up **ringing** members were entitled to vote at meetings and this was passed nem con. The second sought to limit the duration of the Master's term of office to three years and also make him ineligible to stand again until a further three years had elapsed. This motion, however, was rejected by a large majority.

The remainder of the day was spent ringing at Stoulton. Pershore, Strensham, Earls Croome and the Cathedral. At Pershore, owing to the restricted access to the "bird cage" ringing chamber, a one-way system had been devised following our experiences the last time this tower was available. Unfortunately this did nothing to prevent a broken stay and a broken rope!

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The peal secretary reported that 62 peals were rung by 155 members in 31 towers; of the peal ringing members 77 were resident and 78 non-resident. Six members rang their first peal and there were three new conductors.

Peals worthy of note were the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Brierley Hill; the peal of Grandsire Triples at Clent, in which the librarian and the new "freeman," Mr. C W. Cooper, rang at the age of 80; and, at the other end of the scale, the peal of Bob Minor at Stoulton, which Andrew Jopp (aged 13) conducted, with his brother Paul (aged eight) ringing the second.

D. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch Meeting

There was an excellent attendance at the Collingbournes on March 18th, when the Marlborough branch met at St. Andrew's, Collingbourne Ducis, or its monthly meeting. Members were particularly pleased and honoured by the presence of the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. N. Longridge) and visitors were also welcomed from East Ilsley, Hagbourne, Portsmouth, Wroughton, Purton, Stratton St. Margaret and Cossingham (Som.).

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Kidd). The Lesson was read by the Master, and Mr. Colin Ward was the organist. Tea, in the nearby schoolroom, was much enjoyed, the company of over 30 being the guests of the local ringers. It was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. R. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. R. Barlow, and in appreciation of the hospitality a collection was taken for church funds.

At the business meeting Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet for 1966, which showed a credit balance of £8 2s. 9d., an increase of some £2 on the year's working. Details of the last Guild committee meeting were given by the Rev. Roger Keeley and it was decided to organise a strong contingent to attend the Guild Festival, at Melksham.

Mr. Fred Read (vice-chairman and ringing master), who presided, thanked all who had contributed to a most enjoyable meeting, and extended a warm welcome to the Master and visitors. The Master suitably replied.

April meeting, Shalbourne with Great Bedwyn (provisional); May, Pewsey. Ringing was then resumed on the heavier six at Collingbourne Kingston.

W. A. E.

OUR MOST DISTANT BELLS

(Continued from page 1)

Among those who have served Christchurch well is Albert J. Lancefield. His keenness for peal ringing brought results during his two years with the Society and a life membership was conferred on him. The good work of Mr. Lancefield was carried on by Mr. R. H. Idle, who was elected Master in May, 1960, and is still in office. Three days before the Great Adventure II party the first peal on the heavy eight (Grandsire Triples) was rung. Taking part were J. Dunn 1, Miss L. Stevens 2, G. N. Sloan 3, J. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, R. G. T. Bennett 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, C. H. Ward 8.

The Master was invited by Mr. T. J. Lock to stand in the peal of Plain Bob Royal on the Cathedral bells by Great Adventure II party, which was successful. The band consisted of Cecil W. Pipe 1, Shirley Burton 2, Arthur G. Mason 3. Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, Raymond H. Idle 5. Leonard Stilwell 6, W. Mark Damerell 7, Thomas J. Lock 8. A Patrick Cannon (cond.) 9, Wilfred Williams 10. This was the first time the 32 cwt. tenor had been turned in for a peal.

With such a tradition behind them we feel certain that Christchurch Society will continue to be one of the big centres of change ringing in the Southern Hemisphere. We can recommend "Bobs and Singles" for a place on a discerning ringer's bookshelf. The price is 7s. 6d. post free from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Irene Bramford 1, Janet Hudson 2, J. F. Underwood 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association

THE 74th annual general meeting was held at Llandaff on Easter Monday and was attended by about 100 members and visitors During the afternoon the bells of St. John's, Cardiff, Whitchurch and Llandaff Cathedral were put to good use.

The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, and the organ was very well played by a visiting organist, Mr. Graham Elliott, of Abergavenny. The Dean, in his address, said people who offered their services as ringers found themselves tied to commitments for both regular practice and Sunday service ringing and this called for a high measure of faithfulness to their local bands as the completeness of any band was so dependent on each and every member being present when required Any such person must be dedicated to his Church and should make every effort to take his or her place in the congregation at least once each Sunday.

Tea was served by the Cathedral ringers in the adjacent Prebendal Hall and Mr. D. J. King thanked them for the excellent tea.

BUSINESS MEETING

At the bu iness meeting the chair was taken by the Dean supported by the Master, Mr L. Jones. The meeting stood in silent tribute to members who had passed away during the year; these included the Dean of Brecon and A. J. Pitman (both vice-presidents), H. Cassells, of Llanbradach, and Mrs. R. Alsop, of Ebbw Vale.

The hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor, in his report, paid tribute to the work of the late A. J. Pitman and Joe Lovett to the Association Once again a member had received recognition from another Society, in that Nicholas W. H. Simon had been elected Master of the Bristol University Society. It was pleasing to note that Tudor P. Edwards had now returned to work in the area and his presence would be a great asset. Geoffrey J. B. Stickland, a Llandaff ringer, was ordained in September and was now curate at Sandfields, Port Talbot. They wished him well in his new calling.

The new badges were proving very popular and a large number had been purchased. The badge had been designed by Miss Sheila Salkeld, of Chepstow. The Monmouth Branch held a very successful film evening in January, when the Washington Film was shown to an audience of nearly a hundred. A grant of £20 was made to Bedwellty for work on their bells and the ringers there were congratulated on their efforts to raise funds.

The membership at the end of the year was 348: this shows a slight decrease of 15 since the publication of the last full list of members two years ago.

HIGHER STANDARD

The standard of ringing in the area continues to rise and the list of peals rung indicates the very wide range of methods now being rung. Particular mention was made of good progress at Coity and Lower Machen. Porthkerry and Whitchurch; an all-local band at the last-named tower rang a peal to welcome their new Vicar.

Several ringers passed personal milestones with their peal ringing, but pride of place this year must go to A. William Gibbons, of Bridgend, who rang his first peal at the age of 73 In conclusion the secretary thanked those who had assisted with the production of the report at so little cost, particularly Mr. Iolo Davies and his helpers from Cowbridge Grammar School, who duplicated and stapled some 8,000 copies.

The hon. treasurer's (the Rev. I. J. Richards) report showed a healthy state of affairs due to the fact that none of the Association's officers claimed any expenses for their work either in the area or at Central Council meetings.

The hon. librarian, Mr. L Bainham, reported that the library at Newport was now well established and housed some 30 books as well as bound copies of "The Ringing World" from 1910 until 1916, and arrangements have been made with "The Ringing World" to supply a bound copy at the end of each year. Mr. F. J. Hannington had presented a fine collection of books to the library.

All the reports were adopted and thanks given to the officers concerned.

NEW MASTER

Mr. Iolo Davies, of Cowbridge, was elected Master for the year and installed in office by the retiring Master, Mr. L. Jones. The remaining officers were re-elected to their various posts.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Cadoxton, was elected an honorary life member. He started ringing before the turn of the century and in addition to giving loyal service had a son and grandson whose names appear frequently in the peal columns.

A motion to hold the annual general meeting on the Saturday following Easter Day was carried. The next will be held at All Saints', Newport. The 75th anniversary of the Society next year is to be marked by a dinner and social evening on October 12th, 1968.

An appeal to return "The Ringing World" questionnaire was made by the hon. secretary. A show of hands indicated that 40 of the 100 present took "The Ringing World" regularly. The rest were strongly urged to follow their example.

Ringing, which included Surprise Royal, followed at the Cathedral.

OBITUARY

MR. ROBERT BELL

Mr. Robert Bell, of Sunderland, who died in hospital on March 23rd, after a short illness, at the age of 61, had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association since 1927. He started to ring at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, in 1925, and had been the tower secretary for many years. It is largely due to his efforts that there is still a change ringing tower in Sunderland He was regular in attendance at meetings and had been chairman of the Eastern District since 1962. A retiring manner tended to obscure his competence as a ringer, but all who met him knew how helpful he could be. He took part in 26 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

At the funeral service at Bishopwearmouth on March 28th prior to cremation the Rector (the Rev D. N. Goldie) paid tribute to Bob's good work in the belfry. The bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled at the service and also to a quarter peal to his memory on March 30th. The Association was represented by the Ringing Master, Mr K. Arthur.

Bob will be missed by the Association in general but by Bishopwearmouth in particular He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom our sympathy is expressed. R. C.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Norman 1, Miss S. Y. Fowkes 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, S R. Huckle 4, R. F. Law 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for morning service.

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE Mr. T. G. MYERS

From A. L. Bennett.

By the death of Mr. Tom Myers during the Easter week-end after a trying illness, the South West of England has lost one of its most outstanding ringers, and he leaves a wide gap which will not be easy to fill.

As a ringer, whether on a light or a heavy bell, his handling was really superb, and he was equally superb as a conductor, not forgetting the fact that he always expected a very high standard of striking.

His peals, it is believed, numbered 243 and they were rung in many parts of the country and on all numbers of bells. I am subject to correction, but he had completed the circuits in at least four methods, viz., Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent T B and Cambridge Surprise. In addition to ringing peals at Buckfast Abbey, the most westerly 12 in the country, he had also rung a peal on the most northerly 12, at Newcastle on Tyne.

Another of his peal ringing experiences was taking part in the first resident peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and his passing now leaves me the only survivor of that band.

At the time of his death he was captain at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and he had served the Guild of Devonshire Ringers truly and faithfully, having been the South West Branch secretary for 19 years and during the past 12 months its chairman. He had also been a Central Council representative since 1949, and it was only in recent times that he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Tom is no longer with us, but his memory will always remain with those of us who knew him so well, and I think it would be quite fitting if some form of memorial could be erected in the church he served so faithfully and so well.

From N.W. Branch, Devon Guild.

"We have lost with the death of Mr. T. G. Myers a great ringer who rarely missed a meeting in our Branch and who also visited us on other occasions. He was of a cheerful nature and a great deal of change ringing was learned from him

"In association with the Sangwin brothers between 1930 and 1939 he conducted 22 peals in succession without losing one—a remarkable achievement. Most of the peals were rung at Bridgerule tower the fine bells being his favourite eight in the district.

"May he rest in peace.—R. Pearce, Sec."

MR. GEORGE CLARKE

With the passing on March 30th, at the age of 81, of Mr George Clarke, of Clanfield, the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member. He leaves two sons. Until last year he was foreman at the tower, in which he had been ringing for 62 years.

The funeral service was at Clanfield on April 4th and was attended by Branch members and representatives from Faringdon. The Vicar (the Rev. R. J. Siderfin), who conducted the service, spoke well of Mr. Clarke's ringing activities and of the innumerable people he had taught His first peal was rung in 1905, and the first peal by an all-local band in 1907. The Vicar concluded his remarks with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Later that evening a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled by Alec Cantwell 1, D. Floyd 2, L. Oliffe 3, T. Hester 4, J. List 5, J. Coggins (conductor) 6, D. Smith 7, A. Hicks 8.

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Letters to the Editor

WHY SOME METHODS ARE RUBBISH

Dear Sir—Would it be of any advantage if some person of knowledge were to write an article or series showing just why some methods are rubbish? Why places in 7, 8 are so shocking, etc., and what constitutes something worth ringing and why?

If one "invents" a method in these days it is almost certain to have been already invented or is classified as rubbish or both, yet it is fairly easy to produce something short and much more musical than standard methods but which cannot go to an extent. Are they necessarily rubbish because they are not pealable? To the ignorant one would imagine that musical quality was the criterion, and long-drawn out dodging would be boring. Yet Double Oxford is a standard. Never having heard it rung, I do not know as to its music, but it looks deadly dull!

As to peals, I am not a peal ringer, five in 85 years, I think, but I take off my hat to those who are. In my experience they are always extremely helpful to the ignorant, both in tower and correspondence and we would be much poorer without them. Many a country tower only realises what first-class ringing can be when visited by a peal band. Long may peal tours be with us.

WESTCOUNTRYMAN.

IMBER BELLS GOING TO EDINGTON PRIORY

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter on page 148 regarding the disposal of the Imber bells, it was finally decided at the P.C.C. meeting at St. Francis Church, Salisbury, to give the five bells to Edington Priory, which is to become a ten-bell tower.

The Council agreed that it was more important to complete the interior of the unfinished church rather than pay £2,000 for the recasting and hanging of the bells at present. Also the bells had been stored at Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's for some considerable time and were taking up valuable storage space, which was another reason pressing for the disposal of the bells.

Meanwhile the interest at St. Francis' has not completely diminished. By gentle persuasion of the writer, one member of the P.C.C. has realised the importance of bells in church worship, who in turn suggested that one bell should be hung in the tower, with the idea that when the church is complete a new light ring of six bells be installed. This was generally agreed. So the sound of bells should come from the tower of St. Francis' Church yet.—Yours faithfully,

N. SKELTON.

P.S.—I fully agree with Allan E. Cook (page 200) when he says one tower he had in mind had its bells rehung only four years ago. —N. S.

TEACHING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate the writers of the articles for beginners.

There is one other thing which I consider most important, that is, when the beginner is ringing rounds should his bell get out of control, he should be able to bring it under control, as this will frighten any beginner.

Triumph. At last he is ringing a bell by himself. With an intelligent pupil this should be in less than ten minutes.

ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR.

"LEFT OVER RIGHT"

Dear Sir,—I am, unlike Mr. Jones (letter, page 216), apparently "not conforming to modern standards" (T. J. Lock, page 179) since I ring 'left over right." Though, Mr Jones, in your argument I fail to see any connection between handling ropes and handling cricket bats.

In my tower the instructnor, quite rightly, lets the beginner decide which is his/her strongest and most comfortable way to handle the bell rope. To determine this, the beginner is subjected to a short tug of war, using the tail-end of the rope. The result of this experiment usually shows the beginner to be most comfortable employing "left over right." (I consider this to be right-handed, as do most tug of war teams!)

Since our present concern is that of handling ropes (and not bats) I feel a comparison with a tug of war team more relevant. Now, applying this in Mr. Jones' argument, this proves nothing.

Finally, it is interesting to note that the majority of "right over left's" have to swap the tail-end from their left hand to their right to tie the rope; also, the more advanced "right over left" ringer uses his right hand to ring single-handed!—Yours faithfully,

London, N.W. M. C. F.

"LONG TEN"

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Cook's letter referring to the "long ten." I came across the practice a few years ago, when I often attended Evensong at Chippenham, Cambridgeshire. I do not recall the name by which it was known there but as far as I can remember it was terminated by the calls "five in" and "four in" at successive treble leads after a suitable length, usually five or ten minutes. These calls in effect produced the other two leads of Grandsire, thus bringing up rounds.

I do not see why this form of ringing should bridge the gap between call changes and method ringing better than normal plain hunting (I am anti-"learning the numbers") but I think it is more probably of interest in studying the evolution of method ringing. Cannot we learn something of the way our predecessors thought from these old practices? —Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON.

Twyford, Berks.

PIPES OF PAN

Dear Sir,—Unlike some of your correspondents, I do not think that any special action is called for by the recent hoaxes. I remain optimistic that the passage of time will take care of this—unless we should happen to be hoaxed by Peter Pan!—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir,—I should like to name the following Doubles methods thus:—

Plain Course	Call	Name
Antelope Single	Plain Bob P.L.	Kingstone
Antelope Single	Old Bob Single	Felton
Antelope Single	Rev. Cant. P.L.	Ullingswick
Antelope Single	Grandsire Extreme	Ewias

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL V. POWELL.

Hereford.

SINGLES IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in reading about singles being used in Surprise methods. About 1930 and just before, we at Kempston, Beds, rang 720 changes of Cambridge Minor, two singles, Wrong, bob, right, twice repeated. I do not put that in for peal ringing as I was advised by several first-class ringers against doing so; it just was not done! We also put singles in several Treble Bob methods on practice nights. Were we the first to try that way of conducting on church bells?—Yours sincerely,

E. P. INSKIP

Bromham, Beds.

PEAL OF MAXIMUS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by the president of the Yorkshire Association to consider the position of the peal rung at Halifax, Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, on December 27th, 1966, and reported in "The Ringing World" of March 24th, 1967, on page 205.

I regret that this peal failed to conform to the rules of the Association and therefore is not acceptable as a performance by the Association.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY,
Hon. Peal Secretary.

PEALS OF 5040 MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The compositions of Londinium Surprise Maximus in your issue of April 7th by Messrs. P. Border and R. W. Pipe bring to my memory the first two peals of Surprise Maximus (probably the only two) containing only 5,040 changes, both rung at St. Marvle-Tower, Ipswich.

On April 12th, 1930, in 5,040 New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, the first lead was Primrose, thereby bringing up the Wrong at the first treble lead, cutting out 240 changes. The other on November 26th, 1932, was 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, calling the first course 6ths, Out, 7ths, followed by seven further courses, composed and conducted by C. J. Sedgley. The former peal was conducted by me.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. J. Daniel's letter on London Surprise Minor (page 216), there are probably dozens of touches for his requirements. I enclose two unoriginal touches which may be of interest

552 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

(Minimum length over 540 without singles.)

23456	Out	4ths	W	H
25346		—	—	
(43526)		—		
42356	—		—	—
34256				—
23456				—

600 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

(True to any 2nds regular Treble Bob Hunt Minor method.)

23456	W	H
52436	—	
35426	—	
42356	—	—
34256		—
23456		—

Yours sincerely,

A. E. CRADDOCK.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Cambridge Univ. Guild's Bright Evening

FOLLOWING the Guild's new trend for grabbing fresh colleges, the annual dinner was held in Emmanuel College on March 4th —once again, by chance, the day after the Cardinals Ball. Sadly, many people at the dinner appeared still to be recovering from the after-effects!

Both peal attempts on Saturday morning were, unfortunately, lost, despite the care taken to ensure that none of the Friday night's revellers were in the band. Those who did manage to get up in time rang at St. Bene't's, followed by Great St. Andrew's and then Chesterton, where some wandered along down the river in beautiful sunshine to watch the Lent Bumping Races. Meanwhile ringing continued on the 12 at Great St. Mary's, with the glorious bells of the Cathedral Church as a grand finale to the afternoon's ringing.

The dinner in the Old Library in Emmanuel was presided over by Bill Ridgman. After an excellent meal, and during the ceremony of the Loving Cup, a non-conducted touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by J. M H. Hunter 1–2, S P. Darvill 3–4, V. Nutton 5–6, F. E. Haynes 7–8, B. D. Threlfall 9–10, F. C Hobson 11–12.

The president, after proposing the loyal toast, welcomed the guests and introduced them to the company—Jim Quinney and his son, Ian (Cambridge Youths), the Vicars of Great St Mary's and Great St. Andrew's and the Masters of the Oxford and Sheffield Universities Societies.

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by Brian Threlfall, who, dismissing reminiscence as boring, took a brief look into the future with a little star-gazing The Master, Stephen Darvill, in replying, waxed somewhat more eloquent.

Agreeing wholeheartedly with Mr. Threlfall that looking back at past activities was a boring topic for a speech, he began in characteristic style by reviewing the Guild activitjes during the year. Alas, he cried, so indolent, corrupt and incompetent had been the administration, most especially at its head, that regular items in the Guild calendar, such as the outing with Oxford University, had unfortunately been overlooked; definitely many lessons for future Masters were to be learned from this year's. They had, however, enjoyed two outings with Sheffield University, and the ringing standards and social life continued from strength to strength.

Sunday service ringing had got off to a good start this year, but as winter's icy winds began blowing in from the East many members had shown a reluctance to forsake their hot-water bottles. The formation of a Guild Action Group to drag members forcibly from their beds had, however, considerably improved the situation. Concerning belfry maintenance, the steeplekeeper had devised some brilliant sprung stays, none of which, unfortunately, worked: though bits of wood sawn off last year's Rag-floats were doing excellent service at St. Andrew's

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the secretary, Ellis Thomas, felt he must comment on the arrival of visitors from that terrible place "The North" Several visits in that direction by the Guild this year, plus rumours that there were actually bellringers up there, were slowly undermining the conviction, long held in the Guild, that all the land north of a line between King's Lynn and Aberystwyth was covered by a vast ice cap, and was, therefore, completely uninhabitable.

Richard Tibbetts, Master of Sheffield University Guild, in replying, rushed to the defence of "The North," producing anti-Welsh anecdotes and cunning misquotes from Rupert Brooke He added that he had not wanted to journey south to the Cambridge dinner initially, but the fluttering eyelids and persuasive charm of his Vice-Master, combined with the lure of a free dinner, had proved too much for a man to withstand!

The company, well wined and dined, then adjourned to the relaxed atmosphere of the College's new J. C. R. bar for the rest of the evening. There we chanced to meet the Emmanuel College Boat Club, who, fresh from their own "end-of-races" Bumps Supper, promptly abducted one of our young lady visitors from Sheffield . . . . or was it perhaps the other way round?

E. N. T. et alii.

LADIES' GUILD
Western District

The annual general meeting of the Western District was held at Weston-super-Mare on March 11th The service, preceded by ringing from 3.30 to 4.30, was conducted by the Rector, after which tea was taken in the Church Hall, provided by members of the Guild. Ringing at Worle followed the meeting

Officers elected for 1967–68 were: Vice-president, Mrs. M. de Jong; secretary. Miss B. Johnson; committee, Mrs. Parfree, Mrs Eyles, Mrs. Lampard, Miss Hallett and Mrs. Chapman; new members Miss S Tiley, S. Hebden, S. Walker. L. Brennan, V. Frewin, J Fairley, N. Drew and Mrs. Gay.

Members would like to place on record their appreciation to Mrs. Parfree and Mrs. de Jong for their work for the Guild during their term of office together, and to welcome Mrs. de Jong in her new role of vice-president.

Next meeting: Thornbury, Friday, April 21st, 7.30 p.m. B. J.

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MIDDLESEX MEETING AT ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS

Holborn's most interesting church is undoubtedly St. Giles-in-the-Fields, which has grown from the chapel of a lepers' hospital founded by Queen Matilda in 1101, the present church dating from 1734. With its 160ft. spire it still stands supreme despite the numerous modern buildings which now surround it.

With a meeting in Central London one always looks forward to visitors and on this occasion ringers were welcomed from Bath, Sturry (Kent), Woking and Eling (Hants), together with a number from the Greater London area.

The Rector of St Giles', the Rev G C. Taylor, who is also president of the Middlesex Association, conducted the service and afterwards joined the company at tea in the spacious vestry.

At the short business meeting Mrs. Sheila Spreadbury (Wood Green) was elected as a ringing member. The very good news was received that Miss Mabel Prockson, a valued and respected member, had left hospital that day and the good wishes of all members present were extended E. H. K.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY

THE last meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held at Conisbrough and possessed most of the ingredients of an excellent meeting, i.e a pleasant ring of eight, good company, hospitality a high and interesting standard of ringing, opportunity and progress A few learners in the elementary stages would have been welcome and could have been well catered for. A good number of towers were represented and it was pleasing to have visitors from Uppingham, Lincs and Beverley.

The writer cannot recall such a large variey of Major methods being rung at a meeting. In addition to touches in the standard, plain and Surprise methods the ringing included five Spliced Surprise Major, seven Spliced Plain Major and touches in four different principles (Original, Forward Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Duffield).

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, followed by Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. N. Donovan, J. J. G. Gilbert, S. Armeson, N. Chaddock and J. Chaddock.

Pudsey and Rutland Major will be special methods for the meeting at Dore on May 6th, when learners will also be especially welcome. A good gathering is desired as the Vicar (the Rev. Garth Heawood, formerly of Norfolk) retires the following week. During his stay at Dore he has been a great encouragement to the ringers, his son and daughter both taking up the art during his incumbency.

N. C.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Newark District

A very successful meeting was held at Southwell on March 18th. This was the first meeting the District had held there since the Minster bells were augmented to 12, and the primary interest was to fan interest in the Guild's activities in the members of the newly-formed band. It was, therefore encouraging to see most of them taking part in the ringing and also attending the business meeting.

Almost 50 ringers swelled the congregation for Evensong in the Minster, which was led by the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood. Tea was afterwards served in Trebeck Hall by Newark ringers and wives. Five of the local band were elected to membership.

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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on April 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. C. Henderson 1, J. M. Elaine Mordaunt 2, J. R Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Barrett, a ringer.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On April 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. R. White 1, B R White 2, Mrs. E. Mordaunt 3, R. Mitty 4, N. Leslie 5, A. Mordaunt 6, D. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Barrett, former ringer at Appleton and Abingdon, also of F. G Myers, of Plymouth.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, E. T. Lee 2, A. E. Cox 3, J. Brain 4, P. J. England (first in method) 5, G. H. Pullin 6, M. J. Horseman 7 J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. F. Lee 1, G J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, R. L. Coles 3, A Swatton 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, D. C Hawkins 6, P. J. Devrell 7, B. Sarll 8. First in method for all except treble. For the wedding of Noel Lee and Yvonne King

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On March 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: 1. Wickens 1, K. Game 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, N. S. Bagworth 7, G. W. Shanks 8.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, J. Martin 3, W. Robertson 4, B. Potts (cond.) 5, G. Baxter 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On April 2nd, 720 Ipswich, 540 St. Clement's: A. J. Munnings 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, D. J. Derrick 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, L. H. Bowden 2, C. F Mutton 3, W H. Cholwill 4, R G Pearce 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7 C. Cholwill 8. For Palm Sunday, and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E Chilton, of Newark, Notts.

BROADCHALKE, WILTS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Carter 1, A. J. Grant 2, R. T. Jones (cond.) 3, G. M. Penney 4, D. G. Chalk 5, D J. Gilbert 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 6. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Carter 1, A J Grant 2, R. C. Laity (first quarter) 3, D. G. Chalk 4, R. T. Jones (cond.) 5, D. J. Gilbert 6. For the wedding of Miss S. Leyland and Mr. R. Fry.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Spice 1, Sheila Copping 2, Jenny Quaife 3, M. C. Hansford (first "inside") 4, Christine Webb 5, R. J Edmondson (first of Major) 6, M. G. Foster 7, T. Lewis (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Frances Kate, daughter of Rev. A. McCabe (curate).

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves 1, M. P. Inskipp (first "inside") 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheaham 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

QUARTER PEALS

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For the marriage of Miss Shirley Ede and Mr. Peter Bell.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. E. Marshall (first quarter) 1, R. H. J. Mears (first "inside") 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F Collins (cond.) 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Amey 7, J. W. Marshall 8. To welcome back the Vicar, Canon P. Anderson, after his recuperation.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Carol Frank (first quarter) 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, E. Newnham 3, R. Durrant 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, E. Pickett 6. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on being elected president of the Herts Association.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tigwell 1, D. Carey 2, H. Heath 3, J. Martin 4, H. Fell 5, Rev. P. Wooster 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, E. Green 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, R. Collins 2, J. Priest 3, Anne Pickering 4, Patricia Hill 5, P. Privett 6, D Blows (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. For Confirmation Service.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Kirkpatrick (first quarter) 1, W. Willons 2, D. Rennolds (cond.) 3, B. Martin 4, Miss S. Withers 5, S. Bateman 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 2nd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R C. Stevens 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, I. M. Parry 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, A. Brown 8, K. Taber (first of Caters as cond.) 9, F. E. Collins 10. A compliment to Mr. Philip Cooper, son of the late Daniel Cooper, married on March 25th.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Minor (five methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, J. Hartless 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, L. D. Smith (most methods as cond.) 5, D. Jackson 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6 For the christening of Kevin Paul Osborne.

EALING MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Read (first quarter) 1, Susan Davis 2, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, P. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chambers 1, P. Mounsey 2, S. G. Pick 3, K. Hilton (first "inside") 4, T. Coates 5, H Poyner (cond.) 6.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Martin 1, Miss S. Withers 2, J. Collard 3, D Rennolds 4, T. Newlands 5, W. Willons 6. Jointly conducted by 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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ON EASTER DAY

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Easter Eve for first Easter Communion, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Evans 1, J. Wrigley 2, Miss M. Stubbs 3, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 4, A. Wrigley 5, E. Goater 6, E. Naylor 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. First "inside" 2 and 3.

BENDIGO VICTORIA.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson 3, C. Rayner (first "inside") 4, I. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Cook 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Boustead 1, A. R. Ling 2 B. Redgers 3, B. Forsyth 4, C. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Morgan 7. Also for the birth of a second daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT. — 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Gribble 1, C. Cheseman 2, J. R. Palmer 3 R. J. Everest 4, P. R. Everest 5, N. S. Butcher 6, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. First of Triples by a local band since 1939.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Langdon (first quarter) 1, Beryl Platt 2, Jacquie Hedges 3, Gloria Simpson 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Langdon (first as cond.) 6, Trudy Newcombe cover.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. S. Norgrove 1, B. Coggins 2, Mrs. P. E. Pimm 3 D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. E. Hicks 6. Also rung half-muffled to the memory of the parents of Mr. G. Cox.

FILTON, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. M. Morse 1, Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 2, G. Gooding 3, D. C. Haslum 4, A. Howard 5, A. N. Blount 6.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—1,272 Minor (Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford): S. Marshall 1, R. C. Bunning 2, J. A. Adams 3, G. T. Bunning 4, D. G. Adams 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6. First Minor 3 and 5.

HARPENDEN, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan D. Cowan 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine Powell 3 M. Bew (cond.) 4, R. Newson 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, L. G. Coburn 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Barbara Ward 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Jean Warner 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Bailey 5, S. Oates (first quarter) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, P. Hartt 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. N. Pearce (first in the method) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, S. P. D. Burnett (first in method "inside") 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5.

HUTTON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Hall 1, S. Powell 2, R. Rice 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, W. Rice 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Louise Evans 2, Sara Woolley 3, S. Cass 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, B. Edwards 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jane Markham 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Prescott 6.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cheryl Macdonald-Hardie 1, F. Ward 2, C. Geary 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Humphrey 5, R. Newsum 6. Also to celebrate the birth of Christopher Anthony Coe.

MINSTER, Sheppey, KENT. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Marianne Leworthy 1, Jane Bryant 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, N. R. Mattingley (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D Rose 1, B. Coley 2, D. Tambling 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6 First "inside" 2 and 3.

ROYDON ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles: B. G. Burton 1, Mrs. M. Norgett 2, W. P. Sams 3, C. W. Sams (cond.) 4, A. A. Livings 5, N. Ward 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS. — 1,092 Plain Bob Triples: B. F. Sims 1, P. S. George 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. E. Bonham 4, J. S. Walker 5, R. L. Piron 6, P. Mehew (cond.) 7, C. D. Corby 8. A 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 2. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): F. L. George (first quarter) 1, T. W. Griffiths (first "inside") 2, P. S. George 3, J. S. Walker (cond.) 4, G. E. Bonham 5, J. D Tarrant (first quarter) 6, C. D. Corby 7, I. P. Sawford 8. First quarter peal by the present local band.

STREATHAM LONDON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith (first away cover) 1, Irene E. Shanks (first Grandsire Triples) 2, Rosemary J. Cotten 3, Mary Potter 4, J. R. Pratt 5, G. W. Shanks 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7 C. P. Starbuck 8.

SULLY, GLAM.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dr. T. G. Morris 1, G. Whincup 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, G. Davis 4, G. Havard (cond.) 5, Catharine A. Havard 6.

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Rededication of Wittersham (Kent) Bells

IT was cold and blustery on April 2nd, when the bells of St. John the Baptist, Wittersham, Kent, were rededicated by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Lucey) during Matins.

The church was beautiful with the Easter decorations, lilies in the Sanctuary, daffodils, primroses and other flowers elsewhere. At the entry to the belfry steps there was a large bowl of multi-coloured polyanthus and smaller jars of the same flowers in little niches on the stairway. In the belfry one was greeted by the sight of red, white and blue sallies suspended above the red floor covering (kindly given by Mrs. Chester Beatty), and two arrangements of daffodils and forsythia.

General ringing for about an hour preceded the service. After singing the bellringers' hymn the Rector and choir, together with the family and friends of the man to whom the bells were to be rededicated, and the many ringers present, proceeded to the base of the tower, where the Rector rededicated the bells "to the glory of God and to the memory of Herman Anton Andreae."

Present at the service was his daughter, Lady Mallett (a member of the local band of ringers), at whose instigation the work was carried out and who was also responsible for having the ringing chamber floor repaired.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Graham-Harrison, a retired clergyman from Northamptonshire, who has recently come to live in Wittersham, and who took as his two-fold text "They work—to the glory of God." He spoke along the lines that whilst bellringers were members of their own band or team, they were also members of the band within the whole Church.

After the service the ringers, numbering about 40, returned to the belfry for further ringing. The bells have been retuned, turned and rehung in a cast iron frame, with provision for two trebles to be added at a later date, and they now run in a clockwise direction. We were very sorry indeed to learn that the bellhanger from Taylor's foundry, Mr. Fred Thorold, had been ill and absent from work since he left us last December, and the Rector referred to this during his prayers for the sick

Apart from the local band, those present included the Ashford District secretary (Mr. Alan P. S Berry), former Ashford District Ringing Master (Mr. John Cooper) and ringers from Appledore (Kent), Battle, Sussex, Bethersden, Folkestone, Hothfield, King's College (Cambridge), New Romney, Rolvenden, Sevenoaks, Stone (Kent), Sturry, Tenterden and Winchester School. We were very pleased to receive as non-ringing visitors in the belfry Sir Victor Mallett, Lord Dunboyne and Mrs. Chester Beatty.

THE BELLS

The second, third and fourth are now the only bells existing in Kent by Josephus Carter, and are referred to in "Church Bells of Kent" as three of the finest bells in the county. The whole ring was restored and rehung, and a new treble added, in 1937, the gift of Mr. A. Max Wilkinson, churchwarden, and was rededicated on Easter Sunday, 1938. The fifth became cracked in August, 1938, and was recast in 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, and was rededicated on May 6th, 1951.

Tenor.—"John Wilnar made me. I. B. G. F. C. W. 1629. Weight 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Fifth.—Shoulder: Thomas Mears and Son, London Fecit 1808. Waist: Recast 1951 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. "O be Joyful in the Lord all ye lands: Serve the Lord with Gladness, and come before His Presence with a Song." Weight 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Fourth—"Thomas Odiarne. Ieremy Odiarne Isaake Odiarne gave this bell." 1609. Weight 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Third.—"Josephus Carter me fecit." 1609. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Second.—"Josephus Carter me fecit. 1609. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Treble.—Shoulder: Mears and Stainbank. 1937. Waist: "In Joyous Sound—Remember Kenneth Maxmillian Wilkinson, Commander R.N. 9 Nov. 1936. Aged 43." James Fischer Wilkinson, M.C. Major R.F.A., France and Flanders. 1914—29 Oct. 1918. Aged 23.

A peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the bells on April 2nd, conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

P. F. D.

WARWICKSHIRE'S OLDEST CHURCH

News from Wootton Wawen, the oldest church in Warwickshire, is that there is an active young band with 12 of 16 or under. Three have rung quarter peals, nine more are eager to, and one has rung a peal.

FROM DERBYSHIRE

The Chesterfield striking contest to be held at Clowne on May 13th was discussed at the well-attended monthly meeting at Creswell. North Wingfield, Wingerworth and Creswell are hoping to enter a team for the first time for several years. The contest should prove more interesting than last year, when only four teams competed Mr. D. Davis, the new District Ringing Master, supervised the ringing.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District enjoyed the delightful little six at Longparish on April 1st. The Rev. K. S. P McDowall conducted the service, and the ladies of Longparish belfry provided tea The highlights of the evening at Longparish and Barton Stacey were touches of Cambridge Minor and three courses of London Surprise.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH NEWS

The Cheltenham Branch continued its evening practice meetings at Swindon Village, Leckhampton and Charlton Kings this year.

There has been a change ringing band at the difficult five at Swindon for many years, and the Church Council is now considering providing a treble. There is a pit for this and no difficulties are apparent apart from minimum costs.

The neighbouring eight-bell towers are quite a contrast, one light and fast, the other slow and sonorous. There was a satisfactory attendance at both, methods being varied up to Bristol.

Meetings will be further afield a little later as the area is very long and narrow, the most distant necessitating Saturday meetings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Uny Doubles rung at Lelant on April 3rd consists of plain course Stedman, Single, Grandsire Single in quick six. Composition: two singles, 60 changes apart.

"The Child's Guardian," the official magazine of the N.S.P.C.C., has in its March issue a fine picture of a group of students from St. John's College, York, giving a handbell recital in York for the N.S.P.C.C.

The Huntington Guild had a most successful Easter with five tower bell and two handbell peals, all conducted by A. Colin Banton. Also operating in the area was A. Martin Thorley, who conducted another three during the same period.

The Bath and Wells Association at its annual general meeting on Easter Monday abolished the compulsory contribution of 6d. per rope for a peal to "The Ringing World." In its place the Association will make a contribution out of general funds to the journal.

Three of the local band took part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Liss to honour the wedding of Bernard S Gambrill, the vice-captain, and Miss Sheila Knox. This was the first of Stedman on the bells and our correspondent asks if it was a coincidence that the previous evening's last touch for Evensong, conducted by the bridegroom, contained all "singles."

Mr. Alan R. Pink and Mr. Christopher C. Clarke rang their 100th peal together at Daventry on February 25th.

One of those very rare events took place at Haresfield, Glos, on March 19th, when the whole band rang their first quarter peal—Grandsire Doubles. Congratulations to all concerned.

Regarding Mr. John R. Mayne's letter about conductors making sure their notations are accurate, his observations did not apply to Pendeen Surprise Major, as the correction was published a week before his letter. Regrets that the reference was not deleted.

Which leading composer composed a quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples that was two courses short of the usual quarter peal length? Which leading peal ringer called it on Easter Sunday without realising the error until it was pointed out to him afterwards?

Ringwood Sunday service band made history on April 3rd by ringing a quarter of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire). It was the first quarter of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung by resident members of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY, BELLS RUNG FOR LAST TIME

The bells of St. Alkmund's, Derby, were rung for the last time on April 8th, the day of the annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association. The church passed over to Derby Corporation on April 3rd but our correspondent believes that services are being held there until April 26th.

The future of the bells is unknown; an assurance has been given by the diocesan authorities that the ring of eight will not be broken up but, apart from that, the Vicar and P.C.C. are non-committal.

The views of Derby Association have been conveyed to the Bishop and a letter from the Association is going to the local Press as it is hoped that a home for the bells may be found at a Derby church or one in the diocese.

The proposed extension and redevelopment of Derby is likely to make several churches in the centre redundant. Recently St. Andrew's Church was considered to be a liability in view of the population movement. It is suggested that a smaller church be built but nothing has yet been settled. St. Andrew's houses a ring of ten.

WOMEN RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO SUFFOLK M.U. PRESIDENT

St. Mary's, Offham, Suffolk, bells, augmented to six by Messrs. Taylors in 1959, was chosen by Mothers' Union branches in the Bosmere Deanery for the ringing of a quarter peal in honour of Mrs. Cashmore, wife of Bishop Cashmore, who has retired after 12 years as president of the M.U. in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

A change in the band through two experienced ringers becoming expectant mothers necessitated the ringing being limited to changes. One of the ropes was taken by 12-year-old Judith Atkins, and others participating were Mesdames Joyce Lester, Brenda Lavers, Winifred Lockwood, Janet Perry and Monica Green.

IN NORTHERN IRELAND

A profitable week-end in Northern Ireland was spent at the beginning of April. Peals were rung at Hillsborough, Carrickfergus and Holywood of two Spliced Surprise Major conducted by Robert C. Kippin, and Yorkshire Surprise Major by George E. Thoday.

ROCKETS AND BELLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Unusual features at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Easter Saturday, were the ringing of a quarter peal for the first Communion service and the firing of rockets from the church tower to denote the commencement of the service. Fr. Beaumont, of 20th Century Mass fame, devised the service.

SUDBURY'S PLIGHT

"It seems a shame that this town with so many bells should so seldom hear one of the most famous sounds of England," says the Sudbury Group Magazine.

The towers at St. Gregory's and St. Peter's have been declared unsafe for their bells to be rung but All Saints has the finest ring of bells for miles around, with a 25 cwt. tenor. "However," concludes the report, "the town cannot muster eight ringers and the bells are silent for most of the year."

PROMISING YOUNG DEWSBURY RINGER

Ruth Richardson has recently taken part in her first quarter peal of Double Norwich before celebrating her 12th birthday. Ruth was taught to handle a bell by Jeanne and Vernon Bottomley two years ago and rang her qualifying 720 for the Yorkshire Association in December, 1965. She has become a reliable and steady ringer. Stedman is at present her favourite method. She is a neat handler and os ever present and never late.

Ruth has joined wholeheartedly in the present Dewsbury project to train a band to ring the bells of neighbouring Cleckheaton, which have been silent for many years, and it is gratifying to hear her drawing her pupils' attention to handling faults.

She is a very busy young lady—amongst other activities is her membership of the local Girl Guide Company. Her crop of badges includes the bellringer's, of course.

A USEFUL PAMPHLET

Based on its unique experience of 80 years of accident risks, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Ltd. has produced a useful "Stop Accidents!" pamphlet calling attention to accidents arising from churches and halls.

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A picture calls attention to "Dark steps are a danger," and asks "Consider controlling lights by key or time switch. When steps are hidden behind a door, keep it locked when practical and show a warning notice." Even experienced ringers with many towers to their credit have been known to slip on dangerous stairs."

The E.I.O. gave helpful assistance to a lady who slipped when visiting a church last Christmas and fractured her ankle. She is still incapacitated and E.I.O. are standing by her. It cannot be over-emphasised the importance of bellringers being protected for the modest premium of one shilling a year paid by the P.C.C. in their cover with E.I.O. The inquiry is well worth while.

BELLRINGING INTRODUCED TO A FRENCH GIRL

"And what do we do tomorrow?" Françoise, my pen friend, asked me on Saturday night. "Go ringing, of course," I replied automatically.

"Ah, yes, you have written to me about this, I have not understood."

I was appalled—surely my French wasn't that bad? "You know, ringing, like this . .." I gave a vivid demonstration of my hobby, upsetting a tea cup and a vase of flowers in the process, but she didn't know.

Thus Sunday morning found us arriving at Lanchester Church, gaily making introductions and running lightly up the stairs to the ringing chamber. At least I was running lightly up the stairs before I realised that all I could hear of Françoise was a grunting sound several stairs lower.

"You have many, many stairs," she complained. I acquiesced without bothering to rub in the fact that there are only 35. Soon we clambered into the belfry. "What's this?" Françoise asked, grabbing at a sally, and thanked us profusely for the French flag we had wrapped around it for her benefit.

And so, on that memorable day, we gave Françoise her first ringing lesson in a mixture of French and English which was a travesty of both languages — "Pullez la belle plus hard," "All quatre fingers sur la corde," etc. etc.

She learned quickly and before long I could take her to visit other towers, which she seemed to like (a) because of the young masculine ringing specimens in the area; (b) because of the teas; and (c) because of speeches which usually referred to her presence in a complimentary manner.

One speech made by a noteworthy local ringer (no names mentioned. Mr. Tyson), following a cricket match, ringing and a truly magnificent tea, bound all three together as typical of England, and included the following remark: "They may have De Gaulle, but they've nowt like this!" And Françoise sadly agreed. A.

CALL CHANGERS JOIN SCIENTIFICS IN STRIKING CONTEST

A striking competition in which call change ringers competed with change ringers took place at Clyst St. George on April 1st. Each of the nine teams was required to pull out the bells from a "set" position, to ring a set piece taking at least 10 minutes and then to set the bells again.

The tea break was followed by a dignified service taken by the Rector (the Rev. D. H. Large). The Rev. J. G. M. Scott made some useful comments before announcing the results and presenting certificates to the first three teams.

Results: 1 Withycombe A (Grandsire), 60 faults; 2 Otterton (call changes), 79; 3 Whimple A (call changes), 90; 4 Pinhoe B (call changes), 98; 5 Pinhoe A (call changes), 99; 6 Withycombe B (call changes), 117; 7 Lympstone (Plain Bob), 121; 8 Colaton Raleigh (call changes), 126; 9 Whimple B (call changes), 130.

Six teams came from towers owing their main allegance to the Devon Association. The competition was organised by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (Aylesbeare Branch).

F. D. M.

TOWER BELL PEALS

FOUR PEALS OF SURPRISE ROYAL IN ONE DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st, 1967

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
No. 1.—In 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Brian Harris	2	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Michael W. Crowder ..	3	Richard Inglis	8
Geoffrey R. Parker	4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	9
Alan McFall	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Rung as a compliment to B Gillian Schofield and Roderick W. Pipe, who were married at Bradford Cathedral on March 27th.

No. 2.—In 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	2	Alan McFall	7
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	8
*Robert B. Smith	4	Richard Inglis	9
Michael W. Crowder ..	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 100th peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a compliment to Anne P. Smith and Edmund R. Wilkinson, who were married at All Saints' Church, Marple, on March 28th.

No. 3.—In 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alan McFall	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Brian J. Woodruffe ..	2	*Robert B. Smith	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Michael Harris	8
Jeffrey Brannan	4	Michael W. Crowder ..	9
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 150th peal on ten bells. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
Rung as a compliment to Maryl R. Crossthwaite and John H Fielden, who were married at St. John's Church, Preston, on March 27th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
No. 4.—In 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Inglis	Treble	Basil Jones	6
Bernard F L. Groves ..	2	Michael W. Crowder ..	7
Robert B. Smith	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Alan McFall	4	Brian J Woodruffe	9
Brian Harris	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung for the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

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This is the greatest number of ten-bell peals ever to be rung in one day by one band. Each of the above peals was witnessed by G. Ronald Edwards.

HUNTINGTON GUILD'S EASTER

ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
A. Shirley Beanland	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
A. Colin Banton	3	Simon P. D. Burnett ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
Susan Mitchell	2	H. David Holland	5
Simon P. D. Burnett ..	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

SCALBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Christopher J. Groome	Treble	‡Jennifer E. Pearce	4
†Christopher J. Easton ..	2	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	5
†Michael J. Pickup	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton
* 25th peal for the Association † First in seven methods. ‡ First in seven methods "inside." First in more than one method on the bells.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Patsy M. Barnes	Treble	Susan Mitchell	4
Susan E. Thompson ..	2	Simon P. D Burnett ..	5
A. Colin Banton	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal attempt
Rung as a birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Andrew N. Pearce	Treble	Simon P. D. Burnett ..	4
A. Colin Banton	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
Susan Mitchell	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Being 1,008 St. Clement's and 2,016 each of Plain Bob and Little Bob, with 351 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Richard D. Gibson	Treble	J. Ian Booth	5
Eve Rimer	2	Christopher L. D. Munday	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Christopher C. Brown ..	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	F. Neville Pailing	Tenor

Composed by George F. Feirn. Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.
First peal of Spliced Plain Major by all except the ringer of the 3rd
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Foskett, of Nottingham.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 23. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Giles B. Thompson ..	Treble	Robert B. Smith	5
Derek F. Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
David Salter	3	Frank Osbaldiston	7
Christopher Movley ..	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SHIRLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Marion R. Panton	Treble	Robert W Sherriff	5
Maurice C. Hughes	2	John K. Foot	6
Pamela M. Turner	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Roger E. Tallis	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock
Rung as a compliment to Judy Robinson, a local ringer, on the occasion of her wedding, which took place earlier this day.

SALFORD-PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	*Peter C. Randall	5
*Sheila Parsons	2	Harry Poyner	6
†Anthony J. Cox	3	*Geoffrey W. Randall ..	7
E Alan Jacques	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major.

CHURCH LAWFORD Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, viz.: (1, 2) Kent T.B., (3, 4) St. Clement's, (5, 6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*Barbara K. Fyle	Treble	Richard T. Liggins	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	James Draycott	5
Geoffrey Pratt	3	Arthur R. Wright	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur R. Wright.
* First peal.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents with ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	4
Delphine C. L. Holman ..	2	Alan J. Collings	5
Fred C. Lyne	3	James Stockley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Collings.
First peal as conductor
Rung as a compliment to Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Panton, who were to be married on April 1st, 1967, at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Paul S. Reading	Treble	Shirley E. Jones	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Christopher J. Royal	3	James W. Belshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Royal	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
*James W. Belshaw	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* Most methods to a peal of Minor. Most methods as conductor.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*David R. Randall	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	4
Geoffrey W Randall	2	Peter C. Randall	5
†Mrs. Doris M. Randall	3	Christopher J. Royal	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor "inside."

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Panton, married this day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund. On Thurs., March 30, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

David W. Friend	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Alec Humphrey	2	†George L. Roobottom	7
Edmund Shuttleworth	3	Burley P. Morris	8
*Melvin Rose	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
*Jack Chadwick	5	Clive A. Thrower	Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Caters. † 100th peal.

CLAY CROSS, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew. On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

*John A. Timons	Treble	Verena Simpson	4
Mrs. Florence Davis	2	Dereck Davis	5
Marjorie Yarnold	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. W Price, tower captain at this church for over 25 years, who died on March 21st, 1967.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 3,776 Bristol, 640 London and 320 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 60 changes of method.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Ralph Bird	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BRABOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Beighton, (2) Eastwood, (3) Redcar, (4) Beighton, Eastwood, Redcar, Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Sleaford, (6) Netherwood, Bangor and Sleaford, (7) Chester, Bangor, Netherwood, Sleaford, Munden and Sandiacre. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Ralph Bird	Treble	John Faircloth	4
Mary S. Faircloth	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Tony Lewis	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John Evang. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt 18 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Derek Butterworth	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
Edward Jenkins	3	Richard J. Parker	8
J. Colin Ashworth	4	J. Barry Pickup	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung with best wishes to John Fielden and Maryl Crossthwaite, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

(Bolton Branch)

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Saviour. On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Carter's. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	John Illingworth (15)	5
Roy Jolley (15)	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
Keith Lister (15)	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Margaret Fort	4	James E. Andrews (15)	Tenor

Conducted by Keith Lister.

First peal as conductor.

Rung upon the eve of the Feast of St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop, and as a belated peal of welcome to the new parish priest.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sun., March 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Raymond Helliwell	Treble	Roger Leigh	4
*Kevan Dean	2	Michael Bell	5
*Douglas Deakin	3	†Anthony Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First of Minor "inside." † 50th peal at Accrington.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Raymond Helliwell	Treble	Roger Leigh	4
*Nigel Dean	2	Michael Bell	5
Douglas Deakin	3	Anthony J. Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Helliwell.

* First peal "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*E. Alan Jacques	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds	5
*J. Edward Cawser	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Monica M. Jelley	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Harry Poyner	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 50th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in A flat.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Neville W. Price	Treble	Steven C. Wells	5
Brian L. Burrows	2	John Watkins	6
*Robin A. Gilliver	3	K. Paul Gilliver	7
Christopher M. Sturgess	4	*William M. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

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

Rung by a Hinckley District band. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARSTON TRUSSELL, Northants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., March 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents in each of the following methods: Reverse St. Bartholomew, Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Hazel Nichols	Treble	Judy Morris	3
Dr Ron W. Adams	2	Raymond H. Martin	4
		Edward W. Martin	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) Double Court and Single Court, (4) Kent T.B., and Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Amos Ingall	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	4
Philip C. Pitchford	2	Ronald Applewhite	5
John F. Pearson	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung with the compliments of the band to Miss Sylvia Joan Rushton and Mr. Derek Woodcock, who were married previous to the peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos. On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards ..	Treble	*Richard J. Bowden ..	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	†Charles P. Quarterley ..	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	†David J. King	9
David J. Llewellyn	4	John S. Mason	10
Frederick R. Scott	5	David P. Hilling	11
J. Keith Ward	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Arranged by P. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. † First of Maximus.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Hilling.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard W. Owen ..	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
David Pike	2	Lionel Jones	6
David L. Philips	3	David J. Hughes	7
David J. King	4	James L. Fitzgerald ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Mark Clarke and Miss Patricia Johnson. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

Frank C. J. Arnold	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Paul Cattermole	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	Treble	Bradley Murduck	5
Reginald F. Crook	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Philip Murduck	7
Harry E. Wells	4	Claude Corderoy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

E. Dennis Poole	Treble	Robert H. Newton	5
Arthur Newton	2	Roland Biggs	6
Joyce I. Barton	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Keith H. Gould, ringer at this church, and Patricia F. Denton, who were married earlier in the day. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WARBOROUGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Frank E. Godden	5
Harold W. Dunsden ..	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Philip Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Roy H. Jones	4	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd

HORTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods. Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

David H. Brown	Treble	William Birmingham ..	4
Albert C. Wenban	2	Frederick R. Scott	5
Monica Blagrove	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

C. Jeffrey Jones	Treble	Christopher I. Rowson ..	4
J. Richard Poole	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Marie R. Cross	3	James R. White	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

PIDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 each of Newborough, Longparish and St. Anne and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt in A.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	3
C. Richard Miles	2	Elizabeth M. Barber ..	4
Roy H. Jones	Tenor		

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

Rung for Palm Sunday.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EMPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 21, 23, 24 and 25. Tenor 15½ cwt

E Ann Sadler	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	4
Ronald Russell	2	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DOWNTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' one-part. Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	Treble	*John W. Blackwood ..	5
*David Wilson	2	Ronald N. Marlow ..	6
William A. Theobald ..	3	*William T. Perrins	7
*Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	4	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHILDE OKEFORD, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 1,440 Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob and 720 of St. Clement's. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*D. John Knight	Treble	Robert Allinson	4
Christopher F. Longridge	2	William T. Perrins	5
Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by William T Perrins.

* First peal. First of Minor on the bells.

SHROTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods in the following extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4, 5) Single Oxford, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Martin Corry	Treble	Timothy F. Collins	4
Christopher F. Longridge	2	William T. Perrins	5
John N. Longridge	3	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

* First peal.

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

David B. Ellery	Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	4
J. Richard Poole	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
A. Keith P. Poole	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

MARLBOROUGH, Wilts.—At the Church of St. George, Preshute. On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

J. Richard Poole	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
David B. Ellery	2	Christopher I. Rowson ..	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENSNETT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Tues., March 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	Frank Beech	5
Christine Slater	2	Richard B. Dorrington ..	6
Edward R. Fairbrother ..	3	Richard J. Warrilow ..	7
Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

*Angela C. Hughes	Treble	John H. Payton	5
Peter Henry	2	Keith G. Game	6
†Peter R. Daws	3	Richard H. Youdale ..	7
*Jill P. Oakshott	4	Christopher W. Daws ..	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal. † First on eight.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	†Stuart G. C. Harrison ..	4
*†Reginald C. Kersey ..	2	Lawrence R. Pizzey ..	5
Hubert A. Mitson ..	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester
* First of Minor in more than one method. † First peal attempt.
Rung as a farewell for the Bishop of Dunwich and Mrs. Cashmore on the Bishop's resignation and their departure from the Diocese.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert Crocker	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
Philip Murduck	2	Howard E. J. Smith ..	6
Bradley Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Philip Taylor	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by F. Hopgood. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	William Birmingham ..	5
Michael Hatchett	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.2.) Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (Tipler's B36/4).
Rung for the Easter Festival.

XENOPHON SURPRISE MAJOR
Notation: —36—14—1258—16—34—1458—16—78.
L.H. (2nds) 5738264. Bob 4ths. F.C.H.'s 24365, 43265, 32465.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

John Chesterman	Treble	*J. Jeffery Hill	4
Howard E. J. Smith ..	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Richard C. Wilson	3	Andrew Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmsworth at this church, where both are ringers.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
*Peter L. Bill	2	John C. Eisel	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	*Gerald C. Hemming ..	7
Roderick J. Lees	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of four spliced.

OLDSWINFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal of London Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Buckley and as an engagement compliment to Martin D. Fellows and Joan Flynn.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Alan Sheppard	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	5
J. Martin Thorley	2	Ronald R. Warford	6
*C. Barrie Dove	3	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	7
John Potts	4	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 150th peal for the Yorkshire Association.
The ringer of the treble has now "completed the circle."

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

John Potts	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	4
James Thorley	2	G. Fred Terry	5
*Alan Shepherd	3	Leslie M. Woodhead ..	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* Has now twice "circled the tower."
Rung with the bells half-muffled at the request of the Vicar.

WALKINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	Robert C. Woodward ..	4
Christopher J. Groome ..	2	A. Colin Banton	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

Jennifer E. Pearce	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Christopher J. Groome ..	2	*John Woolley	5
Mrs. J. Martin Thorley ..	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., March 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's 12-part. Tenor size 15 in C

*A. Alan Potts	1–2	Robert B. Smith (cond.)	5–6
Gerald Moorhouse	3–4	†J. David Atkinson	7–8

* First quarter peal of Triples "in hand." † First of Triples.
Rung in memory of John Worth, whose last peal attempt was on these handbells at the above address on February 21st, 1967

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
		*Alan McFall	9–10

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman "in hand." First of Stedman "in hand" as conductor.
Rung on the eve of the wedding of Anne P. Smith and Edmund R. Wilkinson, both ringers at Marple.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G

James R. White	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	*Robert M. Chambers ..	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. F. Wills 1, D. Wills 2, P. Colton 3, B. Thompson 4, M. F. Lock (cond.) 5, C. D. Yates 6, G. Skinner 7, J. N. Longridge 8. Rung on the Thomas eight, in honour of the christening of Katharine Anne, second daughter of Clive and Joyce Bryant.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On March 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sally Reed (first in method) 1, Sarah Hughes 2, J. M. Kippin 3, B. Simpson 4, C H Kippin 5, D. Cox 6, S. Reed 7, H. Reed (cond.) 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Vinters 1, D. A. Frith 2, V. Evans 3, F W. Pinchbeck 4, J. Holmes 5, T. A. Relf 6, J. Watson 7, P. Slight 8, K. Ketteringham 9. H. R Woods (cond.) 10. A wedding compliment to the verger's daughter, Miss Ann Nidd, and Mr. Alan Butler.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On March 27th, 1,296 Oxford T.B.: D. Gullick (cond.) 1, L. Runnacles 2, G Cherry 3, S. Gullick 4, A. Harris 5, E. Winters 6. For the wedding of Mr. Peter Croft and Miss Maria Contessa.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on April 2nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: Jessie M. Kippin 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, C. H. Kippin 3, P. J. Joyce 4, G. Britchford 5, M. Church 6, S. Reed (first of Caters) 7, T. Price 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9 D. N. Cox 10.

HALSE, SOMERSET. — On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, F Branchflower (cond.) 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A Smith 6. A wedding compliment to Mary Burrough married this day.

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, G. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger 5, T. Wright 6. By Lane End ringers as a compliment to Canon W. E. Watts, on completing 30 years as Rector.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Chisholm (first quarter) 1, Barbara Deason 2, Hilary Essen 3, Lesley Essen 4, Alison Wyllie 5, W S. Deason (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARESFIELD, GLOS. — On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pillinger 1, Miss G. Richardson 2, D. Tomlins 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P Screen (first as cond.) 5, G. Whalley 6. First quarter attempt by all the band. A birthday compliment to R. Screen, a local ringer.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Romney (first quarter) 1, R W. Skinner 2, J. Simmons 3, C. J. Royal 4, S M. Bailey (cond.) 5, D. Knox 6, D. Francis 7, L A. Timms 8. A wedding compliment to Robin and Sue Lee.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, F. K. Rawson 4, A. C. Wenban 5, J Brooks 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Rung by the Society of Windsor Youths.

HOBART, TASMANIA.—At St. David's Cathedral, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lorna Walker (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, Monica Martin 3, J. Martin 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Gregory 6.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Farr (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, R. Some field 3, C. Lock 4, J. Aldridge (cond.) 6.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 25th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W Harrison 5. A 21st birthday compliment to M. Chilton.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6.

HORBLING, LINCS.—On March 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. Spencer (cond.) 1, S. Wesley 2, S. Richardson 3, A. D. Walker 4. First quarter 1, 2 and 3.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley A. Hawes 1, P. T. Selwood (first "inside") 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, D. M. Wilkins 4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5, M. Green 6.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On March 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H W. Barrett 1, I. Margetts 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. W. Forder 4, G. G. Walpole 5, F. C. Gunton 6, R. Bickers 7, Rev. P Bond (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Commander G. Sayer and Miss Jennifer Drake.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 3rd, 1,320 St. Uny Doubles: Marion L. Lidgey 1, A. P. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis 5, F. M. Bowers 6. First in variation. Also on April 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. J. George 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4 F. M. Bowers 5, W. R Curtis 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. An 83rd birthday compliment to H. Miles, the tower captain.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. L. Anderson 1, Mrs P Smith 2, P. Smith 3, R. Bagshaw 4, P. M. J. Bradford 5, P. J. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Worthington 1, R. Spicer 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, M. Worthington 4, F. J. Robinson 5, A. A. F. Peters 6.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's Without, Aldgate, on April 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. V Gant 1, S. Penfold 2, D. Ellisden 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. E. Wright 5 C. C. M. Pain (cond.) 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Also on March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, J. McDonald 4, C E. Wright 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, A. J. Salisbury 7 F. E. Symonds 8.

LYDLINCH, DORSET.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Board 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss M Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (six methods) R. Birch 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Neilson 6. For Evensong.

LYNG, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. F. Arscott 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, R. Parker 3, G. H. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A belated birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On March 29th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Green 1, D. N. Heapy 2, R. Salter 3, D. Salter 4, B. Corbishley (cond.) 5, A. Maddocks 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First "inside" 3.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At St. Michael's, on March 19th, 1,260 Doubles: M. Barden 1, M. L. Howe 2, W. Manser 3, S. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, J. Long (first quarter) 6.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Shirley Bolton 1, Monica Martin 2, Helen Henderson 3, A. Bolton (cond.) 4, J. Martin (250th quarter) 5, D. Heyes 6, J. Roper 7, G. Heyes 8.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS. — On March 29th 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Ipswich): E G. Jones 1, P. J. Heritage 2, B. J. Davis (50th quarter) 3, M. W. Coleman 4, C. C. Clarke 5, E. R Venn (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. M. Kortwright 1, Miss Carol Johnson (first "inside") 2, R. Boultbee 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Joyce 1, Prisca Hornby 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read 4, R. Stone 5, D. Hughes 6, L. Tremeer 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2.

PILTON, SOMERSET. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, J. Metcalfe 2, W. J. Tiley 3, K. Laver (first "inside") 4, S. J. Atwell 5, R. Talbot 6. A 94th birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Harvey, former captain and ringer at this tower.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Caroline Madge 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Deborah Bishop 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth 8. First in the method 1, 3 and 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. E S. T. Farr 1, R. E. Dean 2, N. V. Harding 3, A. C. Wenban 4, M. Hatchett 5, F. R. Scott 6, F T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Margaret Wenban 3, N. F. Phillips 4, F. K. Rawson 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6—7. S. Blyth 8. Rung as a compliment to Rev. Jack Wilson, former curate, inducted this day as Vicar of Basildon, Berkshire.

WOOTTON, OXON. — On March 17th, 1,260 Hoare 2, E. R. Venn (cond.) 3, J. Buggins 4, P. J. Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Venn 1, B. Heritage 5, A. Cleaver (first quarter) 6.

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SCOTT.—The address of Stanley G. Scott, of Easthampstead, will be: Spincroft, Tilehurst Lane, Binfield, Berks (Tel. Bracknell 22125), from April 22nd. 1398

PERSONAL

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for that is the law of the prophets."—St. Matthew vii, 12.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE. — Kindly note that the tower secretary of St. Nicholas Church is Mrs. Madge Ashby, 4, Bedford Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds. 1382

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The A.G.M. will be held in Canon Moule's rooms, Clare College, after the practice on Wednesday, April 26th. Business includes election of officers for the next academic year. 1380

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND FRIENDS

attending the meeting in Nottingham are respectfully informed that peals are being arranged for them between May 27th and May 31st inclusive by the Hon. Peal Secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Mr. H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Nottinghamshire, and are invited to write to this gentleman stating their requirements in all particulars at their earliest convenience. 1376

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BIRTH

PIPE.—On April 9th, 1967, at Ipswich, to Diana and George Pipe, a daughter, Alison, sister for Sarah and Stephen. 1417

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells, suitable for children, tune and change ringing. Details and price to J. King, Headmaster, St. Rumon's V.P. School, Dolvin Road, Tavistock, Devon.

MISCELLANEOUS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. —C. H. 1393

PETHAM, KENT.—Kindly note that the tower secretary of All Saints' Church is now Miss D. V. A. Petts, Hunt's Farm, Petham, Kent, to whom all inquiries should be addressed. 1366

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Frittenden.—Dedication of peal board of first peal for the Association, Sunday, April 23rd, 2.45 p.m. in belfry Ringing 2 p.m. Evensong in church 3 p.m.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec.

VETERANS' REUNION, LONDON.—All our "Older Friends" will be "welcome" at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 24th next. A good chance for "Youngsters" to "Wheel 'm in."—Euston. 1379

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Chard (8 bells), Saturday, April 22nd 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 1415

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Compton Bishop (6), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 1378

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Babcary (6), Saturday, April 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 1333

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Evening meeting at Chesterfield on Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (10) 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 1374

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Annual meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells 6 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 1341

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Striking Competition will take place at Horsell on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by a service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Privett, 8, Butts Road, Woking. 1354

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tarrington, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 1371

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch — Quarterly meeting, Bicester (8), Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 1326

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Denham, Saturday, April 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names must be sent to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham.—Miss Hague. 1356

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanwick, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. J. Skerritt, Conway, Villa Lane, Stanwick. 1367

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 1332

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Great Finborough (6), April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Buxton Village Hall, 5, followed by business meeting. Rattlesden bells available in evening 6.30–9. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mitson, Alanore Lodge, Buxhall, Stowmarket.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. Tel. 3515.—G. Fitzhugh, Dis. Sec. 1404

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Nantmel, Rads, April 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea (2/6 per head) and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. 1264

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting at Constantine, Saturday, April 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 1318

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Curdridge, April 22nd. Bells 3 till 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Reading Room. Business meeting follows. Special methods: Erin and Double Norwich. 1343

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on April 25th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 2nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; May 9th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; May 16th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 1410

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Humberstone, Thursday, April 27th. Ringing 7 p.m. —F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1377

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—**Combined practice**, Redhill (8), Thursday, April 27th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1328

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch. — The striking competition will be held at East Harptree on Saturday, April 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. —E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1391

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Astbury, April 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. **Most important:** Names for tea must be received by April 26th. —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1416

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting and District striking competition at Breadsall on Sat., April 29th. Horsley Cup heats 3–5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. General ringing 6 p.m. Names for tea to Bernard Greasley, 106, Brookside Road, Breadsall. 1327

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Barnby Dun, Sat., April 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Stephenson, 25, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun. 1385

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A learners' practice meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Shildon, on Saturday, April 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. Ringing: Rounds and call changes to Plain Bob. Names for tea to Miss K. Anderson, 29, Princes Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, by Wednesday, April 26th. 1419

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Somersham (6), Saturday, April 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify W. Ransome, The Chestnuts, High Street, Somersham, Hunts, by April 26th, ringing teams excepted. General ringing in the evening.—H. S. Peacock. 1413

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—An evening meeting for learners will be held at Wendens Ambo (6 bells) on Saturday, April 29th. Help needed from experienced ringers.—All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1384

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch. — Spring meeting, Chetton, April 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, not later than April 26th. 1390

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, South Brent, Devon, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Petroc's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Diptford. Names for tea to Mrs. Pat Johnstone, Stidston, South Brent, by April 24th 1403

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — Meeting at Westham (6), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Please bring own tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 1357

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Harrow Weald, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting. Please make special effort to attend. Important business meeting.—J. Hooton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking Competition, Markfield, Saturday, May 6th. Rules as last year. Entries, with remittance, not later than April 29th. Leicester District meeting to follow., and Inter-District skittles match to take place in the evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, not later than May 3rd. 1966 Guild Report (22 new compositions) 5s. each, and many previous reports available 2s. each from Hon. Gen. Sec. 1401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, April 29th Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Lincoln Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service, Cathedral, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Tithe Barn 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing: Fulbeck (6) 10–11; Leadenhall (6) 11–12; Navenby (6) 12–1; Waddington (6) 1–2; St Botolph's, Lincoln (6) 2–4; St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) 2–4; St. Giles (8) 2–3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30–4.15 Lincoln towers after meeting until 9 p.m. except St. Giles (8 p.m.). Names for tea to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—John Freembn. Hon. Sec. 1334

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at East Harling, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. No names required. —C. F. W. Phillippo. Hon. Sec. 1345

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Little Houghton on April 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to C. Lamberton, 26, Althorp Road, St. James, Northampton, by Tuesday previous, please. 1418

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Empingham (6), April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 25th.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reading, April 29th, 1967

Programme (as per leaflet).
Lunch and Tea, Co-operative Restaurant, (Town centre.)
Business meeting 5.30 p.m.

J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glamorgan. 1288

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District). — Meeting, Nuthall, April 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Cunningham, 106, Watnall Road, Nuthall, by April 20th. 1359

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District—Quarterly meeting at Putney on Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Vestry Hall. Bells in evening Special method: Bristol. Names for tea to Mr. B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, Fulham, S.W.6. 1225

TRURO GUILD — Penzance Branch. — Spring meeting, Landewednack, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance, by previous Wednesday, please. 1268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Fordingbridge, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Ringwood bells in the evening Names for tea essential to Mr. R. N. Marlow. Rose Cottage, Bickton, Fordingbridge, by Thursday, 27th. No name—no tea.—L. F. C. 1331

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be at Skipton on April 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Millfield Hall, followed by the business meeting. Names, please (not just numbers), for tea should be sent to Mr. C. Lawson, 41, Long Meadow, Skipton, by Wednesday, April 26th, at the latest. Ringing arrangements: Bingley (8), 10.15–11.15; Ilkley (8), 10.15–11.15; Silsden (6), 11.15–12.15; Addingham (6), 11.15–12.15; Giggleswick (8), 1.30–3.0; Gargrave (8), 2.30–3.30; Kildwick (8), 2.0–3.30; Skipton (8), 2.0–3.45; Keighley (8), Kildwick and Skipton after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Northamptonshire Meeting, May 20th
Holy Cross, Daventry, 11–12.

Lunch, Wedgwood Restaurant, 79, Abington Street, Northampton, 12.45. Business meeting at St. Giles' Church Rooms, 2.30.

St. Peter's, Northampton, 3.15–4.
St. Giles', Northampton, 4.15–5.15.
SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, 6–7.

Names for lunch to me by May 9th, please (price about 11s. 6d.). Accommodation is limited to 60, so early application is advised.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1409

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1, Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen Sec. 1412

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Napton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Free tea for those who send names to R. W. Sherriff, 29, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa. 1364

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6) on May 6th. Competition at 2.30. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton 140 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 1291

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Cottered (5) 6.15–7 p.m.: Ardeley (6) 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1386

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30—3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

East Dereham (8)	1.30—2.30 p.m.	Blofield (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6)	2.15—3.30 p.m.	Hethersett (8)	2.15—3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.	Saxlingham N'gate (8)	2.15—3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, by Wednesday, May 3rd. H. William Barrett, Gen. Sec. 1389

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Tea, followed by meeting, in the Tresham Hall, 5 p.m.

Applications for tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to Mr. M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants, by Tuesday, May 2nd.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rothwell (8)	3 p.m.–4 p.m.; 7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Ashley (5)	10.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.
Weston-by-Welland (5)	
Dingley (5)	
Brampton Ash (6)	
Stoke Albany (6)	
Wilbarston (5)	
East Carlton (6)	12 noon — 2 p.m.
Cottingham (5)	
Corby (6)	
Gedmington (5)	Weekley and Warkton also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Weekley (6)	
Warkton (5)	
Cranford (6)	1.30 p.m. — 3.30 p.m. also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Burton Latimer (8)	
Barton Seagrave (5)	
Isham (5)	
Pytchley (5)	
Orlingbury (5)	
Desborough (8)	2.30 p.m. — 3.45 p.m. also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Rushton (6)	
Kettering (10)	7 p.m. — to 8 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 1365

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Elsham, May 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 1411

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.**

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Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

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Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary. 122

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec. 1372

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition (for 6 bells) at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Teams please meet at church at 1.30 to draw to decide order of ringing (late arrivals will be taken in order of arrival). Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Evening ringing at Horringer and Hartest. Entries and names for tea to Robin H. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, before Wednesday, May 3rd. 1369

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Guildford Cathedral, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea in the Refectory at 4 p.m. for those ho notify me by Friday, April 28th (no name, no tea). Ringing after until Evensong at 5.45, during which the company will be welcomed to the Cathedral by the Dean. Business meeting in the Refectory afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom, Surrey. 1388

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

Members are earnestly requested to note that the A.G.M. will be held at St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3, on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Names for tea imperative to Secretary. **This is a most important meeting, which will review the Society's constitution**, and members are asked to make attendance a priority. Tower list later.—D. L. Cawley, Sec., Torbay, Hillview Road, Whitstable, Kent. 1394

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IN DAYS OF OLD

By JOHN P. FIDLER

THROUGHOUT the country there are many jingles about local church bells, similar to the old Cheshire one:–

"Over Peover kettles,
Lower Peover pans,
Knutsford's sweet music,
And Rostherne's deep drones."

I used to think that the reference to the Peover bells was derogatory but now I am of the opinion there is an element of a legend about such jingles.

Over the past forty years I have been asked very frequently, chiefly in out of the way places, "How did they manage to get the bells here?" a question not easy to answer when we consider that centuries ago wheeled transport was of the crudest and roads mere tracks. We might get a clue from local folk lore, for many of the stories that have been handed down for generations often contain a certain amount of truth and it could well be that the reference to "kettles and pans" has some bearing on the casting of the bells many centuries ago when an itinerant founder cast bells on the spot.

In the days of long ago many kitchen utensils were made of copper or latten metal, so what would be more useful to a bell-founder than the metal of unwanted articles of that nature? A modern example of scrap kitchen utensils proving useful was when the call was made for aluminium pots, pans and kettles to make aircraft during the last war. How often have we heard it stated "there is silver in our bells"? so here again that statement could be legendary as possibly when scrap was collected in a parish some silver articles would be handed over but the bell-founder would see that this metal would not get into the furnace —quite possibly it would be a bit of "bunce."

I suppose it will be a bit of a shock to the starry-eyed romantic to think that some of their precious bells were made from such scrap and may doubt it; however, the late Thomas North in his "English Bells and Bell Lore" makes reference to a document relating to the casting of a bell for Bridgwater in the 13th century (quoted in N & Q. 5th S. 111. p. 77). Apparently the document shows that in addition to the sum raised by collections in the parish, together with donations from strangers, 36s. 2½d. was received for three leaden vessels, two trivets, one bason with laver, pots and brass as well as 12 pence for a ring that was sold. The parchment bears the following endorsement which proves that those who did not subscribe in cash gave in kind:–

"Metal for the bell. They answer for 180 pounds received as gifts, as in pots, platters, basons, lavers, kettles, brass mortars and mill pots."

Is it not likely that many other parishes raised the necessary in a similar manner, of which there is no record? One thing is pretty certain and that is the casting of a bell within the parish would be quite an event and talked of for many a long day; there are places where it is firmly believed that one or more of the parish church bells were cast in the parish because the story has been handed down, stories that cannot be disbelieved off-hand. Mr. North, in his "Church Bells of Leicestershire," states that "during excavations in the churchyard of Scalford some years ago, indications of the former existence of a furnace for the casting of the church bells there were discovered and a mass of bell metal was found, which clearly had been in a state of fusion on the spot."

An unknown writer of a few centuries ago wrote a somewhat descriptive account of the casting of a church bell on the spot:–

"The Bellfounder crossed the portal in solemn state, and passing at once out of the courtyard made his obeisance to the company there assembled. Everything wore a festal air. The guests were in holiday attire, and the Bellfounder and his apprentices wore spick and span new leather aprons over their black suits. The work long in preparation was now to be completed, and that there had been much to do, everyone was now aware. In the court, beneath the pent roofed shed, there had been dug a deep hole—the moulding pit. All night long the great smelting furnace had been fired. Not one wink of sleep had the apprentices had. Now all was in readiness, and the completion of the work only awaited the decision of the Bellfounder, who, grasping an iron bar, takes stand in front of the furnace. 'In the name of the Blessed Trinity' spake he and as he spoke touched the gate-pin with the iron bar. Out poured the molten mass, hissing and seething through the runner down to the mould. Over the white glow of the heat there hovered a strange yellowish-green shining smoke and when the casting is over and the assembled guests have scattered, nothing remained for the Bellfounder and his lads to do beyond patiently awaiting the cooling of the bell."

THE MONTH OF MAY: ITS GLORIES, ITS HAZARDS

By P. AMOS

WHILST every month can be said to be a nature's month, May is probably the most outstanding of them all.

It is the month when the countryside looks at its best, when the flowers are in full bloom, the apple blossom shows its glories, the hedgerows are a picture, the birds are in full song and nesting (how I love to see the yellowhammers, goldfinches, greenfinches, blue tits and other colourful birds jumping the plantations and hedges), these and many other pleasures go to make May an outstanding month of the year.

It is an outstanding month for yet another thing—and this is where ringers should be on their guard, not only ringers but all churchmen and churchwomen, especially in old churches.

Look on your pews, on the floors, in the clock rooms, and up in the bell chamber, and if you see any almost round shaped earth or grouse colour insects about the size of a lady-bird, or cowlady as they are sometimes called, **they are death watch beetles!**

Their movement is as slow as the hands of a clock, and May is the month they come out of their hiding, where they have been living on your timbers—in the belfry or in the church roof.

When they drop on to the floors, the pew seats, or chairs **kill them straightaway!** If left they will sure enough bring disaster and cost you pounds in restoration work—that happened a few years ago to the roof of St. Neots (Hunts) Parish Church.

A lovely carved roof on Whiston (Northants) Parish Church a few years back became infested, and took quite a sum in treatment to save it.

Some—usually those who want their church the easy way—won't admit when they have got it until it gets beyond their grasp and they have reluctantly to dig deep into their pockets; such an attitude is stupid. But with the majority, the very name **death watch beetle** strikes terror and sends them hurrying for the architect, the bellfounder and the builder.

I recall a case of this kind in 1954 at Dean in North Beds. On one of my historical surveys I reported to the then Rector (who lived in the neighbouring parish of Yeldon, which, like Dean, had four bells), **Do you know you have got death watch beetle up in Dean bell chamber? It is bad and, if left, will make the bell crash under their own weight!** That did it. A P.C.C. meeting was hurriedly called, and a scheme put out to take the bells down. Later I persuaded them to add a treble when rehanging the old four. This they did in 1955 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the oldest (the then second) bell, now the third.

There are several detergents for death watch beetle, and their makers might be persuaded to advertise in "The Ringing World" —it is not for me to be their unpaid agent. But those advertised for killing common wood worm (which does not eat into timbers so deep as the beetle) are not necessarily the best or ideal for killing the worst of the two pests. The beetle can render a timber like a piece of sponge, and I repeat—May is the month to find its presence!

Don't hesitate—look for it and report it straightaway if seen.

Lady to Lead Gloucester and Bristol Association

Statistics for 1966	
Performing members	818
Branches	12
Towers with members	152
Peals rung	83
Total Funds	£1,260

HISTORY was made when the Gloucester and Bristol Association met at the Cathedral in Bristol on April 1st. It was the first time for a meeting of the Association to be held there. Well over 100 members attended and there were present also visitors from Lancashire, Somerset, Middlesex, Hampshire and Cheshire.

The meeting was held in the Cathedral School Hall, by permission of the headmaster, and was followed by tea, and the Association service in the Cathedral, taken by the Dean, the lesson read by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, and the sermon given by the Bishop of Malmesbury, who used the theme "Darkness and Light."

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members, there having been a large demand for ringing for weddings in a number of places—perhaps it was a mistake to hold a meeting on what is one of the most popular days to get married, so near the end of the Tax Year.

There was only one election needed for the officers for 1967, and that was another history-making item, Miss E. M. Bliss being made chairman by a majority of three votes over the Rev. F. F. Rigby. During his term in office the Rev. F. F. Rigby was the last of a long line of Masters and the first of a new line of chairmen—Omega and Alpha.

The honorary secretary had to apologise for a number of mistakes in the printed report, mainly due to the speed at which the report had to be produced in order to get it in the hands of the members before the meeting—a number of names were omitted and a line left out of the Stroud Branch report.

FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS THE SAME

It was decided to accept all of the recommendations of the Management Committee, and all fees and subscriptions remain the same as for last year. An invitation to visit Malmesbury on April 20th, 1968, for the next annual general meeting was accepted.

Congratulations were expressed to the peal ringers for the progress made during the year in the multi-method Surprise Major peals, starting on January 1st with 32 methods and finishing on December 31st with 150 methods.

Some concern was shown at the large sum of money invested, largely due to affiliation fees having been increased. "We would welcome more applications for grants to enable some of the bells to be made ringable, especially where there is a band that will ensure their being rung, but the applications must be made by the Parochial Church Councils." Grants were made during 1966 to Cromhall and Lechlade for work on the bells and to Hannington and Lechlade for instruction.

Good use was made of the bells in the towers that were open for ringing, and a social evening at the Crown and Dove was well patronised. Thanks were expressed to all those who had made the meeting possible.

MISS E. M. BLISS (the new chairman)

21 YEARS A RINGER

The new chairman, Miss E. M. Bliss, learned to ring at St. John's School of Ringing, Bristol, in 1946, when an undergraduate at the University of Bristol. Elected a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association (Bristol City Branch) on March 1st, 1947, and was secretary of University of Bristol Society 1948–50.

After leaving Bristol in 1950 taught in Coventry, returning to Cheltenham in 1952 and is now senior mistress at Churchdown County Secondary School. Miss Bliss was secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol for nine years from 1954, and then its representative on the Management Committee. Now a member of the Cirencester Parish Church band and teaching a band of young ringers from Rendcomb College at Rendcomb.

Apart from ringing she is a member of Winstone Parish Council, president of Winstone Women's Institute and secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Surrey Association at Dinner

THE success of the Northern District socials prompted members of that District to press the Association to have a dinner. This was agreed by the members and a sub-committee was set up to do all the work under the leadership of Chris Mew, assisted by W. H. Jackson and Mrs. K. E. Chilcott and advised by Mr. John Maybrey, liaison officer from the Guildford Guild.

The event was duly held on April 8th at the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley, and proved an outstanding success. Ninety-nine members and friends were present with three guests, Mr. P. G. Smart, Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, with his wife, and the Rev. C. H. Carver, of Putney. A good meal was enjoyed by the company under the presidency of the Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, who was accompanied by his wife. Under the expert guidance of the toastmaster, Mr. F. E. Collins, the Master took wine successively with the guests, the officers, the Past Master present and the whole company.

Speeches began with Mr. W. H. Jackson proposing the toast of "The Church and the Exercise," in which he dealt with many facets of our mutual work and relations and in particular emphasised the need for adjacent towers to get together more in mutual self-help.

The toast was replied to by Mr. Carver, who proved to be the orator of the evening. At the end of a speech, well laced with humour, the majority present did not know whether he was Welsh or Irish. However, we did learn that he had a Roman Catholic father and a Methodist mother, and he looks forward to the day when people's whole lives are so permeated by God that neither churches nor priests are necessary.

In a competent speech Mr. John Chilcott proposed the toast of "The Association" and mentioned the pioneering work it had done in the South of England. He stressed the value of peal ringing in aiding good striking.

Replying for the Association, the Master underlined the value of peal ringing and the need for expert bands to include novices in their efforts at regular intervals. In welcoming his colleague from the Guildford Guild he also informed the company that steps were afoot which it was hoped would settle once and for all the matter of boundaries.

Those present included:—

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen, Miss J. Armstrong.

Mr. A. E. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bance, Miss G. Baresel, Mr. P. A. Brand, Miss G. Broadhead, Mr. D. C. Brookes, Miss A. Bruce, Mr. M. Belcher, Mr. B. J. Bull.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Rev. A. E. Clayton, Rev. C. H. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Coatsworth, Mr and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. R. J. Cooles, Miss R. Cotton, Miss C. M. Cobb.

Mr. F. E. Darby, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. D. Dawson-Taylor, Miss L. Eames, Miss J. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freeman, Mr. A. D. Flood.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gosling, Mr. K. Game, Miss L. Hawes, Miss J. Henderson, Miss J. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Humphries.

Mr. F. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kimber, Mr. J. R. Ketteringham, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lee.

Miss C. Madge, Miss A. M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. M. Maybrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mew, Miss B. Moorby, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakshott, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. F. Parsons, Mr. I. M. Parry, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Mr. J. Pratt, Miss V. Potter.

Miss A. Salvage, Miss K. Salvage, Mr. P. Selwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Steere, Mr. R. C. Stevens, Miss J. Stoy, Mr. and Mrs. P. Tuppen, Mr. and Mrs. K. Taber, Miss S. Thexton, Mr. N. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wickens, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilkins.

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Weddings that Interest Peal Ringers

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CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL WEDDING

The wedding took place at Chelmsford Cathedral on April 1st between Mr. Peter S. Bennett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bennett, of College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Miss Marion R. Panton, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Panton, of 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford.

The Rev. E. Baty officiated. The bride, given away by her father, wore a full-length empire line dress of white crêpe and carried a bouquet of freesias and roses. Matron of honour was Mrs. Margaret Egglestone (bride's sister) and the bridesmaid was Miss Gillian Panton (bride's cousin). The best man was Mr. Maurice Hughes.

A reception for 80 guests was held in the Cathedral Hall and, as the couple left, 12 of the guests rang a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells.

A cheque, a chiming clock and many other presents were received from their ringing friends.

[Photo: E. F. Bateman, Braintree.

TWO NOTED LANCASHIRE RINGERS MARRY

The wedding of Mr. John H. Fielden and Miss Maryl R. Crossthwaite took place at St. John's Church, Preston, on Easter Monday, March 27th, in the presence of relatives and many ringing friends from all over the country. The service was conducted by Canon J. M. W. Adam, Vicar of Preston, assisted by the Rev. Roger O. Fry, a close friend of the bride and bridegroom.

The bride wore a full-length empire line dress of white crepe, trimmed with Guipure lace, long veil and train, and carried a bouquet of arum lilies. Her matron of honour was Mrs. Susan Rothera and the bridesmaids were three cousins of the bride, Misses Christine, Ruth and Jacqueline Clarke. They wore dresses of tree bark satin, two in midnight blue, two in cornflower blue. The best man was Dr. Tudor P. Edwards, and the ushers were Mr. Philip J. Crossthwaite and Mr. Jeffrey Kershaw.

The reception, attended by 80 guests, was held at the Talbot Hotel, Chipping, and later in the day a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Preston, conducted by Tudor P. Edwards. The honeymoon was spent in Jersey.

John is at present studying at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology for M.Sc. in production engineering, and Maryl teaches at the Broughton Primary School, near Preston. They are now living at 1, East Cliff, Preston.

A COSMOPOLITAN WEDDING

TWO of the country's foremost ringing families were united on Easter Monday, when Mr. Roderick W. Pipe and Miss B. Gillian Schofield were married at Bradford Cathedral. The Provost, the Very Rev. W. H. Alan Cooper, officiated. The bride wore a full-length gown of Nottingham lace with drop pearls decorating the bodice, aind a long train falling from the waist. Her bouffant veil was held by a pill-box hat and she carried a bouquet of cream and gold roses, freesias and lilies of the valley. The bride was attended by Mrs. Brian Carr (cousin of the bride and a ringer), Miss Rita M. Jowett (one of the earliest "up and coming youngsters" along with Gillian) and Miss Sarah Pipe (niece of the bridegroom). The best man was Mr. John A. Anderson.

The bride was rung into church by a mainly Bradford band and the couple were rung out by a band drawn largely from the Birmingham contingent Several small incidents helped to make the day—for example, the bridegroom was alleged to be supported by borrowed braces; prior to a quarter peal attempt after the reception one of the groomsmen had to change in a small van (the rumour has not yet been confirmed that the remainder of the band were engaged breathing on the windows); and the best jewel of all, the quarter peal, composed by a Birmingham ringer, though not completed was found to be false! An indication, perhaps, that Bradford Cathedral is two bells short.

[Photo by Barry F. Wilkinson, Bradford.

Letters to the Editor

FRINDSBURY PEAL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—Whilst freely admitting that the "peal" of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Frindsbury, Kent on March 25th, is a most ingenious composition. I must respectfully suggest that it should have been published as a "performance." The composer and the band who rang it surely knew that the definition of spliced peals excludes all constructions except where the methods are joined in complete units, i.e. leads in the case of treble-dominated methods (cf. Central Council Handbook, 1956, page 21). — Yours faithfully, W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Sprotborough, Doncaster.

For Central Council Notice of Motion—page 293.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTUtRE

Dear Sir,—With the advent of half-lead splicing, which has been rung by members of the Kent County Association, the next step we will have no doubt is mid-lead splicing. This may lead to the ridiculous situation where the following peal of "spliced" may be rung.

5,600 SPLICED? (8 to 2,800 Methods)

By C. Middleton.

23456	M	W	H
35264	2	2	3

Four times repeated.

Each half-lead is rung as follows:—

12345678	
21436587 / 12463857	Yorkshire.
21648375 / 26143857	Aldenham.
62418375 / 62148735	Cambridge.
26417853 / 62471835	Primrose.
26748153 / 27641835	New Cambridge.
72468153 / 27648513	Putney.
72465831 / 74256813	Painswick.
47528631 / 74256831	Superlative.

Contains 8 "methods" with 2,450 changes of method.

N.B.—The composition is easily extended to give 2,800 methods.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

ACCURACY OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—I note with interest the letter from Mr. Mayne. I had been expecting to see correspondence from such a source for some time and I offer some further observations on method notation:—

(i) Lewes Surprise Major—the notation given on page 171 is incorrect. In any case, a peal was rung at Lower Beeding on August 7th, 1966, under this name, but that method is very different from the one rung at Clapham.

(ii) Bombay Surprise Major.—The notation previously given for this method is incorrect, and so far as I know the amended figures have yet to appear, in spite of a request from (I think) Mr. G. B. Thompson. Would the conductor oblige, please?

I fully endorse Mr. Mayne's remarks on the need for accuracy in such matters.—Yours faithfully, E. E. SPEAKE.

Woodsetton, Dudley.

THOSE FANTASIES

Dear Sir,—The front page leaders of February 10th and April 7th from the pens of Little John and Maid Marion must surely form some of the best entertainment provided in "The Ringing World" for years and is the sort of stuff which should both brighten and sell the paper.

I look forward in breathless anticipation to the appearance of another fantasy on the same theme from the pen of the Master—Robin Hood—himself.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Cardiff.

ST. MARY'S, CORK

Dear Sir,—Concerning St. Mary's, Cork, this church is at the moment undergoing a thorough restoration of the whole fabric inside and out, from floor to flagstaff, **except** for the bells.

The church authorities are committed to build five new churches around Cork City and there is no money to restore this Murphy octave.

On a recent visit I found the belfry to be not quite so bad as depicted in Mr. Box's letter. The rubbish has gone and the louvres are wired against birds; however, the chiming apparatus is derelict, most of the wheels broken and all the bearings are well and truly gummed up.

The Dublin bell foundry think that these may well be the only complete ring cast by Murphy but perhaps Mr. Fred Dukes can give an authoritative answer.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD

Brighton.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND APPLETON

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in the report of the Oxford University Society's Dinner ("Ringing World," April 14th) that "ringing began at noon at Carfax," since ten members of the Society had been involved in a peal attempt at Appleton during the morning. Possibly the writer of the report feels that her presence is a sine qua non of O.U.S. ringing.

As the report made no mention of this attempt, it also omitted to thank Mr. Frank White and the Rector for the use of Appleton bells, which has been granted to the Society on its Dinner Day for the past few years. This is greatly appreciated and I hope that the resident members of the Society realise how valuable the traditional connection between the University ringers and Appleton is to them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Aylesbury, Bucks.

POINTS FROM RECENT PEALS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. J. R. Mayne's letter in your issue of March 24th drawing attention to the fact that Plain Major method C.C.C.368 had already been rung. I should like to apologise to the members of the band who rang in the peal at Buckley on January 28th for giving them the impression that this was the first peal in the method.

I have endeavoured to maintain a record of Plain Major methods rung to a peal for the first time, but apparently the ringing of Method 368 escaped my notice. It would be helpful if the numbers of the methods that have been rung could be printed in "The Ringing World." This would take very little space if no other detail than the numbers was given.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. GRIFFITHS.

Chester.

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Philip Daniel, in his letter in the issue of March 31st, wonders whether 468's can be brought up sooner than in the 1,264 Plain Bob Major. The method he gives, by calling the tenor "In" and single "Before," takes almost a course before 468's are produced. In the following peal Queens is produced by calling single "Before" bob "Middle" from the course end 14532678.

5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

23456	W	B	M	H	
35264	—	1		2	
32654	—			2	
63254	3			—	
53264	S				
62354	2			2	
32564	2			—	
45326	—		—	—	
357246		S	—		
32645		2	—		
	(—S)				
36425	—			2	
34265	—			2	
23465	3			—	
34625	2			S	
63425	3			—	
43526			—		
537246		S	—		
275346	—			S	
24536	S	4		—	
	(— — — S)				
32546	—			3	
54236	S			—	
52346	—			2	
43256	S			3	(— S —)
52436	—			S	
23456	2				

Therefore the calling of single "Before" bob "Middle" can be used when, at the preceding course-end, the 4th is in 2nds place and the 6th is in 6ths place.

A bob at "5ths" made from a course-end when the 4th is in 6ths place and the 6th is in 5ths place will give 468's. John Pladdys and Tom Chapman have been among the composers to use this calling in their peals (5,024 and 5,008 published in "The Ringing World" May 26th, 1961 and May 5th, 1961 respectively).

Among the many compositions of "split-tenors" Plain Bob that I have collected I have never seen singles "Before" used to part and reunite the tenors. Care must be taken to follow the single by a bob "Middle" otherwise 87's will occur at the next course-end—although I could never see the reason as considering 87's detrimental to the music. —Yours faithfully.

RICHARD J. COWLEY.

Wellingborough.

OBITUARY

MR. H. W. PRATT

An old respected member of the Huntingdon District, Mr Herbert W. Pratt, of St. Ives, passed away on Sunday, April 9th, at the age of 82 years. He had not enjoyed good health these past few years but his love of bells remained to the last. He learned to ring at nearby Hemingford Abbots, where he once lived, moving to St. Ives over 50 years ago.

The funeral service took place at St. Ives Parish Church on April 13th, ringers from the St. Ives tower and members of the Huntingdon District being present.

In the evening a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung half-muffled on the bells of Hemingford Abbots by a few of his many friends. H. S. P.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Mrs. Jill Staniforth

President of Leicester Guild for coming-of-age Year

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, daughter of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole, was elected president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for its 21st year at the annual general meeting on April 1st at Leicester. She is a Guild trustee and former chairman of the Leicester District and also a former national president of the Ladies' Guild. The unsuccessful candidate for the presidency was Mr A. E. Rowley, treasurer of the Guild from 1946 to 1959.

Previous to the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost, there was afternoon ringing at the Churches of St. John the Divine and St. Martin. The Rev. D. Goodman, Rector of Eastwood, Notts, who learned to ring at Leicester, preached.

An excellent cooked tea had been prepared by Mrs. Smalley and her helpers for the 140 present and they were thanked by the president (Mr B. S. Payne) in his omnibus vote of thanks. Ten certificates of membership were presented.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. A. J. Poynor) presented his annual report, which gave the membership as 552, with an extra 30 who paid their subscriptions early in 1967. Attendances at quarterly meetings had increased, the annual dinner was successful but the Guild striking competition received poor support.

EXPENSES SQUEEZE

The treasurer (Mr. J. M. Jelley) reported a balance in the general fund of £22 14s. 3d., which did not allow for the cost of purchasing 250 badges. Had this cost been shown, there would have been a deficit. He asked all officers to keep expenses to an absolute minimum.

The bell repair fund, with a balance of £447 16s. 7d., was in a far more healthy state, thanks to the response from P.C.C.'s, who had been very generous with donations from ten shillings to ten guineas. Two requests for grants had been received, £25 being sent to Gaddesby towards the cost of rehanging their six bells, and five guineas to Broom Leys, a new church near Coalville, towards the cost of hanging its one bell.

The balance sheet, said the treasurer, showed that the Guild was nearly £100 better off than it was 12 months ago, but the general fund must be treated with care.

BETTER PEAL YEAR

The peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook) presented a better report. Peals totalled 135 against 95 in 1965. There were 11 first peals, 32 different conductors, nine rang over 25 peals for the Guild compared with only two in the previous year. Twenty new compositions had been rung. One amendment reporting the omission of three Homes in Composition No. 3,742 was accepted and the report was adopted.

The confirmation of the election of 20 resident members and two non-resident life members was accepted.

The president expressed his regret at being unable to stand for re-election as Guild president for 1967-68 but hoped the Guild would go from strength to strength—especially as this was the 21st anniversary year of the formation of the Guild. He said he hoped many Leicester Guild members would attend the proposed Ringing Festival, centred at Derby as celebrations of the 21st year, on September 16th. All the other officers were re-elected.

Mr. G. B. Brown proposed, and Mr. S. J. Haines seconded, that at general meetings junior members should not be allowed to vote. This brought discussion both in favour and against the proposition—the most forceful seeming to be the speech by Miss Judy Cox, of Humberstone, who had 17 juniors from her tower present, and stated that they had not been rallied to attend this meeting, but who could not be kept away from any meeting, whether it was District or general meeting. When it came to voting, 19 members were in favour of the motion and a large number against, and the motion was defeated.

The second alteration was the rule governing the Bell Repair Fund, proposed by Mr. J. M. Jelley, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, which was completely reworded, so that grants would only be considered at the committee meeting prior to the annual general meeting each year, and that 75 per cent. of the gross income only be granted—thereby building the fund up year by year. After discussion the motion was carried by 49 votes to 36.

NEW PRESIDENT RECALLS

The ballot for the presidency was then announced and Mrs. Staniforth took the chair. She thanked the members for giving her the honour of being president—especially in this 21st anniversary year. She thanked Mr. Payne for all the hard work he had done during the last two years and said how much courage it must have taken for him to stand down instead of carrying on for the accepted three-year term.

The president then went on to recall the first meeting of the Diocesan Ringers in November- 1944, when the Diocesan Guild was first discussed, and remembered some of the ringers who since then had done so much for their own towers and the Guild. Those mentioned included Mr. J. P. Fidler, who took the chair at the first meetings, and who has been and still is a trustee of the Guild since its formation; Mr. A. E. Rowley, Guild treasurer from 1946 to 1959; Mr. F. K. Measures, chairman of the Hinckley District, and president of the Guild from 1962 to 1965; Mr. P. J. Staniforth, president from 1959 to 1962, and a Central Council representative; Mr. J. H. Cook, chairman of the Melton Mowbray District and a vice-president; Mr. L. W. Allen, secretary of the Market Harborough District; Mr. W. J. Root, an auditor; Mr. S. Burton, peal secretary from 1948 to 1960 and a Central Council representative; Mr. R. F. Elkington, Mr. A. Disney, Mr. J. S. Carter, of the Leicester District, Mr. G. Newton, Hinckley District, and Mr. J. G. Geary, Syston District

Mr. F. K. Measures announced that for the quarterly meeting to be held in the Hinckley District on July 11th a large ringing programme was being arranged and the day would end with a social at Hinckley in the evening.

COPIES TO BE BOUND

Mrs. Staniforth then asked members if they would consider ways of paying for the gift of "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World" copies to be bound, the cost of which would be between £2 and £3 per volume. The ringers at St. John the Divine handed in a cheque, asking that the first volume be paid for by them. Mrs. Staniforth thanked them for this.

A collection was then made for Mr. J. A. Acres, peal secretary of the Guild from 1960 to 1964, who had had to leave Leicester because of illness and was now in a home at Chigwell. A portable radio was purchased and is being sent to Mr. Acres with the best wishes of the Guild.

Mr. C. Sturgess then complained that the ringing arrangements for this annual general meeting were very poor and asked if more towers could be made available. Mrs. Staniforth replied that the quarterly meeting day was a challenge in this respect, and said that if the members wanted a lot of bells available then this would be done in the future.

Ringing took place in the evening at Aylestone and a social evening, held at the Aylestone Parish Hall, was enjoyed by almost a hundred members. A. J. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Amateurs Film "The Nine Tailors"

On April 8th the Biggleswade District visited Willington and Cople, two new towers to come within our boundaries since the rearrangement of Districts. Afternoon ringing and a short service at Willington was followed by 37 sitting down to an excellent tea prepared by the local ringers.

During the business meeting the secretary (Mr. K. H. Fleming) presented the programme which the committee had drawn up of towers and practice methods for the year. Also Mr. A. S. Smith kindly offered to lead a nucleus of ringers endeavouring to help struggling towers at their own weekday practices.

After the business meeting, by kind permission of Mr. R. Giddings, we were all able to see an amateur production, made by the Potton ringers, of D. L. Sayers' "The Nine Tailors" on film. This unusual and very enjoyable diversion was followed by ringing at Cople.

Next meeting: Campton and Meppershall, June 10th. L. E.

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HALF PEAL

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 8th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Bolton 1, C. R. Miles 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, J. A. H. Betts 4, R. H. Jones 5. First half peal 1 and 2. In memoriam Mr. F. V. Martin, grandfather of Martin Bolton.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On March 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major ("in hand"): J. R. Rowson 1—2, M. C. E. Hodge 3—4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5—6, A. K. P. Poole 7—8. First of Major "in hand" for all the band. By the Abingdon School S.C.R. Also on March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major, by the same band.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: I. Wiltshire (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carol Cousins 2, R. Rayfield 3, Amanda Powell 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on April 9th, 1,296 Hull and Annable's London S. Minor, by same band except Wendy Wallace for I. Wiltshire.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H J. Osborne 1, P. Hills 2, S. Brook 3, W. M. Brook 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. A compliment to Stephen Osborne on gaining the Queen's Scout Badge.

BARKSTON, LINCS. — On March 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Smith 1, V. Evans 2, P. Slight (cond.) 3, J. Holmes 4, R. Woods 5, A. Crawford 6. In memoriam Mrs. Smith (mother of treble ringer), who died a year ago.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown 3, Miss S. Bird 4, Miss B. Fisher (first of Minor as cond.) 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Sangwin 1, F. H. Bowden 2, W. H. Cholwill 3, R. G Pearce 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, R. Hill 7, L. Cawsey 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. T. G. Myers.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D Powney 1, B. A. Shackleton 2, G. W. Land (cond.) 3, G. C. King 4, J. Hillman 5, J. R. Taylor 5, A. Tubb cover.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kay Temby (first quarter) 1, Susan Copping 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts 3, Lesley Evans 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5, K. Lucock 6. To mark the 13th birthdays of 1 and 6.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Tarrant (first on "working bell") 1, T. R. Garrett 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, C. D. Corby 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, I. P. Sawford 6. A belated first birthday compliment to Claire Tarrant, daughter of treble ringer.

CHOBHAM, SURREY. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Collins 1, J. H. Payton 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, J. A. Collier 5, T. J. Wellen 6, P. Privett (cond.) 7, M. D. Fuller 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: K. M. Price (first quarter of Royal) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. E. Buries 3, J. Bagnall 4, J. T. Turner 5, A. Capstick 6, W. Wall (cond.) 7, G. A Metters 8, N. M. Newby, sen. 9, T. F. Metcalfe 10. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Mycroft.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra M. Crocombe (first quarter) 1, J. W. Bull 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, J. Lott 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. W. Friend (cond.) 1, J. C. Woolley 2, S. Walklate 3, J. S. Dean 4, R. Wilcox (first of Stedman) 5, G. A. Halls 6, H. Taylor 7, D. Derbyshire 8, M. R. Blore 9, J. B. Stennitt 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 6th, at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W. Bridges 2, W. Beavan 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, B. Smith 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer, on his 74th birthday.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On April 2nd, 1,152 Plain Bob Minor: B. C. Bertola (first quarter) 1, P. Ogden 2, I. Pass 3, M. Platt 4, W. Pugh 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Ronda Purkess 2, J. Hartless 3, W. Buchanan 4, T. Matcham (first as cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For Patronal Festival.

EMBERTON, W.A.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen S. Palin 1—2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Heather A. Mann 5—6. For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Palin. Also on March 25th, for Easter, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, by same band.

QUARTER PEALS

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Smith 1, R. Perry 2, R. Smith 3, A. Perry (cond.) 4, M. Horseman 5, J. Coombes 6. A christening compliment to Susan Elizabeth Horseman.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On April 4th, 720 St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and 540 Oxford Bob: S. Carnall 1, Miss K Burchnall 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss L. Wilkinson 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, A. H. Hawcroft 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lesiter.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Robinson 1, E. Breed 2, Miss V. Titherly (first 'inside") 3, Miss A. Bradbury 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, G. Titherly 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. N. Matthews, ringer and churchwarden.

HANNINGTON, WILTS. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Bladon (cond.) 1, A. Hedges 2 R. Peckham 3, D. Vowles 4, D. Smith 5, H. Hedges 6. To celebrate the marriage the previous day of Brian Hedges and Lesley Dawson.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C Gratton 1, R. Parker (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, H. C. Clark 4, R. Dean 5, R. Welch 6.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): I. J. Margetts 1, T. J. Brock 2, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 3, M. J. Parker 4 T. N. J. Bailey 5.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Naomi Bissicks (first quarter) 1, Marion Hunt 2, R. J. Moore 3, Susan A. Moore 4, R. M. Virgin 5, R. Hillman 6, T. W. Harris (1rst as Triples as cond.) 7, A. G. Lloyd (first of Triples) 8. First "inside" 3 and 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Vicar, Preb. and Mrs. C. M. Wedgwood.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea C. Fairey 1, A. Carpenter (first quarter) 2, P. G. Golder 3, Anita E. Foden 4, R. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, F. V. Gant 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. C. M. Pair 5, C. E. Brown 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, F E. Scoones 8. Also on March 19th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, Miss D. E. Colgate 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, Mrs. O. Tester 4, J. W. Smith 5, M. O'Callaghan (first of Royal) 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8, T. Lewis 9, D. P. Smith 10.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On March 12th, 1,440 combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Walker. Also on Easter Day, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor, by the same band. To greet our Risen Lord. Also on March 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Lunn 1, I. Roberts (cond.) 2, R. Hoyle 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. For the wedding of Miss J. Williams to Mr. L. Tebb.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn 1, J. G. Flint 2, P. Clarke 3, S. H. Ashton 4, D. G. Carr (cond.) 5. To celebrate the wedding of Thomas Thrussell (ringer at St. Mary's Church) and Joan Lumsden.—Correction.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hudson 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, D. C. Brookes 7, B. J. Bull and Christine M. Cobb 8. The tenor was rung for the first half by Mr. Bull, who is recovering from a sprained ankle and rang on one leg.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): J. Mussell 1, A. W. Fry 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Claughton 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (first "inside") 8. First of spliced 1 2, 3, 4 and 5.

SANDON, STAFFS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Margaret L. Ellwood 1, Julia M. Sanders 2, C. T. Collins 3, C. M. Smith 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First Stedman Doubles 1, 2 and 3.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Johnson (cond.) 5 E. Clifton 6. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson 6. Also on March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, as a wedding compliment to Brian Gobles and Shirley Smith.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On April 2nd, 1,511 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, R. J. Cann 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. F. Edwards 5, V. Green 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E Fearn 9, E. J. Cole 10. For Evensong.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, E J. Ford (cond.) 3, S. Parish 4, J. J. Ford 5, W. Burland 6. For the engagement of Raymond Albert Ford to Miss Christine Kerslake.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS. — On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Royston 1, E. Short 2, J. Laidlaw 3, S. Laidlaw 4, C. Toyne (cond.) 5, P. Ruckley 6, R. Eilick 7, C. Dunkley 8. First quarter by all except 2 and 5. First quarter by a local band for 40 years.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Bowron (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, H. Warr 3, R. Venn 4, H. Pester 5, R. Cuff 6. Also to mark the retirement of Canon Whipp, Vicar since 1959. On Easter Day.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Marilyn Evans 1, R. Dobbins 2, Gillian Armstrong 3, Elizabeth Watkins 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, N. Jones 6, P. Lewis 7, P. Thomas 8 For evening service, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Ayres (first quarter) 1, E. Sutton 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3 B. Bladon 4, W. Merritt 5, M. J. Stanley 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, L. Picknell 8. For Confirmation service.

THAME, OXON.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Arnott 1, Brenda M. Arnott (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Hazell 3, R. Hazell 4, A. K. Fortin 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): St. J. Perry 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Gamble 1 D. Wright 2, C. T. Coles 3, E. Holman 4, K. Warner (cond.) 5, C. G. Wright 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, L. Pink 3, Claire E. N. Brown (first Triples "inside") 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, P. R. Keough 8.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Good Friday, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Quilla Roth 1, Sarah Scott (first Minor "inside") 2, Ann Gardner 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Elizabeth Proctor 5, R. S. Kirksen (cond.) 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On March 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherryman 1, Mrs. R. Verrall 2, Mrs. G. Rix 3, K. Mav 4, C. R. Longhurst 5, F. R. Verrall (cond.) 6. For service.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sandra Pearce (15) 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6, K. G. Waller 7, F. Sherfield 8. 7, 6, 8 covers. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Priddle.

WHITCHURCH, KENT. — On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bidgood 1, M. Jackson (first "inside") 2, F. J. Bailey 3, Mrs. Christine Lucas (cond.) 4, W. H. Harford 5, W. H. Dare 6. For the wedding of Peter Hawkins and Kathryn McCleod.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, C. Truman (cond.) 2, Betty Mansfield 3, J. Linnell 4, W. A. Yates 5. Rung as a wedding compliment to Graham Linnell and Elizabeth Lewis.

WILTON, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles Christine Haines (first quarter) 1, R. Cauley (first quarter) 2, R. Haines (cond.) 3, H. Roper 4, A. Haines 5, J Kiddle 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jane Osbon 1, Caroline V. Harris 2, R. Jean Osbon 3, R. N. Harris 4, F. I. Hairs 5, R. Osbon 6, C. A. Osbon 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 3, 6 and 7.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET. — On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, A. Maidement 3, A. J. Alderman (first as cond.) 4, P. J. Kingscote 5, F. Caseley 6, B. Nurcombe 7, W. A. J. Knight 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET. — On March 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, E. T. Lee 2 Diane M Chapman 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, P. J. England (first in method) 6, A. E. Cox 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8.

REDEDICATION

HATHERSAGE, DERBYSHIRE

NESTLING in the rugged yet beautiful scenery of the Peak District National Park, the village of Hathersage attracts many visitors. The place is steeped in history—it is the "Morton" of Charlotte Bronte's novel "Jane Eyre," which book was written in the parish.

Hathersage is perhaps better known as the resting place of Robin Hood's lieutenant, Little John, and thousands visit his long grave every year.

Sunday by Sunday the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church have rung out, calling to worship residents and visitors alike. At one stage Hathersage could boast a team of change ringers but for many years now rounds and call changes have been the order. The only recorded peal, 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, was performed in September, 1963, by six members of the Derby Diocesan Association.

By this time the bells and their fittings had deteriorated and it became obvious that rehanging was necessary. A public appeal was launched to raise the necessary £2,000. This met with good response and was supplemented by other grants and donations, coffee mornings and other fund-raising efforts to build upon the £400 foundation from the Parochial Church Council. The bells were retuned, refitted and rehung in a completely new metal framework by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry early in 1967.

The rededication on Easter Eve (March 25th) was performed by the Bishop of Repton and attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers. In his address the Bishop stated that the bells would ring out to proclaim the message of the risen Christ, not only on the morrow but Sunday by Sunday throughout the year. They would call people to worship, be a comfort to those who through no fault of their own could not attend service and ring out a challenge to those who would prefer not to come.

The smallest bell in the tower is the sacring bell, known locally as Tommy Tinkler. It is rung during the Family Communion service. Dated about 1460, it weighs a little over half a hundredweight and bears a Latin inscription "Pray for the souls of Robert and Joan Eyre" together with the Eyre and Padley Arms.

DETAILS

Treble.—17th century. Weight 3 cwt. "3 qr" 14 lb. Note D sharp. Inscription: "With the sincere good will of the local inhabitants." Founder: Clibury, Wellington.

Second.—17th century. Weight 4 cwt. "0 qr" 24 lb. Note C sharp. Inscription: "The gift of Thos. Bagshaw" and bears his crest. Founder: Clibury, Wellington.

Third.—Date 1659. Weight 5 cwt. "0 qr" 10 lb. Note B. Inscription: "Glory to God in the highest." together with the Eyre crest and the initials R. E. Founder: Jeffrey Scott, Wigan.

Fourth.—17th century. Weight 5 cwt. "3 qr." 6 lb. Note A sharp. Inscription: "May the virgin Katherine, by the sign of the cross, save us from ruin." Founder: Oldfield, Nottingham.

Fifth.—Date 1657. Weight 7 cwt. "3 qr." 6 lb. Note G sharp. Inscription: "With sweetness of voice I will sing in Thy Name." Founder: Jeffrey Scott, Wigan.

Tenor.—Date 1617. Weight 11 cwt. "2 qr." 10 lb. Diameter 3ft. 44 in. Note F sharp. Inscription: "Glory to God in the Highest," with the sacred monogram I.H.S. Founder: Paul Hutton, Congleton.

The bells were rung for services on Easter Day, and the first peal, 5,040 Plain Bob Minor, was rung the following day, March 27th.

R. E. RASTALL,
Tower Captain.

STOKE DAMEREL, Plymouth, DEVON.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Pierce 1, D. F. Wheeler (first in method) 2, D. R. Bould (cond.) 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, B. D. Knight 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to B. D. Knight.

NORTH NOTTS DISTRICT WINS SKITTLES TROPHY

At the meeting of the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Dunham-on-Trent and East Drayton on April 8th the F. William Midwinter Bell Repair Fund trophy was on display. The Cup (similar in size to an egg-cup, but silver-plated and with handles) was unearthed by the donor from his attic. It has to date been the subject of two skittles matches. Players subscribe 2s. 6d. each entrance fee, and the winning District puts the total proceeds into its Bell Repair Fund collection. The rules governing the contests for the Cup are that any District may challenge the holders at any game whatsoever, otherwise there are no rules. There is also a trophy for which ladies may contend. This is held currently by the ladies of the Bingham District, and it is euphemistically described as a "plate." It is understood that the ladies of the Bingham District wish the ladies of the North Notts District to win this trophy from them before they have to face a challenge from the Newark District at rounders.

The secretary, H. Poyner, outlined a scheme for a ringing contest which might be held later in the year for the benefit of the Bell Repair Fund. In this contest teams would be required to ring a 360 in a method they had not seen until half an hour before beginning to ring. If the 360 was not completed then the team could not win, no matter how perfect its striking before the final "pile-up." The entrance fees, 30s. per team, would go into the Bell Repair Fund. It was agreed that this scheme be outlined to other District secretaries in the Guild and to bands outside the Guild who might be interested. H. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Four non-ringing visitors from Poland and Czechoslovakia visited the belfry during the N.W. Branch's meeting at Elveden on April 8th and were enthralled with watching and hearing ringing on both tower- and handbells.

It was a good meeting: a very fair attendance with a wide variety of methods, eight new members accepted (six from Great Barton), a bright service conducted by the Rev. Newton Gates, and tea served by Mrs. Paul and helpers.

Mr. C. Hancock presided at the meeting and proceedings opened with a tribute to Mr. Gordon Peck of Thetford, who died in March. Due to the tuition of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rogers, Great Barton has now a good team.

May evening meeting: Fornham St. Martin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ralph Edwards has undergone an operation for appendicitis and will be absent from ringing for six weeks.

The 90th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association was marked by a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Pulham Market on April 4th.

Correction: Peal, Frindsbury—changes at the half-lead (page 256). The part-end should read 24536.

Correction: The peal at Lechlade-on-Thames reported on page 255 was rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association and not the Bath and Wells as inadvertently printed.

After the peal at Attleborough, Norfolk (last one rung there in September, 1938) the ringers were able to listen to a tape recording of part of the peal taken by a churchwarden to send to his brother in Canada.

The ringer of the fifth to a quarter at Leigh, Lancs, on April 9th, Mr. E. H. Longley, now of Redruth, was married at Leigh 40 years ago last September and was revisiting the town for the first time in nine years. With his assistance the local band were able to ring a "welcome" quarter for the new curate in spite of some members being away for the week-end.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at Sapcote on April 8th by three sets of twins.

No fewer than 45 copies of the current issue of "The Ringing World" were sold at the Ringers' Rally of the Durham and Newcastle Association at Lumley Castle on April 15th.

Cranbrook, Kent ringers and friends had recently a conducted tour of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Ringing afterwards took place at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Vedast's, Foster Lane. Mr. John Hensley is thanked for providing transport.

Young Stephen Sudbury, of Gosfield, Essex, rang his first quarter on April 10th and ringing with him was the Vicar's daughter, Susan Burdon, who was ringing her first on an "inside" bell. It was indeed a very creditable performance from both, writes Miss H. G. Snowden, the conductor.

Mr. David Slater regards his first peal of Trioles at Coleman's Hatch, Sussex, as a lucky one. On a previous occasion, due to a mistake in transposition, he stood the bells when in fact they were correct. On this occasion the rope of the second broke as the bell was pulled off for lowering after completing the peal!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

HEATHFIELD—A POSSIBLE FIVE NEAR TAUNTON

When Mr. Alan F. Lee and a band of ringers visited Heathfield, near Taunton, said to have a pretty little five, in March, it was only possible to ring a few rounds because of the terrible condition of the ropes. To remedy this a return visit was paid on April 8th, when two better ropes were fitted to the second and tenor, the others patched up and the bearings oiled. Although the ropes are by no means first-class, the bells can now be rung. Valuable help was given Mr Lee in getting the ropes fitted by Ian Cox and David Hawkins.

Visiting bands who may like to ring here will be made welcome by the Rev. John Butler, Oake Rectory, Taunton, and not Halse Rectory as given in "Crockford."

AN AGILE 80

A peal attempt at Hartest, Suffolk, specially arranged in honour of Mr. A. W. Rolfe's 80th birthday (April 15th), unfortunately came to grief but a good quarter of Surprise Minor was rung.

Arthur is a very agile 80 and is a frequent visitor to practice nights and meetings in N.W. Suffolk. He drives his own car, is always cheerful, is ever ready to help youngsters and thoroughly enjoys his ringing.

His many friends extend to him very best wishes for his 80th and hope he will continue in good health and visit our towers for many years to come. R. H. R.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S PEALS

Regarding peals rung by the Southwell Diocesan Guild in 1966 (page 248) we are asked to state the conducting was shared among 26 people and there were 165 ringers involved, 111 of whom were resident members. This represents 21 per cent. of the resident membership of the Guild.

EAST BERGHOLT BELL CAGE

We learn that the 16th century bell cage at East Bergholt is in danger of collapse. The wooden baseplate of the cage is rotten and badly needs replacing.

An appeal for £20,000 to finance a four-phase plan to repair St. Mary's Church, East Bergholt, includes the bell cage. A gift day has been arranged for May 13th.

LOCAL COMPANY AFTER 40 YEARS

Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, has been without a local company for at least 40 years. Through the initiative of the new Rector, the Rev. H. Price Jones, a local band has been recruited and the eight bells are rung twice each Sunday. The tower has a company of 20 either handling the bells competently or under instruction Members of Great Barton band readily accepted the challenge to provide training. The leader at the Horringer tower is Mr. Robin Rogers. One member has already rung a quarter peal and others are showing promising ability.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

April 29th. Leeds Parish Church, 4 p.m. Stedman Cinques.

TOWER GRABBERS, 1966

	1966	Total
Christopher I. Royal (Kenilworth)	322	896
Barry J. Cousins (Saffron Walden)	162	429
Jean Sanderson (Melbourn)	125	638

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL SOCIETY RING TWO QUARTERS AT KENT SCHOOL

Eight members of the Washington Cathedral Society had an enjoyable week-end at Kent School, Connecticut, making the journey by bus and train on March 31st. Accommodation was provided in the spacious alumni house.

Ringing started on the Saturday morning and, as the school was on vacation, permission was given to ring as we wished. The Kent bells took some getting used to and we realised that we had been spoiled by our easy-going bells at Washington. It was considered, however, that the light eight at Kent, on which we did most of our ringing, were a good deal more brilliant than our own.

Touches of Triples and Major were rung before lunch, after which an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples. Some 2,600 changes had been rung when there began an insistent pounding on the locked belfry door. This continued for about five minutes and the conductor, fearing something serious had happened, called "Stand." It was merely somebody wondering if somebody else was up there. (He wasn't.) After a short rest a quarter of Kent T.B. Minor was rung and we called it quits for the day.

Sunday began by ringing for about ten minutes for morning chapel. Following the service we had a delicious breakfast in the school refectory, and then back to the tower and rang a quarter of Stedman Triples, which I am convinced would have won any striking competition. During the ringing the tower door was unlocked and several visited the belfry and they were good enough not to talk or cause a disturbance.

Farewells were then said to Father Beavan, our host, and the bus boarded for home, which was reached about midnight. It was a delightful trip, and we are most grateful to Kent School for the wonderful hospitality shown to us. R. S. D.

NEW RECORD IN MAXIMUS SURPRISE

A peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 30 methods, the most methods yet rung to a 12-bell peal, was rung at Halifax on April 15th conducted by Neil Bennett. This beats the previous record of 24 methods rung at Manchester Town Hall in December, 1966. Four new methods were introduced in this peal.

A SOMERSET FIVE IN THE NEWS

History was made at Hutton, a delightful old village situated on the slopes of the West Mendips two miles from the coast, where the River Axe joins the sea, by the ringing on Easter day of a quarter peal of Doubles. During the whole of this century the five bells have been rung only to call changes. Through age and illness the band has fallen apart and the bells have been silent for some time. Now the prospects of change ringing are good.

Inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: "E. Bilbee 1708. 5.H.Q.J.W." 3 cwt.
Second: "G.L.B.C.W. P.A.D. 1675." 4 cwt.
Third: "1627. Recast 1915." 6 cwt.
Fourth: "J. C. Bisdee. E. Hemmens. 1657." 8 cwt.
Tenor: "E. Bilbee cast me. 1708. Sam Harris. G. O. Jones. Wardens. When I do call com serve God all." 10 cwt., note G.

V. A. H.

BEAMINSTER BELLS

The bells of St. Mary's, Beaminster, are now at the foundry of Messrs. Taylors, Loughborough, for one-eighth turning, fitting new headstocks, wheel and stays and fitting in a metal frame.

On April 5th Ralph Wightman, the famous broadcaster, who was educated at the Beaminster and Netherbury Grammar School, came with the B.B.C. television cameraman to watch the tenor being lowered through the tower. This was the last bell to be removed from the 200-year-old oak frame. Local inhabitants were there in large numbers—armed with cameras!

Mr. Wightman was met at the church door by the Vicar (the Rev. D. V. Galloway) and the chairman of the Bell Rehanging Fund Committee (Mr. W. B. Cross) and shown a piece of the frame—badly eaten by beetle and almost like parchment. (Although only measuring about eight inches by three inches, it was known to contain at least eight deathwatch beetles, and was typical of three sides of the lower part of the frame.)

A committee was formed last year to raise the £4,000 needed to rehang the bells. The fund at present stands at £730 in the name of the Ringing Guild Bell Rehanging Fund at Lloyds Bank with £1,000 promised from the P.C.C. and £200 also promised—both these "promises" are "earning" interest, making a total of £1,930.

During April a door-to-door collection in the parish has been organised by the committee the result of which will be made known on April 27th at a social evening at the Tindall Hall in aid of C.M.S. and the Bell Fund.

Money has been sent from all over the world, through the local newspapers and contacts with Old Beaminsterians. £100 was loaned for a talent scheme (some has been used) but not much enthusiasm has been shown for this.

We hope the bellhangers will be back here again in October and that we shall have the bells ringing again by Christmas! E. P.

FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE

Congratulations to Mr. H. Badger, of Headington, Oxford, on completing 50 years as a bellringer The event was remembered by a peal rung at Hughenden on April 1st. It was intended to commemorate the occasion by a peal at Marlow, Bucks, where Harry learned to handle a bell, but the bells were not available that day owing to weddings, etc. Harry is also an organist and has demonstrated his talent by playing at the Oxford Guild Festival at Christ Church Cathedral.

HERTS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

To start a fund for the possible Central Council visit to Hertfordshire, the St. Albans District at its meeting at Essendon on April 15th raffled a cake which Mrs. Coburn had provided. Other members are asked to provide raffle prizes for District meetings. There is a practice meeting at St. Albans Abbey on May 2nd at 7.30 p.m. and a District meeting at South Mymms on May 20th.

READING PROFICIENCY

When a visiting band attempted a peal prior to Evensong one recent Sunday at St. Mary's, Reading, the locals went down the road to St. Laurence's and rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Royal. All ten who took part were members of St. Mary's band and it was only babysitting duties keeping two other members away that precluded the ringing of Cinques.

A WEEK IN KENT AND SUSSEX

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Harold Evans	5
Richard Hayes	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
John Pladdys	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
Rung with best wishes to Donald Parkhurst and Heather Saville, married on March 25th at Southport.

SANDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Harold Evans	4
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Richard Hayes	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
*John Pladdys	2	Andrew J. Corby	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of London. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Michael O'Callaghan	6
D. Paul Smith	3	John Pladdys	7
Harold Evans	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

WITHYHAM, Sussex. —At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Harold Evans	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Richard Hayes	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
John Pladdys	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
First peal in the method by all the band.

LEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, London, Surfleet, Wells and York. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Harold Evans	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
John Pladdys	2	Christopher T. Osenton	5
*Andrew J Corby	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

SUNDRIDGE, Kent..—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Richard Hayes	2	Harold Evans	5
John Pladdys	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Susan Cutts and Anthony Thomas, married on April 1st, 1967, at Groombridge, Sussex.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

*David N. Collins	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	6
Michael Thomson	2	Harry W. Howard	7
†Peter Goodhew	3	George H. Randles	8
Harold Worrall	4	*Stuart W. Bracegirdle	9
*John Moore	5	Christopher J. Jones	Tenor

Composed by C. Gudgeon. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Ian) to Jean and Stuart Bracegirdle, on March 14th, 1967.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Alan J. Brown	Treble	‡Allen Twyman	5
*Heather Cottrell	2	David A. Hogg	6
†Jane Reynolds	3	Dennis H. McCormick	7
John Moore	4	John O. Freeman	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Alan J. Brown.
* First peal. † First in method "inside" and 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal for the Guild. Ringers of treble and fifth have "circled the tower."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Robert Topham (ringer) and Elizabeth Martin.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

James Draycott	Treble	Alfred Ballard	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	J. Edward Cawser	6
Alan Evans	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 3. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Percy Stone	Treble	John W. T. Taylor	5
*Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Ernest J. Gower	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Edward Holdsworth	7
†Jill Riley	4	Hubert G. Summers	Tenor

Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 768 of London, 1,824 of Bristol, 1,440 of Cambridge and 1,056 of Superlative, with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

John K. Smith	Treble	E. Frederick Gobey	5
David J. Marshall	2	David W. Friend	6
John S. Dean	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
David W. Parkin	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
8,064 reduced Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Rev. P. T. Robbins	Treble	Rev. S. M. Evans	5
Canon K. W. H. Felstead	2	Rev. M. Hart	6
Rev. R. C. Lucas	3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	7
Rev. J. B. T. Homfray	4	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Composed by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	6
Ann Lawson	2	Thomas M. Cox	7
Enid Lawson	3	George S. Deas	8
John E. Anderson	4	Michael Maughan	9
James Crowther	5	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
Rung to celebrate the amalgamation of the Hartlepools, which took place on April 1st, 1967.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

David Sloman	Treble	Walter Arnold	6
*Philip Sadler	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Peter G. Pitt	3	*John W. Brown	8
Peter Sloman	4	Alfred J. House	9
Adrian G. Semken	5	Michael J. Hallett	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Graham C. King	Treble	David A. Burt	5
Gordon W. Land	2	Brynley A. Shackleton	6
Robert J. Purnell	3	James R. Taylor	7
Richard J. Bowden	4	Alan Tubb	Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOKE LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Dedworth and Wychbold, four Southrepps, six Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, five Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Leonard J. Walters	Treble	James Ward	4
E. Charles Biggs	2	*Jack Cale	5
James Ranford	3	George Gwyne	Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal of Doubles "inside."
Rung with 21st birthday compliments to Monica John.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachy.
On Sat., April 1, 1967 in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,248 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 768 London, with 101 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 16 lb. in E.

Philip Mehew	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Robert C. Kippin	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	George E. Thoday	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
Rung with best wishes to Martyn Jordan and Victoria Jennings, married this day at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 3, 1967 in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 each of Cambridge and London and 800 each of Bristol, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Thoday	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Jonathan S. N. Porter	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David P. Hilling, of Slough.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Philip Mehew	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. (24.) Conducted by George E. Thoday.
The conductor's 200th tenor for a peal and his 175th (125th of Surprise) as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	John W. Smith	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	William T. Blewitt	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
This composition contains all the 6-7's at back stroke.

CHERITON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

Paul J. Dye	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Harold Evans	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Evans.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Rodney C. Andrews	Treble	Stuart Sandford	5
Joan A. Hayward	2	George Philpot	6
Brian R. Trill	3	Leonard Crouch	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Cyril S. Jarrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
Rung prior to the induction of the Rev. John Waller as Vicar of Frindsbury and Rural Dean of Strood.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Derek Sclater	Treble	*Harold Evans	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Richard Hayes	3	Martin L. Howe	7
John A. Howard	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in F.

*Marianne Leworthy	Treble	*David P. Leworthy	4
*Jane Bryant	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Francis J. Cheal	3	Norman R. Mattingley	Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.
* First peal.
Rung with birthday wishes to Mr. G. A. Naylor (Rainham) and to Alison Jane (daughter of Ray and Jeannette Finch).

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WESTMINSTER, London.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Alan R. Milledge	Treble	Thomas G. Hawkins	6
John W. Euston	2	Norman S. Bagworth	7
Michael J. Uphill	3	Dennis Randall	8
William J. Rawlings	4	Bernard E. Mathews	9
Bryan C. Burrough	5	Alan J. Griffin	Tenor

Composed by Henry Haley. Conducted by John W. Euston.
Rung as a mark of esteem for ten years' "good work" by the Rector, Canon M. Stancliffe, for "the people" of St. Margaret's Parish and Church.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Jeffrey R. Goodenough	Treble	Andrew J. Slade	5
*Caroline R. F. Cole	2	Ian L. Dear	6
†Christopher W. Ottaway	3	David E. Rothera	7
‡Michael B. Jefferyes	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of Yorkshire.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen
On Tues., April 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,208 Lincolnshire, with 56 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell.
Pitstow's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Desmond R. Mortlock	Treble	David Cubitt	5
Robin R. Churchill	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Paul Cattermole	3	H. William Barrett	7
Peter Adcock	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung on the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Wilfred G. Saunders	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. W. Arnold	5
*Desmond P. Mortlock	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HANSLOPE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*David Coxhill	Treble	Malcolm G. Hooton ..	5
Sarah D. Woolley	2	†Anthony K. Fortin ..	6
Peter D. Taylor	3	Barry R. Eglesfield ..	7
Barry R. Care	4	George E. Green	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Green.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Roy Keeves and Judith Pell, who were married at this church this day.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Richard R. Dean	5
Harry W. Badger	2	John Young	6
E. Dennis Poole	3	Robert H. Newton	7
Paul R. Dean	4	Brian A. Cracknell	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
Rung for the Easter Festival, to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dean, and to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer by Harry W. Badger. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition of Thurstans', Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D

*Christopher C. Clarke ..	Treble	Barry J. Davis	5
*Michael W. Coleman ..	2	James Linnell	6
†Diana Reeves	3	George W. Holland	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Robert A. Reeves	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.
* Have now "circled the tower." † First peal in the method.
Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. C. A. Eele	Treble	Charles A. Eele	5
John Froome	2	Raymond K. Rivers	6
Charles W. Mortimer ..	3	Bernard C. Castle	7
Mrs. B. C. Castle	4	Frederick J. E. Hicks ..	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard C. Castle.
First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

ST. NEOTS, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	George E. Bonham ..	5
Sara K. D. Woolley ..	2	*Anthony K. Fortin ..	6
Ronald J. Snack	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Michael D. Trigg	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* 25th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung with best wishes from all the band for Ron Snack's 21st birthday. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A variation of Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.

Martin J. Turner	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Walter F. Judge	2	Francis A. White	6
Edgar J. Smith	3	Brian R. White	7
Victor Griffin	4	G. Robert Mordaunt ..	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung starting at backstroke (2nd row of a slow six) and finishing at handstroke (1st row of a slow six). Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

William Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	6
Harry E. Wells	3	John H. Napper	7
John W. T. Hibbert ..	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard F. B. Speed ..	Treble	L. Michael Callow	5
Patrick I. Chapman ..	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florence.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Robert D. Hodges	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
Richard L. Underwood ..	2	John F. I. Turney	5
Richard C. Warburton ..	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter and Marion Bennett, married on April 1st, 1967.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Christine Slater	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	5
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Richard J. Warrilow ..	6
*Richard B. Dorrington	3	Ian Friend	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	4	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Frank H. Hicks	2	†Arthur J. Hart	6
†Janet E. Blake	3	†Derek Slater	7
†Charlotte M. Harris ..	4	†Douglas J. Hoad	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Derek Slater.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples in the method. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung by East Grinstead ringers and friends to welcome Wanda Katheryn, daughter of John and Valerie Howard, born March 8th, 1967.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	Treble	*Robert Edwards	7
*M. Irene Ellsmore	2	*Peter L. Bill	8
Clifford Skidmore	3	Arthur V. Pearson ..	9
Michael J. Fellows	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Gerald C. Hemming ..	5	John C. Eisel	11
James Attwood, jun. ..	6	*Peter J. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung as a compliment to Robert Edwards and Ann Phipps, who were to be married at Netherton on the following Saturday.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	Ian Lloyd	5
Leonard Mills	2	James Attwood, jun. ..	6
*Richard G. Bateman ..	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
*Peter Robertson	4	†Ronald J. Stephens ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Arranged by J. E. Groves.
Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

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

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal of Worcestershire Surprise Major by all the band except the ringers of the sixth, seventh and tenor.

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	*Richard G. Bateman ..	4
*James Attwood, jun. ..	2	*Peter Robertson	5
Robert W. Cole	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	6
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	2	Neil Donovan	7
Patricia Lockwood	3	Richard E. Price	8
Ian North	4	Stuart Armeson	9
John S. Seager	5	Ernest J. Padgett	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
*Alan F. Scholfield	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

†Richard Inglis 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Royal on an "inside" pair. First on ten handbells. 100th handbell peal as conductor.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5004 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Granta Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston	1–2	Alan McFall	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	*Herbert M. Heaton ..	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. First peal of Maximus in the variation by all the band and for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, Essex.—At 14, The Belvedere.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Claire Hudson	1–2	David Hodgson	5–6
Andrew S. Hudson	3–4	*Ian R. Panton	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by David Hodgson.
* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Thurs., March 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7–8

Gerald Penney 9–10
Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal of Royal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Sat., March 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6480 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being nine different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
Longest length by all. Conductor's 30th peal.

WINDERMERE, Westmorland.—At 46, Claife Avenue.
On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4

*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
* First peal of Minor in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue.
On Wed., March 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1–2	Michael W. Crowder ..	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8

Jack L. Millhouse 9–10
Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Sat, March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
Frank Lord	3–4	C. Aubrey Harrison	7–8

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Veronica Feirn, daughter of the conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At 5, Meadow Drive.
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*William L. Exton	1–2	Brian M. Buswell	3–4

*R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5–6
* First in three methods "in hand." First handbell peal in three methods for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of St. Thomas's Church.
On Thurs., March 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents with all 6–5's at handstroke. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter L. Bill	1–2	Michael J. Fellows (cond.)	3–4

John C. Eisel 5–6

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild of Ringers)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At 33, Broome Close.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and All Saints. Tenor size 14 in D.

Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3–4

*Jennifer E. Pearce 5–6
* First peal "in hand."

HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 720 each of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Tenor size 14 in D.

Simon P. D. Burnett	1–2	A. Colin Banton (cond.) ..	3–4

J. Martin Thorley 5–6

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Hilary M. Dickson 1, B. Fay Banks 2, M. C. E. Hodge (cond.) 3, J. R. Rowson 4, R. H. Johnston 5, J. W. Berry 6, A. K. P. Poole 7, Jane A. Carruthers 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On March 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Knowles 1, Louise Evans 2, Dorothea Hargreaves 3, A. Butcher 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, A. Fortin 6. First of Minor 2 and 3. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Wilkins 1, Louise Evans 2, Dorothea Hargreaves 3, R. Mitchell 4, R. Woodruff 5, A. Fortin (cond.) 6.

BARROWDEN, RUTLAND.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, R. H. Jones 5.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 4, F. J. White 5, W. H. Prescott 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. L. J. Bailey 1, B. Martin 2, D. Rennolds (cond.) 3, W. Williams 4, T. Newlands 5, S. Bateman 6.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl M. Hills 1, Carol C. Bunn 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, A. B. Eldridge 4, R. H. Glover 5, K. I. Davis (cond.) 6. Also on March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, by same band.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Illidge 1, R. Lyons (first quarter) 2, D. Hawksworth 3, R. Humphreys 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. G. Richards 6, J. Smith 7, H. E. Green 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. G. H. Thorneycroft.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On April 8th, 1,504 Huntingdon Surprise Major: M. E. Wade 1, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 2, S. J. Haines 3, R. B. Mills 4, M. Green 5, W. E. Rawson 6, D. A. Frith 7, R. K. Mason 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jill Dunmall 1, Anne Tremain (first quarter "inside") 3, Jenny Brunger 4, Susan P. Nicholson 5, E. J. Brunger 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. J. Lemon 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At 10, Southbroom Place, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (handbells): C. H. Smith 1—2, C. C. Hillier 3—4, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 5—6. First handbell quarter by all.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, C. Woodward 2, G. McIlhone (cond.) 3, V. Fox 4, J. Godman 5, D. Exon (first of P.B. Major) 6, C. Holloway 7, F. Absolom 8.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On March 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Mitchell (25th quarter) 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, S. P. D. Burnett 3, R. C. Woodward 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, J. Woolley 6, C. J. Groome (50th quarter) 7, J. M. Thorley 8. A birthday compliment to Lynne Clowe.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grey (first quarter) 1, H. P. Reed 2, Beryl R. Simpson 3, Sarah Hughes 4, M. Church 5, G. Britchford 6, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 7, S. Reed 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Richardson 1, Vivienne M. Dye 2, P. C. Sinden 3, L. Mannering 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, J. F. Wellard 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Franklin (first quarter) 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, R. C. Andrews (first "inside") 3, G. Philpot 4, L. Crouch 5, R. T. Macmillan 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. M. Hiscock 1, Mrs. G. E. Lewis 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, J. B. Wilson 4, R. E. Hardy 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to H. Lyndon Hatfield (Master of the University of Wales Society) and his wife, Diane (nee Bird), following their wedding this day.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Cambridge): A. F. Ballam 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, R. H. Rogers 3, R. J. Fordham 4, J. A. Underwood (cond.) 5, R. J. Palmer 6. In honour of Arthur W. Rolfe's 80th birthday.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: P. Hartt 1, Miss D. Colcombe (first in method) 2, Miss J. Warner 3, J. Bailey 4, H. Colcombe 5, W. Webb 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. T. Collins 1, J. B. Webb 2, C. E. Bowen 3, L. Monk (first in method) 4, D. P. Jones 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynne Lewis (first quarter) 1, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 2, P. Gregory 3, D. Makin-Tavler 4, E. H. Langley 5, J. P. Leigh 6. To welcome the new curate, Rev. William Evans.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Handerson 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, R. Cooles 3, B. Burrough 4, J. Pratt 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, B. Matthews 8.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Brooks 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, R. Birch, sen. 4, P. C. Sinden 5, R. Birch, jun. 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8.

OXFORD.—At the City Church, on March 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, P. Walker 4, H. Rossell 5, Mrs. E. Rossell 6, B. R. White (cond.) 7, N. I. Allnatt 8. A farewell to Henry and Elizabeth Rossell, leaving for Australia.

PEMBROKE.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stevens (first quarter) 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, D. Cooper 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on April 9th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 3, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 4, P. J. Shipton 5, A. B. Shingler 6, J. N. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, R. F. Diserens 10. First quarter Cambridge Royal 4 and 6.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. White 1, F. Whitby 2, E. Willet (first quarter) 4, W. Alev (cond.) 5, A. Richardson (first Plain Bob) 6, R. Walker 7, E. Rochester 8. A compliment to Rev. P. Morris and family, after the christening of their son.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Browne 1, Anne Browne 2, A. Humphrey 3, C. G. Browne 4, C. Slack 5, W. E. Simpson 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. B. Dobbie 1, G. Kenward 2, Wendy Austin 3, J. Clark 4, G. Wood 5, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6, G. A. Naylor 7, P. Cockrill 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Austin.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At Bitterne Park, on April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. V. Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Pamela Coombs (first "inside") 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Deborah Moggs 4, Margaret Coombs 5, S. R. Smith 6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ford (first quarter) 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. A 67th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TENBY, PEMBS.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): R. L. Underwood (first of Surprise) 1, Stella Lewin 2, S. P. G. Webb 3, E. Williams 4, H. Jenkins 5, W. G. Thomas (cond.) 6, T. Griffiths 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Owen (first attempt) 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown 2, A. G. Sears 3, P. Owen (cond.) 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, Miss J. Digby 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Fuller 1, Mrs. W. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, N. Watson 4, H. Ivings 5, G. Herbert 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, A. Foreman 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gordon Peck, friend and ringer for many years.

TISBURY, WILTS.—On April 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Dean 1, K. Raymond (first quarter) 2, Mrs. F. Morton (first quarter) 3, W. Wright 4, B. Morton 5, T. Stevens 6. Conducted by J. E. Snook. Rung as a combined celebration: 21st birthday of ringer of 2nd, and eighth wedding anniversary of ringers of 3 and 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Caroline Cole 2, E. T. Newnham 3, R. J. Chapman 4, A. J. Slade 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, I. L. Dear 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, R. Durrant 10. A compliment to Mr. E. T. Newnham on becoming president of the Hertford County Association.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Colwell 1, P. H. Hull 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, T. Crabbe (first "inside") 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, H. Crabbe 6. An engagement compliment to Heather Arney, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 4th.

NOTICES

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

I have received the following notice of motion within the time limit prescribed by Rule 14 but it is too late for inclusion with the Agenda recently published, and I am therefore publishing this as a supplementary notice:—

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DECISION

To amend Section D (8) on page 21 to read as follows:—

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called "Spliced," provided that methods are joined in the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e. the "leads" in treble-dominated methods, the "divisions" in the case of Stedman, Duffield and the like). In addition, where a peal qualifies as "Spliced" under the above definition, methods may also be joined at the half-lead, provided that where this is done only one of any group of methods differing only in the places made at the half-lead or the lead-end may be used in any one composition.

Proposed by: Ian H. Oram.
Seconded by: Stanley Jenner.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Honorary Secretary.
45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JACKSON.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jackson is now: 13, Testbourne Road, Totton, Southampton. Tel. Totton 2757.

PERSONAL

"OUR"—all of us—prayers first, then best wishes to all our invalids, especially Nolan Golden, Harold Walker and Charlie Willmington, for their speedy return to full health and vigour, also best wishes to "Our" "Ringing World," the Editor and all concerned.—Old Bat-er (Crewe). 1408

"Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good."—II Thessalonians, v, 21.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Set or part set of handbells required urgently. Contact S. Jones, 121, Allington Drive. Birstall, Leicester. Tel. Leicester 813259. 1420

PUBLICATIONS

"BOBS AND SINGLES," an illustrated history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, N.Z., by Patricia Ward. Price 7s. 6d. from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand. 1402

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE," Vol I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s, 10d; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 1171

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Saltwood—no ringing until further notice. Bells require attention.—Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1422

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — A Flower Festival in St. Wilfrid's Church on Saturday, April 29th. Tower open and bells available 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Evensong at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 1431

NOTICES

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DEATH

BRETT.—On April 20th, 1967, at her home, 109, St. Johns Row, Framsden, after much suffering patiently borne, Ivy Maud, beloved wife of Leslie, darling mother of Eric and devoted grandma of Teresa and Trevor. Aged 65 years. 1435

FOR SALE

CLAUDE BUTLER short wheelbase tandem with panniers and frame fitted; excellent condition. — J. L. Hayns, 81, Windfield, Leatherhead, Surrey. Tel. Leatherhead 5478. 1432

MISCELLANEOUS

FAREHAM PARISH CHURCH
SS. Peter and Paul
10 bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.
Bellringers' Open Day, May 6th.
Bells available for general ringing 3.15–5.15 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Names for tea to Mrs. R. Sturgess, 19, Potters Avenue, Fareham, Hants.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
Change of Treasurer
Will Branch secretaries, tower and peal captains please note that subscriptions and fees should be sent to Group Captain G. J. L. Read, Home Park, Galmpton, Kingsbridge. Tel. Galmpton 287. —D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 1423

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE

May Festival, Saturday, May 6th

Bells from 3 p.m. Teas. Handbells available in church. Service led by Salvation Army Band 5.15 p.m. 1429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford and Canterbury Districts
RINGING SCHOOL
(Primarily arranged for beginners.)
Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 20th
Application for tickets (5s. each) and full details from: Miss R. J. Sinden, Christ Church College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury.
School limited to 50; early application essential. Please send s.a.e. 1421

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, ESSEX
Flower Festival, May 5th, 6th and 7th
Ringing arrangements: Sat., 6th, 2 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Sunday, 7th: 10 a.m.–11 a.m. and 5 p.m.–6.25 p.m.
Teas available in Church Hall.
All ringers and visitors very welcome. 1436

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY
Members are earnestly requested to note that the A.G.M. will be held at St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3, on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Names for tea imperative to Secretary. **This is a most important meeting, which will review the Society's constitution**, and members are asked to make attendance a priority. Tower list later.—D. L. Cawley, Sec., Torbay, Hillview Road, Whitstable, Kent. 1394

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. —C. H. 1393

WOOTTON BASSETT PARISH CHURCH. WILTS.—700th Anniversary. Festival of Flowers. Spring Bank Holiday week-end, May 27th, 28th and 29th. Ringing parties welcome. Teas available in Church Hall.

THORNHAUGH AND WANSFORD WELCOME WEEK-END
Invitation to visitors and ringers.
May 13th and 14th
Bells available both afternoons and Saturday evening. Boat trips, gardens open, refreshments. Full information available at both churches or from A. Waller, Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough. 1422

MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, April 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1407

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Somersham (6), Saturday, April 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock for those who notify W. Ransome, The Chestnuts, High Street, Somersham. Hunts, ringing teams excepted. General ringing in the evening.—H. S. Peacock. 1413

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—An evening meeting for learners will be held at Wendens Ambo (6 bells) on Saturday, April 29th. Help needed from experienced ringers.—All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 1387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1384

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2/6 per head; money to be sent to the Rev. Ridley, St. Nicholas-at-Wade Vicarage. 1434

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, South Brent, Devon, Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Petroc's 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Diptford. Names for tea to Mrs. Pat Johnstone, Stidston, South Brent. 1403

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual District meeting at Harrow Weald, Saturday, April 29th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30., followed by tea and meeting. Please make special effort to attend. Important business meeting.—J. Hooton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m. 1450

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Stonesfield, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7–9 p.m.—Ted Patching, Hon. Sec. 1438

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Armitage Bridge, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Armitage, 32, Hangingstone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Practice method: Surfleet Surprise Minor. 1448

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, East Chinnock (5 a/c, tenor 15 cwt.), May 6th, 7–9 p.m.—M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker. 1396

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St Andrew's, Bebington, April 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 5 p.m. Tea provided **free.**—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. (CLA 5192.) 1437

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Monthly meeting at Dore (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing 3–4.30 and after tea. Names, please, to Miss J. Bower, 135, Furniss Avenue, Dore, Sheffield, by previous Wednesday. All welcome.—A. King, Sec. 1438

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fakenham (8), May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham. **No name, no tea.** 1436

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1, Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Napton, Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Free tea for those who send names to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Bees, May 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me at least three days before meeting.—Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland. 1430

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting and striking contest at Clowne on **May 6th.** Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea **most essential** to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. Definitely no name—no tea. Good attendance, please.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1429

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thoverton on Wednesday, May 6th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 1444

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch.—There is to be a Branch practice held at Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, May 6th. at 2 p.m. Members please attend.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–7.30 p.m. Please bring your own tea, as liquid refreshments only (tea !) will be provided. Please note: There will be no Northern District outing to Bamburgh and Embleton. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Littleport, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Norwich and Kent T.B. 1433

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tolleshunt D'Arcy (6) on May 6th. Competition at 2.30. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to 1. R. Panton, 140. Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 1291

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting at Orcop (5), May 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Weonard's (6) at 6.30 p.m.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec. 1432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1443

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, May 6th. Cottered (5) 6.15–7 p.m.; Ardeley (6) 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1386

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne (8) on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after business meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business. Target methods: Gainsborough L.B. and Bristol S. Major. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1324

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster–Preston Branches. — Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.). Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 1437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m 1405

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting at Elsham, May 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 1411

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Striking Competition, Markfield, Saturday, May 6th. Rules as last year. Entries, with remittance, not later than April 29th. Leicester District meeting to follow., and Inter-District skittles match to take place in the evening. Names for tea to A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec., 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, not later than May 3rd. 1966 Guild Report (22 new compositions) 5s. each, and many previous reports available 2s. each from Hon. Gen. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Kidsgrove on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Midgley, 3, Eleanor Place, Newcastle, Staffs. by Wednesday, May 3rd, please. 1449

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual general meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec. 1372

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, May 6th. Bells 2.30–9. Service 4.30. Tea (Green Room) 5. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before May 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1400

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition (for 6 bells) at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Teams please meet at church at 1.30 to draw to decide order of ringing (late arrivals will be taken in order of arrival). Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Evening ringing at Horringer and Partest. Entries and names for tea to Robin H. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, before Wednesday, May 3rd. 1369

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Guildford Cathedral, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Tea in the Refectory at 4 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, April 28th (no name, no tea). Ringing after until Evensong at 5.45, during which the company will be welcomed to the Cathedral by the Dean. Business meeting in the Refectory afterwards.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec., 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom, Surrey. 1388

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at Melksham, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th.

The Guild service will be held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at 2.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. M. Langdon. Address by the Rev. R. N. Longridge. All clergy attending are invited to be robed.

Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea tickets at 5s. per person to be obtained from the assistant hon. sec, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts, by May 8th. **Strictly** no ticket no tea.

The annual general meeting will follow tea in St. Michael's Hall. The chairman of Melksham R.D.C., Councillor K. Elms, and Mrs. Elms will attend and welcome members.

Bells available 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Heytesbury (6), Warminster (8), Corsley (6), North Bradley (8), Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church, 8), Holt (6), Devizes (St. Mary's, 6), (St. John's, 8), (St. James', 6), Upavon (6), Chirton (6), Potterne (6), Seend (6).

All towers to be closed 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.: Bromham (6), Rowde (6), Urchfont (8), Market Lavington (6), West Lavington (6), Great Cheverell (6), All Cannings (5), Hilperton (6), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity, 8), Steeple Ashton (6), Westbury (8), Longbridge Deverill (8), Melksham, 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

I give notice that I shall not be standing for re-election at A.G.M.

Joseph T. Barrett, Gen. Sec and Treas.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30—3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

East Dereham (8) ..	1.30—2.30 p.m.	Blofield (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6)	2.15—3.30 p.m.	Hethersett (8)	2.15—3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.	Saxlingham N'gate (8)	2.15—3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, by Wednesday, May 3rd. H. William Barrett, Gen. Sec. 1389

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Committee meeting in Vestry 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, in the Tresham Hall, 5 p.m.

Applications for tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and s.w.o.) to Mr. M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants, by Tuesday, May 2nd.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Rothwell (8)	3 p.m.–4 p.m.; 7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Ashley (5)	10.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.
Weston-by-Welland (5)	
Dingley (5)	
Brampton Ash (6)	
Stoke Albany (6)	
Wilbarston (5)	
East Carlton (6)	12 noon — 2 p.m.
Cottingham (5)	
Corby (6)	
Geddington (5)	Weekley and Warkton also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Weekley (6)	
Warkton (5)	
Cranford (6)	1.30 p.m. — 3.30 p.m. also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Burton Latimer (8)	
Barton Seagrave (5)	
Pytchley (5)	
Orlingbury (5)	
Isham (6)	1.30 p.m. — 3 p.m. (amended).
Desborough (8)	2.30 p.m. — 3.45 p.m. also 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Rushton (6)	
Kettering (10)	7 p.m. — to 8 p.m.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary. 1365

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Liss on Saturday, May 6th. Bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. — C. E. Bassett, Dis. Sec. 1446

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tendring (6) on May 13th. Competition 2.45. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton. 1440

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh (8) May 13th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh, by Tuesday, 9th, please. 1441

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Stow, near Lincoln, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Underwood, Stow, near Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 1439

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Caerleon, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pike, 82, Roman Way, Caerleon, Mon, by May 8th. 1426

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Yaxham, Saturday May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Moore, Crossways Farm, Mattishall, by Wednesday, May 10th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, May 13th. Important. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fonge, 1, The Avenue, Flore, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 1442

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Will all members please note that the next meeting will now be held on Saturday, May 27th. The venue is still Great Bardfield.—R. T. 1428

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1967

At Christ Church (Seaside) Eastbourne

Ringing Arrangements:

Route 1: Battle 10.15 a.m.—11.15 a.m. Bexhill 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m. Westham 12.30 p.m.—1.30 p.m.

Route 2: Rotherfield 9.30 a.m.—10.15 a.m. East Hoathly 10.15 a.m.—11 a.m. Ripe 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m. Hailsham 11.15 a.m.—12 noon. Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Route 3: Seaford 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m. Alfriston 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m. Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Eastbourne towers: All Saints' (Carlisle Road) 2—2.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's (South Street) 2.45 p.m. or 3 p.m.—3.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (Church Street) 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Christ Church (Seaside) 3.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

These details are subject to change at short notice.

Service 4.15 p.m. (Christ Church, Seaside).

Tea 5 p.m. (Christ Church Hall). Meeting 6 p.m.

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Our Picture — The Bell Tower, Evesham

BY GEOFFREY J. HEMMING

THE tower was built between the years 1533 and 1539 by Clement Lichfield, 55th and last Abbot of Evesham Abbey. It is built with blocks of oolite, a local stone from the nearby Cotswold Hills.

The base of the tower is 28ft. square and to the top of the battlements it is 110ft. high. A very fine view of the Vale of Evesham can be seen from its summit; it is a very solid structure, the walls being four feet thick.

Why it was left standing when the Abbey was destroyed is not clear but it is thought that the townspeople raised enough money to pay those engaged in pulling down the Abbey to leave it, and this could be true, as restorations have always been undertaken by the townspeople at large and the tower is still looked on as the property of the townspeople, although it stands on consecrated ground and is controlled by the Vicar of Evesham. The present Vicar (the Rev. Albert Webb) is a ringer and rang his first peal in the tower as Vicar of Evesham on January 14th, 1967. In the long history of the bell tower and churches (there are twin parish churches) there is no record of a Vicar of Evesham ringing a peal in his own tower.

THE BELLS

It is definitely known that a ring of six bells was in the tower in 1665 and later restorations proved that the tenor was in C sharp and weighed 28¼ cwt. and was dated 1631. In 1741 the front five were recast and two trebles added by Abel Rudhall, the 1631 tenor being considered to be of good enough tone to be retained. This ring of bells remained untouched until 1820 when, according to church records, "The tenor was cracked by a blundering carpenter named Jarrett while doing repair work to the woodwork around the bells." It is thus that the accident was described in the churchwardens' accounts of 1821. But one Evesham worthy made a note at the time that the eighth bell was broken by John Jarrett on purpose and was looked upon as an electioneering job.

Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, attended a vestry meeting late in 1820 to present an estimate for a new tenor of 31¼ cwt. This bell was placed in the tower on June 26th, 1821, and the old tenor was broken up and taken to the foundry and, when weighed, was found to be 29 cwt. 13 lb. At the time the new tenor was cast the then Vicar of Evesham, the Rev. Henry Portmore Cooper, was at loggerheads with the Mayor and Corporation and refused to have the Mayor's name inscribed on the new tenor. Thus the Church became severed from the State.

THREE MEN ON THE TENOR

Nothing was done to the bells from the installation of the new tenor until 1875, when they were rehung and rung for the first time after the rehanging on Christmas Day, 1875. This must have been a very poor job, as the College Youths rang the first peal in the tower on December 26th, 1889, only 14 years after, and J. W. Washbrook stood on two clock weights and handled the handstroke side of the tenor, and W. Jelf and Sidney Romans manipulated the backstroke. Other well-known names of that time connected with the peal were Murray Hayes, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Henry R. Newton, F. E. Dawe and Adolphus Roberts, and the method was Stedman Triples.

After the College Youths' peal the condition of the bells became worse year by year until by 1909 they were practically unringable. In 1910 another restoration took place, which included rehanging the old eight in a new iron frame and adding two trebles, to make ten, by Barwells of Birmingham. The work was carried out by James E. Groves, a well-known Birmingham ringer of that time, and the two trebles were tuned by Thomas Miller, another Birmingham ringer engaged in the industry. The first peal after the rehanging was rung by the St. Martin's Guild and, in all, 49 peals were rung on this ring of ten

"ONE OF THE FINEST 12's"

In 1949 preparations began for a major restoration to the tower and bells. The top of the tower and pinnacles were replaced with new stone where required, a new clock was installed and the carillon chimes restored. One local worthy caused eyebrows to rise by giving his opinion that such a tower as the bell tower was worthy of a ring of 12 bells. As the present ring of ten was the product of three founders, it was considered that a recast ring of 12 would be most satisfactory. This was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor of Loughborough and dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester in September, 1951. The tenor of the new 12 is 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb, and the old 1821 tenor when weighed was 29¼ cwt., which was only 43 lb. heavier than the 1631 tenor. Just over £8,000 was spent on the 1951 restoration and as the present tenor is in C sharp it is proved that the key of the bells in Evesham tower has never been changed in 300 years. They are a superb ring and one of the finest 12's in the country.

Those ringers having a copy of the Rev. F. E. Robinson's "Among the Bells" will see a description of the College Youths' peal in 1889.

Evesham has twin parish churches—All Saints' and St. Lawrence's— and the bell tower has a foot in each churchyard.

The original Abbey had three towers, of which this was the smallest!

COMMENT

THE ROUND TOWER AT HADDISCOE

BUILT originally as a retreat place against Danes and Norsemen, the Round Tower at Haddiscoe, Norfolk, is one of the most remarkable buildings in England. The five bells here have been rehung, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, performed the rededication and had something very appropriate to say.

The Canon said when the danger of the Danes receded, when England emerged as a powerful Christian kingdom, men converted the old defensive tower into a place of proclamation. They put grand bells into it, even though it had to be cut about inside, for it had not been meant for this purpose. So it became a place whence the good news was proclaimed all around.

"What has happened here lately symbolises something more. The bells must be maintained and brought up to date. So must the proclamation of the Gospel. A rusty Gospel is as useless as a rusty gudgeon. An insecure faith is as dangerous as an insecure bell frame. Bell without ringers are as mute as a faith without men living by it. So we have our new gudgeons, our new bell frame and our new ringers in many places and, I hope, here. All this symbolises the fact that the Christian faith today must be preached in a way consistent with modern knowledge.

But the ancient tower must be kept in repair also. Again a symbol of the fact that if a civilisation is to survive its faith must be nurtured. England today is largely throwing its faith away, supposing its enemies are no more. Distinctions between right and wrong are watered down. The struggle for right is not pursued. Honesty, duty, service, give way to lust, self-indulgence, indifference. We are becoming like a tower whose foundations are weakening and whose mortar joints are crumbling. One day we shall face a foe who has a faith strong and fanatical. It may be a false faith, but it will beat on us like a storm. If we have let our spiritual towers weaken, if we have by neglect silenced the proclamation of the Gospel, our towers will collapse and our life as a nation will end. This has happened often in the past, and for the same reason."

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DERBY ASSOCIATION'S 21st A.G.M.

OVER 80 members and friends were present on April 1st, when the 21st annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association was held in Derby. Prior to the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Association's president, the Provost of Derby, ringing took place at the Cathedral (10) and at St. Alkmund's (8), which is shortly to be demolished.

Following the service, at which the singing was led by a choir of Association members, an excellent tea was served by the wives and friends of the Cathedral company. At the business meeting the chairman (the Provost, the Very Rev. R. A Beddoes), whilst congratulating the Association on another successful year, warned members of the dangers of becoming complacent and urged the company to keep up their enthusiasm at all costs. He was, in particular, most grateful for the efforts on behalf of the £2,000,000 Cathedral Extensions Appeal and congratulated the Association on having already realised £300 towards its £1,000 target.

Although there were more lapsed members —perhaps due to higher subscriptions—the general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris) was pleased to report that the election of over 54 new members had compensated almost entirely for this and as a result the total membership of 378 was only slightly lower than last year (382).

Of the Districts, Chesterfield appeared to be the most flourishing with a membership of over 100 and good attendances at meetings. The Derby District had run evening practices but attendances at meetings were not very good, whilst the Ilkeston District seemed to prefer evening meetings. Although the Peak District had had a disappointing year as regards meetings, grateful thanks were expressed to the faithful few who were trying to keep the District going.

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE

In his report on the financial position, the general treasurer (Mr. J. C. Woolley) regretted that despite an increase of £42 in revenue, due to the higher subscriptions, the accounts still showed a loss of £32 over the year's working. This was due to the large expense involved in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Sir. A. P. Heywood's death (£27) and several other large items of expenditure, none of which would occur again for some considerable time.

As, in addition, a grant of £20 had been paid from the General Account into the Bell Repair Fund, the position was far from being unsatisfactory and a substantial recovery should have been made by the end of 1967. In contrast, the Bell Repair Fund finances were in a very healthy position thanks to the continued support of over 84 P.C.C.'s, and the treasurer (Mr. J. Stennitt) was very pleased to report that despite a record sum of £145 having been paid out in grants the balance was still well over £300.

Reporting on the work of the consultants, the Bell Repair Fund secretary (Mr. G. A. Halls) said they had been kept busy, having given advice and/or technical help to Bradbourne, Brassington, Heanor, Pinxton, Burbage, Balborough, Edensor and St. Alkmund's, Derby. On the restoration side, the ring of four bells at Ashford-in-the-Water had been augmented to six by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. D. Whittaker, in memory of his wife: a new ring of five bells had been installed at Pinxton and the six at Hathersage had been rehung in a new frame.

There would, unfortunately, be no further ringing at St. Alkmund's, Derby, as the church is to be used only for services until April 30th, after which it is to be demolished to make way for a new ring road. As the new church is to be built at the side of a hospital the fate of the bells, which it is hoped will be kept as a ring of eight and not broken up, hangs very much in the balance.

PEALS SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Presenting his first report as peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend said that 142 ringers took part in the slightly higher total of 58 peals rung, the conducting being shared by 21 ringers (five non-resident). Once again Gordon Halls was the leading peal ringer (21 peals), closely followed by Denis Carlisle and David Friend (18 each), the leading conductors being Gordon Halls (11) and David Walklate (10).

Congratulations were extended to the 18 members who rang their first peal and also to Edward Mould, Girling Rigby and Tim Wylie, who scored their firsts as conductors. Although only six 10-bell peals were rung—the lowest for several years—the appearance of four new Surprise Major methods was most refreshing, as was the welcome appearance of peals of Major "in hand." Two peals in particular deserved special mention, namely Bob Triples at Belper by an all-local band and Spliced Treble Bob Major "in hand."

All the officers were re-elected en bloc as follows: President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. A. Adams, J. Bailey and A. Mould; general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris; general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend; education officer, Mr. D. J. Marshall; Bell Repair Fund secretary Mr. G. Halls, and treasurer Mr. J. Stennitt; trustees, Mr. S. Walklate and Mr. H. Taylor.

Two new honorary life members, Messrs W. Steen and F. Forster, and 13 new ringing members were then elected before the meeting was concluded by the usual votes of thanks. Further ringing then took place at St. Andrew's (10) and St. Peter's (8) after a film had been shown on the work on the extensions to the Cathedral.

M. P. P.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MR. JOHN WORTH

Ringers from many parts of the country participated in the memorial service for John Worth at Chester Cathedral on April 22nd.

The service commenced with the singing of the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God Who Livest," which was followed by a welcome from the Dean in the following words:

"Brethren, we welcome you all, ringers and friends of ringers, this afternoon to the Cathedral Christ of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester, the Mother Church of our Diocese. We have come to remember before God our Heavenly Father, John Worth, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers and to pray that God in His mercy will bring him and us to His eternal kingdom. At this service we shall have in our hearts great gratitude for all the work John did for the Guild."

Then followed the reading of sentences taken from St. John ii, 25 and 26; Job xix, 25 to 27; I Timothy vi, 6 and 7; Job i, 21.

Psalm cxxi was sung before the lesson read from I Corinthians xv The Easter hymn "Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us" preceded the prayers. The choir then sang the anthem "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them" (J. Nares, 1715–83).

The Rt. Rev. Eric Mercer, Bishop of Birkenhead, gave the address, in which he reminded us that although a memorial service may be a time for looking back, as Christians we should look forward and rejoice in continuing the work which others have started.

The final hymn was "Hark! hark, my soul, angelic songs are swelling," and was followed by the Commendation and Blessing. The service finished with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

R. B. S.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burden (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TOWER CAPTAIN KILLED

Fatal Demonstration

An appalling ringing tragedy took place at St. Nicholas', Uphill, Weston-super Mare, on Sunday, April 23rd, which resulted in the death of Mr. John Hall (24), the captain of the ringers.

At the time he was instructing a pupil, Michael Groves, who is serving in the R.A.F., and explaining to him the risks of clinging to the rope too long. The lesson was being given on the 10 cwt. tenor and John was caught in the rope when the stay broke and he was lifted 15 feet to the ceiling. He fell heavily to the floor and fractured his skull and received back injuries. He died in an ambulance while being transferred from Weston General Hospital to Frenchay Hospital

"It was all over in seconds," said the pupil in trying to explain the accident.

THE INQUEST

At the inquest on April 25th the Bristol Coroner, Mr. John Seymour Williams, returned a verdict of misadventure.

Evidence was given by Mr. Arthur Hall, father of the dead captain, that he went to the belfry after the accident. The stay, which should have held the half-ton tenor bell in an upright position, had broken into two pieces. When the stay broke the bell would have been in an upright position— ten cwt. of metal which would fall with all its force, he told the coroner. The rope would come down lashing about and anybody caught in that rope could be pulled up to the ceiling.

He had taken his son to the tower on Sunday afternoon and heard him commence his lesson with a warning to his new pupil, Mr. Michael Groves. The warning words were: "If anything goes wrong let go of the rope," said Mr. Hall.

FIRST LESSON

Mr Groves said he was having his first lesson in ringing and had watched Mr Hall swing the tenor bell into an upright position. The instruction was without incident until he and Mr. Hall started to work the tenor bell.

"Suddenly the bell rope moved very fast. One moment Mr. Hall was in front of me— the next he was on the ceiling," he said.

Mr. Hall struck a wooden chest when he fell back and lay crumpled on the floor. He made him as comfortable as possible and ran to the church gates and called for help to villagers down the hill and an ambulance took Mr Hall to hospital.

WHOLE PARISH AFFECTED

John had been ringing bells since the age of 13 and had been ringing at St. Nicholas' Church for 11 years. He lived with his parents at Westbury Crescent, Oldmixham, Weston-super-Mare, and was employed as a bank clerk. Recently he was transferred to a Bristol branch of the Westminster Bank, but he went home every Sunday to fulfil his duties as tower captain.

"The tragedy has affected the whole parish," said Mr. Michael Holt, churchwarden, to the Press. The family had been closely connected with Uphill Church for many years and, said Mr. Holt, "no one knew more about bellringing than John"

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

As is the custom the Society held its April meeting at Felkirk on the 8th, good use being made of the bells from start to finish

The attendance during the day was most encouraging, and so was the standard of ringing, which had deteriorated during the past months.

After cups of tea in the Church Rooms, Mr. Chant took the chair at the business meeting.

Next meeting: Cawthorne, on the second Saturday in May.

T. T

Central Council at Nottingham

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 a.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday. Members *not* staying at Headquarters who wish to have luncheon there must advise Mr W L. Exton by May 23rd and indicate whether they will require table d'hote meal at 16/6 plus 10 per cent. or buffet luncheon.

Civic Reception at the Council House on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m. Application cards will be enclosed with reports circulated by Hon. Secretary.

There will be an informal social evening at Headquarters commencing at 7.30 p.m., to which members and friends are invited.

RINGING

The following towers are available for ringing over the week-end:—

Saturday, May 27th

Basford, St. Leodegarius'	(8)	2.30– 4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	2.30– 4.30 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls'	(8)	6–9 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.00– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.

SERVICE RINGING

Sunday, May 28th

Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	9.45–10.45 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
(and after Evensong for 30 minutes if required)		
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	9.30–10.30 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Aspley, St. Margaret's	(6)	8.45– 9.45 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Basford, St. Leodegarius'	(8)	10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.15– 6.00 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls'	(8)	9–9.45 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
Daybrook, St. Paul's	(8)	9.00– 9.30 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity	(8)	10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles'	(8)	9.15– 9.45 a.m.
		10.30–11.00 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
Wollaton, St. Leonard's	(6)	9.00– 9.30 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Southwell, Cathedral	(12)	1.30– 3.00 p.m.
		4.45– 6.25 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	2.30– 4.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	2.30– 3.45 p.m.
Holme-Pierrepont, St. Edmund's	(6)	2.30–4 p.m.

Tea will be arranged in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barkergate (100 yards from St. Mary's Church via Stoney Street), at 4.15 p.m. for those who send their names to Mr. D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Monday previous.

Monday, May 29th

Bunney, St. Mary the Virgin's	(6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Ruddington, St. Peter's	(8)	3.30– 4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.00– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity	(8)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30th

Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles'	(8)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.

TOURS

Monday, May 29th

Tour No. 1. Tour No. 1 will be a bus tour, visiting two tens, two eights and two sixes. Depart Headquarters at 9 a.m. and return in time for the Standing Committee meeting and evening ringing in the City.

Numbers will be limited to the first 40 applicants and the cost is £1 1s. including lunch. Names, with fares, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, Little Acre, Whatton, Nottingham, as soon as possible.

Tour No. 2 (own transport and lunch arrangements).

Bingham, All Saints'	(8)	9.30–10.30 a.m.
East Bridgford, St. Peter's	(6)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
Elston, All Saints'	(6)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
Staunton-in-the-Vale, St. Mary's	(5)	11.00–11.45 a.m.
Balderton, St. Giles'	(8)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints'	(6)	1.15– 2.00 p.m.
Coddington, All Saints'	(6)	1.30– 2.30 p.m.
Winthorpe, All Saints'	(6)	2.00– 2.45 p.m.
North Collingham, All Saints'	(6)	2.30– 3.15 p.m.
Sutton-on-Trent, All Saints'	(8)	3.45– 4.45 p.m.
Ossington, Holy Rood	(6)	3.45– 4.30 p.m.
North Muskham, St. Wilfrid's	(6)	4.30– 5.30 p.m.
Newark, St. Mary Magdalene's	(10)	6.00– 7.00 p.m.

Tour No. 3 (own transport and lunch arrangements).

Nuthall, St. Patrick's	(6)	9.15–10.00 a.m.
Eastwood, St. Mary's	(8)	9.45–11.00 a.m.
Greasley, St. Mary's	(8)	10.45–12.00 noon
Hucknall Torkard, St. Mary's	(8)	11.45– 1.00 p.m.
Sutton-in-Ashfield, St. Mary Magdalene's	(8)	12.45– 2.00 p.m.
Mansfield Woodhouse, St. Edmund's	(6)	1.45– 3.00 p.m.
Warsop, SS. Peter and Paul	(6)	2.45– 4.00 p.m.
Cuckney, St. Mary's	(6)	3.45– 5.00 p.m.
Edwinstowe, St. Mary's	(6)	4.45– 6.00 p.m.
Mansfield, SS. Peter and Paul	(8)	5.45– 7.00 p.m.

All drivers and ringers on tours No. 2 and 3 are requested to adhere to the times published and to take care in the parking of their cars near the churches.

PEALS

Ringers wishing to take part in peal attempts should contact Mr. H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. Peal ringers are reminded that all members of the old Midland Counties Association are accepted as Non-Resident Life Members of this Guild. The Non-Resident Life Membership subscription is 10/- and there is a peal fee of 1/- per ringer.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Honorary Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram, Halifax.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Seven ringers from the newly-affiliated tower at St. Margaret's, Tintinhull, were welcomed by the Rev. C J. B. Marshall (chairman) at the Ilchester Branch practice meeting at Kingsdon on April 1st. The ringing chamber was filled to capacity and the Branch is very grateful to the churchwardens and tower captain at Kingsdon for a very enjoyable evening.

Next meeting: East Chinnock, May 6th, 7–9 p.m.

COMPOSITIONS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CHILCOTT

2314567890E	6		19	
31526478E90		(a)		
314562			—	"Y"
312465			—	
213564	—		—	
214365			—	
3152648790E		(b)		
214365		"Y"		
215364			S	
31625478E90		(c)		
214356		"Y"		
216354			S	
31526487E90		(d)		
214365		"Y"		
3152647890E		(b)		
214365		"Y"		
3152648709E		(e)		
214365		"Y"		

(a)=1, 5. 7 8, 10 11 13 14S 15 16 17.
(b)=5S, 9 10, 13 14 15 16, 18 19, 22.
(c)=1, 5S 6, 9 10, 13 14 15 16, 18 19, 22 23.
(d)=1S, 5S 6, 9, 10, 13 14 15 16, 18 19, 22S.
(e)=2S, 5S, 9 10, 13 14 15 16, 18 19.

To obtain 5,007 changes the following round block of six courses must be inserted in any one of the parts immediately after the turning course (the first bob at 19 in block "Y" is then called at *).

6	19
—	3
—	3
—	*

This peal is a contraction of the second part of the composer's 18,075 and was rung at Birmingham Cathedral on November 3rd, 1966, with the last part expanded as above.

5,056 PENDEEN SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

Notation:

—58—16—56—36—34—38, 14—12—78.

1.h. (2nds) 8674523. Bob 4ths. Clean proof. Rung to the following composition:—

23456	B	W	M	H
52436		—		3
43526		—		—
53624			—	3
63425			—	3
35426			—	2
23564	x			2
56234		—		—
26435			—	3
63254	x			3
23456			—	3

LATE NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (3s). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15–10.45 a.m. and 6–8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle, Widford: 6–9 p.m.: Great Waltham, Terling, Great Leighs, Boreham. Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, May 24th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1462

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Suffolk Guild's Evidence of Progress

NEARLY 200 MAKE JOURNEY TO BECCLES A.G.M.

SURELY one of the greatest rewards of being an honorary Association or Guild officer is to see a really good representative attendance at the big event of the year—the annual general meeting. The Suffolk Guild resident membership at present is 367, and with Beccles being in the extreme north-east of the St Edmundsbury Diocese it was indeed very heartening to see a congregation numbering in excess of 170 for the service at the annual general meeting on April 1st.

The choir of Beccles Parish Church led the singing and was augmented by Guild members who are choristers. The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Rt. Rev. Leslie W. Brown), in an inspiring address, said what a great joy it was to him to see and hear the ringers' work being continued, after many years in India and East Africa, where he had often been greeted by the sound of drums. The lesson was read by the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. George W. Pipe. The collection realised £12 10s. An excellent tea was enjoyed at Beccles Conservative Club, to whose committee the Guild is particularly grateful. At the top table Mr. John W. Blythe, Guild chairman, presided, and was supported by the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston (hon. technical adviser) and Guild vice-presidents. Guests of honour were the Bishop, the Rector of Beccles (the Rev. Malcolm D. Sutton), the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs E. H. Davis) and the chairman of Beccles Conservative Club.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman (Mr. John W Blythe), who opened the proceedings by welcoming members to Beccles and also visitors from Norfolk, Essex and Warwickshire.

Under matters arising from the minutes the Ringing Master said that the popularity of changing the venue from Ipswich or Bury had proved itself at Lavenham, therefore the committee had felt encouraged to go ahead with arrangements for the present meeting at Beccles.

WIDESPREAD TEACHING

The Ringing Master, in presenting his report, said it had been encouraging again to record an increase in membership, which was the result of widespread teaching. Nine teams had entered the striking competition held at Theberton and Beccles had carried off the shield with a "touch" containing 54 faults. Peals had totalled 73 including several of multi-Minor culminating in one of 148 methods, at the time the highest number of methods rung to a peal. First peals of Albanian and Lincolnshire Surprise Royal and Ealing Surprise Major were noted. Thirteen members had rung their first peal, the majority of them youngsters ranging down to an age of 12 years.

Mr. Pipe also commended the "circuit" system operating in the N.E. District and hoped that it would spread and enable bells in silent towers to be rung more often and recreate interest in otherwise moribund areas. The report was closed with thanks for past support and looking forward to a progressive year ahead.

The secretary and treasurer began his report by thanking members for visiting him whilst ill and assisting in carrying out the various duties. He had unfortunately missed the record A.G.M. at Lavenham but was present at the rededication of Rougham bells. During the year the tenor of the six at Bramford been welded and was now very satisfactory. The secretary also mentioned the visit of the Ringing Master and himself to the Bishop, who showed a keen interest in the affairs of the Guild.

SUFFOLK GUILD
Statistics, 1966

Membership	367
Districts	5
Towers ringable	168
Peals	73
Conductors	24
Guild Funds	£376

On the financial side a satisfactory balance was recorded of £204 0s 2d, in the General Account, with the Restoration Fund standing at £172 8s. 10d A grant of £20 would be made in the coming year as the restoration of Stowmarket bells was now completed

The technical adviser moved the adoption of his report as printed, which showed inspections had been carried out at a further five towers, bringing the total to date to 309. Unfortunately ringing had had to cease at Swefling and Monks Eleigh, in both cases because of unsafe conditions of the tower. However, Clopton bells have commenced regular ringing again and have a new local band despite the poor "go" of the bells. The octave from St. Mary's, Bury, and the six from Hayland have remained at the Loughborough Foundry for a further year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Patron, Mr R A. Vestey; vice-presidents, The Ven. T. R. Browne, Messrs. Bert Chilvers, C. E. Fisher, C W. Pipe, H C. Rush, C. J. Sedgley and G E. Symonds, chairman, J. W Blythe; Ringing Master G. W. Pipe; hon. general secretary and treasurer, A T. Beckwith; hon. technical adviser, R. W. M. Clouston; hon. auditor, J. W. H. Preastner. The present report editor, Mr. Roger Whittell, intimated his wish to resign from office and Mr. Lawrence R. Pizzey was elected to fill the vacancy. The present Pearson Handbell trustees, Messrs. George Symonds and Roger Whittell, resigned from office and Mr. Hubert Mitson and Dr. Stuart Harrison were elected on the recommendation of the committee. Dr. Harrison gave outline details of the bells, which numbered 55 in three sets of 26, 16 and 13. Repairs were being carried out to two sets and the committee had given assent to new conditions for borrowing.

The invitation from Mr. Oliver G. Barnard to hold the 1968 annual general meeting at Stowmarket was accepted.

Votes of thanks to the officers for their work during the year and to the many people who had contributed to the success of the meeting concluded proceedings.

Ringing had taken place in 12 towers during the afternoon and continued in a further three towers in the evening, plus the noble ten at Beccles campanile. A. T. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The March meeting of the Society, having been postponed one week from its usual date, took place at the eight-bell tower at East Ardsley on April 1st. Although some members still seem to boycott this tower on account of the heavy-going bells, the meeting was slightly better attended than the corresponding meeting last year, 15 members being present.

The following were nominated for office: President, Irvin Slack (Horbury); vice-presidents, Jack Gibson (Pudsey) and Alan Clifton (East Ardsley); secretary and treasurer, Ian North (Rothwell); Ringing Master, Miss Pat Lockwood (Ossett); P.R.O., Charles S. Naylor (East Ardsley).

Because of the absence of Mr. Robin Brown, the election of C.C. representative will take place at the annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat 2, H. Heard 3, J. Clark 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W Sangwin 7, O. Gittens 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Tom Myers, of Plymouth.

ROVING RINGERS PLAN THEIR 21st

The planning of 21st birthday celebrations is always relished—and the Rovers are no exception. It was with this in view that we publicised to all our non-touring members the 20th Reunion, to be held at the week-end of February 25th and 26th in Reading, where a good attendance was achieved

However, to make this the 20th Reunion at all a little manipulation had first been necessary, since the purists discovered (oh, horror!) that, although there had been 20 tours, there had only been 18 reunions! What better excuse for an extra "get-together"?

So a small but none the less official party met in Leicester last November and the 19th reunion was duly claimed.

Ringing was accomplished with some success at the Leicester towers, including the Cathedral and St. Margaret's, and at outlying Aylestone, Birstall and Melton Mowbray. We much enjoyed tapping out the changes on the sparkling little eight at All Saints' and also concentrating our efforts on striking the grand ten at Loughborough.

DEFEATED

On Sunday afternoon Kingsley Mason was kind enough to take us to two unringable towers, where many a bead of sweat was raised and many a hope was dashed. To anyone thinking of ringing at Gaulby or King's Norton we would say "Make it a peal starting just before opening time!" I think, all considered, we admitted ourselves defeated in these two towers.

And so we arrived, in February, at the real reunion of the year at Reading. Saturday's programme had evidently been arranged by one of the Society's waterways fanatics, since we followed a delightful course up the Thames, ringing at the riverside towers at Sonning, Wargrave Henley and Shiplake before finishing at St. Mary's, Reading. Our ringing was inspired, as we ranged through the standard methods in Triples and Plain and Surprise Maior before achieving six-spliced in the evening.

Dinner at the Ship was good, a fine conclusion to the day and an excellent start to the evening. Fifty-eight sat down to eat, including several illustrious non-touring members and two energetic candidates for future tours (though, as yet, under the age of eight!).

JOHN BRAIN—NEW PRESIDENT

At the meeting the year was reviewed and the election of officers for the coming year was held. Since Frank Lewis had completed his statutory three years as the Society's president (and very well, too), an election for this post was held and John Brain was appointed. Alan Elsmore was elected Master, Roy Mills continues the job he has been doing so well, with Sal Parrott as assistant secretary, while John Slater remains recorder. The finances were then put to right, and we should like to thank old members for generous contributions.

After due discussion, it was decided that the 21st tour should be held in the Welsh Marches, starting around Shrewsbury and finishing in the South-West Midlands (Worcester area). Cine films of previous tours were shown by Cyril Lewington and "we spent our evening as before, in soaking well our clay . . . and finished up with singing."

On the Sunday morning three towers were available—St Mary's and St. Giles', Reading, and Tilehurst while in the afternoon passable ringing was accomplished at Stratfield Mortimer and the long-draughted six at Theale. Ringing in the evening at St. Laurence's was good and included Yorkshire Royal.

Thus ended the last episode in the irresponsible youth of the Rovers. How we all look forward to a happy 21st and a long irresponsible majority. M. R. A./J. E. C.

BRISTOL SOCIETY

There is a young ringer called —
Who's continually wielding his club
At the Bristol Society
And, just for variety,
The G and B. peal ringing sub. ANON.

(No prizes for guessing who.)

Letters to the Editor

BATH AND WELLS PEAL FEES

Dear Sir, — "Belfry Gossip" in "The Ringing World" of April 21st refers to the decision at the Bath and Wells annual general meeting to alter the rules about peal booking fees. Lest peal conductors should take your statement at its face value in advance of publication of the full annual general report, I should be glad if you will publicise the following points:—

(1) The peal booking fee remains at one shilling per rope and will not be reduced.

(2) The alteration to the rules takes effect from January 1st, 1968.

(3) The grant to "The Ringing World," at present exactly half of the peal fees, will be determined each year at the annual general meeting.

I anticipate that others may make the same points.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. GILBERT,
General Secretary,
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn.

UNUSUAL CLOCK PENDULUM

Dear Sir,—In one of the towers at which we rang on an outing from Swindon I noticed a pendulum swinging on the wall of the ringing chamber, fitted with two fairly large jars of mercury for temperature compensation. My friend, Mr. T. R. Robinson, F.B.H.I., who is a turret clock expert, is most anxious to view, as he has not yet come across a tower clock so fitted. It might well be that there are more than one clock with this type of pendulum. Can anyone help us to locate this clock, please? — Yours faithfully,

JOHN T. SAWYER.

Highworth, Swindon.

A WIFE'S DEFENCE

Dear Sir,—Having for the past 27 years been married to a ringer I feel competent to write in support of the much-criticised peal ringer, who, it is erroneously suggested, does not do his share of service ringing. Here in this city our Sunday meal times are arranged to fit in with service times; for some of us holidays are taken from Monday to Friday, no Sundays included.

To ring twice each Sunday means travelling 20 miles, not all by car. Surely further proof of regular service ringing lies in the amicable relationship maintained between the clergy and the peal ringers. I am not suggesting that this applies only here, as from experience when meeting ringers from many parts of the country I find that it proves to be the rule rather than the exception. — Yours faithfully,

DORIS FEARN.
(An experienced non-ringer.)

Birmingham.

SINGLES IN CAMBRIDGE MINOR

Dear Sir,—In connection with the recent spate of singles in Cambridge (and they have spread to Minor in this area) and particularly with reference to the letter from Mr. E. P. Inskip (page 268), I hope that no band will be tempted to ring this 720, since it and any other containing singles is false. The lead after a single in Cambridge Minor is false with the preceding lead. The only time that a single can be justified in this method (and many others) is at the last lead-end of a touch, when the bells come round at the third row of the next lead.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—It is fortunate for Mr. Inskip (page 268) that it was not considered "the done thing" to ring singles in Treble Bob Minor methods in 1930, or he would have certainly rung a false peal. It does not appear possible to obtain any true extent of Cambridge containing singles, and this seems to be true for the great majority of Treble Bob Minor methods.

The only exceptions to this are certain methods containing adjacent places in every treble section, of which Westminster Surprise is an example. Whilst it is possible to write down the 720 changes in a mixture of 30 in and out course leads it is not possible to join these together using singles only. The longest touch obtainable on this plan is a 504, SSPSSPP, twice repeated. It is possible to obtain a 720 with singles only by splicing with irregular methods, and is probably possible to obtain one using bobs and singles, although I have not tried this.

When it comes to shorter touches, most methods can be persuaded to give touches with at least one single. I enclose two that have been rung to a number of quarters recently and give a length of 1,250 changes: 530 Cambridge, Beverley or Surfleet: 4ths, Home, Wrong, 4ths, Out, Wrong, Single Wrong. 530 London: Out, 4ths, Wrong, 4ths, Home, In, 4ths, Single 4ths. Both the foregoing touches come round at the treble's backstroke snap after the single. The latter may prove of interest to a recent correspondent (page 216), but if he doesn't like singles and has no objection to quarters of 1,248 changes, the simplest touch for his purposes is undoubtedly 3 times In, 3 times Home. — Yours faithfully,

R. D. BAILEY.

11, Cheverton Road,
London, N.19.

QUARTER PEAL GUIDE

Dear Sir,—In view of inquiries, I trust these may be of use to someone in search of 552's useful for quarter peals:

Group H 23456	Group O 23456	Group K 23456
23564—3	23564—5	23564—4
23645—3	52364—1	45236—1
34562—1	26435—4	36245—2
25346—2	54263—2	52364—1
63254—2	25463—1	35264—5
35426—1	25634—5	42356—1
35264—3	62534—1	63425 1
56423—1	23456—4	25463—2
62345—1		34256—1
45362—4		23456—5
23456—2		

London in particular—no 65's

23456	23456
64235—1	23564—4
35264—2	52364—5
42356—1	26435—3
42563—4	63542—3
35426—1	34256—3
26435—2	23456—5
54263—1	
25463—5	
34256—1	
23456—5	

Naturally, if these are used for plain methods, they must be doubled by using a single.

W. A.

REDEDICATION OF HADDISCOE BELLS

The five bells in the tower at Haddiscoe, Norfolk, one of the finest pre-Conquest round towers in East Anglia, have been splendidly rehung by John Taylor and Co. and were rededicated by the president of the Central Council on Sunday, April 16th.

The church was packed and the congregation included 34 ringers from Acle, Blofield, Hapton, Gorleston, Kessingland, Loddon, Lowestoft, Norton Subcourse, Pakefield, Great Yarmouth Beccles, Bunwell, Thetford, Hethersett, Norwich, Wroxham and Wymondham.

Canon Thurlow in his address referred to the passing the previous week of George Bussey, Master of the bells for 30 years, who used to cycle many miles each Sunday for this church. "This is the kind of man England needs to keep up the tower of faith, to continue the proclamation of the Gospel and to keep our people strong. Without such men we shall not survive. Haddiscoe's best memorial to George Bussey is to continue the work he did so well."

Mr. Adcock, churchwarden, read the lesson.

The opening rounds during the service were rung by Norton Subcourse ringers as follws: A. I. Walpole 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, J. W. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, A E. Long 5.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Hall and the bells were available for the rest of the day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Continuing the recent practice of combining two towers in one meeting, the Marlborough Branch had a very successful gathering on April 15th. The learner element in the afternoon found the somewhat tricky Shalbourne ring a little difficult to handle, and in the evening the heavy six at St. Mary's, Bedwyn, presented problems to the less experienced.

The service at Bedwyn was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Carrie) and for the tea in the Village Hall the company were indebted to Mesdames C. N Tilley, Hoare and Wells, who were thanked by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman). The beautiful weather contributed to an excellent meeting.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World":—

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Quarter Peals.—Lympne 2s. 6d., Woodford 4s., Tour of Sussex 10s., Wilburton 3s., Seend 3s. Bradpole 2s. 6d., Yatton 4s., Cookham 4s. Kingston upon Thames 3s., St. Peter's-in-Thanet 2s. 6d., Warwick 4s., Barton St. David 3s., Lanchester 2s. 6d., Tiddenham 3s., Aughton 4s., Esher 3s., Hersham 2s. 6d., Downham 2s. 6d., Hawkhurst 4s., Redmarley D'Abitot 3s., Edmonton 2s. 6d., Euston 2s. 6d., Welland 3s., Maiden Newton 3s., Perran-ar-Worthal 2s., Wimbledon 3s. 6d., Droxford 2s., Redditch 3s., Thornhaugh 2s. 6d., Bishop's Stortford 5s., Devizes 4s., Harston 7s., Smarden and others 15s., Hampton 6s., Urchfont 5s., Henstridge 3s. 6d., Enstone 2s. 6d., Great Barton 3s., New Romney 4s., Chipstable 3s., Scalby 3s., Canterbury 5s., West Huntspill 3s.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Benefit from Increased Subscriptions

THE annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at Hertford on April 1st. Ringing during the day was enjoyed at towers throughout the Eastern District, including Cheshunt, where, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the local ringers, a broken tenor clapper was replaced at 9 p.m. on the Friday evening. The service at All Saints', Hertford, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Reginald Haw, who, in welcoming those present, acknowledged that the clergy frequently omitted to record their appreciation of the service which ringers provide week by week. The lessons were read by Messrs. W. Ayre and K. J. Walpole, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Mr. T. J. Lock 1–2, Miss J. A. Fellows 3–4, Messrs. W. Ayre 5–6, J. R. Mayne 7–8 and J. A. D. Woolford 9–10.

Following the service 135 members sat down to tea before the business meeting was opened by the president, Mr. K. R. Dunstan. The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who had died during the year; these included three life members—Messrs. C. E. R. Evans (Aldenham), J. T. Watkins (associate) and J. Wells (Kimpton)— and Mr. F. J. Spicer (St. Peter's, St. Albans) and Miss E. Wills (Norton).

The only matter arising from the minutes referred to the inclusion of advertisements in the annual report, an innovation which had been approved last year. This had not proved possible due to the economic situation.

Reading the report of the Management Committee, the general secretary (Mr. A. R. Agg) referred to the retirement from office of Messrs. E. G. Buck and H. V. Frost. Mr. Buck had served as secretary of the Northern District for 13 years and his enforced retirement would be deeply felt throughout the Association. Mr. Frost had held a number of offices, including those of District secretary, librarian, general secretary and, more recently, assistant secretary. In presenting his report, the treasurer (Mr. H. Collings) indicated an excess income of almost £20 due largely to the increase in subscriptions, this being the first balance sheet to reflect the changes. Nevertheless an income of nearly £15 was derived from interest on the Association's financial assets.

DROP IN PEALS

In the absence of the peal secretary (Mrs. C. A. Agg) the general secretary read her report, which showed a marked fall in the number of tower peals rung (63 compared with 85 in 1965), but an increase in the number of handbell peals to 27. There had been a general fall in the number of conductors, those ringing their first peal and new conductors. The librarian (Mrs. J. Dodds) reported that the sales of ringing literature, a venture introduced a few years ago, had fallen by £6 compared with 1965. This was due in some measure to saturation of the initial demand, but it was anticipated that sales would continue at a steadier rate.

The following new members were elected: Miss Margaret Evans (Hertford), Messrs. S. Jack (Hertford), B. Johnson (Watford) and D. Hooper (Abbots Langley). The following members were transferred from probationary to full membership: Misses J. B Edwards, J. R. Gibbs, J. M. Neal and Messrs S. J. Crawley and M A. Jackson, all of Hemel Hempstead.

NEW PRESIDENT FROM CHESHUNT

The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers. Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, of Cheshunt, was elected as president for 1967 and installed with his badge of office by the retiring president. In thanking members for the honour he had received, Mr. Newnham mentioned that his first reaction on being approached to accept nomination had been to decline. On reflection, however, he had reconsidered for two reasons: The improved state of ringing in the Eastern District, for which the District officers deserved recognition and encouragement, and the memory of his father, the late Mr. W. J. Newnham, who was affectionately known as the "little old man from Cheshunt." "Could he have been present today," said Mr. Newnham, "he would have been a proud man indeed."

The executive officers were all re-elected as follows: Mr A. R. Agg, general secretary; Mrs. M. A. Coburn, assistant secretary; Mr. H. Collings, treasurer; Mrs. C A. Agg, peal secretary; Mrs. J. Dodds, librarian; Messrs. Mercer and Hole auditors.

The final item on the agenda was concerned with the invitation to the Central Council to visit Hertfordshire The meeting was informed that the committee had agreed to advance the date of the invitation to 1969, since the venue for 1968 had been arranged outside London Thus a relatively brief meeting closed with Mr. R. E. Sheppard amply proposing a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to another enjoyable day's ringing.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 33

ALAN STANLEY BURBIDGE
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

ALAN BURBIDGE is one of the many youngsters who has had the good fortune and privilege to start his ringing career with the St. Martin's Guild, known the world over as a great and active Guild and possessing many fine records.

Born at Birmingham on March 19th, 1948, Alan started his education at the George Dixon Grammar School He is now in his first year at Manchester University studying mathematics. When he was 11 he was introduced to ringing by his 16-year-old friend and neighbour, Donald F. Finnimore, who had himself been ringing for only one year. Donald gave up many of his evenings to teach Alan bell control. These lessons took place at SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston, a church with a notable ringing history, where great ringers such as John Carter and Henry Johnson took part in many peals.

Learning to ring in a flourishing ringing centre such as Birmingham enabled Alan to make rapid progress. Even so, he says that his first peal did not materialise at his first attempt, in fact he had 15 attempts before he scored his first peal, which was Bob Major, at Aston, in September, 1963, when he was 15. On this occasion he rang the second. His very first attempt at Grandsire Triples finished after 3 hours and 20 minutes in the order 12435678. Another hard luck effort for Alan was at Birmingham Cathedral when two bells crossed over in the last course of a peal of Cambridge Royal.

Alan's peak total to date is 30, of which he has conducted 13. His first as conductor was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Shirley, Birmingham, in November, 1965. His peal total includes 10,080 Plain Bob Major arranged and conducted by himself. Eleven of his peals have been rung with the Manchester University Guild since last November. One of his ambitions is to take part in good 12-bell peals. He believes that ringing attains its highest æsthetic value on 12 bells producing superb music when the bells are being rung at a high standard. He enjoys listening to 12-bell music from outside the tower, and has a wonderful opportunity to do this when in Birmingham now that there are regular Maximus peal attempts at the Cathedral.

Alan is interested in composing but so far has done very little beyond plain methods and Stedman. In this particular field of the art he has produced a peal of Grandsire Triples but considers it to be impractical because it contains 158 singles and only 60 plain leads. One of his productions is a date touch of Stedman Caters for 1966.

Alan also enjoys handbell ringing but has not yet scored a peal "in hand."

An excellent record and a fine example to all youngsters in the Exercise.

NORVING.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Canon H. G. Green gave a warm welcome to 29 ringers and friends at the Dorchester Branch quarterly meeting held at Abbotsbury on April 8th. The easy-going six bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening in various methods up to London Minor under the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. H. Amey.

The Guild service was conducted by Canon Green and the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) read the lesson. Mr. Hutchings played the organ.

Tea was provided at the Flower Bowl Cafe, followed by a business meeting. A report on the annual Guild Committee meeting was given together with details of arrangements for the Guild Festival at Melksham in May.

Subject to approval, Branch practices will be held at Maiden Newton May 6th, Litton Cheney May 20th, Wool June 3rd, Charminster June 17th and Cattistock July 15th. Next quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, in July

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QUARTER PEAL OUTING TO SUSSEX ON APRIL 15th

BILLINGSHURST.—1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Porter (first quarter) 1, Jill Oakshott 2, S. Warren 3, P. Munday 4, J. Davidge (first in method "inside") 5, J. Hills 6, A. Elsmore (cond.) 7, K. Burgess 8.

PETWORTH.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 1, Sally Parrott 2, K. Burgess (first in method "inside") 3, S. Warren 4, P. Munday 5, J. Helder 6, J. Hills 7, B. Porter 8.

PULBOROUGH.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Helder 1, Adrienne Gibson (first in method as cond.) 2, Sally Parrott 3, J. Hills 4, J. Munton 5, G. Stevens 6, P. Munday 7, J. Davidge 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

ARUNDEL.—1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. Munton 1, Sally Parrott 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. Hills 5, G. Stevens 6, J. Davidge 7, P. Munday (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. C. E. Hodge 1, Elizabeth A. Kilgour 2, Barbara F. Banks 3, Anne M. Carpenter 4, J. R. Rowson 5, J. R. Poole 6, C. I. Rowson (cond) 7, J. R. White 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Agnes Challenor, a former Mayor.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roebuck (first quarter) 1, J. Lunham 2, E. H. Langley 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, W. Court 5, S. Livesley 6, E. Rothwell 7, H. Moorcroft 8.

BARTON ST. DAVID SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. A. Mayell (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, P. Hull 3, L. A. England 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, W. H. Prescott 6. To celebrate the 92nd birthday of Mrs. G. Plumley.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. A birthday compliment to E. Rochester.

BORDEN KENT.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, C. Wykl 2, Brenda Davies 3, E. Chilton 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, M. Lacey 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On April 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Major: Mrs. C. W. H. Powell 1, Miss A. Quick (first of Yorkshire) 2, A. J. Scott 3, M. J. Hiller 4, D. B. Ellery (first of Major) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. Knight 7, C. W. H. Powell (cond.) 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 21st, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: A. Davies 1, Ruth Niblett 2, J. Hedgcock 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, K. I. Davis 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, G. Neilson 8, M. Ostler 9, T. H. Holmes 10, N. J. Davies 11, D. L. Cawley 12. First on 12 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9. Rung for the Queen's birthday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor: P. Payne 1, J. F. Payne 2, Rosemary Weal 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, T. J. Wellen 6. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne (cond.) 5, P. Payne 6.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): H. V. Young 1, H. Purchase 2, S. Smith 3, F. Casely 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, M. Purchase 6. A farewell to the Rector.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, M. Barton 3, T. Tocock 4, J. Dieppe 5, Rev. R. Wallis 6, V. Muller (cond.) 7, H. Tocock 8. Engagement compliment to John Dieppe and Janice Penning, ringer at Bray.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Watts 1, S. Grant 2, Miss J. Watts 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. Weeks 5, J. Potter 6, P. Bushell 7, F. Cannings 8. To mark the engagement of Miss J. Watts, captain of St. John's, Devizes, to Mr P. Bushell.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey, on April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulkner 1, C. Woodward 2, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 3, V. Fox 4, J. Godman 5, D. Exon (first quarter) 6, C. Holloway 7, F. Absolem 8.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On April 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. J. Hallett 1, Mrs. D. E. Belcham 2, H. J. Oliver 3, Miss J. Foster 4, M. J. Hallett 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. F. W. Keddie.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Manning (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, H. Ivings 3, M. J. Drury 4, R. J. Ellis 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilary Essen 1, Lesley Essen 2, Barbara Deason 3, Alison Wyllie 4, C. F. Low 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sanderson 1, R. Collins (first quarter) 2, A. Mynott 3, F. Harper 4, E. Pye 5, W. Pye (cond.) 6.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Helen M. Julius 1, D. M. C. Hill (cond.) 2, Rosemary M. Julius 3, T. E. Marks 4, T. J. Setter 5, A. J. Sherrin 6. To mark 70 years as a choirman and 60 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. Frank Lovelace.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. P. Bird 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Bailey 6. First in method 1, 2, 4.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. M. Melville 6, N. Harding 7, C. Tovell 8. For the dedication of the memorial to the late Rev. Justin Bray Banbury, by his uncle, the Rt. Rev. Joost de Blank. "As dying and behold we live."

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage (first quarter) 1, P. T. Selwood 2, B. J. Stone 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On April 9th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): Carol Thompson 1, H. Thompson 2, F. Martin (first "inside") 3, Ann Whaley 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6.

LYNG, NORFOLK.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, A. J. Cummings 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

MACHEN, MON.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Thomas 1, Viv Jones 2, I. Davies (cond.) 3, D. Willets 4, G. Hughes 5, H. Emerson 6.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hereward 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, B. Tither 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, D. Hereward 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Confirmation, also 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs G. W. Allen.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, L. A. Whewall 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. Rung for visit of the Bishop of Coventry. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Brenda Hanson (first quarter) 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Anne Rigby 6. For quarterly United Evensong with Newbold Methodists. Also on March 30th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Julie Hopkins (first of Minor) 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the wedding of Mr. Raymond Reynolds.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Tipper (first of Major) 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley Read 3, A. Reeves (first of Major) 4, D. Hughes 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller 7, B. Walton (cond.) 8.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Braziel 1, Angela Styler 2, M. D. Leek 3, C. Hims 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Kathryn Bellamy 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung by Redditch County High School Guild.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gale M. Starkie 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, D. Price 4, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 5, K. Tyler 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Whorlow 1, Miss E. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Mrs. W. Bridges 4, G. Firman 5, M. Cubitt 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. In memoriam Mr. Stanley Gee.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sutor 1, Mrs. D. Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins (cond.) 5, F. Shrimpton (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. P. Bennett.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.—On March 30th, at St. Michael's Bishopwearmouth, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Richardson 1, C. Richardson 2, J. Airie 3, D. Cox 4, K. Arthur 5, D. A. Bayles 6, T. Sewell 7, R. Chicken (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled in memory of Robert Bell, tower secretary and a ringer at this church for over 40 years.

THORNHAUGH, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Culpin 1, D. Smith (first "inside") 2, G. Davis 3, P. Thompson (first quarter) 4, A. Waller (cond.) 5.

TIDDENHAM, GLOS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy V. Cox (first attempt) 1, R. K. Williams 2, C. R. Cox 3, L. C. Meadows (first "inside") 4, K. J. Tyler (cond.) 5, N. J. Little (first attempt) 6.

WARE, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): Miss J. Briggs 1, V. R. Tubby 2, B. J. W. Foley 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, F. W. Ellis 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Slough and the conductor.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susanne L. Day 1, Claire E. N. Brown 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, Judith A. Robertson 5, Frances J. N. Brown 6. First quarter by a local ladies' band. Rung for Evensong on Lady Day.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On April 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Sargeant 2, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, H. Smith 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2 and 3.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hawkins 1, V. Bull 2, Miss Jane Shaw 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, A. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. G. Knee 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung as a compliment to ringer of 5 and Mrs. Bull, on the birth of their son; and to mark the 60th year of service to the Church as choirboy, choirman and bellringer by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Webb 1, W. Lampard 2, E. J. Ovens 3, D. M. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond., 100th quarter) 6. First in the method for all the band. For Matins.

WARWICK.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Randall (first Grandsire) 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, E. J. Gower 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, G. W. Randall (cond.) 5, P. C. Randall 6, E. Holdaworth 7, R. H. Randall 8.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on April 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Sarah Scott 1, R. Dirksen 2, Diana Wriggins 3, Christine Kelsey 4, Sarah Irwin 5, Elizabeth Proctor (first as cond.) 6.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Denney 1, L. Toseland 2, F. Coales 3, J. Mitchell 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, C. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Bell 1, P. Bosworth 2, K. Chapman 3, C. Stevenson 4, T. Smith 5, F. Coales 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, R. Cowley 8.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): R. Nalliah 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, Miss E. Snell 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, I. Cairns 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and work of Countess Fitzwilliam, Lady Maud.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On April 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan S. Smith 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, L. D. Duguid 3, E. Treagus 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, G. T. Gammon 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, K. C. Knight 8. For Floral Festival.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Costella 1, R. Huddleston 2, J. Culley 3, B. Huddleston 4, M. Powell 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wallace 1, Elizabeth Tann (first quarter) 2, C. F. Pocock 3, D. J. Jukes 4, Margaret Newton 5, C. J. Eden (cond.) 6. For the christening of Christine Robertson, daughter of the tower captain.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Ellis (cond.) 1, Miss J. Slough (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Briggs (first quarter) 3, A. Smith 4, Miss G. Brearley 5, K. Walpole 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, Miss J. Briggs 1, Miss A. Ratuzniak (first quarter) 2, Miss G. Brearley 3, M. White (first quarter) 4, K. Walpole 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. J. Housden, headmaster of local school for 30 years and secretary of Bell Restoration Committee in 1937, cremated this day.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. C. Porter 1, G. Hebden 2, P. J. England 3, R. Rice 4, W. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Spliced Triples by all except conductor.

Clerical Guild in Lincolnshire

THE annual tour of the Guild of Clerical Ringers takes place in the week following Low Sunday After two very wet and cold "Weeks" in Nottinghamshire and Sussex it seemed to be tempting Providence to select Lincolnshire as the venue in a year when Easter is unduly early. In the event the sun shone brightly on four of the five days, and apart from one wet day the meteorological hazard was a dust-storm in the Isle of Axholme!

A large party of clergy, wives and children converged on Bottesford, Leics, on April 3rd, many totally unaware of the glorious churches, varied and lovely scenery and splendid bells which lay ahead. Bottesford, though in Leicestershire, was a foretaste of the treats in store, and the standard methods were rung on the fine eight with a 22 cwt. tenor. Ringing on the ten at Grantham followed, but the party was not strong enough to attempt anything more ambitious than Grandsire and Stedman. The party then made its way along the limestone ridge to Lincoln, pausing to ring on the sixes at Leadenham and Brant Broughton—where the ringing unfortunately had to be curtailed owing to a death in the parish. And so Lincoln was reached, where the Diocesan Retreat House in the Old Palace made a splendid and comfortable H.Q. for the first three nights—even providing a chapel where our Corporate Communion was held the next morning and where Matins and Evensong were said. At St. Giles', Lincoln, in the evening, contact was made with local ringers, whose friendliness and welcome were much appreciated.

Tuesday was spent in the Wolds—the ironical cheer which was raised as we crossed the 50ft. contour being forgotten when later we found ourselves level with the top of Louth's magnificent spire. The highlights were our visits to Louth and Grimsby—where the ringing sadly came nowhere near doing justice to the lovely ten. These bells go perfectly and can be heard most clearly and so we had no excuse. At Waltham one of the churchwardens who is a ringer very kindly threw open his house to us at lunch-time and provided us with tea and coffee to drink with our sandwiches. Other towers visited were Wragby (6), Walesby (8) and Dunholme (6).

BEST SAVED FOR CATHEDRAL

The day was brought to a happy conclusion with a good ring on the lovely 12 at Lincoln Cathedral. Here Canon Thurlow, who had spent the day with us, and the vice-president of the Central Council were seen together, and a very unclerical looking Clerical Guild was photographed by the local Press. The bells were admired by all and the best was brought out of everyone, with the result that Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Kent Maximus were rung and not just scraped through.

On Wednesday morning a good peal of Plain Bob was rung on the fine eight at Gainsborough, conducted by the president. The non-pealers, in visiting three sixes nearby, were astonished to find a kettle boiling in the church at Lea, and soon found themselves regaled with tea by the Vicar and his helpers. Willingham-by-Stow and Upton were also visited. In the afternoon Haxey bells (6, tenor nearly 19 cwt in D) proved difficult to strike, and one redoubtable tenor man maintained that the tower twisted when he went wrong. At Epworth we rang and ate tea in shifts, and applied rather more concentration to the latter than the former. We did better at Owston Ferry (a pleasant six in a beautifully-kept church), where the curious detected a total of 98 candles and sanctuary lights, and envious eyes were cast on the totals of communicants in the parish magazine. Evening ringing was at Washingborough, which included a breathless course of Cambridge Major at handbell speed.

The day came to a riotous conclusion in the Common Room, as an impromptu concert developed, and a well-known Canon and Rural Dean entertained the party with "Jimmy Law" which had the "Archdeacon" and 007 rolling uncontrollably on the floor, and everyone else helpless in their chairs. The lady warden came in to see what was afoot and was then treated to an encore, which reduced her to the same state of collapse as the rest. It is a pity that for security reasons we cannot reveal the Canon's name—for fear that he should be put under pressure to entertain the Ruridecanal Conference as a change from discussing the quota.

MISSED BOB

The Clerical Guild has never rung a peal of Royal, and a visit by ten determined men to Ewerby on Thursday morning did nothing to alter the situation In spite of fully half an hour spent adjusting ropes and tying knots, the ringing was never very good and a missed bob was welcomed by all the band as the best way out; the method was Plain Bob. Later on, after we had been provided with cups of tea by the Vicar and his ladies in the Village Hall at lunch-time, a half-course of Cambridge Royal was rung here The lost peal attempt enabled the pealers to join the rest, who had been ringing on the sixes at Branston and Harmston, and ring at Sleaford, where a course of Yorkshire Major was achieved.

In the afternoon there was ringing on the sixes at Tattershall and Coningsby. The former church—a truly magnificent building—was in the throes of extensive repairs, and so when the treble set itself at backstroke and the rope snapped beneath the sally there were ladders available to reach the forlorn rope, high in the vastness of the huge tower space.

At Horncastle one of our members, the Rev. A. C F. Davies is Vicar, and he and his ringers entertained us to a most sumptuous tea. Following some good ringing on the fine six we sang Evensong and then made our way to Woodhall Spa, where the last night was spent. Unfortunately, while looking round the church Mrs Longridge tripped and fell and cut her head and eye. She had to go to Lincoln for treatment and so we did not have her or her husband with us for the rest of the time.

NO TOWER FOR ABSENT-MINDED

On Friday we had two towers before we broke up. The 185 stairs at Boston proved that some of us are ageing more than we thought, and our ringing suffered accordingly. One of us left his coat in the belfry and was greatly relieved when a kind friend brought it down. It does not do to be absent-minded here! At Heckington (8), as successive carloads made their adieus, Double Norwich, not previously attempted, was just about rung. And so, with a good lower, the tour ended.

At the annual meeting of the Guild, held at the Spa Hotel, Woodhall Spa, on April 6th, all the officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz.: President the Rev R. D. St. J Smith; vice-presidents, Canons B. F Sheppard and K. W H Felstead; hon. secretary, Prcb. J. H. B Andrews; committee members, the Revs. I. J. Richards and J B. T. Homfray. It was agreed to hold next year's tour in Worcestershire if possible. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the incumbents and ringers who had, in most cases, very kindly welcomed us We shall long remember this pleasant county with its beautiful churches and noble bells. P. T. R.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Hinton Blewitt (5) welcomed the Branch on April 8th when the spring quarterly meeting attracted about 40 members. The Rev. Raynold Wilson conducted the service and Fred Andrews, who is Hinton Blewitt, led everyone in to a splendid meal provided free by the ladies and friends of the parishes concerned.

Having got rid of all their steam at the Bath and Wells annual general meeting, members found little to discuss, and after George Massey had given an excellent résumé of the Yeovil meeting, the only other business was a request from Camerton that all towers support their draw in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. Philip 'ones ' thanked everybody for having us " and suddenly it was all over. Recovering from the shock of such a short (and quiet) meeting, members continued the ringing at Hinton and also Litton (6).

The story of the day was provided by a quite young boy who came from Bristol and walked the two good miles from Temple Cloud to Hinton to get a ring. He got a lift back, of course.

Striking competition on April 29th is at East Harptree. Please advise organisers of your team's requirements. M. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The first bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District in 1967 was held at Greasley on March 18th.

Ringing was given over almost solely to the less experienced members and it was felt that a good deal of progress was made.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by the local company, followed by the business meeting, at which details of arrangements concerning the forthcoming Central Council visit were explained and discussed. Ringing continued during the evening until 9 p.m.

Next full meeting: May 20th, Hucknall (Cup contest). D. J. B.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Terry 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, R. J Birch 4, R. A. Birch, jun. 5, R. A. Swift 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8. To celebrate the 86th birthday of the tower captain, Mr H S Humphery; also the birthday of Mrs. R. Wratten.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Norton Subcourse (page 223) was rung on Sunday, February 26th

The Rev. Roger O. Fry has been suffering from a slipped disc in his neck.

The Ashford, Kent, District, have recently printed a card for hanging in church porches giving details of ringing times and address of tower secretary.

Miss Margaret Roden is to be congratulated upon the way in which she rang the treble at Knebworth for her first peal of Major, writes Mr. P. Mehew, the conductor.

Found at the Surrey Association Dinner, April 8th—a lady's gold bracelet. Will the owner, please contact Mr B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, London. W.6.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has reached an objective which started five years ago of ringing five Surprise Major peals in a day at different towers. The towers were Aldermaston (Yorkshire), Stratfield Mortimer (Lincolnshire), Thatcham (London), East Ilsley (Superlative) and Highclere (Cambridge).

The Groton Boys (U.S.A.), with Mr. Russell Young, will arrive at London Airport on June 16th.

In the quarter of Spliced Surprise Major at Ringwood (page 271) Mr. W. E. Cheater, the tower captain, informs us that only six of the band are Sunday service ringers at the tower in question.

In the peal of York Surprise Major at Goudhurst, Kent (see page 256), Doris Colgate was ringing her first peal in the method "inside." Tony Lewis his first in the method, and the remainder of the band first of Major in the method. It was also the 100th peal together for Tony Lewis and Ian Oram.

The ladies of the Coventry Guild made their mark by ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor, their first attempt, at Shilton, Warwicks, on April 3rd. The band consisted of ringers from Kenilworth, Southam, Chilvers Coton and Wellesbourne. Four members, including the conductor, 17-year-old Shirley E. Jones, are still at school, working for their A levels this summer.

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UPTON GREY—AN ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE

Since going to Upton Grey, Hants, just over a year ago, the Vicar, the Rev. John Franks, has had the tower repaired and has gathered an enthusiastic band of ringers under the leadership of Mr. J. Lewis. The bells, which in recent years had only been rung occasionally by visiting bands, now regularly ring out their summons to worship.

The Basingstoke District held its spring meeting there on April 15th. The easy-going and melodious ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) attracted many visitors. After shortened Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, over 50 ringers sat down to a sumptuous tea in the Village Hall. At the business meeting which followed, 18 new members, including all the new local band, were elected to membership of the Guild.

THE PRACTICE AND AFTER

"The Irish Bell News" (3s. per annum, editor Fred E Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Whitecross, Drogheda, Co. Louth) has another attractive issue in which the Editor has some trite observations on bell practices. He emphasises the social side of a practice and quotes one place in England where the local innkeeper listens for the bells to be rung down and puts a row of pint glasses full of ale along the counter to await the ringers to arrive after their thirsty job.

Because of difficulty in attending practices he quotes one tower where ringers assemble one hour before Sunday services so that beginners may be helped, new ringers taught and more experienced ringers given an opportunity to conduct.

DAGENHAM LOCAL PEAL

The hallmark of a local company is its ability to ring a peal on its own. This has been accomplished at Dagenham Parish Church, the last all-local peal there being in 1937, before the bells were augmented from six to eight. Mr. J. M. Armstrong informs us that the band, with the exception of himself, are all between the ages of 14 and 18 and all are regular ringers at the church.

The peal itself was well struck from beginning to end and was rung at the first attempt. The four first-pealers in particular did extremely well and there were very few mistakes. The band are now looking forward to peals in more advanced methods.

EPSOM RINGERS' QUARTER OUTING

Organised by John Helder, 13 ringers from Epsom and neighbourhood had a quarter peal outing into Sussex on April 15th. Six attempts were made with four successes. Stedman Triples was lost at Horsham and Grandsire Triples at Chichester. There was something new for everybody. Successes were Plain Bob Triples, Billingshurst; Grandsire Triples, Petworth; Cambridge Major, Pulborough; and Double Norwich, Arundel.

STEEPLEKEEPERS' QUARTER

Six Bedfordshire steeplekeepers met at Houghton Conquest on April 18th and rang "at blistering speed" a quarter of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Participants were: Ian Knox (Houghton Regis) 1, N Pett (Toddington) 2, K. G. Spavins (Woburn) 3, D. W. Manton (Cranfield) 4, R. R. Churchill (Husborne Crawley) 5, Roy Ward (Houghton Conquest) 6.

A VETERAN OFFICER

C. WILLIAM COOPER

Mr. C. W. Cooper, who will be 81 this year, is one of the oldest members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. He is also the longest serving officer, having been librarian since the library was begun in 1929.

Mr. Cooper, who was first elected a member in 1913, was elected a "freeman" of the Association in 1966 in recognition of his long and valuable services.

His peal total is 92, of which 47 have been rung for the Worcestershire Association, the last peal in which he rang being Grandsire Triples in December last year.

A LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY TOUR

Nine members of Liverpool University Society accompanied by three friends had an enjoyable outing into North Wales on March 11th, travelling by minibus. Mr. Joe Ridyard and two friends joined in ringing at Overton. The best towers visited were Oswestry, where Cambridge Major was achieved, and Llangollen. Compensation for the very rough ring at Ruthin was the short conducted tour of the fine 13th century church given by the tower captain.

BRISTOL'S "MARRIAGE BUREAU"

Having had an established "Society Cupid" amongst its honorary officers since the early '50's, Bristol University Society claims the greatest success as a "marriage bureau" amongst its members. Fourteen pairs have been married in the last 14 years, and with at least two more pairs soon to take the plunge the rate looks like being maintained. For the statistically minded the weddings involved five Past Masters, six ex-secretaries, five ex-tower secretaries, six ex-treasurers and four ex-first-year representatives, not to mention four past cupids whose arrows bounced!

Research Student.

THE TOWER GRABBER'S LAMENT

A serious student named Stencil
Made notes about towers, all in pencil.
He wrote of one bell
"It doesn't go well
And it sounds like a bedroom utensil."

P. W

100 PEALS AT BUNWELL

On Wednesday, April 12th, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Bunwell, bringing the total to 100 and thus becoming the first six-bell tower in Norfolk to reach that number.

There were five bells here in 1740 and six in 1747, but unfortunately there is no record of how the increase was effected.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: James Baldwin Rector. James Baldwin Jnr. John Blake. 1733 T N.

Second. Henry Pleasant made me 1669.

Third: Henry Pleasant made me 1669. John Blake.

Fourth: T. Newman fecit. Stephen Cann, Samuel Tubby C. W. 1732.

Fifth: Thomas Newman made me. John Walpole Thomas Blake 1732.

Tenor: Henry Dawson Rector. William Dordery, William Burton Ch. W. Cast by J. Warner and Sons London 1884. Weight 10 cwt. approx.

The first peal was rung on April 30th, 1892, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes, being three extents of Oxford T.B. three extents of Kent T.B. and one extent of Plain Bob. The ringers were R. Hutton (conductor) 1, G. Smith, sen. 2, J. Hilling 3, A. Dunnett 4, G. Smith, jun. 5, J. Hinchley tenor. The two G. Smiths were grandfather and uncle to the conductor of the 100th peal.

Ninety-seven ringers have taken part in the peals, with C. F. W. Phillippo and F. C. Arnold leading with 77 each, followed by T. C. Browne 52, W. G. Saunders 47, F. Pearson 31 and R. Burt 27. The leading conductors are C. F. W. Phillippo with 64 and R. Hutton 10, and over 20 have rung their first peal at Bunwell.

C. F. W. P.

CROSSWORD, APRIL 14th

Solution

The winner of our crossword competition in the issue of April 14th was Miss Julie Sturrock, 22, Boscobel Road, Walsall, Staffs, who has been sent the prize of 10s. Solution:

Across.—1 Llandaff, 5 Scenic, 9 Negative, 10 Pistol, 12 Oiler, 13 Treble Bob, 14 Minor methods, 18 Compensation, 21 Monkeynut, 23 Hooch, 24 Elbows, 25 Rotor Car, 26 Sterns, 27 Assemble.

Down.—1 London, 2 Angels, 3 Determine, 4 Five Thousand, 6 Chill, 7 Notebook, 8 Calabash, 11 Permutations, 15 Toothsome, 16 Scampers, 17 Amenable, 19 Fox cub, 20 Change, 22 Edwin.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Chester Guild, Inveraray, Saturday, May 6th.

MORETON HAMPSTEAD—A GROUND-FLOOR RING

Moreton Hampstead, where the Mid-Devon Branch held a meeting on April 8th, has now a ground-floor ring. Despite the springy ropes, the bells were well utilised, ringing including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. The Rev. N. McGee conducted the service and after a bountiful tea ringing took place at Lustleigh.

HERTS PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, of Cheshunt, who was last month installed as president of the Hertfordshire Association, is, we regret to report, in hospital following a heart attack

AN ESSEX TOUR OF CORNWALL

ALL RUNG FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Endellienta.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford Newdigate, (2) St Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk. Ockley, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (5) Beverley, Surflect, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham, (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk Bourne, Hull, (7) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in A.

Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	Treble	*Ian R. Panton	4
*Christopher K. Cooper	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	5
Andrew S. Hudson ..	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal on the bells.

NEWLYN, East Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Newlina.
On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London, (2) Netherseale, (3) Bourne, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Andrew S. Hudson ..	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper ..	4
*Alan Carveth	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	3	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Bunney, of Tywardreath.

ST. STEPHEN'S-BY-SALTASH, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Edna M. Cooper	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4
Claire Hudson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Christopher K. Cooper ..	3	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

ST. EWE, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Westminster, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Netherseale, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lb. in B flat.

Ian R. Panton	Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	4
Christopher K. Cooper	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
Andrew S. Hudson	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E G. Roast.

Rung as a compliment to Douglas Burnett, of St. Ewe, Past Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, on commencement of training for the ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mawgan.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 55 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star T.B. (15 methods by A G. Driver), (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Christopher K Cooper ..	Treble	Dennis A S. Symonds ..	4
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Claire Hudson	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

The most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild and in the county.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Raymond G. Cousins ..	7
Michael V. Chilcott ..	2	Philip A. Corby	8
Wilfred Williams	3	John Armstrong.. ..	9
John Chilcott	4	John H. Crampion	10
John Phillips	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
Robert Harris	6	James Phillips	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. (No. 7.) Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung as a compliment to Janet Motley, daughter of the Rector, and Richard Marshall immediately following their wedding at this church. Tenor 42 cwt in B.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS Philip and Jacob.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Eric J. Hitchens	5
William A. Theobald ..	2	George E. Thoday	6
*David E. Rothera	3	John S. Mason	7
Antony R. Kench	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Bristol. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob two of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.

Raymond P. Selway ..	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	4
*Trevor E. Marks	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Gilbert W. Rendell ..	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal in four methods "inside." Tenor 14 cwt.

MONTACUTE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 23 cwt in D.

*Alan Woodhouse	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell ..	4
Ivan Read	2	†Gordon W. Rendell ..	5
*Derek Irwin	3	*Graham W Parkin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Gilbert W. Rendell.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to pay tribute to the 33 years' ministry at Montacute of Preb. R. T. Beechey and to wish him well in his retirement.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
T. Felicity Webber	2	William H. Dowse	6
Derek F. Yates	3	Basil Jones	7
Raymond J. Ballard ..	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Basil Jones.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	*Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	5
*G. Richard King	2	*Eric Roughley	6
Brian Schofield	3	Denis Mottershead ..	7
*Derrick A. Davenport ..	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

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

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being 120 each of All Saints, Marchington, Rushall, Grandsire Newborough, Bluebell, Stanton, Beckley, Reverse St. Bartholomew Northrepps Fortune, Moira Donisthorpe Lullington, Ashbourne, Tredington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Marston, Broadwas, Oldswinford, Farnsfield, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Honeysuckle, Salwarpe, Folke, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Kennington, Wollaston, Tichborne Shenley, Dedworth, Seighford, Primrose, Windrush, Norfolk and Cadbury.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A

*John R. Scott	Treble	†Keith W. Eaton	4
*†Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	*Frank R. Morton	5
†Leon A. Perry	3	†Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal together. † First in 42 methods/variations. First in 42 methods/variations as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHOTWICK, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents in seven methods. Double Bob, Childwall Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Gale M. Starkie	Treble	Michael H. Hodgkinson	4
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H B. Millward	5
David N. Collins	3	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Ann, to Nancy and Geoffrey Parting.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	Peter C. Randall	5
Anthony J. Cox	2	Stephen F. Royal	6
Ernest J. Gower	3	John K. Foot	7
Arthur R. Wright	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5044 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Consisting of 232 Lansdowne Little Bob, 1,392 Little Bob, 16 Double Bob, 12 Gainsborough Little Bob and 3,392 Plain, with 94 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Reginald Wallis	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
Neil Handley	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Kevin A Betesta	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
Graham Fisher	4	David K. Walklate	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.
First of five Plain Spliced by all and for the Association.

DERBY —At the Church of St. Peter
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 4 368 St. Simon and 168 each St Martin, St. Andrew, St. Peter and St. Alkmund, with 96 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

Arthur Newell	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Neil Handley	2	Reginald J. Stretton	6
William Allsopp	3	David K. Walklate	7
David Oliver	4	Kevin A. Betesta	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
First of Spliced Triples by all and for the Association.
Methods:—St. Andrew: 7.1.7.123.7.3.7.3.7.123.7.1.7.127.
St. Peter: 7.1.7.3.7.123 7.3.7.123.7.3.7.1.7.127.
St. Alkmund: 7.1.7.3.127.3.7.3.127.3.7.1.7.127.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being a block of 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*Irene Park	Treble	W. Norman Park	4
Doris M. Killingley	2	†Philip M. Park	5
Thomas Cooke	3	Roland Park	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal (age 14).
Rung as a birthday compliment to Pauline Margaret Park, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

G. Atkin	Treble	Richard Edgley	4
V. Hurt	2	Roger Edgley	5
W. Young	3	W. Seekings	Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.
Rung as a compliment to W. Young on his birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*David E. Potter	Treble	†Graham C. King	5
*David Ralls	2	†Paul J. Bloomfield	6
*Janet A. Pullen	3	†Roy E. Copleston	7
*Valerie A. Copleston	4	John Armstrong	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton Conducted by John Armstrong.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major. First on eight bells by an all-local band.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Barbara Shaw	Treble	Colin G. Wright	5
Caroline F. C. Cole	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
Roger Durrant	3	Dennis Ellisdon	7
*Kevin A. Hughes	4	Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At St. Paul's Tower.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MALMESBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	*Cyril A. Wratten	5
Peter Bridle	2	Michael J. Hobbs	6
Diane M. Chapman	3	Eric Sutton	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	James R. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 200th peal of Surprise First peal in the method.

MALMESBURY
f —38—14—1258—16—12—38—34—3.
4ths place bob. F.C.H. 24365, 32546, 46253

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 78 lb. in E flat.

*Robert Gee	Treble	Martin J. Kirk	5
Christopher M. White	2	Douglas A. R. May	6
Carolyn Tubbs	3	David J. Tubbs	7
Alan D Flood	4	John A. Collier	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Triples.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 17 cwt.

Reginald Hayden	Treble	†Eric S. White	5
Peter Warboys	2	Thomas Camp	6
*Kenneth Westwood	3	David Kingston	7
*Albert Richardson	4	*Douglas R. Hutley	Tenor

Conducted by David Kingston.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire.

BROXBOURNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Aug. 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	John W. Thorp	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	2	Peter M. F. Searles	6
*Richard J. Wilsher	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
George H. Austin	4	Frederick W. Ellis	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal of Major. Composition rung for the first time.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C.

Thomas Cullingworth	Treble	Raymond E. Finch	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Donald H. Niblett	7
Judith M. Corby	3	Martin L. Howe	8
Betty Robbins	4	Andrew J. Corby	9
*Rev. Peter T Robbins	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.
Rung for the 20th wedding anniversary of Philip and Lucile Corby.

DEPTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,720 Cambridge and 2,336 Yorkshire, with 93 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
D. Paul Smith	2	John Pladdys	6
*Harold Evans	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Arranged by N. Smith.
Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of Spliced "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Stanley Jenner	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Ann Jenner	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Ronald E. Constant	Treble	Frank J. Matthews	5
Joan Hayward	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
Douglas Shaw	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Stuart Sandford	Tenor

Composed by J. W Washbrook Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

WOOLWICH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Richard L. Jones	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Christopher Dalton	3	Michael O'Callaghan	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Brian E. Jemmett	Treble	†David W. Grimwood	4
*Jennifer M. L. Wood	2	Peter D. J. Beal	5
Joan A. Hayward	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor and on tower bells as conductor.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Jennifer M. L. Wood.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Patrick J. Denne	Treble	P. Charles Sinden	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Alan P. S. Berry	5
Crawford T. Hillis	3	Colin J. E. Wyld	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
First peal on the bells after restoration.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 26 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 16 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Robert J. Kite	Treble	*Howard J. Payne	4
*Patricia A. Winch	2	John B. Keeler	5
David W. Grimwood	3	William Epps	Tenor

Conducted by John B. Keeler.
* First peal. First as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

*Simon A. Wigg	Treble	Thomas Cullingworth	4
Peter S. Muchlinski	2	Martin L. Howe	5
Peter M. Wilkinson	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 81 lb. in B.

*Christine Andrew	Treble	‡Peter J. Malloch	7
†Ann C. Hardman	2	§Alan F. Scholfield	8
Margaret P. Booth	3	‖Alan Ward	9
Neil Bennett	4	Edward Jenkins	10
John A. Booth	5	F. John Nelson	11
‡Frank Reynolds	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* 100th peal † First 12-bell peal ‡ First of Surprise Maximus.
§ First of Maximus. ‖ First of Surprise.
Rung by members of the Manchester Branch of the Association.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In 30 methods, comprising 288 each of Albanian, Belgrave, Superlative, York and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Aldenham, Ashton, Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Cambridge, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Manitoba, Newgate Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Solihull, Southwark, Stoneygate and Wigston, with 104 changes of method.
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Basil Jones	8
*Alan McFall	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
Neil Bennett	5	Brian Harris	11
John H. Fielden	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. Most methods yet rung to a 12-bell peal

ASHTON
3t—3t.14—12—3t—34—5t—16—70—36—7t—16—3t 1h 12 1573

HALIFAX
—5t—14.5t—5t.36.14.9t.14.58.9t.14.9t.70.18—18.9t—18—1t 1h 12 1573

MANITOBA
—7t—18—9t—10—12—3t—14—5t—16—7t—18—et 1h 12 1573

OLDHAM
3t—3t.14—12—3t—14—5t—16—7t—16—7t—36—7t 1h 12 1352

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

F. John Nelson	Treble	William H. Dowse	7
Derek Yates	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Christine Andrew	3	Neil D. Lomas	9
Derek Butterworth	4	Edward Jenkins	10
Neil Bennett	5	Jeffrey Brannan	11
Basil Jones	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

Stanley Livesley	Treble	William E. Court	5
John Lunham	2	Edmund Rothwell	6
Martin Snape	3	Norman Heaps	7
Dennis R. Jones	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
Rung for the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	John Illingworth	5
R. Keith Lister	2	James E. Andrews	6
James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
Roy Jolley	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. Peter's Church, Hindley.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Nigel P. A. Goulding ..	Treble	Stanley Livesley	4
Graham K. Austin	2	Martin E. Snape	5
James Hedgcock	3	John R. Ridley	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Ridley.

First peal as conductor.
Rung with the band's best wishes to Tom Hesketh for a speedy recovery.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb in G

Alan Evans	Treble	Alfred Ballard	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
†Geoffrey W. Randall ..	3	E. Alan Jacques	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of spliced. † First of five-spliced.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

John D. Vernon	Treble	Michael C. Vernon	4
*Cynthia M. Wells	2	Stephen C. Wells	5
Laurence Watkins	3	John Watkins	Tenor

Conducted by John Watkins.
* First peal in the method "inside." Believed to be the first peal rung in the Hinckley District by three sets of twins.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) Westminster, (3) Ipswich, (4) Beverley, (5) Bourne, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in G

Stephen C. Wells	Treble	John Watkins	4
Brian L. Burrows	2	*Robin A. Gilliver	5
Christopher M. Sturgess ..	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal in more than one method "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London with 111 changes of method and all the work of the methods for each bell.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Bernard G. North	5
Beryl N. Reed	2	*Michael W. Crowder ..	6
John Freeman	3	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	7
Peter A. Sharp	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in eight Spliced Surprise methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 NORWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Monica Blagrove	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers ..	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Robin G. Leale	6
Michael J. Church	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
William S. Deason	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
First peal of Major in this method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

NORWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
—34—14—12—38—34—38—34—18 mx.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Samuel J. Haines	Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Martin Green	6
John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Rutland "inside."

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Martin Green	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	*R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R Kingsley Mason.
* 325th peal. First in the method by all the band (except the conductor), on the bells and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

T. Felicity Webber	Treble	Richard Wharton	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Roger M. Heyworth ..	6
Harold Dowler	3	Dennis Latham	7
Raymond J. Ballard ..	4	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
Fastest peal on the bells.

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Lesley Kinston	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Dennis Latham	7
Harold Dowler	4	Richard Wharton	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,182 Bristol, 1,182 Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge, 960 Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work for every bell in each method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Harold Dowler	Treble	*Richard Wharton	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Gerald Parsons	6
Charles A. S. Webb ..	3	Raymond J. Ballard ..	7
T. Felicity Webber	4	*Ray Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of five-Spliced.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

H. William Barrett	Treble	Antony R. Kench	7
David P. Hilling	2	Cecil W. Pipe	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	Brian D. Threlfall	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	John Hill	10
John Armstrong	5	Rodney B. Meadows ..	11
Martin C. Faulkes	6	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THETFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Albert G. Harrison ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	5
Owen P. Claxton	2	David Cubitt	6
Robin R. Churchill	3	Harry B. Fuller	7
Frank C. J. Arnold	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung as a welcome to Samantha, born on April 5th, 1967, a second granddaughter for Mr and Mrs. H. B. Fuller, of Thetford. Also an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Gower, and an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Cecil Thompson, both members of the Redenhall band, who have been members of the Association for over 50 years.

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
William Clover	2	Frank C. W. Arnold ..	5
Henry Tooke	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
First peal on the bells since September, 1938.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHIPDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Janet Hohl .. .. .. Treble		*John A. Adams 4	
George P. Adams 2		Leslie F. Bailey 5	
*David G. Adams 3		Kevin S. Hohl .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by George P Adams.
* First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Janet Dagley and David House on the announcement of their engagement.

WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD, Suffolk. — At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St Simon, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Plain Bob St Martin, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury.
Bells tuned to the Phrygian Mode. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Pamela J. Cadman .. .. Treble		Paul Cattermole 3	
Richard A. J. Bower .. 2		Robin J. Churchill 4	
David L. Cawley .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.
First peal on the bells, each of which was cast by a different founder between 1636 and 1864.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASTON CLINTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being two extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, 20 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Albert E. Hole .. .. Treble		Arthur J. White 4	
*Timothy H. O. Lewis .. 2		Roy Woodruff 5	
Donald G. Wheeler .. 3		*Richard A. Lewis .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy Woodruff.
* First peal. Rung at first attempt by local Sunday service band.

WEST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
15 different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

J. Richard Poole .. .. Treble		*Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4	
Christopher I. Rowson .. 2		*John C. Baldwin 5	
James R. White 3		†E. Ann Kilgour .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by James R White.
* Completes the family from Cinques to Doubles. † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band.

ARDINGTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob (2).
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A

Harry White .. .. .. Treble		John C. Baldwin 4	
*Anne Carpenter 2		James R. White 5	
*Ian P. Stoter 3		Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor	

Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each in seven methods viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Monica Blagrove .. .. Treble		William Birmingham .. 4	
David H. Brown 2		Albert C. Wenban 5	
Frank T. Blagrove 3		J. Keith Ward .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being 1,200 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob and 600 each of St. Helen, Bluebell, Longparish, Newborough, St. Quintin and Daffodil. Tenor 5 cwt. in C

*Stephen Buck .. .. .. Treble		Roy H. Jones 3	
†David E. Pollin 2		Leonard R. Porter .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H Jones.
* First peal, first attempt. † First "inside."
Rung as a farewell to Alfred Smith a former vice-captain, and as an appreciation of his loyal service to St. Nicholas' Church.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., April 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble		Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 6	
Alan A. Paul 2		Robin Wilson 7	
Graham C. Paul 3		Barry E. Saunders 8	
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 4		Patrick I. Chapman 9	
Richard F. B. Speed .. 5		Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal of Royal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble		J. Alan Ainsworth 7	
Ann E. Fellows 2		Norman J. Goodman .. 8	
*James W. Belshaw 3		John C. Eisel 9	
George E. Fearn 4		Ian M. Holland 10	
James Insley 5		John A. Anderson 11	
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 6		Rev Roger O. Fry .. .. Tenor	

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Maximus on an "inside" bell.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Roderick W. Pipe and B. Gillian Schofield, married the previous day at Bradford Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

Maurice F. Edwards .. Treble		John R. Insley 6	
Ann E. Fellows 2		Norman J. Goodman .. 7	
James W. Belshaw 3		John C. Eisel 8	
George E. Fearn 4		J. Alan Ainsworth 9	
Michael J. Fellows 5		Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Stephen W. Barton and Joyce J. Hall, married the previous day at Harborne Parish Church.

ASTON.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt in D.

William T. Pettigrew .. Treble		Mark Androlia 6	
James W. Belshaw .. 2		Maurice F. Edwards .. 7	
Peter C. Randall 3		Alan S. Burbidge 8	
*Anthony J. Cox 4		Geoffrey W. Randall .. 9	
Rev. D. Sansum 5		Donald T. Finnemore .. Tenor	

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BLITHFIELD. Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge, (6) Kent, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Christine Slater .. .. Treble		Elizabeth Timmins 4	
Philip G. K. Davies 2		Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5	
Richard B. Dorrington .. 3		Ian Friend .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First peal in nine methods by all except the ringer of the fifth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp

*David Stainsby .. .. Treble		Susanna Poppleston .. 5	
*Elizabeth J. Foster 2		*Alan R. Bridges 6	
*Christopher P. Starbuck 3		Peter R. Humphrey .. 7	
*Peter J. Church 4		*George A. Dawson .. Tenor	

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD
STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Lesley Ward .. .. .. Treble		Frank B. Lufkin 6	
*Heather M. McArthur .. 2		Brian J. Vaughan 7	
Neil V. Avis 3		Stephen D. Humphrey .. 8	
*Frank G. Oliver 4		Adrian G. Semken 9	
Vivien A. P. Cross 5		David E. Culham .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of the following methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

Heather McArthur	Treble	Philip G. Erith	4
Adrian Semken	2	Stephen D. Humphrey	5
Walter Ayre	3	Urban W. Wildney	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

John R Ketteringham	Treble	*Ian Wickens	6
Christopher F. Mew	2	Brian J. Bull	7
Robert J. Cooles	3	Noel R. Waite	8
*Julie S. Armstrong	4	Simon Humphrey	9
Alison M. Mann	5	John R Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by H J Tucker. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Royal.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

R. Jean Henderson	Treble	Alan R Millidge	5
M. Louise Taylor	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Alan R. Patterson	3	John C. Slater	7
G. William Shanks	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Richard L Jones	Treble	‡Kenneth J. Rider	5
†R. Jean Henderson	2	Bernard E. Matthews	6
Nigel Thomson	3	G William Shanks	7
Bryan C. Burrough	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by Michael J Uphill.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Surprise "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WORTHING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Heene.
On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Roy M. Cox	5
*Brenda I. Wilkinson	2	Henry D. Butler	6
James M. Hill	3	Henry C. Weaver	7
Colin J. Champion	4	Raymond P Wood	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal of Major "inside." Tenor 10¼ cwt.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Gordon T. Peters	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	5
*Jean L. Kimber	2	Richard C. Stevens	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	*Stewart F. Kimber	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.
Rung to celebrate the conductor's retirement.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
*Robert Crocker	2	Walter Hunt	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
*Philip G. Taylor	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, DUDLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., April 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael Lashford	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
Peter J. Brown	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
M. Irene Ellsmore	3	†A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
Martin Powell	4	John Durham	Tenor

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., March 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat

Edna M Sullivan	Treble	George E. Fearn	5
A Barry Sullivan	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Cecil W. Pipe	3	John A. Anderson	7
Roger J. Lumley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ARKSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth B Sissons	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
*Anne P Leigh	2	Gibson Jackson	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Alan Hartley	7
Albert W. A. Leggett	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Martin Povey	Treble	Cyril Rusby	5
Christine Fox	2	Andrew Jobson	6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington	3	John Eborall	7
John J. L. Gilbert	4	H. David Holland	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt in F.

John W. Gibson	Treble	Irvin Slack	5
Robin Brown	2	Alan Clifton	6
*Patricia Lockwood	3	Guy Cox	7
Alan Newbould	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ian North.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter Gill and Valerie M. Massam, who were married at Rothwell on April 3rd.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Wed., April 19 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Denis R. Carlisle	1-2	David J. Marshall	5-6
Gordon A. Halls	3-4	David W. Friend	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Thurs., April 13, 1967 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	7-8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3-4	Edward J Beer	9-10
Christopher T. Osenton	5-6	Stuart Sandford	11-12

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Mon., March 13, 1967 in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport	5-6		

WARFIELD Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Thurs., March 16, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	*Frank C. Price (cond.)	3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport	5-6		

* 300th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At Lindum 29, Hanley Road.
On Sun., April 16, 1967 in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven differently-called extents Tenor size 13 in E.

*John S. Croft	1-2	Kenneth S. B. Croft (cond.)	3-4
†William S. Croft	5-6		

* First peal "in hand." † First peal.

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MISCELLANEOUS

EAST MALLING, KENT.—Practice night, Fridays, 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Garner. 1442

FAREHAM PARISH CHURCH
SS. Peter and Paul
10 bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.
Bellringers' Open Day, May 6th.
Bells available for general ringing 3.15–5.15 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
Names for tea to Mrs. R. Sturgess, 19, Potters Avenue, Fareham, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford and Canterbury Districts
RINGING SCHOOL
(Primarily arranged for beginners.)
Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 20th
Application for tickets (5s. each) and full details from: Miss R. J. Sinden, Christ Church College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury.
School limited to 50; early application essential. Please send s.a.e. 1421

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE

May Festival, Saturday, May 6th

Bells from 3 p.m. Teas. Handbells available in church. Service led by Salvation Army Band 5.15 p.m. 1429

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of memorial board to the late Stedman H. Symonds, Saturday, May 13th, 6.45 p.m., in the tower. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. T. Symonds. 1451

THORNHAUGH AND WANSFORD WELCOME WEEK-END
Invitation to visitors and ringers.
May 13th and 14th
Bells available both afternoons and Saturday evening. Boat trips, gardens open, refreshments. Full information available at both churches or from A. Waller Mill House, Thornhaugh, Peterborough. 1422

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Norwich, Saturday, May 6th, 1967. Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at Chantry Hall 5 p.m Meeting to follow. Bells available in afternoon—St. Giles 2.30—3.45 p.m.

The following towers will be open for ringing en route:—

East Dereham (8) ..	1.30—2.30 p.m.	Blofield (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.
Drayton (6)	2.15—3.30 p.m.	Hethersett (8)	2.15—3.30 p.m.
Horsham St. Faith (6)	2.00—3.00 p.m.	Saxlingham N'gate (8)	2.15—3.15 p.m.

Evening towers will be announced at the meeting.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, NORWICH, Nor. 57W, H. William Barrett, Gen Sec 1389

PETWORTH, SUSSEX
SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE
On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month, commencing 7.45 p.m. Surprise ringers of every standard welcome.—C. B. Fynes, Petworth 2353. 1460

SUFFOLK GUILD ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION at Horringer on Saturday, May 6th. Full details in last week's "Ringing World." 1370

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.
Rededication of ancient six bells and hallowing of two new added trebles in new metal frame by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for buffet tea, please, to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1454

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 6th. Towers available: Teddington, 9.30 to 10.30, Houghton Regis 10.30 to 11.30, Totternhoe 11.45 to 1 Tilsworth and Stanbridge 1.45 to 3, Linslade 2.30 to 4, Leighton Buzzard 3 to 4.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea essential to Miss M. Durrington, 30, George Street, Leighton Buzzard.—A. Smith, Gen Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting and striking contest at Clowne on May 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea most essential to Mr. G Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. Definitely no name—no tea. Good attendance, please.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 1429

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thoverton on Wednesday, May 6th, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 1444

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Littleport, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Norwich and Kent T.B. 1433

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting. Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, May 6th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 1443

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY

A.G.M. Saturday, May 6th, St. Olave's Hall, E.C.3. Service in St. Olave's Church 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting follows.
The following towers will be open:
9.30–10.15: St. Martin's, Vicar's Road, Gospel Oak (6).
10.45–11.15: St. Stephen's, Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead (10).
11.45–12.30: St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road (8).
2.00– 2.45: St. Andrew's, Holborn, City, E.C.4 (8).
2.45– 3.30: St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate, E.C.3 (8).
3.30– 4.15: St Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3 (8).
D. L. Cawley, Sec., King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1. 1457

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice at Bristol Cathedral, Friday, May 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. 1466

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.**

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street, followed by Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d., and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained before May 8th, from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford (6), Alderley (6), Gawsworth (8) and Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary 122

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hedon, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, Hull. 1431

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hutton, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Ingrave (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Jones, Krithia, Kingsley Road, Hutton. 1447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tendring (6) on May 13th. Competition 2.45. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton 1440

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 1473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Yate and Chipping Sodbury on Saturday, May 13th. Yate bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (at Yate). Evening ringing at Chipping Sodbury from 6 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, May 9th. 1458

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Sidbury, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea, also at Harpford (6) 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth (Tel. 2795) by Thursday, May 11th. 1461

SALISBUPY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at Melksham, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th.

The Guild service will be held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at 2.45 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A M. Langdon. Address by the Rev. R. N. Longridge. All clergy attending are invited to be robed.

Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea tickets at 5s. per person to be obtained from the assistant hon. sec. Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts, by May 8th. **Strictly** no ticket no tea.

The annual general meeting will follow tea in St. Michael's Hall. The chairman of Melksham R.D.C., Councillor K. Elms, and Mrs. Elms will attend and welcome members.

Bells available 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Heytesbury (6), Warminster (8), Corsley (6), North Bradley (8), Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church, 8), Holt (6), Devizes (St. Mary's, 6), (St. John's, 8), (St. James', 6), Upavon (6), Chirton (6), Potterne (6), Seend (6).

All towers to be closed 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.: Bromham (6), Rowde (6), Urchfont (8), Market Lavington (6), West Lavington (6), Great Cheverell (6), All Cannings (5), Hilperton (6), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity, 8), Steeple Ashton (6), Westbury (8), Longbridge Deverill (8), Melksham, 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

I give notice that I shall not be standing for re-election at A.G.M.

Joseph T. Barrett, Gen. Sec and Treas.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham, Saturday, May 13th. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30 p.m. approx.—B. Pratt, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Wanborough, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 1463

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh (8) May 13th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh, by Tuesday, 9th, please.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Wilson, Warnham, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt. 1459

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Norton, (6), Saturday, May 13th, 6–9 p.m. District outing to be announced at this meeting. — P. M. S. Searles. 1470

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Malling, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. J. Garner, "Gilletts," 47, Wateringbury Road, East Malling.—M. L. H. 1448

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Stow, near Lincoln, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Underwood, Stow, near Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. — A. Richardson, Hon Sec. 1439

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 13th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. M. Dodd and K. L. Wilson, Hon Secs. 1471

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. R. Lindsay, The Vicarage, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1445

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, 1967

At Christ Church (Seaside) Eastbourne

Ringing Arrangements:

Route 1: Battle 10.15 a.m.—11.15 a.m. Bexhill 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m. Westham 12.30 p.m.—1.30 p.m.

Route 2: Rotherfield 9.30 a.m.—10.15 a.m East Hoathly 10.15 a.m.—11 a.m. Ripe 10 30 a.m.—11.15 a.m Hailsham 11.15 a.m.—12 noon. Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Route 3: Seaford 10.30 a.m.—11.15 a.m. Alfriston 11.30 a.m.—12.15 p.m Willingdon 12.15 p.m.—1 p.m.

Eastbourne towers: All Saints' (Carlisle Road) 2—2.45 p.m.; St. Saviour's (South Street) 2.45 p.m. or 3 p.m.—3.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (Church Street) 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m.; Christ Church (Seaside) 3.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.

These details are subject to change at short notice.

Service 4.15 p.m. (Christ Church, Seaside).

Tea 5 p.m. (Christ Church Hall). Meeting 6 p.m.

Names (individually) for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, not later than Wednesday, May 10th. 1428

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Higham (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. Gilliver, 19, Main Street.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1450

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley (6), Saturday, May 13th. Swithland (6) open 2.30 to 3.30 p.m Rothley 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kitching, 42, Mountsorrel Lane, Rothley, Leics, by Wednesday, May 10th. 1452

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Caerleon, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pike, 82, Roman Way, Caerleon, Mon, by May 8th. 1426

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 1449

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Yaxham, Saturday May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R W. Moore, Crossways Farm, Mattishall, by Wednesday, May 10th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fakenham (8), May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr G A Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—**No name, no tea.** — R. Harris, Hon. Sec. 1436

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Warborough, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 1464

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A ten-bell practice will be held at St Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, May 13th, from 2.30–4.30 p.m. 1469

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wistanstow (8), Saturday, May 13th. Ringing 3-4.30, 6 30-8 30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Brewin, 28, Longnor Road, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, May 10th. 1426

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, May 13th, Holme Pierrepont. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouens," Whatton. 1440

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Notts District.—Meeting at Laxton (6) on May 13th. Names for tea to D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, Newark, by 10th. All attending are invited to sample Egmanton (3) as they pass. 1375

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 10th. —T. N. J. B. 1465

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 1446

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Chiswick, Wednesday, May 17th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Northamptonshire Meeting, May 20th Holy Cross, Daventry, 11–12.

Lunch, Wedgwood Restaurant, 79, Abington Street, Northampton, 12.45. Business meeting at St. Giles' Church Rooms, 2.30.

St. Peter's, Northampton, 3.15–4.
St. Giles', Northampton, 4.15–5.15.
SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, 6–7.

Names for lunch to me by May 9th, please (price about 11s. 6d.). Accommodation is limited to 60, so early application is advised.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1409

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual general meeting, Blewbury, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th. 1441

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Little Aston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Fairey, 9, Buchanan Close, Walsall, Staffs, by May 17th.—P. J. B. 1427

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Special practice meeting, Buxted, May 20th, for learners. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles and Minor Instruction given. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by May 9th. 1435

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Market Weighton (6) 2.30-4.15, after tea to 8.30. Nunburnholme (6) 2-3.45. Service, Market Weighton, 4.15. Tea, Market Weighton, for those notifying Miss Shirley Beanland, "Greensett," Southfield Close, Holme Road, Market Weighton, by previous Thursday.—R Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Tickhill on May 20th. Voting for new committee to take place, plus the Ringing Master. Ringing at Tickhill (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Bawtry (6) approx. 6.30-7.45. Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Tea at Tickhill. Names to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, as soon as possible. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1439

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—A.G.M. Buckfastleigh, Saturday, May 27th. Service Buckfast Abbey 4 p.m. Meeting Buckfastleigh Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Buckfast Abbey 1.45–3.55, Bovey Tracey 11–11.45, Bickington 12–12.45, Ashburton 1.30–2.15, Buckfastleigh 2.45–3.30, Widecombe 11–11.45, Buckland-in-the-Moor 12–12.45, Holne 2.30–3, Dean Prior 7.30–8.15, Staverton 7.30–8.15 Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus Angold by previous Wednesday. 1456

APPLETON, BERKS.—On March 28th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: B. R. White (cond.) 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Mrs. E. Rossell 3, H. Rossell 4, B. Wakefield 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, N. H. Leslie 7, D. A. Leslie 8, F. A. White 9, E. Drewitt 10. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Rossell, who are leaving for Australia.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Bob Triples: R. A. Swift 1, Miss E. John 2, Mrs. B. M. Davies 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, R. Swift 5, C. Wyld 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, J. C. Clark 8. First in method by all.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Pettigrew 1, Miss C. Jennings 2, M. Kirkham (first of Caters) 3, A. Short 4, R. C. Ingram 5, H. Fitter 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, W. Pettigrew 8, D. Finnemore 9, P. Tovey (first quarter) 10. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Franklin 1, M. Kirkham 2, A. S. Burbidge 3, D. Finnemore 4, T. Hampton 5, R. C. Ingram 6, M. Ingram (first as cond.) 7, P. Tovey 8.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On April 5th, 1,440 Treble Bob (Oxford and Kent): A. Richardson (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Richardson 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, Miss G. M. Fanshaw 4, J. D. Adams 5, T. Wylie 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on April 9th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, A. Swatton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Ellison 1, K. Fleming 2, R. French 3, Miss K. Rivett 4, R. Sharp 5, R. Piron 6, M. Marriott (first of Caters as cond.) 7, E. Jeffries 8, A. Gibbs 9, S. Ivin 10.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. F. W. Kimber (cond.). Also on April 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. L. Kimber 1, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott 2, F. D. Jennings 3, R. J. Cook 4, A. G. Clark (first of Caters) 5, N. Thomson (first of Caters as cond.) 6, S. F. W. Kimber 7, A. L. Bance 8, F. E. Darby 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary Southgate (first quarter, 15) 1, Robert Cassidy 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Knights (cond.) 4, V. Bedford 5, H. Archer 6. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Hallas (first quarter, 12) 1, A. Knights 2, V. Bedford 3, S. Bedford 4, J. Marjoram (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On April 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Henry 1, Jill P. Oakshott 2, M. Morris 3, K. G. Game 4, G. W. Stevens 5, R. D. Mills 6, R. H. Youdale 7, C. W. Daws (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Rose (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, A. T. Taylor 3, A. E. Shingles (first "inside") 4, J. M. Brook (cond.) 5. A 13th birthday compliment to Christine Rose.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, on April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary J. Gardener 1, Christine Boyce 2, Sally A. Cooksey 3, W. C. Shute 4, E. H. Goater 5, Dorothy T. Gardener 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Dove 1, G. Johnson 2, D. J. Simpson 3, N. Price 4, W. M. G. Johnson (cond.) 5, R. Land 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Kenyon (first Grandsire) 1, J. Whalley 2, J. E. Burles 3, Mary W. Whalley 4, K. M. Price (first Grandsire as cond. on tower bells) 5, W. Wall 6. First Grandsire on tower bells 2 and 4.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On March 28th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne I. Clowe 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, S. P. D. Burnett 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephen Sudbury (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. W. Moore 2, Susan Burdon (first "inside") 3, G. Trendell 4, H. W. Moore 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss T. Wright (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Digby (first "inside") 2, P. Owen 3, D. Digby 4, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On March 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Eames (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Forgham 2, T. Isom 3, R. D. Hughes 4, T. E. Gardner 5, Rev. P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. V. Geary, ringer and church worker.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, W. Ransome 2, L. W. Fisher 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Herbert W. Pratt, of St. Ives, interred this day.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whatley (first quarter) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. R. Hough 3, M. J. Dyer 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—At Kent School, on April 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Sarah Scott 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Diana Wriggins 3, Quilla Roth 4, Sarah Irwin 5, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First in method on the bells. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sarah Scott (first in method) 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Diana Wriggins 3, Quilla Roth 4, Christine Kelsey 5, Sarah Irwin 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, G. Dirksen 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Turner 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, B. R. White 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, E. R. Venn 6, F. A. White 7, V. Griffin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Canadians who fell at Vimy Ridge on this date 50 years ago, and in particular Raymond Judge, a brilliant young ringer from this tower, who had emigrated to Canada in 1913, and who came back to fight with the Canadian forces on the outbreak of war.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Christine Wilkins (first of Grandsire) 2, R. J. Snack (cond.) 3, Louise Evans 4, B. Edwards 5, A. Wendon 6. For Prince Edward's birthday. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. P. Smith 1, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss J. Loten 3, S. F. Cass 4, Miss R. A. Spicer 5, R. M. Cass 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Woodward.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on April 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. W. Corney 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, N. A. James 4, P. S. Bennett 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. J. Aldridge 7, M. Pilgrim 8. A compliment to Mr. A. J. Woodman, on election as people's warden; also to welcome Peter and Marion Bennett to South Wales.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On March 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, J. Lambard 6. A farewell to the Rev. D. H. Tongue, on his retirement to Exmouth. Also on April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): V. Criddle (first quarter) 1, Jane Markham 2, Yvonne Criddle (first as cond.) 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Jones 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Birch 6. Also 1,320 Doubles (six methods): B. Butcher 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Neilson 6.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Young 1, J. E. Lawrence 2, M. Smith 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, P. Wood 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, R. Draper 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Edwards, on the birth of a son, Christopher Mark.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Barden 1, F. G. Hogan 2, S. Wigg 3, P. King (first in four methods) 4, M. L. Howe (cond.) 5, S. Taylor 6.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Armstead 1, W. Pugh 2, M. Platt 3, A. Smethurst (first "inside") 4, P. Ogden 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. To the memory of Mrs. H. Bastow, widow of J. H. Bastow, past ringer at Oldham and Middleton Parish Churches.

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NORTHAMPTON, MASS, U.S.A.—On Jan. 27th, at Smith's College, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hutchinson (first quarter) 1—2, Donald Trumpler (first quarter) 3—4, Alice Dickinson (cond.) 5—6. First quarter at Smith's College. Rung in happy appreciation of the generous support of Janet Harris, to the cause of bellringing in this college.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 4th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: R. H. Roberts 1, Joy F. Butler 2, Deborah N. Maggs 3, L. D. Smith 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, R. Allinson 6, D. J. Forder 7, D. C. Jackson (first as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's, on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Myers 1, A. W. Myers 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, J. Perkins 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, G. E. Mudge 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. F. Myers 8, R. A. Southwood 9, D. R. Bould (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas George Myers, captain of St. Andrew's ringers, whose ashes were interred this day.

PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, K. Butler 4, B. G. Butcher 5.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,278 Oxford Bob Caters: Penny Halliwell 1, P. Sloman 2, S. Halliwell 3, B. Sadler 4, A. Cansdale 5, J. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, D. Sloman 8, A. House (cond.) 9, H. Furminger 10. First by all except 7 and 9.

QUINTON, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Dunsden 1, R. A. Partridge 2, H. E. Wells 3, E. G. Garrard 4, R. B. Blond (cond.) 5, W. Gilks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. J. Gilks, father of the tenor ringer, who was a ringer at this church for many years.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Mead 1, J. Lawrence 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, F. Hawkes 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Clements 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Haylings.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Reed (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Marlow 2, P. Bosworth 3, C. Stevenson 4, K. Chapman 5, R. Cowley 6, M. Coleman (cond.) 7, J. Cosby 8.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Daphne Brown 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, G. Ward 4, A. G. Wood 5, G. Cox 6, I. North 7, R. Brown 8. To celebrate the wedding of Valerie M. Massam and Peter Gill; also the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Brown.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Mayfield 1, D. Osbourne 2, N. Handley 3, R. Stretton 4, J. Eberall 5, S. Adams 6, D. Oliver (cond.) 7, L. Butler 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Parkhurst (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Dale 2, R. Lewis 3, P. Fells (cond.) 4, P. Dale 5, A. Malyan 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Prentice, sidesman.

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. R. Robinson 1, J. Moule 2, C. Catchpole 3, J. Catchpole 4, J. Paul 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung to the memory of Mr. Stanley Copling, of Loddon.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Fuller 1, A. J. Corby 2, Doris E. Colgate 3, Judith M. Corby (cond.) 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, W. J. Manning 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Collins 8. A farewell to the senior curate, Rev. K. Barham, leaving for Cheltenham.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Linda Drew (first in two methods) 1, J. T. Locke 2, F. Welch 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, R. Dean 5, T. Hill 6. For the 26th wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Drew.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on April 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. J. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss J. E. Davidge 2, R. Hulme 3, P. Minchin 4, M. J. Stanley 5, P. Spackman 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, L. Picknell 8. In graceful remembrance of Albert George Wells, who gave 30 years' faithful service to this church as a bellringer.

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whose eight bells peal across the River Thames

WEST COUNTRY IDEAS ON SOUND CONTROL

I REMEMBER going a few years ago to help at the practice of a young band who had just started up with no really competent ringer to train them. One of their many problems was that the bells were very hard to hear, and in trying to remedy this they had opened both traps in the tower floors without any improvement. The curious thing was that as soon as one stepped out from the ground-floor ringing chamber through the open arch into the nave of the church the bells were far less loud—and perfectly clear.

In fact there are one or two towers in which the bells are so quiet in the ringing room that the conductor hardly has to speak above a whisper, yet there is no difficulty in hearing the bells, and there are many in which the bells are dreadfully noisy in the ringing room but hard to pick out one from the other. What matters, then, first of all, is not how **much** sound gets to the ringing room but what **sort** of sound it is. What one wants is sufficient of the strike notes to overcome extraneous noise, and as little as possible of the harmonics, which, unlike the strike note, are of long duration and therefore get mixed together into what some ringers call a "howl."

Extraneous noise most often comes from rope-rattle, and this varies enormously from one tower to another, but in my experience it is worst when the ropes pass through a fairly low floor above the ringing room which has no ceiling on its underside. Sally-guides can sometimes be noisy, but they should not be unless they are very loose in their clamps on the framework. The ideal seems to be a stout floor above the ringing room with a plaster ceiling below it, but this may be extensive to install, as new bosses will be required.

It was with some of these ideas in mind that we embarked last week on an experiment in our tower, which houses a ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.), the three trebles hung above. The floor below the frame is of 2in. oak with ½in. spaces between the boards; the clock chamber is about 12ft. high with a plain floor of ¾in. pine, and there is no ceiling in the first-floor ringing room. When the two trebles were put in, a sound-tube was fitted to make them more audible, but it was later found that this was better stuffed with cotton wool. The bells are not unusually difficult to hear, but the little ones could be better, and when rising the back six in peal the third can get lost halfway up in the hum from the tenors.

Believing that, paradoxical as it may seem, the cure for inaudible bells may be to make them quieter, we set about sound-control. In the clock chamber was a good deal of sawdust put there for this purpose, but it was not possible to use much of it as anything but a thin layer would have come down the rope holes. Sawdust is good sound insulation, however, and it may be had for the fetching; the problem was to put enough of it up there without getting it in the ringing room.

The answer was a friendly farmer. Artificial manures nowadays come in one cwt. bags of strong polythene, and they are non-returnable. Most farmers find it quicker when loading their spreaders to cut the bags down the long side, but we had a friend who agreed to cut 50 or so across the ends. Two ringers with a van collected five cwt. of sawdust from a neighbouring sawmill, and two others spent two hours filling the bags and carrying them up to the clock chamber, where they were laid on the floor to form a covering of about three inches thick. As the bags were not very full it was not necessary to seal them; the open ends were left overlapping their neighbours, but it would have been very easy to clip them up with an office stapler.

The effect has not been startling but it is certainly noticeable. The boom from the tenors is less but the trebles chirp out more clearly; the ringing room is quieter, and the rattle of the ropes has been reduced to a clicking which is far less troublesome. If we had used twice the quantity of sawdust and filled the bags fuller it would seem that the effect would be even greater, but we do not feel that anything further is needed. The cost in man-hours has been five hours. The financial side works out as follows:

	£	s.	d.
30 polythene bags at 0s. 0d. each	0	0	0
5 cwt. sawdust at 0s. 0d. per cwt.	0	0	0
Carriage given free	0	0	0
Total	£0	0	0

You cannot have sound control much cheaper than that. What is more, I believe that with a little ingenuity one could apply the same principle to external sound control with very little more expense. J. G. M. S.

OUR PICTURE

HAMPTON-ON-THAMES

RECORDS show that a church has stood on this site beside the Thames for at least 600 years. The present church was built in 1830–31 replacing an earlier one of red brick construction with a tower containing a ring of six bells. The tenor of this old six was reputed to weigh about one ton, and the bells were rung from the ground floor.

Being so close to Hampton Court, there have over the years been many connections with royalty, and in the south porch entrance there is a monument to Dame Sibel Penn, Dame Sibel was nurse to Edward VI and lived in a house next to the church. Amongst the various mural tablets to be found on the walls are one to David Garrick, nephew of the actor, who died in 1795, and one to Susanna Thomas, who died in 1731. Susanna Thomas was the only daughter of Sir Dalby Thomas, Knight, Governor of the African Company's settlements, and it is to her tomb that Jerome K. Jerome refers in "Three Men in a Boat."

The present tower contains a ring of eight bells (tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp), all cast by Thomas Mears II. Prior to the 1939 war the bells were rung by a band of call change ringers, but after the war, under the guidance of the Middlesex County Association, a young band was taught and change ringing introduced. In 1960 the B.B.C. made a recording of the bells for the Christmas broadcast of that year, and subsequently the recording has been much used to open the B.B.C. Home Service on Sunday mornings over the last two years.

Although peal ringing has to be fairly limited on account of the nearby houses, the tower has had the distinction of recording two of the three peals of Scientific Triples so far rung. This rather intriguing principle and a composition for a peal were produced by John Carter in 1904, just one of the fruits of his incredibly active mind. Soon after the second world war a certain amount of interest in it was revived, and the late A. J. Pitman composed a second, and simpler, composition for a peal. This was rung at Hampton in 1958, and followed by a successful attempt, earlier this year, at John Carter's original composition. W. S. D.

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Challenge Shield Gift to Middlesex

A novel gift was presented to the Middlesex County Association at its annual general meeting at Pinner, on April 15th, of a copper salver adorned with hand-painted lilies. It was the gift of Mr F. T Blagrove and came from Rhodesia, where the donor did yeoman service at Salisbury Cathedral. The plate will be held as the trophy of a striking competition. The present holders are Hillingdon and it will be up to any tower in the Association to challenge them. A challenge must be accepted within 30 days, and the judge will be the Master of the Association.

The president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) thanked Mr. Blagrove for his gift, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, as captain at Hillingdon, said he welcomed a challenge from any tower. "These striking competitions are of great benefit and very enjoyable."

There was a good attendance at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. Ritchie, who was once a member of Oxford University Guild and he recalled in his address that while in Oxford he once rang in seven different towers on a Sunday morning.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea, and an act of remembrance of losses through death opened the proceedings. Those remembered were T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), J. E Grensted (Borden), W. H. Hewett (St. Margaret's, Westminster), A. J. Pitman (Leamington Spa), E. D. Smith (Leytonstone), F. J. Spicer (St. Albans) and R. Wilkinson (Harrow Weald).

Mr. W. S. Deason in his report as Master said John Mayne during his Mastership encouraged bands to get together and help one another. There was a great need for this. Another thing they had fallen down on was in quarter peal ringing. A lot more could be done in that direction as quarter peals were of great value to young members.

Mrs. Mayne asked if there was any evidence of towers not sending their quarters to "The Ringing World."

The hon. secretary: It may be there are towers without a conductor. As an Association we would like to hear of such cases. It is not a difficult job to put in a few bobs here and there.

Presenting the accounts, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (hon. treasurer) said the Bell Restoration Fund showed an increased income due to Bill Deason's "little pig" collecting boxes. There was a balance of £81 6s. 8d. (grants paid Upper Clapton £25, Pimlico £25). The sum of £25 had been voted to Cranford. The Central Fund showed an increase in receipts, an outcome of the decision to raise the subscription. There was an excess of receipts over payments of £4 3s. 7d. (last year payments exceeded receipts by £32). Central Council representatives had not received expenses and there was no grant from the Central Fund for bell restoration.

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

Presenting the annual report, Mr. T. J. Lock said there seemed to be no marked improvement in the general level of Sunday service ringing, although there were still a number of members who conscientiously travelled a fair distance to give their assistance in this duty. The monthly practice meetings at St. Giles-in-the-Fields produced an average attendance of 23. The two Districts had shared in 13 Saturday meetings, 13 evening meetings, three joint meetings and five Surprise practices. Twenty-three ringing members and 19 non-resident members were elected but because of resignations the membership had dropped.

Mr. Lock mentioned that 108 quarter peals in 32 different towers included London Surprise Major on Westminster Abbey bells at the invitation of the Dean. Peals totalled 53 and 11 members rang their first peal. Mrs. M. E. Goodyer, who had now returned to Australia, rang her first tower bell peal. Two "peals" alleged to have been rung at Feltham and Much Hadham, appearing in "The Ringing World," were falsely reported and were not acceptable for the Association's records. A bookcase for use in the library had been presented by Mrs. E. Bradford, widow of a past member and mother of Mrs. T. J. Lock.

Miss R. M. Foreman, assistant secretary, presented the report of the dinner sub-committee, and the president thanked the committee for providing an excellent dinner.

MR. JOHN MAYNE HONOURED

The officers were all re-elected and thanked for their services. Mr. A. Cutler moved that Mr. John R. Mayne be elected an honorary life member. He well deserved the honour now that he had moved to St. Albans. Mr. W. H. Coles seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Thanking the members, Mr. Mayne said he would always think of the Middlesex as his Association although he lived the other side of the border.

A report was submitted by the library sub-committee on the question of insuring the books. Many were irreplaceable and the committee was unable to place a value on them. A question was asked if they were covered by the general insurance of the church and the chairman replied that they were not listed. Another suggestion was that the irreplaceable books be photographed; money would be better spent that way than in insurance. The question was referred back to the committee.

An amendment of rules was submitted by Mr. F. T. Blagrove that life members be elected by the Association and honorary members by the Districts. This was referred to the Central Committee.

The next annual general meeting was provisionally fixed for St. Peter's, Staines.

Mr. W. S. Deason said the Association was coming up for its 70th birthday and he hoped that peals would be rung in honour of the occasion.

The president in his vote of thanks especially thanked the Rector, Mr. D. E. R. Knights (captain at Pinner) and Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for preparing tea.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1967

The Annual Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 13th, at Macclesfield.**

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street, followed by Annual General Meeting.

Service 4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Michael.

Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cumberland Street.

Cost of tickets: For lunch 6s. 6d. and tea 6s. 6d., if obtained from Mr. H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Towers open:

Congleton (8), Bollington (8), Chelford (6), Alderley (6), Gawsworth (8) and Prestbury (8) all from 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Bollington, Chelford, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Christ Church, Macclesfield, St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and Sutton from 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and after tea. St. Michael's (12) after tea.

Henry O. Baker, General Secretary. 122

TALKING TURKEY AT TORRINGTON

LIKE a long-married couple who derive much of their zest for living from a series of recurrent rows yet need one another completely, West Down and Down St. Mary continue in a kind of love/hate relationship. The disappearance of either band from the peak of the Devon six-bell pyramid would be an irreparable loss to the other; yet should Merv Phillips suffer some disablement that reduced his efficiency in a rise by just one per cent. (no more), Down St. Mary would not be altogether prostrated with grief, and West Down might be almost relieved to hear that Tom Wright had lost just the smallest fraction of his ear for rhythm. The two teams get on wonderfully well in company, and this year they sealed this good friendly rivalry by dining together in Torrington on February 18th.

As was to be expected, the evening began in the tower, where the bells were kept going for over an hour. For once there was no competitive spirit at all there; they rang eight throughout, and each band that rang consisted of three from Down St. Mary, three from West Down and two youngsters from one tower or the other. As a result, they tell me, the ringing was not up to the usual Downs' standard, but what a very good principle there was behind it.

A turkey dinner was the next item, with 34 ringers and wives sitting down to it; Mr. Oatway, the president of the Devon Association was there, and each team had brought all its trophies with it, so that there must have been an assembly of ringing silverware such as had never before been gathered in one place.

The whole evening was such a rousing success that the two Downs are determined to make it an annual affair.

The "big league" fixtures of the Devon Association begin in April with the eight-bell competition at Newton St. Cyres on the 22nd. In May the North Devon six-bell will be held at Landkey on the 13th, and the South Devon six-bell on the 27th at Stoke Fleming, near Dartmouth. With its wonderful situation above Start Bay and a very fine six to listen to, this ought to be well worth a trip for anyone holidaying early in the best part of the Devon year.

The final will be at Ilfracombe on June 10th. The secretary of the Association, Edgar Cole, has put in the schedule this year some strong words on the matter of teams turning up in time for the draw: in the past at some competitions it has not been unknown to have only two or three teams there for the draw 20 minutes after it was supposed to have been made, the latecomers relying on their rivals being too sporting to claim their disqualification if they were unlucky enough to be drawn first. This is not fair, and one hopes that the secretary's words will be heeded.

We are glad to hear that Marwood are coming back into the picture again since they replaced their ringing-chamber floor. When the floor became unsafe many years ago they removed it and rang downstairs, and the bells never went so well like that; now we hear that they are a pleasure to ring on and the Marwood ringers have a new surge of keenness as a result. J. G. M. S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

On May 1st the following had not complied with Rule 8: Australia and New Zealand Association, Devon Association, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Ladies' Guild, Oxford Society, South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association, Universities Association.

I shall be pleased to receive the affiliation fees from the officers responsible at an early date.—Vernon Bottomley, Hon. Secretary, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, Yorks.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, G. Nellson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

A Day! — Five Peals in Different Towers

"THE Cream of the South" were gathered together by the invitation of Geoff Dodd on Saturday, April 22nd, to make what had to be the final attempt to ring five Surprise Major peals in five different towers in one day, as Geoff Dodd's wife had finally put her foot down to say "Definitely the last."

There was Pat Cannon (Dorking), who was going to show us how Mortimer tenor should be rung; David Hilling (Slough), who was making his first venture on anything like this, John Hunt (Bristol), who has done much to liven up the West Country; Philip Mehew (Stotfold, Beds), one of the old brigade who has joined in all Geoff Dodd's mad ideas from the first five in a day in April, 1958.

George Thoday had motored down from Cambridge on the Sunday night, and last came this way in 1963, when we were let down at Bucklebury; Brian Bladon, another old stager in at the first, who came direct from Swindon; and finally the two local men, Reg Rex (Thatcham), who was gamely tackling it for the third time with only one arm, and Geoff Dodd (Highclere), who can be talked into anything.

POLICE INVESTIGATE

A 2.30 a.m. meet at Aldermaston was on the programme and we were all there to the minute and at 2.50 a.m. were away to the start of the first one, Yorkshire, with George Thoday in charge.

All went well for an hour on the fully-muffled bells, when through the door stepped two policemen who wanted to know what we were doing ringing bells at 4 a.m. Pat explained what we were setting out to do and, seeming satisfied, they wished us luck and departed. This peal was successfully completed by 5.47 a.m. in 2 hours and 57 minutes, and after removing the muffles ready for an afternoon attempt of Spliced by Tony Peake's band, we set off for Mortimer.

A quick breakfast of sandwiches before the 7 a.m. start at Stratfield Mortimer. However, it was 7.5 before we got going but a good peal of Lincolnshire was rung without interruption, and then the dash to Thatcham, a good nine miles, for the third peal of the day.

We had been inspired by David to attempt London instead of the usual Rutland, despite one of our older members whose motto is "Simplicity means success," but our optimism was justified when a first-class peal on these fine-toned bells was rung with no worrying moments at all. We now felt that, with the London over, success was in our grasp and rushed the 12 miles to East Ilsley without any lunch but we were still 40 minutes late in starting, the 2.30 p.m. start being 3.10.

SECOND ATTEMPT

Whether it was a psychic reaction or that we were now feeling tired we will never know, but after two courses of Pitstow's Superlative a muddle developed and the conductor called "Stand"; a second start was made at 3.25 but the ringing did not come up to the standard of our peal of London. Nevertheless, we successfully concluded the peal at 6.12 and, after thanking John Hibbert and leaving him to let the tenor down, a lightning dash was made to Highclere for a late start for the final peal, the 14 miles being covered in record time.

We started the final peal at 7.12, shaking off the tiredness felt at East Ilsley, and setting off to a good beat with John Hunt at the helm completed a good peal of Cambridge at 10.7.

A loud banging on the door made us wonder what trouble we were in for; the organiser was sent down to make the peace only to find Sylvia Dodd and Gillian Hunt loaded up with bottles of beer, and for this we were most grateful.

The final parting of the ways came at the Highclere Red House an hour later; the publican here understands ringers, having done some himself at Thatcham years ago. We should like to associate Robin Leale, Jack Munday and Malcolm Cloke with these peals, all three having stood in a previous attempt when we rang four and lost the last one after two hours' ringing.

A RECAP

For the writer it gave personal satisfaction, after three previous tries, the first in 1958, when we lost the first attempt, rang three peals and abandoned the last; the second, in in 1960, when we rang four; an attempt in 1963, when we rang two, and then at Bucklebury found that the local captain had not notified the Vicar.

Thus we have finally managed it in 1967, this being mainly due to the persuasion and enthusiasm of Pat Cannon and David Hilling in having one more go and do or die.

We are grateful to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells, especially David Wilcox and the Rev. S. Young, of Aldermaston, for the use of their bells on four occasions. Without Aldermaston none of the attempts could have been made, as there are few church towers that will allow their bells to be rung at 3 a.m. Thank you all.

G. D

LATE NOTICES

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting and cup contest, Ossington, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. General ringing after contest. Names for tea to Mr A. Wilson, Holme Farm, Ossington, Newark, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 1502

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Cheriton, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tichborne bells available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. H. Collis, 3, Hockley Cottages, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, May 15th. 1506

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's, Bristol East. Thursday, May 25th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec.

AMALGAMATIONS IN THE COTSWOLDS PLANNED

The annual general meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch, which was held at Bourton-on-the-Water on April 2nd, was attended by the new chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Miss E. Mary Bliss, and the Association Ringing Master, P./Sgt. W. F. Scudamore.

To the very large attendance Miss Bliss spoke on the recommendations of the Boundaries Sub-Committee, that the towers in Stow-on-the-Wold District, together with the towers in the Chipping Campden Deanery would be amalgamated to form the North Cotswold Branch. These recommendations were being reviewed and would be implemented at a later date.

Mr. Scudamore suggested that the Branch should organise a Cotswold Ringing Festival to be held either in August or September. It is to be considered at the June meeting.

The officials were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. L. W. Potter; secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell; Ringing Master, Mr. A. W Wright; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. L. Joynes.

A resolution was unanimously carried electing Mr. Bernard Phillips and Mr. A. W. Wright as honorary life members. Mr. Phillips had completed a half-century of active ringing at Bourton-on-the-Water and when the Branch was re-formed in 1958 was elected Ringing Master. Mr. Wright had been a regular ringer at Bourton-on-the-Water for 55 years and was mainly responsible for teaching and maintaining a regular band that rang twice every Sunday. Since 1953 he had been Branch Ringing Master.

The Rector, the Rev. C. H. Pickthorn, conducted the service and after tea St. Albans ringers present rang a touch of Grandsire Triples "in hand" (Mr. R. W. Darvill, Mrs. M. Darvill, Miss H. Darvill and Miss T. Willis).

Yorkshire Association meet at Skipton

THE annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on April 30th at Skipton.

The programme of ringing started at 10.15 a.m. and included nine towers in the area, many of which were new to the members from the other side of the county. The towers were: Addingham, Bingley, Gargrave, Giggleswick, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Silsden and Skipton. Members would wish to thank the general secretary, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, for the enormous amount of organisation as well as the incumbents and local tower captains for their hospitality and arrangements.

Ilkley is, of course, famous as the home of the Snowdon family. The window in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, with its pictures of almost every position of the swinging bell, must often have served to illustrate an explanation.

With so many towers available, some only for an hour, the ringing inevitably assumes the nature of a "tower grab", but by mid-afternoon ringers were converging on the glorious Taylor eight at Skipton. Heard in the street they are beautiful; in the ringing chamber overtones can be heard which one usually only associates with the "sing" of lowering in peal.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. L. Martineau, who from the pulpit welcomed the ringers and spoke briefly on the theme of the ringers' hymn, which was also sung to its correct tune. Tea, attended by about 115 ringers, was served in the Millfield Hall, organised by Messrs. Christopher Lawson and George Dean. The former, at the Rector's request, replied to a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Michael Meadows.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, the president, was in the chair for the business meeting. A very satisfactory balance was shown in the treasurer's report, presented by Mrs. Bottomley, who said this was due to having found a cheaper printer of the annual report. When Mr. Bottomley was elected president, his wife accepted the office of treasurer for the unexpired part of his term of office. She was warmly thanked by Mr. W. Barton and presented with a bouquet by Ralph Moreton, the younger son of the general secretary. Mr. Christopher Moxon was elected the new treasurer.

Other elections were: Auditors, Messrs. W. Barton and J. W. Gibson (no change); representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, Messrs. E. Hudson and J. Chaddock.

The peal secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley, reported over 200 peals for the Association in the year. The president thanked him and Dr. Spenser (assistant peal secretary) for their work. Mr. E. Hudson thanked the general secretary.

The president reported the death of Mr. Francis Ward, of Sheffield, who had been a member since 1902, and members stood as a mark of respect.

The president referred to Denholme bells, which have been removed from the tower. He and Mrr. Bottomley had seen the incumbent and advised him. It is hoped a light ring will be cast for the tower from the old bells.

The following forthcoming events were mentioned: June 17th, ringing festival at Halifax; September 16th, next general meeting at Whitby; October 21st, Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner at Cottingham; December 8th-10th, Grantley Hall course; May 4th, 1968, annual meeting at York.

The president gave notice of motion for the September meeting, a recommendation from the committee to give a donation from the general fund to the York Minster appeal.

150 PEALS AT ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY

ON March 4th the 150th peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Putney. There is no record of there being any peals rung on the six bells which existed prior to 1836, when they were recast and augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank.

PEALS

The first recorded peal was therefore Grandsire Triples on February 6th, 1837, rung for the St. James' Society and conducted by Thomas Tolladay. The next peal, which was also the first of Major on the bells, was Treble Bob (presumably Kent), rung on May 20th, 1839, for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; this was also the longest in changes, being 5,280.

One of the most active periods was from 1885 to 1906, during which time 72 peals were rung, including 14 of Surprise, the first of which was Superlative on September 19th, 1894. After the first war peals were infrequent and after 1923 there were only peals in 1925, 1934, 1945, 1949, 1953 and 1956. The bells were rehung in 1953 by John Taylor's and fitted with metal headstocks and ball bearings. From 1959 to date exactly 50 peals have been rung, the most being ten in both 1965 and 1966.

METHODS

There were 26 individual methods rung on the bells plus four of Spliced Surprise; despite modern trends, Triples account for half the total, there having been 76 rung.

The breakdown of methods is as follows:—Triples: Grandsire 42, Stedman 33, St. Clement's 1. Total 76.

Plain Major: Plain Bob 12, Double Norwich C.B. 9, Richmond 1, St. Clement's College 1. Total 23.

Treble Bob Major: Kent 9, Oxford 1. Total 10.

Surprise Major: Alderney 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 4, Eastcote 1, Glasgow 1, Hendon 1, Lincolnshire 4, London 7, Nechells 1, New Gloucester 1, Orkney 1, Putney 1, Rutland 1, Superlative 5, Westminster 2, Wight 1, Yorkshire 4. Total 37.

Spliced Surprise: Three methods 2, four methods 1, eight methods 1. Total 4.,

Total Surprise 41. Total Major 74.

There have been four first perfomances here—Orkney Surprise, Putney Surprise, Wight Surprise and Richmond, the latter being the first in the method on tower bells.

There have been some odd gaps in the method ringing. Cambridge was rung in 1897 and not again until 1956. Plain Bob was not rung until 1902, again in 1923 and not again until 1961, whilst Double Norwich was rung in 1930 and not again until 1963

The slowest peal on the bells was 5,088 of Double Norwich on January 21st, 1884, which took 3 hours and 20 minutes, and the fastest was 5,184 Plain Bob Major on June 12, 1965, in 2 hours and 36 minutes.

RINGERS

Many famous names feature in the peal columns and, in all, 464 different ringers took part in the performances, and there were 67 different conductors.

The top ten ringers were: W. E. Garrard 34, C. F. Mew 33, W. T. Cockerill 27, H. R. Newton 27, J. W. Driver 24, C. F. Winney 24, B. J. Bull 22, M. J. Uphill 18, E. H. Adams 17, A. R. Millidge 17.

The top conductors were: C. F. Mew 21, C. F. Winney 13, W. E. Garrard 12, H. R. Newton 8, H. Langdon 5, J. W. Driver 4.

In the 127 years (from 1836 to 1953) only two women rang peals on the bells—Miss C. A. Neville (1903) and Mrs R. F. Deal (1925).

ASSOCIATIONS

The peals were rung for 15 different Associations as follows: All Saints', Fulham, Society 5, Ancient Society of College Youths 56, Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 10, Devonshire Association 1, Kent County Association 1, London County Association 6, Middlesex Association 10, Norwich Association 1, St. Luke's, Chelsea, Association 1, St. Mary's, Putney, Association 5, St. James' Society 7, Surrey Association 40, University of London 2, Waterloo Society 4.

(Certain of the peals were rung for the local Society and a main Society jointly; these have been grouped under the main Society.)

Among the interesting peals rung was the first by a complete band of officers of the Armed Forces. This was 5,120 Kent Treble Bob on March 15th, 1919, conducted by Lieutenant Maurice Atkins.

More recently, on April 3rd, 1965, the only silent and non-conducted peal was rung, the method being Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original).

A final interesting note proving the long life of ringers was the case of Reuben Charge, who first appeared in the peals in 1899 and for the last time in 1949, a period of exactly 50 years!

C. F. M.

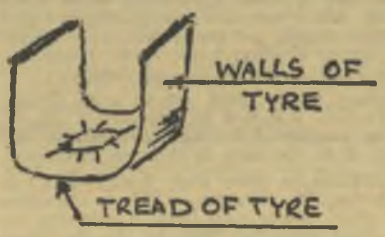
CLAPPER SILENCERS

By D. ELLISDON

IN the majority of towers situated in built-up areas the reduction of noise, particularly when beginners are learning, is of prime importance and recent articles and letters in "The Ringing World" have described various forms of clapper ties which are in use, but apart from a brief reference in a recent letter no mention has been made of silencers made from old car tyres, and so the following notes may be of some use to the ringing fraternity.

The silencers are made from old car tyres and consist of pieces about four inches to five inches long with a two-inch to three-inch square hole cut in the centre as shown in Sketch I below.

SKETCH I



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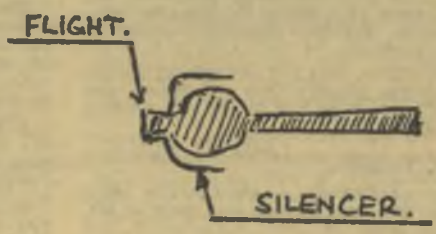

The silencer is forced over the flight of the clapper so that the walls of the tyre cover the ball of the clapper where it strikes the bell, as shown in Sketch II.

The hole must not be too large otherwise the silencer will slip around and allow the clapper to strike the bell unsilenced; in fact it should be a tight fit and I have found that several small cuts ¼in. to ½in. long around the perimeter of the hole enable it to be forced over the flight and will also enable the silencer to grip the flight. It also helps to make the walls of the tyre proud against the side of the clapper ball.

I found it best to cut away the wire edge of the tyre and used an ordinary wood chisel for this; indeed the chisel proved to be the best tool for cutting the rubber and enabled a set of eight silencers to be manufactured in an evening.

Of course this method has the usual crop of pros and cons and some of these are listed below.

ADVANTAGES

1. The silencers can be fitted very easily and at no expense.
2. For open ringing all that is necessary is to turn the silencer through 90 degrees; care must be taken to ensure the silencers are not too large, otherwise in the "open" position they may prevent the clapper from striking fully on the bell.
3. Learners get a true feeling of the bell with the clapper assisting in the balance of the bell when setting it.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Unless the bells are just above the ringing chamber the bells cannot be heard; this, of course, matters little when a single bell is being rung, but if rounds or changes are being attempted it creates a problem for hearing the striking.
2. If the bells are just above the ringing chamber the "hum" again makes hearing one's bells when ringing changes rather difficult. I have tried several experiments to reduce this hum, pieces of metal nailed to the tyre wall, holes in the wall, but have not yet been successful in reducing the reverberations. Any tips on this problem would be welcome from other towers who have adopted this method of "silencing" the bells.
3. Heavy bells tend to wear out the tyre wall fairly quickly but this problem can probably be overcome by using thicker tyres.
4. With a light bell the clapper tends to bounce slightly on striking the bell due to the resilience of the rubber and this again tends to make hearing each bell difficult

I hope that these brief notes will be of some use; we have been using them for practices for over two years, after hearing of their use in the St. Albans area, and have found them most satisfactory. We ring Triples and Major on the "silenced" bells and can usually tell if the striking is O.K. by the general rhythm. We have had no complaints from the neighbours and indeed our Vicar and one or two visiting clergymen have remarked how pleasant the bells sound outside.

Herts County President

Members of the Hertford County Association will be gratified to learn that their president, Mr. Ernest T. Newnham, is recovering at home after collapsing at work two weeks ago. His condition is not as serious as was at first anticipated and he hopes to be about again within a week or two.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 8th, ringers from both the Eastern and Northern Districts together with their friends gathered at St. Peter's Church, Benington, for what proved to be one of the most successful meetings held in the area for some time.

The Eastern District's Ringing Master, Mr. S. E. James took charge. Varying methods ranging from rounds and call changes to Cambridge were rung, together with an unsuccessful attempt at Yorkshire.

The Vicar of St. Peter's took the service and afterwards an excellent buffet tea was served in the Village Hall. The president of the Association, Mr. E. Newman, gave a vote of thanks to the ladies responsible.

Ringing was resumed under the Northern District Ringing Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg, a touch of eight-spliced being accomplished. At one time it was taking up to half an hour before any particular method one requested could be called, the requests for various methods being so great.

Ringing down at 8.30, the company joined other ringers who had felt compelled to have to adjourn somewhat earlier, and so the evening was concluded most congenially.

R. F. J. and J. K. O.

Letters to the Editor

GREAT ADVENTURE II GIFT TO TASMANIA

Dear Sir,—May I have space in which to thank the members of the "Adventure II" band for their most generous donation for the relief of victims who suffered in the disastrous fires in Southern Tasmania. A meeting of ringers will be called to consider how best the money can be allocated

The Governor's Relief Fund now stands at close to two million sterling, and the Commonwealth and State Governments have set aside several more millions for the rehabilitation of sufferers and a mass housing scheme is now under way. Therefore the feeling amongst us ringers is that the donation should preserve its identity in some specific object or article. Several country churches and their contents have been completely destroyed, and maybe a piece of furniture, a Bible or some other article, suitably inscribed, would be gratefully received.

The subscribers may rest assured that advice will be sought, possibly from the Bishop, and that their gift will be put to the best possible use.—Yours faithfully,

SIDNEY SMITH.

Hobart, Tasmania

Note. — Following a letter from Miss Mary Atkinson, an approach was made to Mr. Tom Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, and he approved of a collection being made among members of the party as a gesture of sympathy with Hobart ringers. The sum of £27 was forwarded.—Ed.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—Reference Mr. R. Brown's letter ("Ringing World," page 112) and Mr. G. Dawson's letter ("Ringing World," page 164), I enclose the names of the New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast variations.

Plain Course	Bob	Name
St. Vedast	Grandsire S.	S. Breward
St. Vedast	Antelope S.	Stowey
St. Vedast	All Saints Pl.	Chippingham
New Bob	Grandsire S.	Hendred
New Bob	Antelope S.	St. Samson
New Bob	All Saints Pl.	St. Merryn
Huntspill	Grandsire S.	Radlett
Huntspill	Antelope S.	Oake
Huntspill	All Saints Pl.	Hadham

I would be grateful for the compositions of the following methods: Snowdrop, Little Missenden, Landcross, Northam, Littleham, Littleworth, Rickard, Southcott and Uphill.

In reply to many letters, St. Uny Doubles has a Stedman Plain Course. The call is made 60 changes apart in a "quick six." The call is a Grandsire Single.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

THE VOICE OF CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—In his letter in the issue of April 28th, Mr. John Camp referred to certain omissions in the report of the O.U.S. Dinner. As a member of another University, I am in no position to comment on these omissions, but I feel I must take Mr. Camp to task for his remark that "possibly the writer of the report feels that her presence is a sine qua non of O.U.S. ringing." It is thoroughly petty and a prize example of the sheer nastiness for its own sake in which some of the ringing fraternity seem to delight.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. J. BUNKER.

Downing College, Cambridge.

DOUBLES NAMES FROM AN ANTELOPE SINGLE

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to tell Mr. Michael V. Powell that he is too late with his names to Doubles methods. These were all drawn up and named by me several years ago. Moreover they have all since been rung to peals Antelope Single plain course, with a lead of Plain Bob for a call, I named St. Matthias. Antelope Single plain course with Old Doubles calls I named St. Guthlac. I stood in the first peal in this method (rung by itself, no other method with it) in the Church of St. Guthlac at Passenham, Northants. It has since been rung in multi-method peals by other bands to whom I gave it.

The same applies to Antelope Single plain course with Reverse Canterbury plain leads for calls: this I named St. Philip, the first peal of which (again by itself) we rang several years ago at Grafton Underwood, Northants, on the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

Antelope Single plain course, with Grandsire extremes, I named St. Polycarp. This we rang to another full peal by itself on the Festival of St. Polycarp at Whiston, Northants.

In addition to these four, I also drew up and named St Perpetua. This is Antelope Single plain course with London extremes for calls—again rung by itself to the first peal at Isham, Northants, several years back on the actual Feast Day of St. Perpetua and her companions in martyrdom — a policy which unites ringing with the object of the Church, and to my mind is better than just ringing a peal any time or naming methods after towns and villages.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS

Northampton.

COMPOSITION OF 5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES FALSE

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice by Mr. R. Dennis that my composition of 5,007 Stedman Cinques (No. 5) published in "The Ringing World" in 1963 (page 614), is false.

The falseness occurs in the first turning course S1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, S18, 21, the last two sixes of which repeat with the course beginning 13245678E90. It can be corrected by calling that turning course 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, S18, 20, S21.

I should like to tender my apologies for this mistake, particularly to Mr. M. V Chilcott, who called it first at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 17th, 1963, and again recently at Evesham. Also to the participants in these two "peals" and any other attempts which have been made.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. PARSONS.

Egham.

THE RINGERS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—Will you be kind enough to allow me to draw your readers' attention to the increased price of the Ringers' Handbook? I much regret this necessity, but the higher costs of paper and printing make it inevitable. The new prices will be found in the usual advertisement on the back page.—Yours faithfully,

MARY POWELL.

LEFT OVER RIGHT

Dear Sir,—Correspondence resulting from the report of the proceedings at the recent Henry Johnson Dinner in Birmingham, with particular reference to what I am alleged to have said, requires at least an acknowledgment. I am sure I did not use the word renegade, and George and Henry are too well known to me that I should call them the Fenn brothers. It was my intention in proposing the toast to the St. Martin's Guild to include a little light-hearted chat and it was my opportunity to refer to handling and striking.

A few years ago I was told by a Birmingham ringer that a left-over-right-handed ringer could easily spoil good ringing as he would invariably be too quick at backstroke—note my reference also to clipping at backstroke. To my shame in the eyes of some of my friends from the Midlands, I let my pupils choose which way they would like to handle the rope!—so there really is no need for the left-over-right ringer to take my reference as not conforming to modern standards too seriously. Should the correspondent from Holt visit Birmingham for ringing he will receive a welcome and most probably receive some degree of instruction if his stay is, of course, long enough. I reckon he will be advised to keep his bell in at handstroke and to hold it off at backstroke—Birmingham's traditional open lead at handstroke is much shorter than most ringers are used to!

In respect of Surprise ringing, it was not my intention to claim for the St. Martin's Guild that they were the first to use or even introduce singles. I wanted to indicate they were progressing with the use of the single (even if it were to shorten the length of the peal!) And may I please add that I was born in Hampshire, so have no wish to overlook first performances by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Referring now to the Master's reply and his suggestions for a national ringing competition, this would involve a vast amount of organisation without means of ensuring adequate support. Nothing ventured nothing gained, but I do feel it may be better to follow the lines of the Blagrove Plate presented to the Middlesex County Association, in so far as the holder will be challenged by one or more challengers.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

North Mymms.

FEET INFLUENCE IN PULLING

Dear Sir, — I should like to point out to M.C.F. (p. 268) that in a tug-of-war the motion and tugging is done by one's legs, the arms acting purely as a connection between the rope and body. The position of the hands on the rope is dictated by the position of one's feet. If the left foot is put forward then it is the left hand which is forward on the rope and vice-versa.

I am afraid, M.C.F., I fail to see any connection between the handling of a bell rope and one's feet during a tug-of-war. It is quite obvious that the uppermost hand on the bell rope must be the stronger hand, because this is the hand that is fully stretched during ringing. The other hand, a little lower on the rope, is not fully stretched.

The strongest hand is usually the right; this is the hand which holds a knife whilst eating, is used for throwing and is furthest away from the handle end of a cricket bat.

There are, of course, those whose left hand is the strongest, and they should not be discouraged from ringing left-handed. — Yours faithfully,

PAUL RODNES.

Battersea

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Frindsbury — Peal or Performance ?

POSSIBILITIES MOST EXCITING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see that Mr. Robert B. Smith has taken to writing fatuous letters in order to belittle ringing achievements in which he has not taken part.

So intent is he on showing the peal at Frindsbury in a bad light that he completely disregards the simple basic fact on which the whole matter hinges. Any Surprise method is defined completely by the changes in the first half-lead (apart from the technicality of the lead-end). It is therefore more reasonable to regard the half-lead rather than the full-lead as the fundamental unit.

Having so successfully neglected this important point, Mr. Smith tries to convince us that mid-lead splicing is the next logical step. Congratulations, Mr. Smith, on the *non sequitur* of the month. Mid-lead splicing would destroy the identities of the methods, which is not the case with half-lead splicing.

I must, of course, agree with Mr. Smith that the idea of associating places made at a particular point with a particular method is quite absurd. But then this has only been suggested by Mr. Smith anyway.

Peals of 165-spliced and 23-spliced all the work having already been rung, further progress in the field of Surprise appears well nigh impossible unless the Central Council alters its views with regard to splicing.

The possibilities opened up by half-lead splicing are most exciting, providing a new challenge to our mental capacities. I look forward eagerly to see which band will first ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 330 methods.

What a pity the whole idea is such anathema to Mr. Smith. No doubt he will have nothing to do with it. We shall see.—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN S. N. PORTER.

London, W.

CONDUCTOR'S COMMENT

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the recent peal at Frindsbury, Kent, on March 25th, I should like to point out respectively to Mr. Critchley that the peal was not claimed as "Spliced" but Surprise Major.

I also agree with Mr. Smith, that to ring his example of splicing mid-lead is ridiculous with the type of methods he used. In time it could come, but I should hope that only contrasting methods are used as there is no achievement.

All five methods we used were completely different from each other. If you ring the method up to the half-lead you have rung the complete method, as we only reverse what has been done up to the lead-end.—Yours faithfully,

B. GROVES.

Maidstone, Kent.

KENT PEAL SECRETARY'S VIEW

Dear Sir, — How unfortunate that Mr. Critchley should rush into print before reading his "Ringing World" properly. It was due to the composer and conductor knowing that, under the present Decisions of the Central Council, this composition would **not** meet the requirements of a spliced peal, that the **peal** was published as "a peal of 5,088 Surprise Major" and **not** as Spliced Surprise. As I know all the participants, I feel sure that this peal was rung entirely in accordance with the conditions required for peals as set out on page 19 of the Council's handbook.—Yours faithfully,

IAN H. ORAM,
Peal Secretary, K.C.A.

Orpington, Kent.

PEAL COMPOSER REPLIES

Dear Sir,—I feel I should reply to Mr. Eric Critchley's letter concerning my composition involving method changes at the half-lead.

In the first place, I would suggest that he takes another look at the presentation of the peal announcement, where no mention was made of this peal being "Spliced" Surprise. Such a reference was carefully avoided, on account of the Central Council rule, which he clearly needs to re-read as well.

I should have thought it perfectly clear that the wording of this rule explicitly prevents my composition from being called "Spliced" (at the present time), but does **not** implicitly forbid method changing other than at the lead-end in T.D. methods, as a feature of compositions.

Indeed, if this were the case, there would be a large number of peals of combined "Kent and Oxford" which should be disallowed, since the method is changed with the treble in 3-4 down!

Therefore, I can see no justification for disallowing this peal as a peal of Surprise Major (provided it is not called "Spliced"), **even if the proposed alteration to this rule is not adopted by the Central Council.**

Mr. Robert Smith's letter raises a serious point somewhat frivolously, namely: "Where do we draw the line?" The proposed amendment more or less answers this point: "Thus far, no further", and in fact, under the present ruling, there is nothing disbarring the type of performance he suggests (other than ringers' integrity) except, of course, that it could not be called Spliced!

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity of publishing the accompanying composition, as an example of one way in which this mode of composition might be exploited. —Yours faithfully,

RICHARD G. CROSLAND.

W. Wickham, Kent.

5,088 SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD G. CROSLAND

23456 Methods

(42356)	R S X (X.L)
63425	(Y.R) L
26435	R Y (S.Y) (X.L) (Y.S) S R
42635	(Y.S) (X.L) Y X S R
43265	(R.L) S R
(32546)	(Y.S) (R.Y)
54326	(L.Y) L
(35426)	R S X (X.L)
42563	Y R (Y.S) (R.Y) L
56234	R (R.Y) X S R
(65432)	(Y.S) (L.Y)
36452	(Y.S) S (S.Y) (X.L) (Y.S) (S.Y) R
45362	(X.R)
34256	(Y.S) (S.Y) (L.X)

Twice repeated.

R = Rutland S = Superlative Y = Yorkshire
L = Langley X = Xenia

No bobs, singles, or any call, other than method changing.

Cambridge University Guild

The A.G.M. was held on April 26th in Clare College and the following officers were elected: President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); Master, Richard Youdale (Emmanuel); secretary, Alan Scholfield (Clare); senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); librarian, Chris Tuckett (Queens'); steeplekeeper, David Sturge (St. John's).

A. F. S.

ACCURACY IN PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to endorse Mr. John R. Mayne's remarks about those people who submit figures, etc., and apparently do not check them when they are published, and apply them to the compositions published last year. A large number of mistakes occurred in compositions last year, some of which were corrected, and the following which were not:—

(1) 5,152 Yorkshire S. Major by Simon Humphrey, on page 308 (the second composition, with the tenors parted), is false as printed. In the last but one line the 3 bobs Wrong should be 3 bobs Middle.

(2) 5,152 Yorkshire S. Major by Simon Humphrey, on page 336. There should be no Middle in the third course.

(3) 5,080 Yorkshire S. Royal by G. Ronald Edwards, on page 716. The error of omission of a bob home was corrected but in the third last course the bob 6ths should be at Wrong, and this was not corrected.

(4) 5,040 Plain Bob Royal by Nicholas W. H. Simon, on page 716. The first course of the last part should surely have a bob at Home and not an X.

(5) 5,088 Yorkshire S. Major by Richard J. Parker, on page 868. The last line presumably should not have a bob at Wrong and should read Fifths, Before and twice Home.

It is the responsibility of everyone who submits copy for publication to check its accuracy when it appears and it should not be left to an "inspired guess" which may quite easily be wrong.

Incidentally, I am still awaiting an explanation to the compositions of Lincolnshire which I queried in a letter a few weeks ago.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney.

P.S.—In reply to Mr. Speake's letter, Bombay has never been corrected by the conductor, but it was assumed in the Records Committee's supplement to the Collection of Surprise Methods that the comment by G. B. Thompson was correct. The peal of Lewes S. Major recently published has been exposed as a hoax and a comment appeared to that effect the following week.—D. E. S.

SINGLES IN SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—It is not surprising that Mr. Inskip was advised not to include his 720 of Cambridge Minor in peals. The reason was not as he suspects (i.e. "just not done") but that such a 720 is very false. This fact is readily illustrated by the touch of 117 given by calling one single at Before. This shows that the handstroke snap at the next lead-end is false with the lead-head four leads before.

This does not mean, however, that singles have no use in Surprise Minor. There have been several touches of London printed recently for use in quarter peals, and the following touch, coming round just after a single, may be of interest:

(530)	
23456	
34256	Out
35426	4ths, Wrong
52436	4ths, Home
(43256)	In, 4ths, 54ths.

In obtaining such a touch one has to bear in mind that the single causes falseness, the false courses in both London and Cambridge being 53246 and 35426. The above touch was given to me by Mr. Grue some time ago.—Yours faithfully,

R. D.

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ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: H. Taysom 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, Gloria M. Wilshire 3, D. M. Smith 4, E. J. Ovens 5, K. G. Weeks 6, W. Lampard 7, A. W. Gibbs (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND. — On April 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. B Lawson 1, J. Bagnall 2, J. Buries 3, K. Price 4, A. Capstick 5, F. Birkett 6, L. D. Clement 7, T. F Metcalfe (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of Canon J. P. S. Morton as Vicar.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major. M. Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, E. J. Franklin 3, A. Short 4, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 5, T. Hampton 6, D. T. Finnemore 7, M. Ingram 8. First in method 1, 3 and 7.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Morton 1, Jane Fransella 2 Barbara Shaw 3, Valerie Jones 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, G. Lonsdale 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, D. Knewstub 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. First Triples by local band.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Lynne Payne 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Baker 3, A Bourner 4, H. Deacon 5, E. Clifton 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, L. Leney 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples. Diana E. Cullen 1, Anne S. Pickering 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, T. J. Wellen 4, P. J. Privett 5, J. H. Payton 6, J. A. Collier (first as cond.) 7, M. D. Fuller 8. First Plain Bob Triples 1, 4 and 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): G. Dodd (aged 10) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Suckling 3, H Moore 4, Miss J. Spurgeon 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, D. Kemp 7, J. Fuller 8. First quarter 1, 7 and 8. For Easter. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): J. Porter (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, P. Suckling 3, H. Moore 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, D. Kemp 7, J. Fuller 8. Also on April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jennifer Millbank 1, C. Barker 2, J. A. Warner 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, T. Bird 5, R. Suckling 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, A. R. Syder 8. For St. George's Day.

BRISTOL.—At St. John's, on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sweet 1, S. Bateman (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. Reynolds (25th quarter, cond.) 5, P. L. Pearce 6.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. H. Goodliffe 1, J. G. Rose 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, V. H. James 4, Suzanne Withers 5, R. Haskins 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — At St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, on April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 1, Philip Thompson 2, S. D. Humphrey 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, P. G. Pitt 5, P. E. Thompson 6.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, F. Taylor 5, J. Woolley 6.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, on April 23rd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. A. Thomas 8.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hohl 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. G. Adams 3, G. P. Adams (cond.) 4, K. S. Hohl 5, G. H. Pulling 6, P. M. Adcock 7, B. Gogle 8. First of Triples 2 and 3.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's, on April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs O. L. Rogers 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, H. W. Rogers 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, P. M. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N F. Felton 8.

ECKINGTON, WORCS. — On April 15th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Draper 1, P. Robertson 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, M. Boske: 4, L. Mills 5, J. Attwood 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. S. Odom, returning to Africa.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Jane Fransella 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, D Knewstub 6.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. G. Beck 1, P. Jones 2, G. W. Massey 3, H. J. Sanger 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, D. MacKay 6, G. Salmon 7, J. Brain 8. A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On April 20th, 1,260 Minor (Ken' T.B. and Plain Bob): W. W. Shipp 1, R. E Greenacre 2, E. Greenacre 3, R. J. Harrop (20th quarter) 4, C. F. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert William Bastolph, priest, died April 15th, aged 79.

QUARTER PEALS

GORING, OXON.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, M. Tull 2, Carol Tull 3, N. Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7 J Hiscock 8. For Confirmation.

GRAFFHAM, SUSSEX. — On April 15th, 1,273 Minimus (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Tipper 1, K. Sonsom (cond.) 2, J. Payton 3, D. Hughes 4. A farewell to Henry and Elizabeth Rossell (nee Stevenson), shortly leaving for Australia, and a welcome to Susan Ellenor, recently returned from Singapore.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS. — On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Tarrant 1, P. S. George 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, C. D. Corby 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5, I. P. Sawford 6.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. W. Evans 1, M. W. Thompson (first "inside") 2, J. R. Palmer 3, J. E. Blake 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5. Rung with best wishes to Harold Evans, on his birthday.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Ward 1, Pam Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Webb 5, J. King (cond.) 6 For the christening of Ann Felicity Ellen Hargroves, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Hargroves.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire, Plain Bob Minor: Patricia C. Hill 1, T. J. Wellen 2, Anne S. Pickering 3, J. A. Collier 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5 P. J. Privett 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Garrard 1, Elisabeth McCarthey 2, Mary Garrard 3 K Lewin 4, A. J. Smith 5, G. Hawkins 6, J. G. Newman (cond.) 7, A. E. Rushton 8. In memoriam H. Chichester-Miles, a devoted servant of this church.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mundy 1, D. Kerby 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman 5, E. Reeves (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. J. Edmundson and family, at his induction.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Thomas 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Mitchell 4, R. Boultbee 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J A. Raithby 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, J. R. Pratchett 3, F. G. Hooper 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, C. W. Reed 7, H. Stevenson 8, P. Wakefield 9, H. P. Mabbott 10. Rung to celebrate the birth of Roger James, son of Sandra and Peter Wakefield.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): Catherine Pedley (first quarter) 1, A. Bashforth 2, Mrs. M. Town 3, P. Town 4, W Pedley (first "inside") 5, D. Town (cond.) 6, G. Harrison 7, N. Munden 8.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Mrs. N. M. Broadbridge 1, Hilary S. Bailey (first "inside") 2, Mrs. A. E. Smith 3, A. I. Pearmain 4, B. B. Rogers (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Luxford 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. W. Pugh, curate, on appointment as Rector of Hilton, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey, Dorset.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Fitz-Gerald 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. R. Ridley 3, D. R. Jones 4, M. E. Snape 5, W. E. Court 6, J. Ridyard (cond.) 7, J. Hedgcock 8.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss K. Winterbourne 1, W. J. Marlow 2, Miss R. C. Hassell 3, H. Balaam 4, J. Weaver 5, R. B. Pike 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, D. Reed (cond.) 8.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Rolph (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, E. Treagus 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, J. Rolph (first "inside") 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. For Scouts' service.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET. — On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Hart (first of Minor) 1, D. Beaufoy 2, T. Marks 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Gaylard 5, T. Cross (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. David Nye.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Lawn 1, A. E. Marsh (cond.) 2, E. A. Marsh 3, A. Smith 4, W. Barton 5, C. Bottomley (first quarter) 6, J. W Gibson 7, J. Ambler 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Sharp 1, M. Carter 2, Penny Halliwell 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, D. Sloman 6, R. Tomlin (cond.) 7, J. Laken 8. Also on April 23rd, 1,250 Little Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, R. Tomlin 2, J. Laken 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on April 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Rex 1, F. R. Scott 2, M. Hatchett 3, J. S. N. Porter 4, D. E. Rothera 5, A. R. Patterson 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Vallender (first quarter) 1, D. J. Carr (cond.) 2, Marion Richards 3, C. Richards 4, D. Dancey 5, I. Bridge (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On April 15th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob: C. Hancock 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, R Rose 3, L. Wright 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A Rolfe, of Whepstead, aged 80 years.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, B Johnson (cond.) 5.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, W. Simpson 4, A. Humphrey 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8. To mark the opening of the Long Eaton Festival of Music and the Arts.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J Baker 1, H. J. Baker 2, Delphine Holman 3, J. F. Thorne 4, T. G. Hill 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, G. Rathbone 7, M. Hill 8. For Evensong, also birthday compliments to Lynn Clarke and Spike Thorne, both of this tower. The first quarter on the octave by an all resident band.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, A. J Cox 3, H. C. Bennett 4, P. S. Reading 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6. C. J. Royal 7, A. K. Griffiths 8. First of Triples by all except 6 and 7.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 15th, 1,344 Stedman Triples M. Trigg 1, Jill Orme 2, Kathleen Rivett 3, A. Smith 4, M. Marriott 5, S. Ivin (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, K. Fleming 8. Following a lost peal attempt.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Wooldridge 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 4, D. Lees 5, J. C. Eisel 6, G. Westwood 7, R. Smith 8. By the local band for Evensong.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor H. W. Evans 1, M. W. Thompson (first o Minor on an "inside" bell) 2, R. J. Everest (cond.) 3, J. R. Palmer 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, R. P. Sherlock 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On April 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gwynneth C. Ducker 1, Iris Piper 2, Linda Sherwood 3, Maris Stephenson 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day service, and an 86th birthday compliment to Tom Goodin.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. M. Garman 1, M. L. Haugh 2, S. C. Haugh (first of Minor) 3, R. P. Myers 4, R. E. Stillwell (first of Minor) 5, J. M. Hills (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. First by local band for 70 years.

TANFIELD, CO. DURHAM.—On April 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Deas 1, C. D. Davis 2, K. W Cheeseman 3, D. A. Bayles 4, J. Crowther 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, E. N Harrison 7, W. Tyson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ruby Tyson and J. George Wall, former ringers at this church.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On March 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Malleu (first quarter) 1, Christine T. Wilkins 2, J. L. Floyd (cond.) 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, A. J. Wenden 5, R. S. Foster 6. By the local band.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, A. Waller 3, R. W. Smith 4, R. A. Webster 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, and a 10th wedding anniversary compliment to ringer of 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On April 19th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: C. Williams 1, E. Marlow 2, Miss C. Turner 3, A. Hingley 4, J. R. Cotterill 5, N. Hadley 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, M. Turner (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. J. H. Turner, Director of Education, West Bromwich, on the day of his funeral.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS. — On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pam Sturdy 1, Jenny Coombs 2, T. Jefferies 3, J. Ferris 4, H. Ferris (cond.) 5, A. Dando 6. A birthday compliment to Jenny Coombs, also her engagement to Mr. Bernard Robinson.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS. — On April 16th, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): Miss M. D. Gaydon (first in two methods) 1, Mrs. P. C. Clarke 2, J Shonfeld 3, T. O. Greasley 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR, 1967

FROM a ringer's point of view, Lancashire has the advantage of containing many towers in close proximity to one another. Throughout the week of this year's O.U.S. tour one had a sense of having remained in the same place while someone had quickly rehung the bells, providing the only point of differentiation from the previous tower and town.

Perhaps this is unfair to Lancastrians; the writer's opinion may have been biased against Lancashire on the first evening, when a demonic Bolton driver tried to run his wife over, failing miserably. At least on Easter Sunday we knew where we were. There are few towers capable of inspiring quite so much terror as Liverpool Cathedral on first acquaintance, especially when one is double-dodging on 11–12 with a grimacing Peter Border on the tenor. We were all somewhat disappointed with the bells, which have never been renowned for their audibility in the ringing chamber. After a brief excursion to see the beauties of New Brighton in the afternoon we rang at St. Nicholas' in the evening and were impressed by the bells.

Doubtless the four-Spliced at Swinton on Easter Monday would have gone better if the writer had been elsewhere. It is a moot point whether it is better to put one's bell in the wrong place than to fail completely to pull it off, as Paul Brand did at Manchester Town Hall later in the morning. Some members rang at Salford while others "lunched," after which we succeeded in curtailing the ringing at Worsley by breaking a rope. Under David Darby's supervision another member was persuaded at Walkden to test the truth of the hypothesis that the treble had no stay. Application of the scientific method verified this.

Just to prove that not only could he put his bell in the wrong place, but also that the normal position for calling bobs, etc., was not sacrosanct, the writer called eight-Spliced at Prestwich on the Tuesday, which the other seven ringers brought round with great aplomb. A convenient funeral at Oldham forced us into the "local" until it was over. The arrival of Peter Border, Tudor Edwards and Roger Fry was of considerable assistance in ringing the front bells here. Having negotiated a snowstorm at Mossley, both towers at Ashton and an unscheduled excursion for Dr. Beeching's former right-hand man to buy a railway ticket at Denton, some members went to the practice at Hyde, a splendid eight.

At both Oswaldtwistle and Accrington on Wednesday Roger Heyworth caused complete disbelief by announcing "Go Stedman," having been asked to call Spliced Surprise. Further chaos ensued since Rodney Meadows thought it was a ploy designed to make him call the touch round. We had been joined by one of our old members, now president of the Leeds University Society, who apparently endorses Crabbe's remark "It must be right: I've done it from my youth." This resulted in another stayless bell being overturned at Warley. Burnley possesses one near-unringable ring, at Holy Trinity, and a fine eight at St. Peter's where we rang ten-Spliced.

By this time some members had had enough, and on Thursday and Friday we were not at full strength. The highlights of the last two days were the beautifully-kept church at Adlington, Glasgow at Whittle-le-Woods, and the sight of Bob Mordaunt endeavouring to get through a trap-door at Deane, which had not been made with him in mind.

The success of a tour depends on a number of factors—good organisation, for which we thank Bob Mordaunt, people's willingness to ring, which was not very much in evidence, and someone in charge of the ringing who will persuade others to look methods up, cater for less advanced ringers and generally goad people into being organised. One was left with the impression, without blaming any individual, that this was not done on the tour. The co-operation of tower captains and incumbents was much appreciated and we thank them all. J. E. C.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was enjoyed by a large gathering at Solihull on April 8th. The service was well attended; the Rector of Solihull (Canon Harry Hartley) had inserted a notice in the local Press inviting everyone to join in the special service for ringers. The Canon, a good friend of ringers, gave an interesting address, which showed a keen knowledge of ringing and of those who rang.

Three young lady ringers of Solihull were elected members of the Guild—Margaret Busby, Elizabeth Dickens and Dinah Protheroe; also John Boothman of St Chad's and James R. White of Edgbaston. The following tower elections as life members were duly ratified: Messrs Gwilym Salmon, David A. Cornwall, David J. King, David J. Llewellyn, David J. Forder and David W. Friend.

The Ringing Master reported that the recordings of the long peal of Stedman Cinques had sold very quickly, only five remaining unsold. The Tuesday evening practices at St. Martin's were well supported and bands from Yardley, Erdington Abbey and Erdington Parish Church had arranged for a visit for practice in the near future.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Richard Cann, the efficient secretary at Solihull tower, for making arrangements for the meeting, with special thanks to Richard's mother and sister for providing an excellent tea.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

THE first meeting of the year was held on the borders of Yorkshire and Lancashire, four towers being open to members—Saddleworth (8), Friezland (6), Roughtown (4) and Mossley (8). Although the Association chose April 1st for the meeting, and judging by the ringing as a whole, there were no "April fools" present.

Ringing commenced at 1400 hours at Saddleworth but, owing to weddings, had to be curtailed at 1500 hours. Ringers then made their way to the famous competition tower at Friezland, being met by the local secretary, Mr. Jack Smith, who gave fair warning that he expected no rubbish, or into the nearby cut we should all go! Needless to say we did not swim back into Yorkshire via the Canal Tunnel! When everyone had had quite sufficient excellent Cartwheel Minor the Roughtown ringers took the assembled company a little further into Lancashire.

After all the beef and home-made cakes had been dealt with the business meeting took place with Mr. Farrand in the chair, who welcomed the Association to his side of the Pennines. The normal business was transacted with a note of dissension on part of the St. Martin's Guild's report in "The Ringing World," i.e. striking contest for Societies affiliated to the Central Council only. Mr. C. A. Moxon gave a heartfelt vote of thanks on behalf of all members present to the local incumbents and ringers for arranging such a marvellous day's ringing. The Association secretary seconded this with special thanks to Mr. M. Rigby, of Roughtown, who did most of the necessary work behind the scenes.

The annual general meeting and prize contest will be held at Liversedge on June 24th. T. T.

OBITUARY

MRS. L. G. BRETT

The Suffolk Guild mourns the passing of Mrs. Ivy Brett who died suddenly at Framsden, Suffolk, on April 20th. She was the wife of one of our best-loved and best-known ringers, Leslie G. (Lester) Brett and was herself connected with the ringing scene for nearly 40 years.

Their home at 109, St. John's Row was always "open house" to ringers, and many's the tea and supper that with her excellent cooking Ivy laid on for those hearty appetites that peal ringers seem to acquire.

She will indeed be missed and our sympathy goes out to Lester and son, Eric, and family.

The funeral took place at Framsden Church on April 24th and was attended by a large congregation of parishioners together with ringers and their wives from all parts of Suffolk and from Cheshire. The interment was close by the tower within the sound of the bells she knew so well.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith, of Tasmania, have booked their passage to England in August.

"Change Ringing," by W. G. Wilson, is now in a second edition. Congratulations to the author.

The Oldswinford peal of London (page 276) was the first on the bells but not in the method, as inadvertently appeared in copy.

The quarter peal of Goring, Oxon, on April 16th, was rung with the best wishes of the band for the speedy return to ringing of their long-serving tower foreman, Mr. L. G. Haines.

After failures at Kenwyn (twice) and Truro Cathedral and St. Keverne, Mr. Anthony J. Davidson has succeeded in ringing a quarter of Stedman Triples at Camborne with his Truro and West band.

So disgusted were the Cambridge University Guild with their performance at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, April 22nd, that they returned home with all speed and rang a good peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, that same evening, as a consolation.

Our correspondent desires to correct the peal report that appeared under Oxford Diocesan Guild in the issue of April 28th. Kidlington was written instead of Kirtlington where the peal of Stedman was rung.

The following additions have been received to peal at Hanslope, Bucks (page 291): David Coxhill (first of Surprise), Anthony K. Fortin (50th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild).

"Congratulations on a greatly improved 'Ringing World' over recent months. I have always enjoyed it, but now even more so."—An encouraging message to the Editor from Gloucestershire.

Mr. Gordon I. Lucas, of Basildon, Essex, has started his eight-year-old son Kevin ringing changes. He reports a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus rung with him and wonders if any other father has had a similar privilege with a son of the same age.

Mr. Arthur J. Scott, of Maiden Newton, Dorchester, writes: "May I say how much I enjoy 'The Ringing World' each week? I have been taking it now for 31 years, and still look forward to it each week to read more about ringing affairs."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

APPEAL FOR ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY, BELLS

Mr. B. P. Morris, the general secretary of the Derby Diocesan Association, is doing his best to ensure that after St. Alkmund's Church is closed for demolition a home should be found for its fine bells either in Derby or where they could be hung for ringing in the traditional English manner or, failing that, at a church somewhere in the Diocese.

"We should very much regret if this fine ring was disposed of in any other way—e.g. to be hung 'dead' for chiming in the Continental fashion," he writes in a letter to "The Derby Evening Telegraph." The letter continues: "Many people, whatever their religion, like to hear the sound of church bells. When a ring of bells goes out of use for one reason or another it is often non-church-goers who miss them, and when an appeal is launched for a restoration, the response is often beyond all expectation. This Association, with its expert advisers, hopes that it may be able to help the Diocese in the re-establishment of the St. Alkmund's ring in a church in the Diocese and believes that this should be the first consideration in its final disposal."

ELY DIOCESE AND SILENT TOWERS

Another bright issue of "The Sentinel," the quarterly of the Ely Diocesan Association, has reached us, and Trevor Bevis, the Editor, to make it even brighter, has introduced colour to the front page.

In "Talking Point" the Editor comments on the number of unringable bells in the Ely Diocese and asks how many of these are prevented from being rung simply because wheels, stays and sliders are decayed or missing, bolts rusty and loose, uropes rotten and floor boards perished.

"Is it not possible for each Branch to explore the possibility of restoring the least 'unringable' of its inactive towers, and perhaps form a small band of handymen volunteers armed with spanners, saws and grease?

"Willingness to 'adopt' a tower or towers in this way could well stimulate Rectors and parishioners to raise a little cash to replace simple fittings, and Branch funds might well be employed in this direction. Thus we would be doing the Church and ourselves a service and the Association would would consequently benefit a great deal."

THE FIRST OUTING

Eighteen months ago Great Barton and Horringer, Suffolk, were silent towers. When the first outing, on April 15th, was planned most had only rung on their own bells (tenor 9 cwt.), so a variety of easy-going bells giving a cross-section of different conditions was imperative.

Ringing took place at Brampton, Hunts, Uffington, Edenham, Stanford Baron, Castor and Long Stanton (Cambs).

"What did we achieve?" asks R. H. R. "Six good rings of bells were sampled, providing a wealth of experience not obtainable in our own district. The ringing was generally confined to rounds, and the first outing was a success, with the 20 ringers always keen to take a rope and ring as many different bells as possible. We are richer in the fellowship of ringers amongst ourselves and with those who met us and gave us permission to ring."

And the question which brought joy to the organiser after 18 months of hard work was "Thank you for a wonderful day. When is our next outing?"

LONGPARISH MIGHTY PLEASED

Eyebrows were raised when it was known that Longparish, Hants (tenor 7½ cwt.), had obtained permission to ring at Exeter Cathedral on their outing on April 8th.

Previous to Exeter there was ringing at Taunton, West Camel, Ruishton and Pinhoe. G. D. tells the story at the Cathedral as follows: "A Guild practice at St. Mark's cut down the Cathedral ringers to two and after raising the bells and with only four of us with any experience of heavy bells, we were, indeed, apprehensive as to the show we would make.

"However, Mr. Wreford kindly allowed us to ring the tenor single-handed and the resulting two lots of rounds on ten were really good for the band concerned and filled us so full of confidence that we attempted and rang a course of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, which pleased everyone."

ROCHESTER DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

A company of 105 ringers and friends attended the Rochester District Striking Contest in the unspoilt village of Rodmersham on April 15th for the silver bowl presented by Mr. E. J. Beer, of Shorne.

Eight teams competed, the test being 240 changes of Doubles or Minor. The judges were Messrs. H. E. Audsley and A. P. Cannon, and the winners were a young band from Eastchurch with 46 faults, who rang Grandsire Doubles. Other placings were Hailing 57 faults, Tunstall 66, Frindsbury 67, Northfleet 78, Gravesend 78, Minster 93 and Stockbury. The trophy was presented by Mrs. Spencer, wife of the Rector.

At the business meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the Rodmersham ringers and lady helpers for the excellent tea and to the judges. Fifteen new members were elected.

"D" DAY FOR NEWBURY DISTRICT

Newbury District ringers regarded April 18th as "D" Day or Dodds' Day, as Mr. Geoffrey Dodds with the "s" made the local arrangements for a visit to the St. Albans area, and his family joined in the ringing.

The programme started on the light six at Radlett, where Ranald Clouston met the party. London Major was rung at St. Michael's, St. Albans, and a half-course of Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's. There was an hour's service ringing at the Cathedral and finally, on the way home, a visit to Oxhey (8). Many thanks to all at St. Albans for your welcome. G. D.

A BENEFACTOR TO DOWNHAM

The quarter at Downham, Essex, on April 6th, was rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. W. Keddie, who with Mr. Keddie restored the bells in 1947 as a memorial to their three sons killed in the Second World War. The four old bells were recast, a new treble and tenor were added, and the ring of six was rehung in a steel frame lower in the tower by Gillett and Johnston. The old wooden frame was later made into a lychgate.

LITTLE PULL AT ADDINGTON

In the write-up of the church annual general meeting in the parish magazine our tower captain is reported as saying: "Mr. Macve has made new strings for us."—N. G.

"TUITION TEASERS"

Beginning shortly, this new feature is intended to help tutors and learners alike with their problems in bell handling and control. It will take the form of "Answers to Correspondents" and will appear fortnightly for a start, experimentally. Space being very limited, the feature will normally deal briefly with only one query per issue, but it is hoped that all acceptable queries will eventually be answered. The scope of this feature will be confined to working from the introduction to the belfry up to the elements (only) of change ringing (not methods themselves as yet). The information given will be based on proved experience gained in ten years' work in this field by tutors of the late College of Campanology. (Its Manual, Part I. on bell control is out of print.) Questions should be written on postcards, as briefly as possible, with writer's full name and address, and sent to "Tuition Teasers," c/o The Editor, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. Names need not be published, though essentially given.)

"TUITION TEASERS" No. 1

Q. No specific advice given about the stance in ringing. What is the correct position of the feet? (Anon.)

A. This is simply a matter of reduction of fatigue in leg muscles from the continual body balancing during prolonged ringing. Just broaden the base of balance by separating the feet a few inches sideways and placing one foot slightly in advance of the other. Relative position of feet can be changed at intervals, irrespective of which way the rope is handled—"right" or "left."

A MEMORY

September 24th last year was a memorable day for a party of Epsom and district ringers and they have asked to be recorded the three quarter peals they rang that day, viz.: Plain Bob Triples at Horsham, Plain Bob Major at Lower Beeding, and Stedman Triples at Brighton. There were three honours for conductors—Tony Skelton had his first of Triples, Geoff Stevens his first as conductor, and Adrienne Gibson her first of Stedman. Others in the party were Janet Crane, Peter Munday, Martin Morris, Richard Fentiman, Dennis Oakshott, John Helder, Martyn Harbott, Roger Peckham and Jim Hills.

BEAMINSTER BELL FUND

The Thomas Bilbie bells of 1765, from Beaminster, which were cast in the shed adjoining the churchyard, are now at the foundry. Latest news of the Bell Fund is that the half-way mark to the target of £4,000 has been passed. A house-to-house collection brought in £570 10s. 9d., making the total raised (including £1,200 promises) £2,553 8s. 3d.

There are seven ringers on the committee of 11 organising the fund, and a competition has been organised to guess the weight of the "28 cwt." tenor—which until now has never been properly weighed.

Events planned include a dancing school concert, May 20th; a film show of international prizewinners, June 6th; West Dorset children's orchestral concert, July 15th—all at Beaminster School, 7.15.

Mrs. Edna Pannell, 24, Gerrards Green, Beaminster in a general appeal to friends to rally in support, adds: "There are no short-cuts to money raising."

FIVE SURPRISE PEALS IN A DAY RUNG IN FIVE DIFFERENT TOWERS

ALL RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., April 22, 1967.

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ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	*Brian Bladon	5
David P. Hilling	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
D. John Hunt	3	George E. Thoday	7
Philip Mehew	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 550th peal.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
In 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Thoday	2	D. John Hunt	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Brian Bladon	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Brian Bladon	6
Philip Mehew	3	David P. Hilling	7
George E. Thoday	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
In 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
George E. Thoday	2	David P. Hilling	6
Brian Bladon	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Philip Mehew	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
In 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
David P. Hilling	2	A. Patrick Cannon	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	*D. John Hunt	7
George E. Thoday	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 550th peal.

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This is the first time that five peals of Major have been rung in one day in five different towers.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Thurs., April 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	David E. Rothera	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Alan R. Patterson	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
Rung in honour of the birthday, next day, of Her Majesty the Queen.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH CURRY, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	*Julian E. Newman	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	2	*David J. Orledge	6
*David G. Massey	3	*David A. Burt	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	†George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the metnod on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Derek Trethewey	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
David Rennolds	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
Gillian M. Hunt	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

SAMPFORD BRETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods, being one extent each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place; six each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob and April Day; five each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and Morris' 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Marian J. Beale	3
Brenda M. Bindon	2	Raymond F. Arscott	4
Leslie H. Arscott	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond F Arscott.
First peal in 12 methods on the bells, and for all the band.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Marion Beale, mother of the ringer of the third.

MONKSILVER, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being one extent of Stedman, seven extents and Morris' 240 of Grandsire, and eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Clifford's Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Brenda M. Bindon	3
*Frederick C. Arscott	2	Leslie H. Arscott	4
Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal on five bells, and in six methods.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F

*Kathleen A. Rivett	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
Audrey R. Alexander	3	Rodney H. French	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.
* 50th peal.

SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720 (57, 54, 56, et var., and 31).
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Jack S. Dear	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	4
George E. Thoday	2	George E. Bonham	5
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

R. H. Youdale (Emman.)	Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	5
C. W. Daws (Trinity)	2	R. Shipp (Peterhouse)	6
D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	3	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	7
*E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	4	A. F Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 75th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Tues., April 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Cynthia Warrilow	Treble	*Robert B. Smith	5
Derek F. Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
Basil Salter	3	Alan McPall	7
Basil Jones	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of York Major on tower bells. First of York Major on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., April 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Elizabeth M. Wood	Treble	Delphine E. L. Holman	4
Caroline Mackie	2	Shirley E. Jones	5
Dorothy E. Beamish	3	E. Anthea M. Sparshott	Tenor

Conducted by Shirley E Jones.
First peal as conductor. First ladies' peal for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*†Neil Handley	Treble	Reginald Wallis	6
*William Allsopp	2	§David K. Walklate	7
*‡§Geoffrey Bridges	3	Reginald J. Stretton	8
*Kevin A. Betesta	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
*‡David Oliver	5	Sidney Adams	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal on ten bells. †25th peal. ‡ 50th peal. § 50th together. First of Bob Caters by all and for the Association.

BURBAGE. Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise T.B., (3) Kingston T.B., (4) Sandal T.B. (5) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Gillian M. Fanshaw	Treble	Alan G. Kirk	4
Gladys Richardson	2	Timothy Wylie	5
F. Martin Stanway	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alan G. Kirk.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BROADHEMBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being sixteen 240's and ten 120's.
Tenor 19 cwt. (anti-clockwise)

*Donald Salter	Treble	Francis Stamp	4
Albert Crabb	2	William Webb	5
Bryan Coles	3	Leslie Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of two former Broadhembury ringers who have celebrated wedding anniversaries—Mr and Mrs. S. Trim (50 years) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Stamp (61 years).
First peal ever recorded for the tower.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BLACKHILL Co. Durham.—At the Roman Catholic Church of St Mary
On Sat., April 22 1967 in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Christopher T. Lamb	Treble	James Crowther	5
C. Duncan Davis	2	William Davidson	6
John E. Anderson	3	Michael Maughan	7
†William Tyson	4	Eric N Harrison	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 75th peal. † First of Yorkshire.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., April 1, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Joan Beresford	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Simon Humphrey	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 100th peal and first in the method
Rung as a compliment to the Rev John Sibson and Lesley Wardle, who were married earlier this day at Stapleford.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat, April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb in E.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Robin Shipp	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Sidney J. Woodcock	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	John G Gipson	7
Frank E. Haynes	4	Philip J Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

LITTLEPORT, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Sidney J. Woodcock	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Susan Rothera	2	F. Charles Hobson	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Robin Shipp	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of London, York, Durham, Netherseale, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Richard P. Turnill	Treble	Geoffrey A. Lucas	4
Alan M. Barber	2	Roger J. Palmer	5
Brian B. Hullah	3	Donald F. Murfet	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Ian P. Sawford	Treble	Michael Hawes	4
*Timothy W. Griffiths	2	Robert D. Bellamy	5
†Christopher D. Corby	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Bonham.
* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside." First as conductor.

STRETHAM, Cambs. — At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 11 methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells, (2) York, Durham, (3) Beverley, Surfleet, (4) Bourne, (5) Netherseale, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge, Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt. 77 lb. in G.

Richard P. Turnill	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	4
Alan M. Barber	2	Roger J. Palmer	5
Brian B. Hullah	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	*Ian R. Panton	7
*Claire Hudson	3	*Peter G. Brown	8
*Peter J. Eves	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	9
*Andrew S. Hudson	5	*James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Joe E. G Roast.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

FOXEARTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

Bernard C. Sadler	Treble	*Stephen G. Halliwell	5
*Penny Halliwell	2	*Gerald A. Bacon	6
*Peter Sloman	3	*David Sloman	7
*Hubert H. Furminger	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Childwall, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Philip Thompson	Treble	Michael Howes	4
Vivien Cross	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
David E. Culham	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—At the Church of All Saints,
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Beverley, Ipswich, Double Oxford, Cambridge St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	James L Towler	4
Ian R. Panton	2	Philip J Rothera	5
*Keith W. Brown	3	Peter G Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Frederick A. Harris	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	5
*Denise Jaine	2	Austin T. Wingate	6
John J. Webb	3	Marcus C. W Sherwood	7
Dennis Jaine	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Major. The ringer of the 3rd has now "circled the tower." Tenor 24¼ cwt. in D.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Prebendary R. J. Thursfield.

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 240's only throughout. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	3
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	2	Peter D. Sell	4
†John F. I. Turney	Tenor		

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* 25th peal. † 25th for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Wed., March 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Jeffrey Goodenough	Treble	Vernon Green	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	2	*Jonathan A. S. Porter	6
David E. Rothera	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Peter F. Windley	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method
Rung as a farewell to Vernon and Jennifer Green, shortly moving to Birmingham. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

KNEBWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas à Becket.
On Sat., March 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Margaret M. Roden	Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock	5
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Gerald Penney	6
George E. Bonham	3	C. Martin Press	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 138 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	Roger Baldwin	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Keith Walpole	6
Robert E. Hardy	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
David Burbidge	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*Anne Trinder	Treble	Peter M. F. Searles	4
John W. Thorp	2	†Brian J. W. Foley	5
Peter Owen	3	Michael D. Trigg	Tenor

Conducted by Michael D. Trigg.
* First peal. † First "mside." First as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 UPTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Ralph Bird	6
Ann Jenner	2	Doris E. Colgate	7
Arthur S. Richards	3	D. Paul Smith	8
*Ian H. Oram	4	Stanley Jenner	9
Tony Lewis	5	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

BECKENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Percy J. Spice	6
A. Ronald Ling	2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	7
Mrs. Christine Shiers	3	D. Paul Smith	8
John W. Smith	4	Percival W. Cave	9
Freda Cannon	5	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

WOOLWICH.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Richard Hayes	Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski	5
*John A. Howard	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Derek Slater	3	*John Pladdys	7
Herbert W. Woolven	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method.

WEST MALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Martin L. Howe	5
*Peter Carter	2	Reginald L. Sills	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
*Edwin G. Jenner	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon H. E. G. Aldridge, for 30 years Vicar of this parish, who died on April 2nd, 1967.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
*Harold Evans	2	Robert N. Harris	6
Richard Hayes	3	Paul J. Dye	7
Edward J. Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Rice. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

ALKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Anthony, Martyr.
On Fri., April 14, 1967 in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 70 extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	Martin Ostler	3
*David W. Grimwood	2	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Grimwood.
* First peal in three methods. First as conductor. First on the bells. First of Minimus by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

LINMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Maurice Thompson	Treble	†John Palmer	3
Janet E. Blake	2	Harold Evans	4
Richard Hayes	Tenor		

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

*Malcolm Barden	Treble	Edwin G. Jenner	4
†Simon A. Wigg	2	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal. † First "inside".

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Jennifer M. L. Wood	Treble	Malcolm J. Hitchcock	4
*Marilyn J. Chidwick	2	Peter D. J. Beal	5
*Graham M. Wood	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal on an "inside" bell.
Rung by some of the younger members of the Rochester District, also in honour of the Queen's birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., March 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Mary E. Pryor	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
Ian L. Dear	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Christopher S. Nokes	3	James R. White	7
Christopher L. Watson	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.
Alternate bobs called by Philip J Crossthwaite and Richard J. Parker.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In nine methods, being 2,352 Plain Bob, 960 Double Bob, 228 Wellington, 276 Gainsborough Little, 424 Little Bob, 512 Reverse Bob, 96 Crayford Little, 96 Crayford College and 96 St. Clement's; with 244 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Richard J. Parker	Treble	Dennis H. McCormick	5
J. Barry Pickup	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Roger Barnes	3	David V. Hodgson	7
Christopher L. Watson	4	Philip J. Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
The conductor's 50th peal on the bells and fourth time "circling the tower." The ringer of the second has "circled the tower" four times, and the tenor ringer has also "circled the tower".

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., April 13, 1967 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Philip J. Crossthwaite	Treble	Dennis H. McCormick	5
David V. Hodgson	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Roger Barnes	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
William G. Wilson	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
Contains 74 roll-ups, including 18 5678s and 18 6578s.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and Anne.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D flat.

James E. Dickinson	Treble	William Wall	5
Alan Capstick	2	Nicholas W. Newby	6
*Frank Birkett	3	Lawrence D. Clement	7
John Bagnall	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by Roger Barnes. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon J. P. S. Morton, inducted April 6th, 1967, also to the new Bishop of Carlisle (a former Vicar of Ambleside), enthroned April 4th, 1967.

TODMORDEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter, Walsden.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	John H. Fielden	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	*J. M. Donald Bateman	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	David V. Hodgson	7
Geoffrey Cheetham	4	Jeffrey Kershaw	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung as a welcome to Jane Margaret Octavia Brown, born February 23rd, 1967, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Brown.

GISBURN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

M. Jack Alletson	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	4
*Richard J. Parker	2	†J. Barry Pickup	5
Christopher L. Watson	3	*David V. Hodgson	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in seven methods. † 250th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fielden.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D.

John E. Cook	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Martin Green	2	William A. Lacey	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
Malcolm E. Wade	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a belated 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Poole, of Branston, Lincolnshire

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

James H. Musson	Treble	John F. Pearson	5
*Anthony D. Walker	2	*Geoffrey Spencer	6
*Philip C. Pitchford	3	Louis Willders	7
*William B. Cox	4	Edgar A. Cole	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Edgar A. Cole.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	*Christopher Ricketts	7
Susan Harber	3	Ellis N. Thomas	8
Ruth E. Havard	4	S. Clarke Walters	9
David J. Llewellyn	5	Michael G. R. Zobel	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal on ten bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 6th have now "circled the tower."

GORSEINON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 17 lb.

James Clatworthy	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	5
Susan Harber	2	Ellis W. Thomas	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Rev G. J. B. Stickland	7
Barrie Williams	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First peal of Major in the method for all the band. First of Major on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Magnus Peterson.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F

Thomas Yeomans	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
J. Arthur Hoare	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	6
*David L. Phillips	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Edmund J. Morris	4	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (One-Part).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glam.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 15 methods in seven extents: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge S., (2) Double and Fulbeck Bob, (3) College and Wavertree, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

Frank W. Corney	Treble	Christopher Aldridge	4
Ruth E. Havard	2	Ellis N. Thomas	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal on the bells and for the Association.
Rung on the birthday of the father of the treble ringer.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Tues, March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Norman W. Cotton	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	John K. Smith	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
*William J. V. Conduct	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart.
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

	Tenor 10 cwt.		
Frank Pearson	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
John R. Smith	2	H. William Barrett	5
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	3	C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W Phillippo.

100th peal on the bells.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret. On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.		
Diane Toone	Treble	*Stephen F. High	4
*J. Barry Pickup	2	Norman P. J. Cossey ..	5
H. William Barrett	3	Roger E. Peckham	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* Have now "circled the tower." The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Diane Toone.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SUNNINGWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard. On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 100 methods, being 240 each of Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury, 120 each of Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell; St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxton; Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead; St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton, Stoney Stanton, Roxholme; St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford; Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter, St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall; Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St Tydfil, Xanxene; Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum; Brightwell, Sandford, Standlake; Lillingstone, Swalcliffe, Arnold; Burton Joyce, Epperstone, Stoke Bardolph; Clifford, St. David, Little Aston; April Day, Litchurch, Seighford; Rev St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall; Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints, Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert; Burnham, Stirling, Twyford; Fortune, Marchington, St. Guthlac; Minster, Abbot's Ann; Dedworth, Cowslip; Wallflower; Wychbold; Buttercup; Primrose; St. Thomas the Martyr; Southrepps; Kennington; May Day; Royston; Bledlow, Bladon; Dumbleton; Snodsbury; Marston; Tichborne; Old.

	Tenor 8¼ cwt.		
Joe Strawford	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	4
John A. H. Betts	2	J. Paul Coad	5
Roy H. Jones	3	C. Richard Miles	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John A. H. Betts.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.		
Ronald Russell	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
James Linnell	2	Rev. Ernest G. Orland ..	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Charles E. Truman	7
William J. Chester	4	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all except the conductor.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, two extents of Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

	Tenor 10 cwt.		
Christopher J. Groome	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
Ronald Russell	2	J. Charles Hudson	5
*Michael J. Hawkins ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* Most Minor methods to a peal "inside."

Rung as a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Hudson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.		
Richard C. Taylor	Treble	*Allan Tubb	5
David G. Massey	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
*Michael G. Bartlett ..	3	Richard J. Bowden ..	7
Paul J. Rigby	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BREWOOD, Stafford.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad. On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

	Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.		
Parker's 12-part.			
Arthur Allsop	Treble	Lewis D. K. Roberts ..	5
Robert G. W. Broughton	2	Derek T. E. Hidden ..	6
David R. Hawksworth ..	3	Roger L. Hawksworth ..	7
George L. Askew	4	Chris A. S. Allsop	Tenor

Conducted by Roger L Hawksworth.

First peal of Triples by a local Sunday service band.

Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and his wife.

CHELMORTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

	Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in A.		
David R. Hawksworth ..	Treble	*George L. Askew	3
Charles S. Dumbell	2	†Derek T. E. Hidden ..	4
		Roger L. Hawksworth ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Hawksworth.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung as an 11th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the third and his wife, married at this church.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., April 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

	Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.		
E. Marion Key	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	4
*Pamela E. Key..	2	Roger L. Hawksworth ..	5
David Hawksworth.. ..	3	William Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawksworth (20th) and Mr. and Mrs. J. McNaughton (2nd).

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5049 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 19 methods: Two extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Kirkby, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Zeus, Marchington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain, and three extents each of Seighford, Kennington, Old and April Day.

	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.		
*Linda M. Baguley	Treble	*Elizabeth A. Hill	3
†Maureen Green	2	Martin J. Kirk	4
		E. Andrew Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by Martin J. Kirk.

* First peal. † First "inside".

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb.		
Mrs. Leslie Mills	Treble	John A. Underwood ..	5
Maurice T. Symonds ..	2	Leslie D. Mills	6
Wilfred Jarvis	3	Donald L. Mills	7
Evelyn R. M Cansdale ..	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

Rung for the birth of a daughter (Alison Mary) to Diana and George Pipe, and also as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sun., April 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

	Tenor 9 cwt. in A.		
Philip Thompson	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	4
Vivien A. P. Cross	2	David E. Culham	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Michael J. Howes ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Howes.

First peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.		
Colin H. Cook	Treble	Nigel Thomson	5
Christine A. Foster ..	2	Kenneth J. Rider	6
*R. Jean Henderson ..	3	Jeremy R. Pratt	7
C. Martin Foster	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Nigel Thomson.

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

Rung as a compliment to Rosemary J. Cotton, who earlier in the day left for Germany.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Christopher H. Rogers ..	6
Ernest Treagus	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	7
Robin G. Leale	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Morris's) and 40 extents (ten callings).
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

David J. Winchester ..	Treble	*Brian R. Forster	4
*Susan M. Hatton	2	Ian V. J. Smith	5
*G. Bert Masters	3	Ivor S. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band since March, 1893.
Rung for the Feast of St George, prior to Evensong; also in memoriam David Fairall, nephew of the ringer of the second.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
LLANFIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan
On Sun., April 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	Christopher S. Nokes ..	5
*Carol M. E. Johnson ..	2	James R. White	6
†Roger K. Boultbee	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7
Robert M. Chambers ..	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Alternate parts called by Richard J. Parker and Philip J. Crossthwaite.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being two extents of St Simon's Bob, 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Sandra M. Pearce (15) ..	Treble	Leslie J. Read	4
Mary E. White	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
†David G. Hatherly (14)	3	Peter Godman	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal and first attempt. † Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
M Irene Ellsmore	2	John C. Eisel	6
Peter L. Bill	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
*Peter J. Brown	4	Arthur D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Thomas Thurstans Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34 cwt.

Norman Chaddock ..	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	6
*Elsie Chaddock	2	*†David Nichols	7
†Richard J. Tibbetts ..	3	Richard E. Price	8
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	9
Neil Donovan	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Thurs., April 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb in E.

*Belinda M. Gilbert ..	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
†Josephine M. Haskins ..	2	George Hancock	6
‡Jennifer E. Pearce	3	John Potts	7
James S. Webb	4	Ronald H Dove	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Major "inside". ‡ First on eight bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Frank Osbaldiston	1—2	Alan McFall	7—8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3—4	Gerald Moorhouse ..	9—10
Robert B Smith	5—6	Herbert M. Heaton ..	11—12

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Alan McFall.
First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DURHAM.—At 3, New Belvedere, Bede College.
On Tues, March 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Colin C. Monson (Grey) ..	1-2	Malcoln E. Johnson (Grey)	3-4
David J. Marshall (Bede, cond.) ..		5-6	

* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues, April 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,776 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 480 each of Reverse Bob, Little Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 192 Crayford Little Court and 180 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, with 347 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1-2	Hugh N. Evans	5-6
Valerie Willard	3-4	Cyril A. Wratten	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Rung in memoriam Mr. H. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, who died on March 21st, 1967, aged 92. The peal started at the same time as a memorial service.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5-6
*Joan A. Hayward	3-4	John W. Gander	7-8
Edward J. Beer	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At 8, Rosehill Mount.
On Fri., March 24 1967 in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

J. Barry Pickup	1—2	Richard J. Parker	5—6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3—4	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7—8

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
First handbell peal of Treble Bob for all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.
Tenor size 16 in B.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	1—2	John M. Jelley	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8
Robert B. Smith	9—10		

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Wed., April 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

George E. Feirn	1-2	A. Robin Heppenstall ..	5-6
Delia E. Heppenstall	3-4	C. Aubrey Harrison	7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Mon., March 20, 1967 in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3-4
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	5-6		

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Wed., April 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 4 in G.

Enid Lawson	1-2	Kenneth Lawson	5-6
Fred Hodgson	3-4	Ann Lawson	7-8

Composed by H. Howlett Conducted by Enid Lawson.
First handbell peal as conductor.

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DEATH

WARD.—On Sunday, April 23rd, 1967, Frank Ward of Sheffield, aged 82. For 48 years a member of Sheffield Cathedral Company. Funeral service held at Cathedral on April 26th, followed by cremation. 1484

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WOOD.—The address of Marian and Peter is now 70, Quest Hills Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire. 1476

PERSONAL

"And Peter said unto them Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—Acts II, v. 38.

PUBLICATIONS

"BOBS AND SINGLES," an illustrated history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, N.Z., by Patricia Ward. Price 7s. 6d. from G. Nelson Sloan, 9, Hanson's Lane, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 4, New Zealand. 1402

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE,' Vol 1. 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s, 10d; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s 1171

MISCELLANEOUS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, Sussex.—Ringers desirous of attending practices at Bexhill during summer months are advised to phone J. M. Swift (tower captain), Bexhill 2508, between 6 and 7 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Public engagements frequently necessitate change from normal Tuesday practice. 1480

CANADA.—Would any ringers interested in travelling to Canada, August, 1967, to combine a visit to Expo 67 with campanological exhibitions in Montreal and Quebec please contact Box No. 1479.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley (8), Tuesday, May 16th, 7.30–9 p.m. Special methods: Rutland and Dorchester. 1487

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford and Canterbury Districts
RINGING SCHOOL
(Primarily arranged for beginners.)
Wickhambreaux, Saturday, May 20th
Application for tickets (5s. each) and full details from: Miss R. J. Sinden, Christ Church College, North Holmes Road, Canterbury.
School limited to 50; early application essential. Please send s.a.e. 1421

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of memorial board to the late Stedman H. Symonds, Saturday, May 13th, 6.45 p.m., in the tower. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. T. Symonds 1451

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, Batheaston, Bath.—Dedication of three new bells (treble, 2 and 6), augmenting ring to eight, and rededication of 3, 4, 5, 7 and tenor by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday, June 4th, immediately following Family Communion at 9 a.m. Ringing after service until 11.30, then 2–4 p.m. and 5.30–6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath. No names, no tea. 1455

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Advanced practice, St. John's, Croydon, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7.45–9.15 p.m. 1433

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Annual Festival, Claverley, Shropshire, May 29th, 1967

Service at All Saints', Claverley, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Ringing arrangements:

Claverley	1.30– 3.15 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.
Chetton, Much Wenlock, Arley, Highley	10.15–11.30 a.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Alveley, Chelmarsh	11.15–12.30 p.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Willey	12.15– 1.30 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Stockton and Norton	6–7.30 p.m.
Madeley, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Worfield	1.15– 2.30 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.

Essential that I receive names for tea by May 23rd.—G. T. Cousins, Gen. Sec. The Police Station Flat, Ross-on-Wye. 1495

HOLIDAY PUBLICATION

In view of May 29th being a Bank Holiday, last date for Notices for June 2nd issue is FRIDAY, MAY 26th.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, FRAMPTON COTTERELL, near BRISTOL

A Festival of Flowers is to be held at the Parish Church from June 29th to July 2nd, 1967, inc. In conjunction with this Festival Saturday, July 1st, has been set aside as "Ringers' Day." An invitation is extended to all ringers and teams of handbell ringers to come and join us. Frampton Cotterell and various towers in the area will be available for general ringing during the day.
Handbell ringers are invited to ring in the church during the afternoon, tea will be available, after which a Social Evening and Barbecue with a **Handbell Ringing Competition** will follow. A Silver Cup has been kindly donated for this competition. Full details for the entire Festival available from:—Mr. H. Taysom, 16, Frome View, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol. 1414

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

Rededication of ancient six bells and hallowing of two new added trebles in new metal frame by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for buffet tea, please, to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1454

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Notice of the Ringing Week at Salisbury between August 4th and 12th was sent to members last November. Those who sent 10/- deposit will have had this acknowledged by post. Accommodation is now fully booked at the Retreat House. A few double rooms are available at a nearby hotel. Members who would like to reserve one of these rooms or who could make their own arrangements please write to me as soon as possible.—M. C. C. Melville, Secretary. The Lodge, Heacham, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 1474

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Bishop's Lydeard (8), Saturday, May 13th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Branch Sec. 1477

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham, Saturday, May 13th. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30 p.m. approx.—B. Pratt, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Hutton, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and further ringing. Ingrave (5) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea to R. Jones, Krithia, Kingsley Road, Hutton. 1447

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at Melksham, Wilts, on Saturday, May 13th.

The Guild service will be held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels at 2.45 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. M. Langdon. Address by the Rev. R. N. Longridge. All clergy attending are invited to be robed.

Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4 p.m. Tea tickets at 5s. per person to be obtained from the assistant hon. sec, Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts. **Strictly** no ticket no tea.

The annual general meeting will follow tea in St. Michael's Hall. The chairman of Melksham R.D.C., Councillor K. Elms, and Mrs. Elms will attend and welcome members.

Bells available 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Heytesbury (6) Warminster (8), Corsley (6), North Bradley (8), Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church, 8), Holt (6), Devizes (St. Mary's, 6), (St. John's, 8), (St. James', 6), Upavon (6), Chirton (6), Potterne (6), Seend (6).

All towers to be closed 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Bells available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.: Bromham (6), Rowde (6), Urchfont (8), Market Lavington (6), West Lavington (6), Great Cheverell (6), All Cannings (5), Hilperton (6), Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity, 8), Steeple Ashton (6), Westbury (8), Longbridge Deverill (8), Melksham, 12 noon to 2.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

I give notice that I shall not be standing for re-election at A.G.M.
Joseph T. Barrett, Gen. Sec and Treas.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — North Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tendring (6) on May 13th. Competition 2.45. Service 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton 1440

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting. Sidbury, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available after tea, also at Harpford (6) 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. C. Woodley, Kendrey, Woolbrook, Sidmouth (Tel. 2795). 1461

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranleigh (8) May 13th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Sarratt (5), May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Wilson, Warnham, Red Lion Lane, Sarratt. 1459

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Norton, (6), Saturday May 13th. 6–9 p.m. District outing to be announced at this meeting. — P. M. S. Searles. 1470

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Malling, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. J. Garner, "Gilletts," 47, Wateringbury Road, East Malling.—M. L. H. 1448

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 13th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. M. Dodd and K. L. Wilson, Hon. Secs. 1471

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—J. Cotton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fakenham (8), May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. A Cooke, 24, Back Street, Fakenham.—**No name, no tea.** — R. Harris, Hon. Sec. 1436

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, May 13th, Holme Pierrepont. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouens," Whatton 1440

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. S. Bedford, 49, Franklin Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 1465

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Fornham St. Martin (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 1446

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, May 13th. Ringing arrangements as previously advertised, **except Hastings All Saints' substituted for Bexhill,** 11.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Names for tea will be accepted by telephone only up till Friday evening, May 12th, at Hailsham 3515.—G. M. FitzHugh.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, Tuesday, May 16th, 7.30 p.m., at the "Skips" Boys' Club (opposite schools), unveiling of plaque in memory of E. Harry Stoneley, founder of the club, scoutmaster and ringer of over 600 peals. A large company is expected and all ringers will be most welcome. The Earl Shilton handbell ringers hope to be in attendance and the Women's Institute will provide refreshments.—Thomas C. Belton. 1498

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Chiswick, Wednesday, May 17th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Evening meeting, Thursday, May 18th, Fobbing. Bells 7.30–9 o'clock. All are welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Friday, May 19th, Conisbrough (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major. Ringing Master, Mr. W. Eric Critchley. All welcome.—M. King, Dis. Sec. 1081

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting, Leamington Hastings, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Stretton, New House, Hill, near Rugby. Telephone: Marton 412. **No names, no tea.** 1468

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Winlaton, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea Names for tea to Mr. T. Bullerwell, South Farm, Barlow, Blaydon, Co. Durham, in good time, please. 1490

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, May 20th: Taynton, 5 to 6.30 p.m.: Gt. Barrington, 6.30 to 8 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 1489

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Bisley (8), Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by Tuesday, 16th.

Preliminary Notice.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD

Ringing and Floral Festival at Prittlewell on July 8th and 9th.

Ringing arrangements for Saturday, July 8th:

Route 1		Route 2		Route 3	
9.00–10.00	Kelvedon.	9.00–10.00	Dunmow.	9.00–10.15	Hornchurch.
9.45–10.45	Witham.	9.45–10.30	Fyfield.	10.00–10.45	Orsett.
10.15–11.00	Maldon.	10.30–11.15	Shenfield.	10.15–11.15	Stanford-le-Hope.
10.45–11 30	Purleigh.	10.45–11.30	Hutton.	10.45–11.30	Fobbing.

Local Towers:

11.15–12.15 South Benfleet.
12.00– 1.00 Rayleigh.
2.00– 3.15 Great Wakering and Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh.
2.30– 4.00 St. Mary's, Prittlewell. Service 4 o'clock.
6.00– 7.00 Thorpe Bay.
7.00– 8.30 St. Clement's, Leigh.

With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.

Other towers will be arranged on request to the secretary, Mr. G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. 1443

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. and 6 onwards. Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 1488

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, 3 p.m., May 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 18th, latest. 1475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—May 20th, South Mimms. 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, North Mymms. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms. Tel. 2202.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Bells: Standon (6), 3 p.m.: Braughing (8), 6 p.m.: Much Hadham (8), 7.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Golden Fleece, Braughing. Names for tea must be sent to Peter Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing, Ware. 1492

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual general meeting, Blewbury, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 16th. 1441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Croxton Kerrial, May 20th. Bells (6) 7 p.m. 1491

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Little Aston on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Fairey, 9, Buchanan Close, Walsall, Staffs, by May 17th.—P. J. B. 1427

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Special practice meeting, Buxted, May 20th, for learners. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles and Minor Instruction given. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by May 9th. 1435

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Market Weighton (6) 2.30-4.15, after tea to 8.30. Nunburnholme (6) 2-3.45. Service, Market Weighton, 4.15. Tea, Market Weighton, for those notifying Miss Shirley Beanland, "Greensett," Southfield Close, Holme Road, Market Weighton, by previous Thursday.—R Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1430

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Tickhill on May 20th. Voting for new committee to take place, plus the Ringing Master. Ringing at Tickhill (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Bawtry (6) approx. 6.30-7.45. Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Tea at Tickhill. Names to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, as soon as possible. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1439

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Edgware (two minutes from Edgware Station, Northern Line), Wednesday, May 24th. Bells available from 7.15-9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1493

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—A.G.M. Buckfastleigh, Saturday, May 27th. Service Buckfast Abbey 4 p.m. Meeting Buckfastleigh Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Buckfast Abbey 1.45–3.55, Bovey Tracey 11–11.45, Bickington 12–12.45, Ashburton 1.30–2.15, Buckfastleigh 2.45–3.30, Widecombe 11–11.45, Buckland-in-the-Moor 12–12.45, Holne 2.30–3, Dean Prior 7.30–8.15, Staverton 7.30–8.15 Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus Angold by previous Wednesday. 1456

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield (8), May 27th, 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1481

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting, Brigg, Saturday, May 27th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Ipswich Surprise and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1497

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Cowlinge, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. R. Johnson, The Vicarage, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Suffolk, by May 25th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15–10.45 a.m. and 6–8.30 p.m.: from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle, Widford: 6–9 p.m.: Great Waltham, Terling, Great Leighs, Boreham. Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, May 24th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1452

LATE NOTICES

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Dolgellau (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, not later than May 27th.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening practice meeting at Belgrave (8), Tuesday, May 16th, commencing 7.30 p.m All members and visitors most welcome.—Ron Hughes. 1499

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, **please,** to J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 1508

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Yatesbury (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 6, The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 1505

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—**Combined practice,** Godstone (8), Thursday, May 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1501

PERFORMANCE

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, 3,460 Doubles (2,500 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob): P. Suckling 1, Mrs. Poulter 2, R. Threadgold 3, F. Roper 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. Longest length 1, 2 and 6. Brought round when attempting a peal.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, 1. Wiltshire (first of T.B. "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, A. W. Williams 2, W. J. Clayton 3, N. Istance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, K. Squires 6, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Welson former headmaster of the village school.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus ("in hand"): G. 1. Lucas (first "in hand") 1—2, K. 1. Lucas (aged 8, first quarter) 3—4.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6 covering): S. Hardy (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Miss S. Bird 2, Catherine Hardy (first quarter, aged 13) 3, R. Coughlan (first quarter, aged 14) 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. For Evensong on St. George's Day. First quarter attempt 1, 3 and 4.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles P. Dodd 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, H. Pratt 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5. For the golden wedding of the treble ringer's grandparents.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. F. High (cond.) 1, D. Toone 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. Brock 4, R. Peckham 5, P. N. Bond 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Diane Toone.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Claughton (first "in hand") 1—2, W. J. Perrins 3—4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5—6.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on April 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, B. Martin 2, M. Powell 3, J. Collard 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, R. W. Sweet 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of T.B. 2 and 4.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): Doreen Kendrick 1, Mary Williams (first quarter) 2, Rachel Williams (first Stedman) 3, B. Millward 4, D. Collins 5, G. Parting 6, D. Millward (cond.) 7, P. Jones 8. By the Sunday service band to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. Clwyd Jones.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On April 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Judy Barr 1, Pam Gough 2, Ray Stanton 3, Craig Herbert 4, Phillip Davis 5, Keith Hendry 6, Ross Bampton 7, William Rowe (cond.) 8. First Major for all except 7 and 8.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On April 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan (first of Stedman "inside") 4, J. J. George (first of Stedman Triples) 5, W. R. Curtis 6, A. J. Davidson (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, R. Pengelly (first quarter) 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. J. Kite 1, Patricia Winch (first "inside") 2, Margaret Judge 3, D. W. Grimwood 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, P. S. Philpott (first quarter) 6 Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. F. Matthews 1, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 2, Patricia Winch 3, R. J. Kite 4, J. B. Keeler 5, P. S. Philpott 6.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On April 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: I. P. Sawford (first Minor) 1, T. W. Griffiths (first Minor "inside") 2, Margaret Roden 3, P. S. George 4, C. D. Corby (first Minor "inside") 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, T. J. Wellen 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. H. Payton 4, J. F. Payne 5, P. Payne 6. First quarter rung "silent" for all the band.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On April 27th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss D. M. Killingley 1, Irene Park (first T.B. "inside") 2, G. A. Barker 3, D. J. Cox 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. First T.B. 3 and 4.

DROXFORD, HANTS. — On April 18th, 1,272 Minimus (eight methods): Maureen White 1, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller (75th quarter) 4.

EDMONTON, MIDDX. — On April 16th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): Pamela Mills 1, Jacquie Hedges (first in method) 2, Beryl Platt 3, Gloria Simpson 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Langdon (first in method as cond.) 6, Trudy Newcombe 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ENSTONE, OXON.—On April 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Francis 1, I. Harris 2, J. Benfield 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, R. Datson (first of Minor) 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6.

ESHER, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): P. Hartt 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, P. Henry 3, C. Webb 4, J. King (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,200 Bob Doubles (four methods): I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, G. Herbert 3, M. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Birthday compliment to Arthur Rolfe.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. G. O. Abrahams (first quarter, aged 13) 1, T. Spurling (first "inside") 2, M. J. Drury 3, R. H. Rogers 4, R. J. Ellis (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on midddle six): Caroline F. West 1, W. Gorringe 2, Marion Kemp 3, E. G. Baker 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8. Rung as a nine year birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 21st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): F. H. Mussett 1, Mary Christian 2, A. J. Muntings 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

ILKLEY, W. YORKS.—On April 15th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Elizabeth Johnson 1, R. Ducker 2, R. C. Hawtree 3, J. S. Rank 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson 6, J. N. D Chaddock 7, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS. — On April 20th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): D. P. Crawley (first of Minor) 1, Anthea Sparshott 2, Shirley Jones 3, Delphine Holman 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, A. J. Cox (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Linda M. Baguley 1, Maureen Green 2, Elizabeth A. Hill 3, L. G. Smith (first quarter) 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for All Fools' Day.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. R. Andrews (cond.) 1, Janet M. Besant 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, E. E. Davey 4, U. W. Wildney 5, E. Pye 6, M. Downs 7, W. Pye 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marion L. Lidgey 1, A. P. Smith 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George (first of Surprise "inside") 4, F. M. Bowers (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. Rung for the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothea Hargreaves 1, Louise Evans 2, Sara Woolley 3, Christine Wilkins (first of Minor "inside") 4, A. Fortin 5, R. Snack (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Dorothea Hargreaves, leaving the district.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Trigg 1, J. Harris 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. Worthington 4, R. Spicer 5, M. Worthington 6.

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LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Trent 1, Heloise Leleux (first Minor "inside") 2, I. G. Pickard (first Minor) 3, J. B. Wilson 4, M. H. Tompsett 5, J. T. Caudron (first as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Cole (first quarter) 1, Dianne Bird 2, J. T. Caudron 3, J. B. Wilson 4, M. H. Tompsett 5, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 6, I. G. Pickard (cover) 7.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anne Pearce 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, Dierdre M. Emmett (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Dierdre Emmett, a member of the Truro Cathedral band, emigrating to Canada.

PETHAM, KENT.—On March 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, R. Swift 2, P. Richardson 3, C. Wylde 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

SELLING, KENT.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. A. Epps 1, Pamela Tomphsett 2, K. J. Kite 3, H. J. Payne (cond.) 4, J. B. Keeler 5, P. S. Philpott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Neame, Vicar's warden who died as the result of a car accident.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 25th, a quarter peal: K. T. Clarke 1, Mrs. B. F. Coles (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, J. Clarke (first quarter) 5, A. Chown 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clarke 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Rosemarie Anne Hill and Mr. J. Arden-Clarke.

SCALBY, Scarborough, YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Davies 1, H. Pickup (cond.) 2, M. Pickup 3, C. Easton 4, A. Grundy 5, F. Tabberer (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Margaret Barton 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hughes 1, H. Gummer 2, L. Tucker 3, S. Cottle (cond.) 4, J. Abbott 5, M. Arnold 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's, on Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: J. W. Euston (cond.) 1, Rosemary J. Cotten 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, G. W. Shanks 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. P. Starbuck 6, S. Humphrey 7, J. R. Pratchett 8. Rung to commemorate the first peal on these eight bells (Grandsire Triples, on February 12th, 1907), an attempt to complete a similar performance having been unsuccessful.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Jeynes (first quarter) 1, Susan Price 2, F. Lawrence 3, J. Lawrence 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Thomas Edward Jenkins, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Dibble (first of Minor) 1, E. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke 5, B. Wylde (cond.) 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Doubles: Sandra Pearce (15, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Vemham (first quarter) 6, K. G. Waller 7, F. Sherfield 8. A wedding compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Priddle.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.—On April 9th, 1,296 Spliced S. Minor (five methods): P. Adamson (first quarter) 1, C. D. Davis 2, J. Crowther 3, W. Davidson 4, M. Poppleston 5, M. Maughan (cond.) 6. Also on April 23rd, 1,296 S. Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): P. Adamson 1, Brenda Cooke 2, M. Maughan (cond.) 3, C. D. Davis 5, J. Crowther 5, W. Davidson 6.

WILBURTON, Ely, CAMBS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sharp 1, D. Murfet 2, G. Markwell 3, F. Yarrow 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. Thanksgiving service for restoration of the bells.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDS.—On April 29th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. J. Hope 1, M. Turner 2, F. R. Harris 3, L. T. Mainwaring 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 1, 2 and 4.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Caroline Madge 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Janet Workman 1, A. Crowson 2, K. Hughes 3, T. Sharp 4, D. Wright 5, C. G. Wright 6, A. Faulkner 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. Rung before the baptism of Deborah, daughter of Jim and Diana Laken, former ringers at this church.

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By E. C. S.

Comments on some touches that are different

STEDMAN TRIPLES ROUND AT HAND

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	2314567			2314567	
	5274631	12		3425176	1s.
P	2431567	2		3451276	1
	5271643	12		4132576	1
P	2143567	2		4125376	1
	1325476	1s.		5614732	3
			P	2143657	10

Round at hand next row.

103	
2314567	
3461257	2s.
4132657	1
5614732	4
P 2143657	10

The touch of 169 is on a very simple plan. The 7th is called In Quick twice. The first bob will bring up a course-end 2431567. The second bob will produce 2143567. The single that follows immediately gives rounds. This touch was a favourite with the late Harry Withers, and he often used it to surprise a band not familiar with it.

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25634		—		2
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53624			—	3
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THE LITTLE DROP SHE HAD ON TUESDAY

By "INAN OWTKWIC"

SELDOM anything unusual happened in the little village of Upper Briston, just off the main road between Byminster and Welport. However, excitement prevailed when in October, 1909, the Bishop of the Diocese dedicated a ring of six bells which were installed in the village church tower, being a magnanimous gift by a local benefactor as a memorial to his departed spouse.

The secretary of the local Association, a very well known ringing worthy of the period, had been busy looking up past ringers living in and around the village. He mustered five. John, a carpenter, had rung at Wellow near Bath about ten years previously. Ben, the local postman-cum-telegram boy, hailed from Bergh Apton. Bert, a council employee and the village lamplighter came from Fownhope. There were two Thomases, Tom the thatcher from down Tavistock way, and Tom, a railway ganger, who boasted of always ringing the tenor at Saltburn-by-the-Sea in Yorkshire; he soon became known as "Tom the Tenor." John was a little more experienced than the other four; with someone stood behind him he could manage 120 Grandsire Doubles on the 5th. Consequently at a meeting, presided over by the Vicar, John was elected captain.

With the help of ringers from the neighbouring towers and by visiting those towers, the new band got along splendidly. One particularly youthful old stalwart took the new band under his wing, so to speak. He was "Billy," a blacksmith's striker in a ship repairing yard at Welport Billy, whose home was about four miles away, was by local standards a "crack ringer."

Came the day when Billy got his fledgelings through a plain course of Bob Doubles. This called for bread and cheese, pickled onions and—it was only 3½d. a flagon of strong in those days, in the local on the opposite corner to the church. Such was the celebration, that John deemed it expedient to put Billy up for the night, stabling Billy's boneshaker in the wash-house. Young Joe, John's son, was dispatched to inform Billy's wife that he had sprained his ankle and was being housed at John's for the night. This is where young Joe comes into the story. Youngsters needed to be taught to ring. The Vicar co-operated and six of the choir youths and boys came along. Joe, 12 years of age, was the youngest of the learners. John would take Joe and two of his pals up to the tower occasionally, other than on practice nights, when he had a half hour to spare and would put them through their paces. Soon Joe could handle a bell almost as well as his Dad. It was not long before they were ringing rounds and queens for Sunday service.

Now Joe, being the captain's son, had access to the tower keys. His father having to work away from home for a couple of days, Joe decided that he and his two pals would have a practice session on their own. Up the tower they go. No little bells for them, oh no, they tie the tenor (14 cwt.). Concerted effort got her up

"Right, I've got her," says Joe, standing on his box.

They sat down for a few minutes to get their breath back.

"See if I can set her hand and back six times," says Joe.

Success first time, a credit to his father's tuition. Lionel's turn next. He could set her at hand- all right but not at back-stroke every time. Now Ralph's turn, the biggest of the three boys. He was all right for a few pulls, but he was ' umping the stay.

"Not so hard," yelled Joe.

But the warning was of no avail. CRACK and over she goes. Young Joe turned white and felt sick. Poor Ralph nearly passed out. They sat down looking up at the hole through which the rope end had disappeared. After the agony of their fright had subsided a little, they talked. Lionel and Ralph were for making a clean breast of it.

"That's all very well for you two but I am on to a good hiding, says Joe. "Now if you will listen to me we can get out of this mess."

Knowing Joe they were a bit dubious but finally he persuaded them.

"We have got to get the rope back down so that it will look as if nothing has happened," said Joe

He went over to release the clock hammer wire but it would not budge. More butterflies in the tummy. Up they went, with one little bit of candle. The gas had not been taken up to the bells. She had not quite stopped swinging and Joe, in trying to check the wheel, sprained his wrist. The stay had snapped off like a carrot and had become wedged between the frame and the clock hammer. Joe kicked it free with orders to the other two not to touch it. Down goes Joe into the ringing chamber to release the clock hammer wire, really to see if it worked properly, which much to his relief it did. Maybe it would have been better had he not done this. They proceeded to adjust the rope around the wheel, etc., and were getting along fine when the clock struck. Ralph almost fell off the frame and Lionel looked pale green in the candlelight.

"It's only the clock striking," said Joe, scared stiff and worried to death. He was afraid they would want to pack it in.

It was getting late and Joe knew his mother would be worrying about him, likewise the other two mothers. Joe sent Ralph to tell his (Joe's) mother that he was up at Lionel's helping him with his homework. They operated this errand triangularly and got away with it. They also replenished their candle supply during the exercise.

Try as they would they could not get the rope through the clockroom into the ringing chamber. They were contemplating having to unscrew the padlock staple to the clockroom, an operation which would have to be performed on the top of a ladder.

"Just one more go, I'll tie a stick into the last loop," says Joe.

Down she went as straight as a die. Sighs of relief. They tidied everything up as cleanly as possible. On the way home they agreed that "Tom the Tenor" was in for a shock. Suddenly Joe stopped dead in his tracks. Says he:—

"My gosh! There is one awful possibility. You know Tom nearly always goes up to give her a drop of oil before rising on Sunday morning. We have ot to prevent him doing this next Sunday. If he goes up there we are sunk. Now next to the tenor it is his garden so we have got to talk to him—onions, carrots, sweet peas, this year's flower show, anything to prevent him going up to the bells. I shall have to stand in the rise, then you two sit down away from each other and wait for it."

Sunday morning arrived, all the lads present, three in a state of intense expectation They had done their best to hold on to Tom, unwittingly they had everyone in the tower talking flower show and garden produce. Then Tom uttered those dreaded words: "I think I'll pop up and give her a drop, we've had a rough wind lately, dried her up a bit I expect."

Then up spoke John: "She'll be all right, Tom, I gave her a little drop on Tuesday."

The relief of Ladysmith ten years earlier could not compare with the feelings of those three boys.

They duly rise. Years afterwards Joe said it was like waiting for the order to go "over the top," at Ypres.

"STAND," called John The inevitable happened.

Tom, looking up with an expression on his face indescribable, mouth wide open, arms spread out, in an almost inaudible whisper: "Ye gods, I bin ringing man and boy for nigh on 40 years and never 'ave I knowed the likes of it."

After the confusion and consternation had simmered down a little the lads respectfully announced their retirement to the choir, leaving their elders to what must have been a very interesting inquest.

The choir had taken its place in the stalls, amongst them three angelic looking boys in cassock and spotlessly white surplice.

The Vicar announced the first hymn: "Hymn No. 379—'Now thank we all our God'"

Says young Joe under his breath: "For the little drop she had on Tuesday."

The only casualty was Joe's badly swollen wrist. He played inside-half for his school team and blamed a kick in the previous Saturday's game for this.

Coventry Guild Have Highest Year for Peal Ringing

THE 60th annual general meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Allesley, on April 15th, at which the attendance was very disappointing and much below average. The bells of All Saints' were kept going in a variety of methods until service time. The service was taken by the Rector, Rev G. A. Hughes, who in his address assured the Guild that they would always be welcome at Allesley. Tea followed in the village school, at which only 37 sat down.

The president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, opened the business meeting by welcoming those present, and said that looking back to 1966 we had more than held our own in all aspects of Guild activities, plenty of learners, meetings and good fellowship, but we must not be complacent. Let us spare a thought as we enter the 60th year of the founding of the Guild to the men and women who have so faithfully laboured to keep the Guild running smoothly. We also thank God for those members who have passed to higher service.

CATHEDRAL BELLS

Arising from the minutes, the general secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, read a letter he had received from the Provost of Coventry Cathedral, referring to the proposed hanging of the cathedral bells for ringing, and suggested that as the Provost was at the moment in America and it had not been possible to meet him since receiving this note, there should be no discussion on this subject until the committee had had an opportunity of meeting the Provost. This was agreed to.

Reporting on the past year's activities, the secretary complimented Brinklow band on their efforts to get their bells in good order by doing most of the work themselves; also Alveston ringers on the progress they were making since their bells had been augmented to six. Kineton's had been overhauled, as also had Sherborne's. At Kineton lively interest was being shown by a strong band of learners. These bells had not been rung for many years. As to Sherborne, it was hoped that something would be done to get these bells ringing again regularly.

He congratulated Shirley Jones, of Kenilworth, on her success in conducting her first peal of Minor, by an all-ladies band at Shilton. This was the first peal by resident members of the Guild and from reports received the striking was of a high standard.

IMPORTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

The Ringing Master, Mr. H. Windsor, in his report said that if we look around our diocese at the peal boards in many of the towers we see records of bands that have fallen during the past decades. They had become self-sufficient and found it unnecessary to teach with real enthusiasm new members. The steady production of new material must be our principal object, and the ringing of more peals and methods, regular Sunday service ringing in all towers and a stronger Guild will follow.

The treasurer, Mr. H. G. Summers, said that financially the Guild was in good shape with a balance in hand of £226. The Bell Repair Fund, which had £65 in hand, had not received any claims on it during the year.

The peal secretary, Mr. P. Stone, said that 63 peals (58 tower- and 5 handbell) had been rung, which was the highest number since the Guild's inception. There were ten first pealers and the conducting was shared by 17 members. Included in the handbell peals was the first of Stedman Cinques by an all-resident band.

Mr. Pete S. Bennett, giving his last report as Branch secretary of the Warwick Branch, said that 12 meetings had been held, covering in all 16 towers. In addition three special practices for Surprise methods had been held, and these had all been well attended.

Mr. A. G. Eveleigh, Coventry Branch secretary, reported that eight Branch meetings had been held. He regretted that members were very reluctant to send in their names for tea and sincerely hoped that the coming year would show an improvement in this, as it was very unfair to the organisers.

TWO NEW LIFE MEMBERS

All the officers and committee members were re-elected and Mr. R. Sherratt, of Southam, was confirmed as Branch secretary for the Warwick Archdeaconry Branch in place of Mr. P. Bennett who was leaving the District. Mr. S. Royal was elected auditor for the coming year. Mr. R. Edden and Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward were elected life members.

A lively discussion took place on competition ringing, and finally it was left to the committee to see what proposals would be made at the next committee meeting and to bring same to the next quarterly meeting. Four new members were elected.

Before closing the meeting the chairman thanked the Rector and the organist, Mr. Summers, junior. He also referred to the departure of Mr. Peter Bennett and asked the secretary to convey the good wishes of the meeting to him.

Allesley bells were made good use of until 8.30 p.m.

J. L. G. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

There was a change of officers at the A.G.M. of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Northmoor on April 22nd. Messrs. E. D. Patching (secretary) and J. F. List (Ringing Master) did not seek re-election and they were replaced by Mr. E. R. Venn (Wootton Woodstock) and Mr. D. Floyd (Eynsham) respectively. The retiring officers were thanked. Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Guild, was present, and the rehung bells, which are very easy to handle, were put to good use.

Next meeting, Bampton, October 14th; Branch outing, July 8th.

SONNING DEANERY STRIKING COMPETITION

Six teams competed in the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild striking competition at Warfield on April 15th, and heartening attempts and good ringing floated across the Berkshire countryside. Adjudicators were Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers, and results were: Easthampstead 8 faults, Hurst 35 and Twyford 36—a tussle for second and third places between neighbouring towers!

As in previous years the organisation flowed smoothly throughout, thanks to the capable Branch officers—and the excellent spread provided by the Warfield band ensured a steady "flow" of tea later.

TULIP TIME IN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

Bells and tulips were in the programme arranged by 12 Epsom ringers for the week-end of April 22nd. A new minibus was driven alternately by John Davidge and Roy Mills, and the first night was spent at Wisbech.

On Saturday morning we got off to a good start with Stedman and Double Norwich at Spalding. A short trip across the tulip fields and over the "drains" found us at the "leaning tower of Surfleet," where a touch of Grandsire Cinques was successfully rung. A good course of Lincolnshire was rung on the light eight at Bicker.

After a lunch of beer and sandwiches at Swineshead, we arrived at Boston, and the long climb up the tower. Ringing here was of a fairly good standard, half a course of Cambridge Royal being a highlight. There was no excuse for the bad striking at Sutterton. We were all shattered after the drive through the rain to Long Sutton, but the ringing, which included Yorkshire, was good.

We rang for Sunday service at Wisbech, after which we travelled south to the hilly country and Cambridge, stopping at Ely on the way to look at the Cathedral.

At St. Andrew's, Cambridge a good course of Superlative was rung, as was Bristol, although nobody quite knows what happened to the back four. Eynesbury and St. Neots were the last two towers before making our way back home.

Those participating were: Hilda and Bill Oatway, John and Jill Laver, Roy Mills (the organiser), John Davidge, Peter Munday, Simon Mortimer, Tony Skilton, Martin Morris, Adrienne Gibson, Felicity Hamilton, Sally Parrott and Jill Oakshott.

A. G.

ROCHESTER'S WEEK-END IN THE MIDLANDS

For the third time in four years the Rochester District of the K.C.A. has held a week-end tour. This year 35 ringers and friends participated on April 28th-30th.

The first night was spent at Leicester. We were impressed by the fine Taylor eight at Shepshed, our first tower on Saturday, and admired the redecorated ringing chamber at Sawley. While having lunch at Long Eaton we had the pleasure of listening to the end of a peal of Surprise Major. Then came Ashbourne, where the long draught made good striking rather difficult; the eight at Youlgrave were rather heavy going.

Following tea at Bakewell, we found the six at Ashford-in-the-Water delightful, and rang London Surprise Minor on the recently dedicated bells at Haversage. The size of the grave of Little John in the churchyard here surprised everyone. Travelling over the Snake Pass we had many breath-taking views before descending into Glossop, our last ring of the day. Our hotel that night was at Buxton.

Sunday was mainly a sightseeing day after we had rung the six bells and had gone to Sung Communion at Burbage. After lunch at Sutton Coldfield, we travelled to Daventry via Coventry, where we saw the new Cathedral. Ringing at Daventry included Grandsire and Stedman Caters. After tea at Tring we joined the local band on the eight bells.

Our thanks to Mr. Lawrence Mitchell for organising the tour, to Miss Joan Hayward for organising the ringing and to all the incumbents and ringers where we rang.

G. W.

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John Worth — An Appreciation

By E. JENKINS

IT was sometime in the late '20s that the writer, visiting Christ Church, Macclesfield, saw for the first time what a swaying tower could be like. Standing on the top of the tower and looking down on to the church roof he saw the ends of the roof timbers as the tower swayed away from it. There was the tower where John learnt to ring, a very difficult task at that time. St. Michael's (the parish church) bells had been recast and increased to 12 and their "go" was all that could be desired, and it says much for John's character that his deep affection for his own parish church absolved him from all temptation to join St. Michael's.

Under the tuition of the late William Gayes, John and his brother scouts made good progress and in June, 1929, they rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten different callings, which John conducted. Other successes followed, and of his first 25 peals John had conducted 14, no mean achievement for a youngster. On April 21st, 1930, William Pye took a band to Macclesfield and rang at St. Michael's a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in what would be regarded today as the very slow time of four hours. John heard every change of the peal and realised that 12 bells could be rung in a clear and distinct manner, and that performance left a lasting impression on him and determined his standard of ringing for the rest of his life.

On November 11th, 1933, John conducted at Hazel Grove a peal of London Surprise Major, his 100th peal and 55th as conductor; and so the performances go on all the while improving and acquiring new skills. It is interesting to note John's contemporaries of those days: Ernest Bennett called 14 of John's first peals; other names occurring were Wilfred Stevenson, James H. Riding, J. C. E. Simpson, Charles H. Page, Harry Parker, Tom Wilde, Christopher Gudgeon and Thomas B. Worsley: already John was making a circle of friends well known in the Exercise.

500 PEALS PROBABLY WITH C. K. LEWIS

Of his next 100 peals, John called all of them except 14, by which time he had set his feet firmly upon the ladder of conducting. Shortly before the 200th peal the name C. K. Lewis is found, and this became the perfect partnership and Spliced Treble Minor developed, up to 84 methods being rung in one peal. C. K. Lewis has probably rung more than 500 peals with John. On December 6th, 1947, John conducted at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, a peal of Cambridge Maximus. Information on this is scanty but probably this was his first of Surprise Maximus and the first for the Guild by a resident band.

Circa 1937, Manchester Town Hall bells had been recast and of the 21 bells 12 had been tuned to make a ring of 12 with a sharp 2nd. At that time the tower had an active police band, and John rendered much assistance to them in their efforts and also gained experience in conducting Cinques and Maximus. With the '39–45 war over, the campanological landscape broadens and we find increasing variety of methods in Major, Royal and Maximus, but now and again we find a peal of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. John never forgot his humbler brethren and derived much pleasure from their much less professional performances

Hazel Grove now became a regular venue and on April 4th, 1935, he called a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major methods on the 3-lead course system, which led him to write a letter to the "R.W" enquiring why couldn't a composition be worked out with all the work for every bell in it. This led indirectly to A. J. Pitman's famous composition which is still being developed today by one or two of our most brilliant composers.

On April 4th, 1946, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, a peal of Stedman Cinques conducted by him whilst not the first by the Guild was probably the first by a resident band. On November 11th, 1950, at St. Chad's, Over, Cheshire, 21,600 of Bristol Surprise Major, a truly great performance. The degree of concentration required may be gauged by the fact that John gripped the rope so hard that for many months afterwards his fingernails were black. On December 10th, 1951, at Worsley, Lancs, 15,480 of Cambridge Surprise Royal: this was another great performance.

IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

Two dates which are historical are September 4th, 1954, and November 6th, 1954, as on each occasion the company travelled by air. Both peals were Spliced Surprise Major — the first at Bray, Ireland, and the second at Paisley, Renfrew. Three silent and non-conducted peals: November 12th, 1950, at Warburton, Cheshire — London Surprise Major; March 11th, 1950, at Hyde, Cheshire—Bristol Surprise Major; and November 24th, 1950, at Frodsham, Cheshire.—4-Spliced Surprise Major.

In 1947 Christ Church, Macclesfield, bells were completely restored with new frame and fittings, two trebles added and the bells lowered 40 feet, making ringing much easier, though they can still be tricky. It appears John had rung 113 peals on them. The Chester Guild honoured him on several occasions by electing him as their representative on the Central Council and again in 1965 by the Mastership of the Guild.

He had a fine ringing career, his serene temperament suiting all occasions and his handling of men and matters being admired by all. In the most important event of his life, that of marriage, he was eminently successful. Spending an hour or so in his home was a rich experience: the unexpressed but deep affection of the family toward one another was an example of perfect unity. In February, 1962, John became ill and was out of ringing for seven months He made what appeared to be a good recovery, but gradually those of us who were intimate with him realised that all was not well. John took things much easier and looked well, but he knew that he must be prepared for any eventuality, and when it came we were not surprised but deeply shocked. Probably the last thing he saw was the Cathedral of Lincoln, as if beckoning him to higher service. It seems inevitable as one enters the evening of life that the lamps of friendship flutter and go out, leaving a void that cannot be filled. He would not wish us to unduly mourn him, but we can appreciate his life as an example of how a life can be lived.

OBITUARY

MR. F. WARD

Sheffield Cathedral Company have lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. Frank Ward on April 23rd, aged 82.

He learned to ring at Ranmoor, but joined the Cathedral Company in 1919 and was a regular ringer until two years ago, when heart trouble compelled him to give up this duty which he loved so well.

He rang 60 peals for the Yorkshire Association but he will best be remembered for his services to the Cathedral which he served so willingly. He rarely missed ringing for services and was a regular attender on practice nights and always punctual. He could ring a large variety of methods, including Cambridge Maximus.

By trade he was a sheet metal worker and a highly-skilled craftsman and for many years foreman

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled the day after his funeral and a quarter peal on the following Sunday. A service was held in the Cathedral on April 26th, followed by cremation at City Road.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Hornett 1, R. W. Rice 2, Sue Walker 3, G. Robson 4, G. Hebden 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Rung by Banwell ringers in memory of P. J. Hall.

OBITUARY

MR. LEWIS JAMES BATLEY

The passing of Lew Batley was sad news for his many friends in Suffolk and South Norfolk. Lew had been a ringer and in the choir of Wingfield Church for over 30 years and attended the weekly practices for both ringing and choir For a period he also served on the parochial church council.

He taught and helped many ringers during those years. Lew was the "never absent, never late" type, and impressed on all beginners the importance of being early for service and practice ringing.

Quiet and unassuming, Lew was equally happy ringing a plain course of Minor with a beginner at Wingfield as ringing Surprise with the Leytonstone band.

Lew left the countryside, which he loved, in 1954, to live in West Ham with his sister who had then become a widow He joined the Leytonstone band and rang a few peals for the London County Association and in several quarter peals He was mainly a Sunday service ringer and had rung in 15 peals for the Suffolk Guild and a few peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Two years ago an illness caused him to curtail some of his activities, and he did less ringing though his interest never failed. His last quarter peal was rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association while he was on holiday last summer

Early in March Lew suffered a stroke and was taken to the Plaistow Hospital. It was in the early hours of Easter Sunday morning that he was called to higher service, and he was buried in the West Ham Cemetery a few days before his 64th birthday.

There were many floral tributes from relatives, friends and neighbours, including his bowls club and from friends at Wingfield.

Sympathy is felt for his niece, Mrs. Lester, who lived near him and did much for him since he lost his sister some five years ago.

There was no muffled ringing as, in Lew's typical Suffolk dry humour, he hoped the bells would be "fired" instead. And so, as one of the many he taugh and helped with ringing, I remember with love and gratitude Lewis James Batley B. S.

FUNERAL OF MR. P. J. HALL

Widespread sympathy was expressed at the funeral service for Mr. Patrick John Hall (24), of 85, Westbury Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, whose tragic death, while giving a lesson in handling a bell, was reported in our issue of May 5th

The Rector of Uphill, the Rev. H. A. Birch, officiated assisted by the Rev. R. C. Adams and the Rev. G. L. Tuckermann. The address was given by the Rev. T. J. Fuller, first curate at St Barnabas' and now Vicar of St. Mary's, Crawley

A Requiem Mass was said earlier in the day at All Saints' Church, where Mr. Hall had been a regular server for three years. Interment was at St. Nicholas' Old Churchyard, Uphill.

At the conclusion of the service, a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Messrs H. Banwell, H Toogood, B. Williams, W Rice S Powell, G. Prescott. This was followed by a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor by J. Lambard, B Williams, Miss G. Webb, W. S. Rice, S. Powell and G. Prescott.

On the day of the funeral the bells of St. Martin's, Worle, were also rung half-muffled to 1,200 changes by W. Lovell, S. Lewis, J. Lambard, Miss G. Webb, R. Ballam and W. Kingsbury.

The many wreaths included tributes from the Axbridge Branch of the B. and W.; bellringers of Mark; Rector and P.C.C., Uphill; bellringers and people of SS. Peter and Paul, Bleadon; St. Nicholas' handbell ringers; ex-member of the handbell team, Connie Chick; ringers of Banwell tower.

Letters to the Editor

"LAMINATED"

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent correspondence concerning the peal of Spliced Surprise with changes of method at the half-lead, I would like to point out that in Spliced (sometimes called "Laminated") Kent and Oxford Treble Bob the change of method occurs at other than the lead-end. The precise position of the change is not clear since the two methods are identical except in the first and last sections of the lead, but since the next most reasonable sub-division is the half-lead, it would appear that this system constitutes half-lead splicing, and it has been accepted without question for many years.

With regard to Mr. Smith's peal in up to 2,800 methods, it would be an idiot who would ring and claim it as such, but under present conditions the same idiot could quite properly ring a peal of Spliced with the same basic composition (Middleton's) by substituting Primrose for Cambridge in each lead preceding a bob, provided he rang his Primrose with fourth's place bobs.

It would seem that to produce regulations to guard against all such loopholes, while not restricting people who wish to try something genuinely different, would be so difficult as to be hardly worth attempting, and the wisest course might be to rely on the discretion of the individual. Anyone not showing such discretion would be immediately recognised as merely an exhibitionist.—Yours faithfully,

Wilmslow. NEIL D. LOMAS.

NO FIDDLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Critchley seems to have seen something in the report of the peal at Frindsbury on March 25th that I have missed. Firstly, he says that it should have been published as a "performance": as far as I can see it does not contravene any of the conditions required for peals by the Central Council. Secondly, he implies that the peal was published as "Spliced" — my copy read merely "Surprise Major".

In the same issue, Bob Smith's letter, although, I am sure, at least partly humorous in intention does, nevertheless, give the impression that some sort of "fiddle" has taken place. I think that we should not overlook that this was a very fine "performance" by all concerned, whether one calls it "Spliced" or not.

Personally, I can see no logical reason for not calling it "Spliced" merely because it does not conform to a definition laid down when this sort of half-lead splicing was never envisaged.—Yours faithfully,

Tunbridge Wells. STANLEY JENNER.

CENTRAL COUNCIL LUNCH

Dear Sir,—I should perhaps explain the reason behind the request for names for luncheon at the headquarters hotel on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967 which incidentally applies both to members and visitors attending the Central Council meeting at Nottingham.

There is plenty of room, but the hotel manager will be putting a separate restaurant room and additional staff at our disposal, and in order to determine the room to use and the number of additional staff to employ it is hoped to supply him with some idea of the numbers requiring luncheon.

The result and the time taken to serve your lunch is therefore in your own hands, and we in our turn hope for a good response.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary.
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

"LEFT OVER RIGHT"

Dear Sir,—Observations on points such as this are always interesting and can, I believe, lead to better ringing, which is what we all desire. Nevertheless, in this instance, no one appears to have studied the subject, and such remarks as Mr. Locke's at the recent St. Martin's dinner can only cause embarrassment since we have several excellent ringers in Birmingham who ring "left over right".

The main point, which has so far been missed—and it relates to holding a cricket bat, a bell rope and tug of war—is the **placing of the feet in relation to the position of the hands.** (Right hand over left—right foot forward, if only slightly so, and vice-versa.) Try pulling in a tug of war with the left hand in front of the right, but the **right** foot forward!

It is amusing yet annoying, to observe the growing practice among younger ringers to stand with the wrong foot forward, even to the extent of tucking the other foot behind the one in front. The result may be rather more spectacular than the humdrum natural style, but I have yet to encounter such a ringer whom I could rate amongst the first-class strikers, particularly at the heavy end.—Yours faithfully, S. O. HOLLOWAY.

Smethwick, Staffs.

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. R. J. Cowley's reply (p. 284) to Mr. P. J. Daniel's question on the quickest way to bring up backstroke 468s in Bob Major. Although Mr. Daniel did not make any particular specification in his question, one imagines he was interested in getting from rounds to backstroke 468s as quickly as possible. Mr. Cowley's method of Single Before, Bob Middle, requires the 4th in 2nds and 6th in 6ths at the preceding course-end to get to his backstroke 468s. Thus if one used this method from rounds it would be necessary to call a full course, e.g., with Single Wrong, Bob Home to get the course-end 45326. Then by calling Mr. Cowley's Single Before, Bob Middle, a 468 course-end can be produced with a total of 14 leads having been rung, i.e., one lead less than in Mr. Daniel's 1,264 quarter peal, which takes 15 leads to get there.

But was it worth it? Personally I don't think so, when one takes a look at what goes on **inside** the leads rung in the two systems put forward!

If one takes the trouble to look at the 9th lead (starting from rounds) of Mr. Daniel's quarter peal, one finds a 2468 brought up at handstroke — very nice music. Now look at Mr. Cowley's lead between the Single Before and Bob Middle. What does one find? 87 at backstroke.

I read that Mr. Cowley does not consider 87s at backstroke "detrimental to the music", and he is naturally entitled to his own opinion on that topic.

The point I am trying to make is this—course-ends (or course-heads if you will) represent a small percentage of the changes that are rung, and much good "internal" music may be lost if one composes merely to produce "good looking" course-ends and ignores what goes on between calls and between lead-ends.

I know which of the two methods I would use to get 468s at backstroke in Bob Major, and I'll venture a guess that I'd be in a majority!

I would point out that I have merely used the examples of Messrs. Daniel and Cowley to illustrate a point, and intend no personal criticism since I know neither gentleman personally.—Yours sincerely, ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

ST. MARY'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL, CORK

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Victor Sheppard's letter (April 28th), I confirm that the bells in St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, Cork, form the only complete ring of bells in Ireland.

However, it may be of interest to know that the back eight bells of "John's Lane," Dublin, are all by Murphy and are an intact original ring of bells. Two trebles were added subsequently to form the ring of ten bells; they were cast by Charles Carr, of Birmingham.

The R.C. Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, has a Murphy ring; i.e., the front seven are hung for ringing but the tenor is a tolling bell—it is 57" in diameter. The ringers from Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, some years ago investigated the possibility of having these bells restored, without success. The chime of eight bells in St. Nicholas' (C.I.) Church, Cork, was a ring until about ten years ago, and was a Murphy ring cast in 1869.

In the R.C. Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter, Belfast, there is a chime of ten bells by Murphy, of Dublin, the largest of which is 62" in diameter. What a pity they were never hung as a ring They were cast and installed in 1884. The large bell hangs in the north west tower of the cathedral and the other nine are built into levels in the south west tower.

Regarding St. Mary's, Cork, the writer, aided and abetted by the late Gabriel Lindoff, made a number of efforts since 1934 to get the authorities concerned to have the bells rehung and in fact, to demonstrate the effect, we rang up the fourth bell without a rope. The effect was said to favourably impress the then R.C. Bishop of Cork but no money was always the response to proposed rehanging.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Co. Louth.

WASHINGTON'S SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—Miss Anne Horsford's letter (p. 250) commenting on Barry Couzens' excellent article "Suggestions for Instructors", and in particular on bell silencers (p. 184), has prompted me to bring to your notice the method used to "silence" the bells for practice at Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.

As far as I can remember, a silencer similar to that shown by Mr. Couzens' on p. 184 is employed. The major differences are that the silencer fits nearer to the sound bow of the bell and, in addition, a small iron hammer is fitted to each end of the silencer. The object of these small hammers is to tap the bell, one at handstroke the other at backstroke, so that, provided tower acoustics permit, the bell may be just heard in the ringing chamber. Outside the tower the bells are hardly audible.

Personally, it took only a few minutes' ringing with these "silencers" fitted to become used to listening to the small volume of sound produced by each bell. The big advantage was, of course, that normal change-ringing practice could be carried out with no disturbance to "the outside world".

Since the bells and fittings originated in the Whitechapel Foundry, could further information be made public on this type of "silencer" from that source? Or perhaps Mr. Richard Dirksen could help us out?

I regret that I did not take more careful note of the details of the Washington silencers as I am sure they would be of inestimable benefit to towers with a "public relations" problem.—Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 30th, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: A. King 1, H. Hanson 2, Miss R. Preston 3, E. Burton 4, Mrs. D. Stainsby 5, D. Stainsby (cond.) 6.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

A Week-End Around Sherborne

EIGHT London County Association members and friends set off at crack of dawn on March 4th for the mellow bells and peaceful countryside of North West Dorset. Three other members of the party had travelled to Sherborne the night before, which enabled them to get up at a more civilised hour and also to oil the bells in two of the towers on the programme. The first tower was at Buckland Newton, a dignified church on the edge of the Dorset hills. The sun shone brightly when we arrived and happily continued to shine for the whole week-end. The Immediate Past Master of the London County Association, when on the point of actually arriving early, managed to drive into a deep ditch near Mappowder, from which it needed the most powerful tractor in the neighbourhood to extract his large, green Rover.

Ringing on Buckland Newton's pleasant and easy-going 17 cwt. six—evidently much better cared for now than they were a few years ago—ranged from rounds to Cambridge. Our second tower was at Lydlinch, an attractive church surrounded by fields and elm trees, where we rang various Doubles methods on the rather plaintive, slow-turning Purdue and Mills five. We then adjourned to a pub in Stalbridge, where we were shortly joined by the Rector and P.C.C. secretary, who insisted on buying us all a drink between them—a splendid piece of Dorset hospitality. Duly sustained by pies and sandwiches (and some by fish and chips) we made our way up to the church and rang among other things a well-struck course of London. The Rector then showed us the bells—a mixed ring of six with the foundries of Purdue, Bilbie, Warner and Mears all represented.

TWO FOURS

The next two towers were opened concurrently, the organiser having not envisaged that there would be much support for four-bell ringing. This was not so, however, and the well-maintained four at Stourton Caundle were enjoyed by all. Three ringers from Ringwood joined the party here. We encountered the first and last bad-going bell of the day in the fourth of the five at Bishop's Caundle, where we were greeted by the tower captain and his many new recruits. Our ringing was not what it might have been at Holwell (a fine five cast by Gilletts in 1911—a year in which they did much work in Dorset).

Holwell was the scene of many group photographs, the tower and parish stocks providing a suitable background and foreground. We continued over the hill to Lillington (a lovely remote church with a pretty five restored by Taylors and hung by Doble of Taunton during the First War). The bells here and at Bishop's Caundle were the only light rings we encountered in a district where heavy bells, often in quite small churches, abound. Yetminster is a large village with a grand church; the six bells, as so often in Dorset, are a real mixture, and in this case sound it. Our efforts at Surprise ringing suffered somewhat from the presence of the organ in the ringing gallery, blocking the treble and tenor ringers from each other's view.

OWLS HOOTED

The Vicar greeted us at Bradford Abbas, where the bells (another six) sound pleasant, if a little thin; the bell frame is ancient but this scarcely excuses the way in which the front two ropes snatch. Hull was the special method here. Owls hooted while we hunted in vain for the tower key at Over Compton—an eerie spot after dark, the church standing between a tall and largely empty Victorian house up a long drive from the village. The Rector had left a note about keys for us at Nether Compton Church less than half a mile away. Some of the party then rang on the curious four at Over Compton while the others went on to arrive on time at Trent. Of the fine-sounding Warner-hung back five here no less than three are pre-Reformation bells (none alike); the tone and go of the recently-added treble leave something to be desired. Our somewhat exhausting day's ringing ended on the easy-going five at Nether Compton. Nine of the party then made their way to the Antelope in Sherborne for a very welcome roast meal and night's rest.

We were sluggish in making a move on Sunday morning and had to be content with touches of Stedman and a good lower on the back eight at Yeovil, perhaps the loveliest-sounding bells of the week-end. Here we joined the local company—such as it is—in ringing for the 10 o'clock Mothering Sunday service. We were made welcome at Hardington Mandeville (a pleasant light six with a strong local band).

A LOVELY VILLAGE—MELLOW STONE AND THATCHED

At this point there was a break in the programme, but this was filled by some with a visit to East Chinnock (a pleasantly lumpy anti-clockwise minor five!), where the tower captain kindly fixed us up. An excellent lunch had been laid on for us at the Helyar Arms, East Coker—a lovely village of mellow stone and thatch, stream, green and flowers, all beautifully kept without having become self conscious. The bells here are a pleasant light eight with an attractive, bright ringing room. After we had rung, Mr. Foot kindly welcomed us to his beautiful cottage to see a perfect scale model of a ring of ten bells.

A crosscountry drive followed to Charlton Horethorne, where Mr. Setter, from Yeovil, kindly joined us and made possible a professional touch of Stedman for the 3 o'clock service. The bells are a melodious mixed eight and go well considering that they have not been rehung since Warners augmented them nearly a century ago. Milborne Port bells—a real "old-style" heavy eight with a palatial ringing chamber—were much enjoyed and Tom Setter again helped us to achieve a good standard.

We returned to Sherborne for the climax of the week-end; an hour's ringing for Evensong on the queen of eights at Sherborne Abbey. Oddly enough the first touch—Grandsire Triples—was the best. The bells are very easy-going and seemed to need little getting used to. Our thanks are due to the two local ringers who joined us here, to all clergy, ringers and others who made us so welcome at their towers and to the landlord at the Antelope, who provided us with such congenial headquarters for the week-end.

C. D.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Birmingham University Society was held on March 8th, this year in the Students' Union. The activity of University Societies fluctuates considerably, but at the moment we seem to be on the crest of a wave with 25 members on the books. Twenty peals were rung during the year since the last annual general meeting and the Society's first dinner was held last November. The election of officers was as follows: Secretary, Mr. R. M. Chambers, University House, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, 15; Master, Mr. James R. White; treasurer, Mr. H. J. Baker.

LUMLEY CASTLE RALLY, 1967

THE first of a series of events planned to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association took place on April 15th, when a ringers' rally was held at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street. A programme with a definite social flavour had been organised to promote that "getting-to-know-you" atmosphere among members.

Shortly after mid-day, a company of approaching 70 ringers, representing most of the affiliated towers in the North East, assembled in the junior common room of the Castle, where the Ringing Master extended a welcome and outlined the day's proceedings. Lunch in the Great Hall then followed, and after a satisfying meal in gracious surroundings members dispersed to their various activities. While the peal bands departed by car for their scenes of exertion, the remainder of the party enjoyed an hour of siesta, during which time they were treated to an illustrated talk on ringing of general interest by Fred Hodgson and a résumé of the history of the Association, with reference to the recently-discovered Clarkson papers, by Peter Rock. Adjournment was then made to the nearby tower of Chester-le-Street Parish Church, where the bells were available for general ringing.

50 PER CENT. SUCCESS

Dinner at the Castle was scheduled for 7 p.m. and by 6.30 p.m. the long trek back from the outside events had begun. Results of the peal attempts were eagerly awaited by first arrivals, and the earliest news was disappointing when it was learned that Yorkshire Surprise Major at Houghton-le-Spring had failed through a shift course after 1 hour and 20 minutes. Brighter news, however, was reported from Tanfield, where a peal of Bob Major had been successful, and from Lanchester, where Minor in two methods had been recorded after one false start. The fourth and final result from Roker, however, also registered a "miss" when it was revealed that Bob Major had been lost after three hours' ringing due to a misunderstanding on the part of one of the ringers. Thus we were presented with a 50 per cent. tally in our attempts for commemorative peals.

The dinner came as a more-than-welcome respite after the efforts of the afternoon, and both the inner and outer man were in good humour for the post-prandial phase of the programme. Returning to the J.C.R., members participated in a social get-together with all the amenities of a liquid refreshment bar, until it was time to dim the lights and a film show, ably presented by Fred Hodgson, began. First came a supporting item, "The Royal County of Norfolk", which contained several shots of well-known bell towers, and this was followed by the main feature, "Ringers Required". Both films were well received by the audience, and on a call for "encore" Fred showed us his own speciality, "Modernisation of the Railways", in glorious technicolor.

By this time a tired but enthusiastic gathering had reached the "homing course" and there were more thirsts to be slaked. So, before calling "That's all" the R.M. paid due acknowledgment to everyone who by their attendance and co-operation had made the day so successful. In particular, he thanked the incumbents of the respective churches where the bells had been at our disposal during the day, and Messrs. D. A. Bayles, K. W. Cheeseman, E. P. Rock and F. Hodgson, who had been such willing helpers in organising the project. Mr. W. Tyson, the president, then had a final word in voicing the appreciation of members to the R.M. and his organisers for promoting such an eventful occasion for a spritely nonagenarian.

K. A.

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COMPOSITIONS DURING 1966

By J. A. AINSWORTH

I have based my comments on compositions rung to peals and compositions published in "The Ringing World" in 1966.

COMPOSITIONS RUNG

Triples:

J. J. Parker's 12 part continues as the most popular composition for Grandsire Triples, 61 of the total number of 84 peals being rung to this composition. The remaining 23 were:–

Davies' 5 part 1
Parker's 5 part 2
Thurstans' 5 part 2
Vicars' 5 part 3
Parker's 6 part 3
Taylor's 6 part 2
Carter's 12 part 1
Bruerton's 12 part 2
Holt's 10 part 2
Holt's Original 2 (called by W. H. Mayle and Geoff Clarke)
Compositions by A. J. Pitman, B. D. Price and A. Corrigan 1 each

The latter were, unfortunately, not described in any further details in the peal reports.

I have no statistics to support my belief that the stranglehold of Parker's 12 part is at long last being relaxed; it is a very good composition but there are a number of easier compositions of equal stature.

Sixty peals of Stedman Triples were rung, all but one being, as far as I could tell from the details given in the peal reports, twin bob compositions. Mr. William Butler called the one exception, John Carter's odd bob one part. I am surprised that contemporary Stedman Triples conductors are not more adventurous. They appear to labour under the misapprehension that an odd-bob composition is difficult to memorise and call; on the contrary there are a number of odd-bob compositions of simple calling, in five equal parts, which are easier than many twin bob compositions and are more interesting to the other members of the band in the unpredictability of their entering the front work as a slow or quick bell.

A young conductor has to search diligently through out-of-print publications and reports to find a selection of compositions of different types of both Grandsire and Stedman Triples in order to choose one which is most appropriate for the peal attempt in mind.

For example, for a local band with little peal ringing experience I might choose J. J. Parker's One Part or Six Part (in preference to his Twelve Part) for Grandsire Triples and J W. Washbrook's twin bob six part or G. Lindoff's twin bob equal five part for Stedman Triples. For a band of more experience wishing to tackle something more adventuresome I might choose B. D. Price's irregular eight part for Grandsire Triples and J. O. Lancashire's "Marvel" odd and even bob and single for Stedman Triples.

The absence of a composite collection of compositions in these popular methods represents a serious gap in the list of publications available to the Exercise.

Major: Cambridge

Charles Middleton's Five Part in its various forms was rung in 51 peals, while 31 peals using other compositions (albeit often containing sections of Middleton's peal) were rung and these were called by 28 different conductors. However, the simplicity of Middleton's, especially for a conductor when called upon to call a peal of Cambridge at a moment's notice, will keep it popular.

Spliced Surprise

Before the second world war one of the ambitions of an aspiring conductor would be to conduct either Holt's Original of Grandsire Triples, and/or Carter's odd-bob of Stedman Triples. These compositions are now rarely rung but I feel that their place, in the armament of today's conductor, has been taken by a number of compositions which are in some ways even more difficult to memorise and call than either Holt's or Carter's, namely the one part, "all the work" compositions in varying numbers of methods of Spliced Surprise Major by H. G. Cashmore, A. J. Pitman and R. G. Crosland.

The following conductors successfully called these compositions:–

Conductor	Compositions
R. Baldwin	Pitman's 4 and Pitman's 6 twice
N. Bennett	Pitman's 6 twice
D. Beresford	Pitman's 4 and 7
A. J. Corby	Pitman's 5 and Crosland's 6
P. A. Corby	Pitman's 4 four times
W. E. Critchley	Pitman's 4 three times, 5 and 6
M. J. Fellows	Pitman's 4
J Henry Fielden	Pitman's 7 and 8
B. F. L. Groves	Crosland's 10
S. Jenner	Pitman's 4, 7 and 8
R. C. Kippin	Cashmore's 4
G. Penney	Pitman's 4
R. W. Pipe	Pitman's 4 and Crosland's 6
J. E. G Roast	Pitman's 5
D. E. Sibson	Pitman's 4 three times, Crosland's 8

With these conductors should be mentioned those members of the bands from the Yorkshire Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths who rang silent and non-conducted peals of Pitman's 5, 6 and 9 and Pitman's 6, 7 and 8 respectively.

Yorkshire Association: Jeanne E. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton, J. Henry Fielden, F. A. Munday, S. Armeson, V. Bottomley.

Cumberland Youths: Joan Beresford, R. F. Diserens, D. E. Sibson, E. A. Barnett, R. Baldwin, S. Jenner, D. Beresford.

In the field of multi-method Spliced Surprise Major the exploits of the West Country band under the leadership of Anthony R. Peake aroused admiration throughout the year as they leapt forward by leaps and bounds to their last record during 1966 of 120 methods.

Maximus:

Conductors from Birmingham have regularly called short peals of Surprise Maximus over the past five years, i.e. peals of 5,042 changes, coming round at the backstroke dodge of the treble in the 7th lead of the 10th course. Conductors from other areas are now following suit. Apart from peals by the St. Martin's Guild, 38 peals of Cambridge Maximus were rung, 17 5,280's and 21 5,042's, the latter being called by 18 different conductors.

The popularity of "short" peals over "long" peals showed a marked increase as 1966 went by, the proportion of short peals being much greater in the last few months of the year.

COMPOSITIONS PUBLISHED

A proportion of the compositions published are of particular interest to those who are wishing to attempt long lengths, new methods or multi-spliced touches and I shall not single any of these out for comment.

Amongst the compositions of general interest are the following:–

Cinques:

Edgar Shepherd's 12 part (No. 4) of Grandsire (page 22) is of a simple construction, the first 6 parts being of 87 Tittums and the second six of handstroke home. This seems to be a composition worthy of inclusion in a conductor's collection for a peal at a few moments notice.

5.103 Stedman by Michael V. Chilcott (page 229) is an interesting production for a Cinques band who wish to try something a little different. Three times during the peal the back bells are called into Whittington's position (E9780) within 12 sixes of a Tittums course end, producing at the short course end Whittington's change itself 531246E9780T, 531264E9780T and 123456E9780T. This was first rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, but I noticed that D. Beresford called it at Buckfast Abbey in November.

5.148 Stedman (No. 2) by Andrew S. Hudson (page 852) should provide amusement to ringers, and anguish to the conductor, as it commences at backstroke. This is a basically simple composition in 3 parts with the back bells in the Handstroke, Tittums and Inverted Tittums (879E0) positions in each of the parts.

Royal:

Richard Speed's Yorkshire (page 144) is undistinguished save for its bare 5,000 changes, but his simple 5,040 Pudsey (page 168) in two parts with 6 x 65 course ends and 6 x 56 course ends using a total of eight singles is worthy of inclusion in the same category as Edgar Shepherd's Grandsire Cinques.

On page 175 another simple two part was published, 5,040 Cambridge by Roderick W. Pipe. From the experience of having called and/or rung this arrangement of the composition eight times in 1966 I can only say that, in my opinion, it has opened up the field of Royal composition in a way analagous to the introduction of courses of Handstroke Home music in Caters in 1816 by Henry Cooper. In this brilliant peal the composer gives us 6 courses of 8790 music with 5 and 6 in 5ths or 6ths place; 7 and 8 are transposed by the simple expedient of using singles at the half lead in the middle of the course (4½), this causes the bells (7 and 8) ending and beginning their 7-8 places to make 7ths and 8ths places instead of dodging, thereafter taking over each other's work. I recommend it to inexperienced bands for its simplicity and the way in which 2, 3 and 4 are kept coursing together, and to experienced bands for its wealth of Backstroke Home and Tittums music. Indeed I consider it to be such an important composition that I give it here again in this form for the benefit of those who did not previously make a note of it.

5,040 Cambridge or Lincolnshire Surprise Royal
By R. W. Pipe (from No. 6)

2345678	M	4½	W	H
42356				—
52346			S	
34265	S		S	—
3426587		S		3
2346578		S		—

J. Henry Fielden's collection of both long and short course peals of London Royal on page 536 is a useful addition.

Another composition using three 568790 courses was G. Ronald Edwards' 5,080 Yorkshire (page 717), followed by R. W. Pipe's 5,120 London Royal (page 836) in short courses which has both 56 and 65, 8790's; the latter also uses singles at the half leads immediately before and after the course end, affecting the bells beginning and ending their 7-8 places.

Major:

T. B. Worsley's 5,280 Real Double Superlative (pages 7 and 128) will not be rung very often unless there is an increase in the popularity of this method with the stagnating effect of its 4 sets of five-pull dodges and the 4 sets of long places.

5,024 Bristol by Michael S. Bruce (page 20) with some 7568 and 7468 course end music appears worthwhile.

Throughout the year there have been a number of musical compositions of Yorkshire by Simon Humphrey, Roderick W. Pipe, Richard J. Parker and Brian Mountjoy. Some of these have been regularly rung since their publication and this is understandable as, with the use of singles, they give considerably more music than a composition without singles. I was surprised that no compositions of this type were published in the 1966 edition of the Central Council collection. The compilers say in the foreword that they have attempted to recognise changing tastes. Surely they recognise that singles in Surprise Major have come to stay and that their use represents an advance.

5,021 Glasgow by Roderick W. Pipe (page 836) provides a real sting in the tail for a confident band. The tenors are split, for the first time, in the last six leads, Queen's and Tittums are obtained, more bobs are called, and the peal comes round at a handstroke snap of the treble to everyone's surprise.

On November 25th a peal report records a peal of "all the work" Spliced Surprise Major in the four standard methods (LBCS) composed by Richard G. Crosland. This is in three equal parts and is a most important

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch at North Bradley on April 1st attracted 38 members, representing eight towers, with one visitor from Colerne.

The service was conducted by the recently-inducted Vicar, Canon C. E. Youngman, and the company was entertained to tea by the ringers of North Bradley.

The business meeting, which followed, was conducted by the chairman, Mr. C. F. Andrews (Melksham), with Mr. Graham Davis (Bradford) as secretary. Final details for the Guild Annual Festival to be held at Melksham on May 13th were settled. Monthly and quarterly meetings were decided upon as follows: June, West Lavington; July, Urchfont; August, Steeple Ashton; September, Great Cheverell; October, St. John's, Devizes.

A Press correspondent was elected (Mr. N. G. Knee) and it was decided to hold a striking competition in November, arrangements for this to be made by Mr. R. Purnell, Ringing Master.

Members from Steeple Ashton and Potterne joined in the ringing during the evening, with Mr. N. G. Knee as Ringing Master.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

In spite of wet, cold weather, the Durham and Newcastle Association's Southern District meeting on April 22nd attracted well over 30 ringers to Barnard Castle, where it was pleasant to see evidence of more care being taken of the tower, and several new ropes, though the tower still has no Association members. Perhaps because of the improved conditions, ringing was better than it had been on previous visits and ranged from rounds and call changes for the numerous learners, to London and Bristol Major.

After a picnic tea the meeting moved on to Staindrop (a popular tower without Association members). An enjoyable evening's ringing compensated for the persistent cold rain.

E. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The third District striking competition, held at Horsell on April 22nd, justified its place in the District calendar. Six teams entered and were judged by Mr. D. A. R. May and Mr. P. G. Smart.

The judges placed the teams in the following order: Horsell 1, Egham 2, Hersham 3, Chobham 4, Thames Ditton 5, Send 6.

The day's programme also embraced a short service. tea provided by Horsell ringers, and general ringing.

IN UNSPOILT SHROPSHIRE

It was refreshing to find an unspoilt and remote village, where the Bridgnorth District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held its spring meeting on April 29th. The remoteness probable accounted for the poor attendance (14), but those present were rewarded with a bountiful tea arranged by Miss R. Lamb. Chetton has a pleasant ring of six and a delightful old inn almost in the churchyard.

Compositions During 1966 (continued)

advance in the field, bringing "all the work" 4 spliced within the range of many more conductors.

On page 717 Cornelius Charge's well known peal of Bob Major, featured in the current C.C. Collection (No. 13), was published. I wonder why this old favourite was published at all, let alone incorrectly.

Edgar Shepherd contributed (under the heading "Odd Ventures") some useful short touches of Bob Major (page 624), Grandsire Triples (page 669), Stedman Caters (page 771) and Grandsire Doubles (page 852).

Overall the field of composition developed during 1966, especially with the use of singles in Surprise, with the promise of further developments in 1967.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The spring meeting of the South West Branch was held at Buckland Monachorum on April 15th. Ringing on the fine ring of eight bells was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. D. R. Bould.

During the service, conducted by the Vicar of Buckland (the Rev. P. S. Stephens), a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells by Mr D. R. Bould, Mr. R. A. Southwood (secretary and treasurer) and Mr. John Longridge. The organist was Mr. Michael Keck.

After a good tea the meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. Eric Hayman in place of Mr. H. H. Thomas (deputy chairman), who was unable to be present. A minute's silence was observed for Mr. Thomas George Myers (late chairman of the Branch) and later it was discussed what form a memorial to him might take. As Tom was so well known throughout Devon the proposal was passed on to the Guild for its views.

The secretary asked for full support for the next meeting, to be held at Stoke Damerel on October 14th. The form of service at Branch meetings was also discussed. A social evening is being held on October 7th.

New members elected were: Mr. Ron Roberts (St. Columb), Miss Clare Maxwell-Jones (Stoke Damerel) and the Rev. Leslie B. Hutchings, Mrs. Loveday Hutchings, M.A., Mr. Richard A. Hutchings and Mrs. Merryn D. Hutchings (all from Modbury).

Mr. W. Myers accorded a vote of thanks and appreciation to the South West Branch for all that it had done on the sad death of his brother.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Stedman Doubles at West Hendred on April 15th, rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was conducted by Christopher I. Rowson and not James R. White as printed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Cripplegate on April 29th was a relief to the University of London Society as it was the fourth time in the past year that the Society had tried to get this peal.

The band who rang the peal at Tettenhall would like Mr. Philip Johnson, of Codsall, to be associated with it, as he was originally to have rung. Unfortunately he and Miss Gillian Smith were involved in a road accident, but we are pleased to learn they are well on the way to recovery.

Thursday April 27th, saw another attempt to encourage ringing together in the Southern District of the Surrey Association, when a combined practice was held at Redhill. As is usual on these occasions, the strongest contingent was from Old Coulsdon. Some progress was made and several people either attempted to ring or rang a new method. Next practice, Godstone, May 25th.

Mr. Fred Salter, of Nottingham, is in Mewstead Hospital, Nottingham, Ward 2, Room 16. He is as well as can be expected and would be glad to hear from old friends.

The wedding of two Perth, Australia, ringers, Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook, at Perth Cathedral on April 29th was the occasion for a wedding peal at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on the same day. Great Adventure II received much hospitality from Margaret's parents.

Over 60 ringers were present at the spring festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild at Landewednack on April 29th. The Rector (Rev. E. E. Hodges) conducted the service, and the Vicar of Mullion (Rev. W. J K. Harris) gave the address. Local ladies provided an excellent tea, and other towers open in the evening were St. Keverne, Manaccan and Mawgan. Next meeting: Carbis Bay, October 28th (provisional).

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DOINGS IN DEVON

There are no really catastrophic turn-ups in the Winter Knock-out Cup so far, and all except the Southern Area have got down to the last three. One feature, however, is the success so far of eight-bell bands competing on six—a thing which they very seldom do in the summer competitions. Although (we had better hasten to reassure readers) West Down, St. Mary Down and West Alvington are still right in there each in its own area, the other two teams in the North are both from eight-bell towers. High Bickington, led by the redoubtable Herbert Pidler (who earned himself a fine centre-page profile in the "Western Times" recently), have knocked out St. Giles-in-the-Wood, Burrington and, rather surprisingly, Swymbridge, while Pilton have disposed of Marwood, Alwington and, to all intents and purposes, West Down "B."

In the last case the meeting has not yet taken place, but West Down's "B" team includes two girls, who would be unwise to attempt competition ringing on Pilton's heavy back six, and West Down are planning to replace them with members of their "A" band in order to make an evening of it, but to give the result to Pilton in any case. Alwington also conceded a walk-over, we hear; we hear also with great regret that they have lost their immensely keen and charming captain, Frank Daniel. West Down "A" have disposed of Tawstock and Chittlehampton and have had one bye.

Mid-Devon has also seen an eight-bell band showing rousing form on six, for in the face of some stiff competition Witheridge, who also lost a captain recently in the death of that wonderful ringer Tommy Kingdon, are still there with (as expected) Talaton and Down St. Mary. From the South our news is not quite so detailed, but both the Plymstock bands are still in the running, and so are West Alvington and Widecombe.

SCIENTIFIC BAND WIN CALL-CHANGE CONTEST

The Ipplepen Deanery 6-bell competition was held at Churston Ferrers on April 29th. The Vicar, Rev. B. G. Burr, conducted a shortened form of Evensong and gave an address prior to the draw which was made at 3.10 p.m.

Eight teams entered and rang the customary 60 on thirds peal. The shield and first certificate were awarded to Babbacombe with 51 faults, and it is believed that this is the first time a scientific band has succeeded in winning a call-change competition. The other placings were Kingskerswell 55, Brixham 73, Stoke Fleming "A" 78, Stoke Fleming "B" 85, Paignton 102, Ipplepen 123, Churston Ferrers 125.

At the meeting which followed it was agreed to make a grant of 5 gns. to Marldon band, who have plans to augment their bells to six. Next year's Ipplepen Deanery competition will be held at St. Petrock's, Dartmouth.

MUSIC FESTIVAL PEAL

The Derby Association were asked to ring a peal at Long Eaton for the festival of music and the arts. This gained quite a lot of publicity in the local papers and the B.B.C. sent a reporter to cover the event. His interview with David J. Marshall and Gordon Halls was broadcast on the programme "Today" on May 1st. The interest seems to have been caused by the method named Long Eaton Surprise Major being derived by computer (the Hudson and MacClenahan collection).

MUSIC FESTIVAL AT RICHMOND, SURREY

The annual Music Festival at Richmond, Surrey, finishes each year with the ringing section, and this year was no exception. At Isleworth Parish Church no less than five teams entered the contest in the tower bell section. Each effort was listened to attentively by quite a large gathering of ringers, and the adjudicator for the occasion was Mr. Walter Ayre. Teams entering were Isleworth Parish Church (Stedman Triples), St. Mary's, Battersea (Grandsire Triples), The Riverside Ringers (conducted by Robin Leale, Stedman Triples), the London County Sunday Evening Service band (conducted by Monty Meyer), St. John's, Hillingdon (holders of the shield for 1966). Each team was allowed five minutes' practice and then had to ring a touch of at least 250 changes.

Mr. Ayre reserved his remarks and the declaration of the results until after tea, which was served in the church hall by ladies from Isleworth Parish Church. The winners were The Riverside Ringers, who gained an honours certificate with 96 marks out of 100 for what Mr. Ayre described as "an almost faultless performance which, if repeated in every tower, would stop any complaints about bell ringing". This mark, incidentally, was the highest awarded in the Festival in any of its sections this year. Isleworth Parish Church were runners-up with 91 marks, which also gained them an honours certificate and further congratulations from the adjudicator.

It was unfortunate that the handbell ringing contest had to be cancelled. Only one team entered the tune ringing contest and two for the change ringing contest and unfortunately, owing to absence or illness, the change ringing bands had to withdraw.

Tower secretaries and Association officials are asked to make a note of the provisional date for next year's contest, which will be on Saturday, April 6th, 1968, at Isleworth Parish Church.

D. J. NEAL SMITH,
Festival Chairman.

A CONCENTRATION ON SURPRISE

Malcolm E. Wade rang his 100th peal on January 17th at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough. The method was Yorkshire Surprise Royal, conducted by R. Kingsley Mason, with whom he has rung many peals.

Details: Surprise Maximus 6, Stedman Cinques 2, Surprise Royal 22 (eight different methods), Surprise Major 62 (24 methods), Major 2, Triples nil, Minor 6 (Cambridge 3).

1,260 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

By MARTYN MARRIOTT

234567

S	756432	— 3
	423657	— 3
	675324	— 3
	342576	— 3
S	657243	— 3
	234756	— 3
	237645	— 1
	236574	— 1
	762345	— 5
	763524	— 1
	765432	— 1
	423567	— 3

Twice repeated.

This composition contains all —567 and all —756, half at handstroke and half at backstroke, and 15 each —76, —67.

CHIMING GIFT TO WIRRAL BRANCH SECRETARY

In recognition of his 21 years' service as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, an attractive chiming clock was presented to Mr. Alexander J Martin at the Branch's monthly meeting at Bebington on April 29th.

Miss M Wendy Hodgson Jones, tower captain of St. Mary's, Upton Overchurch, the originator of the presentation, thought that the younger members should be told what the Branch owed to Alex. He started ringing, she said, 32 years ago at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, then at St. Andrew's, Bebington, and now at St. Saviour's, Oxton. He also rang at Liverpool Cathedral, was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and an honorary member of the Liverpool University Society.

The way he had fulfilled his many duties as hon secretary, such as arranging tower meetings socials, annual dinners, tours, supplying reserves and the training of recruits, had produced a happy band of ringers and had made the Branch one of the best in the Chester diocese.

Miss Jones concluded by saying that she hoped the members would follow the example of Alex and by so doing would get much pleasure in return for their efforts, and she knew they all joined with her in wishing Alex and Mrs. Martin a long and happy life and the clock was a token of their sincere thanks for the excellent services rendered by Alex to the Branch.

The Rev L. Roy Barker, president of the Branch and Vicar of St. Mary's, Upton Overchurch, made the presentation, and Miss Jones presented Mrs. Martin with a basket of roses, sweet peas and freesias.

A LOSS TO RAINHAM

Rainham, Kent, parishioners have been in mourning for the passing of their Vicar, the Rev. James Clifford, who died suddenly on April 18th. During the week before and after his death the bells of St. Margaret's Church were rung half-muffled. Mr. Clifford had held the living since 1955 and took a very close interest in the belfry. He was an associate member of the K.C.A.

More than 500 people, including civic heads, attended the funeral service. In a tribute the Archdeacon of Rochester (Ven L. W. Harland) said, "He was a gentle man in every sense of the word. And he was a great believer in sympathy and love."

After the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with rung, half-muffled, by the local band, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss H. M. Carter 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, Mrs. T. S. Wraight 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, R. E. Finch 5, K. Williamson 6, T. S. Wraight 7, N. Jackson 8.

AN UNUSUAL DOUBLE

By ringing the 9th at Daventry on April 14th, Mr. P. I. Chapman not only completed his 50th peal on the bells but also completed the "circle" for the fifth time. The attainment of this unusual "double" should have been achieved last year, but an eight months' absence from peal ringing, due to a prolonged illness, prevented it.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Through the courtesy of "The Evesham Journal" we were able last week to publish the beautiful picture of the Evesham Bell Tower.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr 21 lb. in B.

John Chilcott	Treble	James R. Taylor	7
David P. Hilling	2	John Hill	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	John Armstrong	9
D. John Hunt	4	Robert C. Kippin	10
Brian Bladon	5	John R. Mayne	11
David E. Parsons	6	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt.

Alan F. Thirst	Treble	Philip A. Corby	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	Frank E. Darby	7
John H. Fielden	3	George E. Thoday	8
Basil Jones	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of London Surprise Royal in Gloucestershire.
Rung to mark Leslie Barry's 30 years as a ringer at the Cathedral.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 22, 1967 in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*P. John Hall	Treble	*Roy W. Rice	5
David G. Massey	2	*Peter J. England	6
*Walter S. Rice	3	*Edgar T. Skipsey	7
*†Michael G. Bartlett ..	4	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Pudsey. † 25th peal.

BATHFORD, Bath.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being Morris 240 and 24 extents of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*Geoffrey J. Taylor	Treble	Peter J. Devrell	4
†Margaret B. Pidgeon ..	2	David C. Hawkins	5
Julian E. Newman	3	Brian Sarll	Tenor

Conducted by Julian E. Newman.
* First peal on treble. † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 15, 1967 in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, three extents of each: Stedman Slow Course, Union, Stedman, New Doubles, Huntspill, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, New Grandsire, Grandsire and Antelope. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Geoffrey Hebden	Treble	John Coombs	4
Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
*Yvonne Criddle	3	†Sidney Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* First peal in 14 methods. † 50th for the Association.

WEST MONKTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Edwin Dibble	Treble	Cecil T. Clarke	4
Brian J. Wylde	2	Michael J. Stone	5
Ronald D. Short	3	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.
* First peal. First in the method for all the band. First of Minor on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WEMBDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 120s Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 20 of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Edwin J. Pope	Treble	D. Keith Lane	4
†Jonathan P. Hill	2	Michael J. Stone	5
‡Robert C. Woodward ..	3	Alan G. Kent	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Stone.
* First peal away from tenor † First peal. ‡ First of Doubles. First in more than one method as conductor.
Rung for St. George's Day and as a compliment to Mr. F. W. Sweet, captain of the tower, on completing 40 years' ringing.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., April 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt.

John I. Parsons	Treble	Patrick J. Bird	5
*Helen F. Roberts	2	Edward G. Mould	6
*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	3	*Michael A. Gilbey	7
Elizabeth M. Emmett ..	4	Gillian M. Brearley ..	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. The conductor's 50th peal for the Society.
A wedding compliment to Peter Hurcombe and Kathleen Churly, and Martin Foster and Christine Snelling.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great,
On Sat., May 6, 1967 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr 1 lb. in G.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	Treble	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	5
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	2	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	7
*Jane E. Shaw (New Hall)	4	A. F Scholfield (Clare) ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	Denis Mottershead	5
Sidney Hough	2	F. John Nelson	6
Alan J. Brown	3	Dennis Latham	7
Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Dodworth, April Day, Old and Kennington Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

R. John Burrell	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	John R. Scott	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Quickest peal on the bells.

HINSTOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt in A.

Ernest Pimlott	Treble	Harold Worrall	4
Brian Schofield	2	Christopher J. Jones ..	5
Michael Thomson	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONG EATON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt in G.

David J. Marshall	Treble	John S. Dean	5
Derek G. Astridge	2	Denis R. Carlisle	6
David W. Parkin	3	Gordon A Halls	7
Alec Humphrey	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
First peal in the method
Rung for the Long Eaton Festival of Music and the Arts.

LONG EATON S.M.
—34—14—58—16—34—1458—34—18
l.h. 18 (H and M 1438) Rung with 4ths place bobs.
Falseness as in Kent.

OSMASTON BY ASHBOURNE Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Thurs., April 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge S. and Plain Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Clive A. Thrower	Treble	Burley P. Morris	4
Alec Humphrey	2	Melvyn A Rose	5
T. Felicity Webber	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles,
On Thurs., April 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, and Cambridge S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Richard Wilcox	Treble	Samson Walklate	4
Gordon A. Halls	2	Harold Taylor	5
John S. Dean	3	David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Alan Taylor	Treble	D. Graham Hall	5
Enid Softley	2	Jarvis Close	6
Kenneth W. Cheeseman	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
†Henry P. Thompson ..	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
* First peal. † First of Major "inside". First 8-bell peal on these bells since their restoration in 1964.
Rung as part of the proceedings of the Lumley Castle Rally held in connection with the 90th anniversary celebrations of this Association.

LANCHESTER, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Keith M. Talbot	Treble	Christopher T. Lamb ..	4
†Ian V. Wintrip	2	‡Alan C. Walker	5
*Ann H. Whaley	3	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First "inside".
Rung as part of the Lumley Castle Rally.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 29 1967 in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Geoffrey M. Brewin ..	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Frank E. Haynes	3	John G. Gipson	7
Sidney J. Woodcock	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM FOREST, London.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 29, 1967 in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Barbara Shaw	Treble	Peter Sloman	6
Anthony M. Faulkner ..	2	Dennis Ellisdon	7
*Thomas R. Sharp	3	Aidan St. J. Boyack ..	8
*Stephen G. Halliwell ..	4	Kenneth Warner	9
David Sloman	5	Colin G. Wright	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	Michael J. Church	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Walter Arnold	7
Michael J. Bew	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 29 methods, as follows (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley and Morning Star T.B.; (2) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford Newdigate and Marple Delight; (4) London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B.; (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise; (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (7) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John Avis	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol, 320 each of Cambridge Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire and 160 Pudsey; with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	Roger Baldwin	5
*Eric Edmondson	2	†C. Michael Orme	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	David A. Carpenter ..	7
Gerald Penney	4	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of 8-Spliced. † First of Spliced Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., April 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Tony Lewis	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7
Frederick J. Cullum ..	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung on the Queen's birthday.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Olive D. Tester	Treble	*Susan P. Nicholson ..	5
*Jill Dunmall	2	Eric J. Brunger	6
†Ann P. Durent	3	‡Edwin A. Barnett	7
*Jenny Brunger	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross Conducted by Colin A. Tester.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. ‡ 500th of Major.
Rung by a local band as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)
HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Dennis H. McCormick ..	Treble	James E. Sumner	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Jeffrey Simcox	6
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	3	Geoffrey Cunliffe	7
John Ashcroft	4	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Composed by R. Barnes. Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. N. McCormick.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter,
On Fri., April 28, 1967 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's One-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	*John H. Fielden	5
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	2	Stanley Anderton	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Dennis H. McCormick ..	7
John Ashcroft	4	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* 350th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

FARNWORTH WITH KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain.
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A.

*Neil Burnett	Treble	Joseph Thornley	4
*Keith Lister	2	†Arnold Critchley	5
*John Illingworth	3	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in two Minor methods. † First of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

John Hunt	Treble	*Edward Guy Slater ..	4
*Dr. Ron W. Adams ..	2	*Raymond H. Martin ..	5
*Judy Morris	3	Edward W. Martin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal in the method.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	*Timothy G. Pett	7
Yvonne Edwards	2	Michael V. Chilcott ..	8
Anthony H. Smith	3	Alan E. Bagworth	9
Robert E J. Dennis	4	Martin C. Faulkes	10
Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	5	Philip Mehew	11
John Armstrong	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal of Maximus completing the Cambridge family. First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the U.L.S.C.R.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Elsie K. Hart	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Alick Cutler	6
*Dianne Gazeley	3	Robert J. Moore	7
Walter G. Knight	4	†Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal, first attempt. †950th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher Brunditt, a member of the local band

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 30, 1967 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland; with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Caroline R. F. Cole ..	Treble	*Ian L. Dear	5
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	Simon Humphrey	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	3	*John R. Ketteringham ..	7
*Andrew J. Slade	4	David E. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by David E. Rothera.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Fri., April 28, 1967 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*Raymond Cotton	Treble	†William T. Goadby ..	5
†Norman W. Cotton ..	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Margaret Woolley	3	Derek P. Jones	7
John K. Smith	4	Arthur E. Rowley	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal. † First of Triples in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
C.C.C. No. 32. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*H. Jillian Pike	Treble	*Michael S. Holbrook ..	6
*Mrs. Elsie M. Smith ..	2	David L. Wilsox	7
*Clifford J. Garlick	3	†Harold Smith	8
Joseph A. Constant ..	4	Harold P. Reed	9
Alan R. Pink	5	Walter Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Walter Hunt.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Bob Royal.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Anthony D. Sansom ..	Treble	Peter A. Sharp	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	J. Keith Ward	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	*Alan R. Patterson	8
Frank W. Lewis	4	David P. Hilling	9
John N. Diserens	5	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 200th peal.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., April 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	Roger M. Heyworth ..	5
David P. Hilling	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
Michael Hatchett	3	Christopher H. Rogers ..	7
Stephen F. Royal	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*Douglas Whitlock	Treble	*†Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4
*Sara K. D. Woolley ..	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Anthony K. Fortin ..	3	Frank T. Blagrove ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal of 7 Surprise Minor. † First of Minor in this country. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Dorothea Hargreaves, who was leaving Amersham for Harwell the following day.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Stephen J. Ivin	Treble	Bruce Wakefield	6
Hilary F. Pardoe	2	G. Robert Mordaunt ..	7
Stephen F. Royal	3	M. Roger Ashmore	8
John E. Camp	4	Roger M. Heyworth ..	9
John W. Thorpe	5	J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations being six extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, April Day, Kennington, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	3
Ronald Russell	2	Roger N. Scholes	4
		J. Charles Hudson	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt 5 lb. in B flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
James A. D. Woolford ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At the Minster of St. Denys.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman G. N. Knee ..	Treble	Eric J. Hitchins	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	6
Frederick S. Slatford ..	3	*William T. Perrins	7
George W. Massey	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Superlative, and on the bells. Mr. Norman Knee has now "circled the tower" to peals. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., March 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Derek J. Tysoe	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	*F. William Midwinter ..	5
Margaret E. Chilton ..	3	*William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 125th peal together. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret E. Chilton.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WEDNESBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

James Draycott .. .. Treble	J. Edward Cawser 6
Alan Evans 2	B. Stedman Payne 7
Monica M. Jelley 3	E. Alan Jacques 8
Alfred Ballard 4	Russell S. Morris 9
Rupert A. Clarke 5	John M. Jelley .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

CHURCH EATON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Editha.
On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Roger L. Hawksworth .. Treble	Barnabas G. Key 4
Philip C. Rogers 2	Ian Friend 5
Dr. R. W. Adams 3	Howard Howell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Derek Slater .. .. .. Treble	*James M. Hills 5
Martin L. Howe 2	†Peter S. Muchlinski .. 6
Richard Hayes 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
*John A. Howard 4	†Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY.
At Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*†Sarah Scott .. .. .. Treble	*Sarah Irwin 5
Elizabeth Proctor 2	Christine Kelsey 6
*Diana Wriggins 3	*Richard S. Dirksen .. 7
Geoffrey Davies 4	*Geoffrey Dirksen .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard S. Dirksen.
* First peal of Stedman. † First "inside". First of Triples as conductor. First of Stedman Triples in North America.
Rung to welcome Geoffrey and Liz Davies to Washington.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
CRADLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Peter J. Brown .. .. .. Treble	Peter L. Bill 5
Harold J. Shuck 2	*Michael L. Lashford .. 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Martin W. Powell 4	A. Bryan Ellsmore .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.
* First peal "inside". First of Major as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. in B flat.

*Philip Moorhouse .. .. Treble	†Jennifer E. Pearce 5
Pauline Holland 2	†Brian E. Moorhouse .. 6
H. David Holland 3	†Ronald J. Snack 7
John A. Brown 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Kent Treble Bob Major.

(Sheffield and District)
WENTWORTH, Yorkshire—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues, March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Elizabeth Cherry .. .. Treble	Peter Carbutt 4
Neil Donovan 2	Michael R. Meadows .. 5
M. Alec Beaumont 3	Stuart Armeson .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia Smith and Andrew King, married this day.

HUNTINGTON, N. Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Thelwall, Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Childwall, St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt 17 lb. in C.

*Ronald H. Dove .. .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
†Arnold Cole 2	Ronald R. Warford 5
†Jennifer E. Pearce 3	H. David Holland .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association. † First in ten methods of Minor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 22 1967 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Four different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

C. Barrie Dove .. .. Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce 4
*William P. Haskins .. 2	Ronald J. Snack 5
Josephine M. Haskins .. 3	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal "inside".

HUNTINGTON, N. Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in C.

*Belinda M Gilbert .. Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce 4
James S. Webb 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	Ronald J. Snack .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., April 18 1967 in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 21 methods, comprising 1,632 Plain Bob, 1,536 Double Bob, 312 Little Bob, 288 Reverse Bob, 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 120 each of Cambray and Crayford Little Court, 96 each of Lansdowne Little Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial 48 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and 32 each of Blackley, Lesser Wapping, Scholfield, Nelson, Fishwick and Hudson; with 305 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. .. 1—2	Hugh N Evans .. .. 5—6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3—4	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all, in the county, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Sun., April 23 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher W. Woolley .. 1—2	*Roger Baldwin .. .. 5—6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3—4	James A. D. Woolford .. 7—8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* 400th peal.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL Yorkshire.—At 81, Park Street.
On Thurs., April 27 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 5 in F.

Peter Church .. .. .. 1—2	Alan H. Bridges .. .. 3—4
*Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.) .. 5—6	

* 100th peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.— At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Thurs., March 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant 1-2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3-4
*Stanley G. Scott 5-6	

* First peal on handbells.

LONG LENGTH

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on April 19th, 4,116 Plain Bob Triples: J. Bull 1, G. Elmes 2, Audrey Alexander 3, R. D. Bailey 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, R. Churchill 6, J. Pladdys (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. A peal attempt brought round. Believed to be longest length on bells for over 60 years.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

CAWTHORNE, Barnsley, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,020 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stubbins (first 720) 1, C. A. Moxon 2, F. Cowling 3, H. Rusby 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For St. George's Day.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 23rd, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method 2 and 5. Also on April 30th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: I Wiltshire ringing his first in method. Conductor R. Rayfield.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On April 30th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Starling 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, V. Wills 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. Voss 8.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Joyce 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6 First in method 3 and 4.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On April 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Pearse 1, S. E. Darmon 2, R. J Snack 3, D. Whitlock 4, R. Mitchell 5, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 4 and 5.

BASSALEG, MON.—On April 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Colleypriest (first quarter) 1, J. Prytherch 2, A. Bainham 3, P. Chambers 4, D. Phillips (cond.) 5, P. Williams (first quarter) 6. An engagement compliment to John Prytherch and Diane Grinter.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: K. Sansom (first Stedman Doubles as cond.) 1, A. Reeves 2, D. Hughes 3, B. Gambrill 4, B. Walton 5, R. Lintott 6. First Stedman Doubles 2, 4 and 5. Rung prior to a recital for the Winchester Cathedral Appeal Fund. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At the Church of St. Peter, on April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. A. Mitchell 1, C. Conway 2, A. Johnson 3, J. Hartless 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, R. Prime 7, A. V. Davis (cond.) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Read (first of Minor) 1, A. W. Bond 2, Marion Kemp 3, Enid Hammond (first Minor "inside") 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on April 13th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: G. W. Land 1, R. J. Bowden 2, R. W. Sweet 3, D. M. Chapman 4, P M. J. Gray 5, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 6, M. J. Hobbs 7, P. Bridle 8, J. H. Gilbert 9, P. J. Bird 10, E. F. Hancock 11, A. Howard 12.

BURBAGE, DERBYS. — On April 12th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (four methods): Gillian Fanshaw 1, Gladys Richardson 2, F. M. Stanway 3, R. Dawson 4, A. Richardson 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6.

CHIDEOCK, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. R. Board 1, J. W. Mairshall 2, J. P. Cooper 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss V. Ballard (first quarter) 1, A. Cox 2, F. G. Cook 3, M. Stracey (cond.) 4, C Wilkins 5, A. E. Wiltshire 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS. — At the Priory, on April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Broadest 1, Mrs. G W. Davis 2, H. Harrison 3, G. J. Scragg 4, C. Dewnap (first of Caters) 5, R. Ingham 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Prime 8, A. Johnson 9, B. Wright 10. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wright, on the birth of a daughter (Kathryn).

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 D.N.C.B. Royal: Mary Coleman 1, P. I. Chapman 2, Sheila Staley 3, G. E. Watson 4, D. G. Pearson 5 J. G. Mitchell 6, J. E. Skerritt 7, R. J. Cowley 8, A. Gibbs 9, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 10.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On April 25th, at the Church of SS. Augustine and John, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): L. I. Reynolds 1, Helen M. Hubert 2, Gillian E. Lewis 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, Geraldine G. Winnet 5, P. J Mills 6. Rung for the quincentenary of the Feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel, and the visits of the Primate of Ireland and the Bishop of Nara.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS. — 1,056 Bob Major: D. Sanderson (first touch of Major as cond.) 1, H. Armstead 2, M Platt 3, I. Pass 4, J. Partington 5, W Pugh 6, I. Kay 7, P. Ogden 8. For the dedication of the new St. George's School.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Collins (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mackman 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, S. Meadows 4, Miss J. Collins 5, J. A. Collier 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Olliver 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT. — On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Laud 1, J. Southey 2, S. Laud 3, T. Clark 4, D. Laud (cond.) 5, L. North 6, B. Matthews 7, B. Burroughs 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On May 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J Sewell 1, Miss R. Bellaby 2, Miss S. Anthony 3, G A. Dawson (cond.) 4, F. E. Jones 5, S. Ripon 6. First quarter attempt 2, 3 and 6. As a welcome to the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Ven. M. Brown (before visitation).

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on April 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Livingstone (first quarter) 1, R. M. Preston 2, J. M. Preston 3, T J. Winderam 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Fisher 6, M J. Pink 7, D. M. Graham-Service (cond.) 8.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On April 30th, 720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Birchall (first of Minor) 1, Barbara Deason 2, Alison Wyllie 3 C. Reader 4, W. S. Deason 5, S. J. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints', on April 15th, 1,680 Spliced Triples (three methods): R. Percy 1, Janet Percy 2, Christine Baldock 3, S. Buckland 4, Betty Percy 5, I. Smith 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, C. A. Levett 8. First of three Spliced Triples by all except tenor ringer.

HEMYOCK, DEVON. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda R. Reed 1, M. R. Pring (first quarter) 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, L. V. Morrell 5 L. Hart 6. For Tiverton and District Scouts' St. George's Day service.

HERNHILL, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, Miss M. Carruthers 3, P. Saddleton 4, D. Grimwood 5, B. Jemmett 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, R. Butler (first quarter) 8 As a tribute to Miss B. H. Foreman, on her retirement after over 70 years as organist.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. H. Whittell 1, Janet M. Besant 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, F. H. Pike 4, G. W. Pipe 5, A. J. Munnings 6, N. F. Whittell 7, A. R. Andrews 8, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 9, M J. Howes 10. First of Caters 1, 3, 4 and 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. J. Sollis (first attempt) 1, Maureen Green 2, Elizabeth A. Hill 3, Thelma E. Staples 4, D. R. Chambers (first as cond.) 5. For Flower and Industrial Festival, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Verna Bale and Mr. Ralph Harrison.

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE, SOMERSET. — On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, A. H. Read 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells (open to correction).

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On April 26th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Widdows (first away tenor) 1, B. Corbishley 2, R. Barratt 3, D. N. Heapy 4, E Pimlott (cond.) 5, P. Walton 6, Valerie Green 7, K. Poulton 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On April 16th, at St. Michael and All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: K. Howell 1, M. Howe 2, M. Barden 3, S. Wigg (first as cond.) 4, E. Jenner 5, D. Long 6.

NASH, MON.—On April 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Hall 1, L. Bainham 2, A. Bainham 3, D. Phillips 4, J. Prytherch 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3, 4, 5. Rung to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Henry Hatfield and Dianne Bird.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Butcher 1, W. Rees (cond.) 2 Mrs. B. Paton (first "inside") 3, A. Paton 4, R. Poston 5, Howard Meek 6. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Beard, honorary life member of Gloucester and Bristol Association.

SEATON, RUTLAND. — On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Patsy M. Barnes 1, R. N. Scholes 2, J. C. Hudson 3, J. M. Thorley 4, J. Woolley (cond.) 5.

SELLING, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia A. Winch 1, J. Hedgcock 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, J. B. Keeler 5, R. F. Cleaver 6, D J. Carr (cond.) 7, W. Epps 8.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Medhurst (first quarter) 1, J. Bailey 2, C. Webb 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, M Flowers (first quarter) 6. To the memory of William Goldstone.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on April 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Guest 1, T. Senior 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, J. Seager 5, H. O. Chaddock 6, L. Smith 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, A. Frisney 10. Rung as a token of esteem to Francis Ward, for 48 years a ringer at this tower, who died the previous Sunday.

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—On April 20th, 720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob: Janet Hallett 1, A. House 2, P. Sloman 3, M. Hallett 4, B. Sadler 5, D. Sloman (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. G. Peck 1, R. Amos 2, W. Gates (first quarter "inside") 3, H. Hazell (first quarter of Major as cond.) 4, B. Watson 5, E. Beauchamp 6, J. Weaver 7, L. G. Gates 8. For Festal Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 29th, 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob Minor: P. Ruonley 2, W. Brown 3, H. Wittering 4, L. Cooper 5, D. Taplin 6, W. Lawrance (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8. For the St. Nicholas' Flower Festival.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On April 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. R. F. Mullins (first of Doubles) 1, J. G. Flint 2, P. Clarke 3, D. G. Carr (cond.) 4, A. S. Smith 5. In appreciation of Mr. R. Furness' work in organising Durham Fieldwork Course, and to the Blandford party for making it both memorable and enjoyable.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Waterfield 1, W. W. Cousins 2, Miss Shelagh Collins 3, R. Newson 4, W. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. A. Newton 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding 3, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 4, T. P. Edwards 5, N. P. Spencer 6, R. H. Johnston 7 G. B. Davis 8, F. A. Penn 9, R. H. Lucas 10. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the treble.

URCHFONT, WILTS. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Heath 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, G. Heath (cond.) 3, W. Cook 4, W. Alexander 5, D. Cook 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Rev. Robin H. Owen, Vicar.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Payne (first of Triples) 1, P. Roynon 2, L. Hawkins 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, R. Garratt 5, R. Payne 6, N. G. Knee 7, R. Holly 8. Rung for Confirmation, and as a 50th birthday compliment to ringer of third.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, A. J. Hopkins 5, J. E. Cansell (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Pugh, M.B.E., churchwarden.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX. — On April 21st, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tookin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, Amette E. Bradbury (most methods) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Maria Dumper (14, first quarter) 1, Maureen White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone (75th quarter) 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. An engagement compliment to Christine Mason and Peter Arnold.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. M. Riddle 1, P. J. Kingscote (first as cond.) 2, C. H. Webber 3, L. G. Hughes 4, D. T. North 5, W. A. Riddle 6, G. Walford 7, B. Hughes 8.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Brenda Exton 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, T. O. Greasley 3, J. Shoofeld 4, T O. Goodwin 5, J. D. Clarke 6. For Confirmation service.

WHITTLESEY, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 behind): J. Edwards 1, Jane Gray 2, Mary Cole 3, Susan Randall 4, W. Smith 5, L. Dickerson 6, Lesley Staggs 7, P. Robinson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. M. Williams, a bellringer and sidesman.

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HOLIDAY PUBLICATION

In view of May 29th being a Bank Holiday, last date for Notices for June 2nd issue is FRIDAY, MAY 26th.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.

Parish History Exhibition in Church, Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Organ Fund. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 1548

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Summer Festival will be held in the Guildford District on June 3rd.

Guildford: Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6) and Stoke (6), 10–11.30. Shere (8), 11.30–12.30. Ewhurst (6), 12–1. Cranleigh (8), 12.30–1.30.

You are advised to bring your own lunch

Wonersh (8), 2.15–3.15. Bramley (6), 2.45–3.30. Hascombe (5), 3.15–4. Dunsfold (6), 3.30–4.15. Chiddingfold (8), 3.45–4.45.

Tea at Chiddingfold Village Fête, 4.45, for those who notify. Service, 5.45.

Haslemere (10), 6.30–7.30. Witley (8), 7–8. Godalming (8), 7.30–8.30. Shalford (8) and Guildford, St. Nicolas' (10), 8–9.

Names for tea to Mr. J. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, Surrey, by Tuesday, May 30th, at latest, please. 1478

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Manchester Branch

Striking Competition at Eccles on May 27th, 2.30 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea and results in Parish Rooms, Worsley, 5.30 p.m. General ringing at Worsley from 3 p.m. and after tea, also at Eccles if required. Names for tea to Neil Bennett, 12, Union Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Monday, May 22nd.—C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 1541

NORTHANTS ringer, nearing retirement, would like to hear of a small country cottage (preferably rent, buy if price reasonable) away from town expansion, anywhere Midlands or South. Replies to P. Amos, 30. Inkerman Terrace, Northampton. 1515

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—There will be no ringing on Friday, May 19th, or Sunday, May 21st, due to retopping and releathering of clappers. Practice as usual Friday, May 26th: University of Sussex, 6–7 p.m.; University of Sussex and local band, 7.20–9 p.m. 1522

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Change of Officers

Hon Gen Secretary and Treasurer:
Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts.

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TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

Rededication of ancient six bells and hallowing of two new added trebles in new metal frame by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. All welcome. Numbers for buffet tea, please, to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1454

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Cricket Match. Truro Branch v Penzance Branch, at Probus, June 24th, 3 p.m Bells available. Ringers' tea. Names of spectators wanting tea to Barbara Duck.—A. J. D. 1551

CANADA.—Would any ringers interested in travelling to Canada, August, 1967, to combine a visit to EXPO 67 with Campanological Expeditions in Montreal and Quebec, please contact Box No. 1542, "Ringing World." Guildford. 1542

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—The itinerary for the forthcoming summer tour is now available. Members should write to the undersigned, enclosing s.a.e. and subscription (5s.) if still outstanding—for details as soon as possible.—R. Kingsley Mason, Hon. Treas. and Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. 1544

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to J. Fox, Walpole Marsh Wisbech. 1508

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting, Whittlesey St. Mary, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich and Grandsire. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1510

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 20th. Bells (8) 3–5 p.m. and 6 onwards Own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 1488

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, 3 p.m., May 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 1475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—May 20th, South Mimms, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing, North Mymms. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms Tel. 2202.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 20th. Bells: Standon (6), 3 p.m.; Braughing (8), 6 p.m.; Much Hadham (8). 7.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at The Golden Fleece, Braughing. Names for tea must be sent to Peter Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing, Ware. 1492

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting. Brigg. Saturday, May 20th. Bells, afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Ipswich Surprise and Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. **Note date correction.** 1497

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on May 20th at 6 p.m. 1523

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District. — Meeting and cup contest, Ossington, Saturday, May 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. General ringing after contest. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, Holme Farm, Ossington, Newark.—B N. Reed. 1502

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, May 20th, Hucknall (8), cup contest. Draw 2.30 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Open ringing during evening. Names for tea to Mr. H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 1509

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Special practice meeting, Buxted, May 20th, for learners. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles and Minor Instruction given. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442). 1435

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Tickhill on May 20th. Voting for new committee to take place, plus the Ringing Master. Ringing at Tickhill (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Bawtry (6) approx. 6.30-7.45 Harworth (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Tea at Tickhill. Names to Mr. W Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster, as soon as possible. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 1439

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on May 23rd, 8.15 p.m. Practices: May 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 30th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 6th, St. Lawrence Jewry; June 13th, St. Giles', Cripplegate—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 1528

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at Marshfield, Tuesday, May 23rd. Bells (8) from 7 to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 1520

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Special District meeting All Saints' (10), Hertford, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Final collection of names for District outting on June 10th. — Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 1557

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—A mid-week evening meeting will be held at Warwick St. Mary's (10) on Wednesday, May 24th. Ringing, rounds to Royal, 7.30–9 p.m. Full support from all. please.—R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Edgware (two minutes from Edgware Station, Northern Line), Wednesday, May 24th. Bells available from 7.15–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1493

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—**Combined practice,** Godstone (8), Thursday, May 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1501

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Syston, on Friday, May 26th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1527

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Burnham-on-Sea (8), Saturday, May 27th, 5 p.m. —M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 1534

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, May 27th, at 7 p.m. 1554

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Toddington, Saturday, May 27th. Bells from 5 p.m.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 1533

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—A.G.M. Buckfastleigh, Saturday, May 27th. Service Buckfast Abbey 4 p.m. Meeting Buckfastleigh Town Hall 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Buckfast Abbey 1.45– 3.55, Bovey Tracey 11–11.45, Bickington 12–12.45, Ashburton 1.30–2.15, Buckfastleigh 2.45–3.30, Widecombe 11–11.45, Buckland-in-the-Moor 12–12.45, Holne 2.30–3, Dean Prior 7.30–8.15, Staverton 7.30–8.15 Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus Angold by previous Wednesday. 1456

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 27th, Hemsworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. 1532

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Great Bardfield (8), May 27th, 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1481

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Ringing meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.–8 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. 1535

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Quarterly meeting at Farnborough (8), Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 42644), by previous Wednesday, please.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1486

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. 1555

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Lawrence Sheard, 20, Suffolk Avenue, Carlton Grange, Batley, by previous Thursday. 1524

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival, Claverley, Shropshire, May 29th, 1967

Service at All Saints', Claverley, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting.

Ringing arrangements:

Claverley	1.30– 3.15 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.
Chetton, Much Wenlock, Arley, Highley	10.15–11.30 a.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Coalbrookdale, Dawley, Alveley, Chelmarsh ..	11.15–12.30 p.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Willey	12.15– 1.30 p.m.
Broseley, Quatt, Stockton and Norton	6–7.30 p.m.
Madeley, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Worfield ..	1.15– 2.30 p.m. and 6–7.30 p.m.

Essential that I receive names for tea by May 23rd.—G. T. Cousins, Gen. Sec. The Police Station Flat, Ross-on-Wye. 1495

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch — Evening practice on Saturday, May 27th, Winkfield. Ringing on the six bells from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1503

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Shrewton, on Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 1525

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, May 27th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1538

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Cowlinge, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. R. Johnson, The Vicarage, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Suffolk, by May 25th. 1467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Waldron, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. — G. M. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1547

ELY ASSOCIATION. — A Ringers' Day will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Monday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec. 1553

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15–10.45 a.m. and 6–8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle, Widford; 6–9 p.m.: Great Waltham, Terling, Great Leighs, Boreham. Luncheon and tea tickets available from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, May 24th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1462

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Clitheroe on Monday, May 29th, from 7.30 p.m. Learners (and teachers) welcome. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1558

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Forest Branch. — Next meeting Dymock (6), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. with meeting after. Names for tea to R. S. Chew, Callow Farm, Dymock, Glos. Farewell to Rev. Gethyn-Jones, who is leaving the parish. 1552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing at Goudhurst 3–4 p.m. Service 4.20 at Cranbrook. Tea at Cranbrook 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook, by Wednesday, May 31st. Ringing at Cranbrook to follow the meeting. —W. H. Dobbie. 1529

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Trill, Bryn Avon, Mortimers Avenue, Cliffe, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. 1536

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Summer meeting, Ebbw Vale, Mon, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by May 29th. Gentlemen welcome. 1540

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Blofield, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing at Ranworth (6) from 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. R. S. C. Baily, Blofield Rectory, Norwich, NOR. 84Z, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 1511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, June 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Beard, 17, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, by Monday, May 29th, latest.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM BOUGHTON

The death occurred on April 30th of Mr. William Boughton, of Clent, in Blakebrook Hospital, Kidderminster, at the age of 82. He had been there since the amputation of a leg some time ago.

A ringer at Clent for more than 50 years, Mr. Boughton was also a chorister, coming of an old Clent ringing family. His brother Frank emigrated to Australia in 1912 and was for many years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, band.

He was contemporary at Clent with William H. Barber, his brother John and William Short, all Clent ringers. William H. Barber moved to Newcastle upon Tyne shortly after "Bill" Boughton joined the band.

The funeral was at Clent on Wednesday, May 3rd, the Worcestershire Association being represented by the Northern Branch secretary, himself a ringer at Clent since 1914.

SPIRIT OF UNITY AT DUBLIN

In preparation for the feast of Our Mother of Good Counsel, the bells of SS. Augustine and John, Dublin, were put to full use, thanks to the help and co-operation of the ringers from St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, St. George's Church and the University Guild. Ringing took place on each of the four evenings of April 22nd–25th, plus Sunday morning and Wednesday morning for the High Masses, as well as the quarter peal on Wednesday, 26th. The Augustinian Community here deeply appreciate the help given, in particular by Charles Reede, Helen Hubert, Thomas Wilson and, of course, Colin Lewis for the quarter peal

A DEVON BORDER TOUR

Mr. A. L. Bennett conducted another of his successful tours on May 6th—this time on the borders of Devon and Somerset. Places visited were Holcombe Rogus, Nynehead, Hillfarance, Halse, Fitzhead, Stogumber (where recordings were taken). Crowcombe and Ash Priors. Mr. A. H. Reed joined the party at lunch at Cross Keys Hotel, Norton Fitzhead.

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Welcome to the Central Council

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Nottingham — The City and Countryside

By W. L. Exton, Secretary, Southwell Diocesan Guild

THE coming-of-age of a ringing Guild is always a great occasion, and when this is coupled with the visit of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers this is indeed doubly so. It was therefore with great pleasure that we, the members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, learned that the Central Council had accepted the invitation to visit our diocese in 1967.

Nottinghamshire, not one of the most beautiful counties of England, still manages to retain a peaceful rural atmosphere despite many setbacks. The great black scars of the coal mines and slag heaps on the western side contrast with the whites of the open-cast gypsum mines and their dust on the south and east, while through the centre flows the River Trent, on whose banks stand some of the largest power stations in the world. The title "Power House of the Midlands" is certainly no misnomer.

A tour round the county reveals many delightful spots to explore, with churches of every description and size, and there in the very centre we find Southwell. Our Cathedral here is unusual in many ways, with a modern Taylor ring, hung backwards in the central tower, the only backward 12 in England. Spend a pleasant hour in this quiet Minster town, marvel at the tranquillity, or sit in the Memorial Gardens and listen to the bells.

Visit Newark, a perfect blend of Early English, Decorative and Perpendicular architecture, overlooking the cobbled market place, the most complete remaining market square in England. Ten bells, again Taylors, but this time 1842, in fact the first complete ring of ten cast as a ten by Taylors who had at that time just moved to Loughborough. Spare time to walk round the church, see the beauty of the now restored interior and above the decorative ceiling.

Tour the villages of the Trent Valley, the Dukeries, or those in Sherwood Forest, each with a church, an endless variety of architecture, towers of all kinds, some with spires, some without, and even one with a saddleback roof. Each interesting in its own way, many with bells, a large quantity of which were cast within the county itself.

BELL FOUNDING CENTRE

It is appropriate that the Central Council should visit the city of Nottingham, which for over 400 years was a centre of the bell founding industry, so flourishing that at one time there were two foundries within the city. These, alas, have now disappeared, along with such thoroughfares as Bell Foundry Yard and Ten Bell Lane, which once graced the maps of Nottingham. Thankfully, many of these bells, recording much of our early history, still remain and ring out from our towers and steeples.

Nottingham, a city of contrasts; small narrow lanes and quaint buildings, surround the Church of St. Mary in what was once the old city centre. This church, a fine example of the Perpendicular style, with a large square central tower, built on a hill, still commands respect on the city skyline despite the appearance of many modern office blocks.

Less than a quarter of a mile away, down in amongst the busy shopping streets, stands the Church of St. Peter. This contains our city ring of 12, the second lightest 12 in a church tower, a small tower surmounted by a tall, thin spire. The tenor bell, upon which the clock strikes, is exactly an octave higher than Little John.

W. L. EXTON

Little John is the deepest-toned bell in the British Isles. The quarter chimes are perhaps the finest set of clock bells in the world. These hang in the dome above the magnificent Council House built in Portland stone in 1928, overlooking the old Market Square, now paved and gardened, thus setting a pattern for the remainder of the city, an open city with sweeping boulevards and tree-lined streets, interspersed with parks and gardens.

Many industries have their homes in the city, and even more owe their origins to Nottingham. Boots the Chemist, Players' Cigarettes, Raleigh Cyles, Ericssons' Telephones, Wheatcroft roses and, of course, Nottingham lace. Not only is the lace made here but also the engineering works to produce the lace machines exported to all corners of the world.

It is perhaps interesting to note that the first bank was opened in the city of Nottingham; this was in 1688 by one Thomas Smith, a city draper. The first provincial children's library was opened in Nottingham in 1875, and who knows what new decisions will be taken by the Central Council in 1967?

For these we must wait and see, but in the meantime we look forward to greeting you on this the first meeting of the Central Council to be held on the Tuesday following the spring Bank Holiday.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Monday, May 29th

Bunney, St. Mary the Virgin's	(6)	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Ruddington, St. Peter's	(8)	3.30– 4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.00– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles	(8)	7.30– 9.00 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity	(8)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30th

Nottingham, All Saints	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles	(8)	6.30– 9.00 p.m.

Important.—These times must be adhered to.

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NOTTINGHAM WELCOMES THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

A Greeting from the President of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Right Revd. Gordon D. Savage, M.A.

A hearty welcome to Nottingham and to the Diocese of Southwell. We count it a great honour to have the privilege of entertaining the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for its Annual Conference this year.

As you meet our Diocesan Guild you will find great keenness, and enjoy superb Midlands hospitality. Throughout my ministry I have had wonderful friendship, co-operation and help from the great bell-ringing fraternity of our Church, especially at Marston, Oxford, in Buckinghamshire, and now in the Diocese of Southwell.

This Diocese consists of the County as well as the City of Nottingham. You will see our many fine churches and public buildings and some of you will visit the Castle, Wollaton Hall, the University and so on. You will be entertained by the Lord Mayor in our fine Council House. A "must" is a visit to the Cathedral of the Diocese, Southwell Minster, which celebrated its millenary in 1956; and I hope you will make a detour to see something of Sherwood Forest on the way.

It is a bitter disappointment to me that I cannot be with you on May 30th, but on that day I shall be returning from the Consecration of Bishops in Portugal and Spain, at which I have to represent the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese, so appropriately titled the Bishop of Sherwood, will be with you and personally convey my greetings.

You have my prayers and my blessing for your visit to us, and I hope you will all have a happy and interesting weekend, not least in the many fine towers put at your disposal.

A hearty welcome to you all!

GORDON SOUTHWELL.

[Photo by courtesy the "The Guardian & Journal."

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street.

Holy Communion on Tuesday in St. Mary's Church at 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, Portland Suite, Victoria Hotel, 9.45 a.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday. Members *not* staying at Headquarters who wish to have luncheon there must advise Mr. W. L. Exton by May 23rd and indicate whether they will require table d'hote meal at 16/6 plus 10 per cent. or buffet luncheon.

Civic Reception at the Council House on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m.

There will be an informal social evening on Tuesday at Headquarters commencing at 7.30 p.m. to which members and friends are invited.

RINGING

The following towers are available for ringing over the week-end:—

Saturday, May 27th

Basford, St. Leodegarius'	(8)	2.30– 4.30 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	2.30– 4.30 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls'	(8)	6–9 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	6.00– 9.00 p.m.
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.

SERVICE RINGING

Sunday, May 28th

Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	10.00–10.45 a.m
		5.30– 6.30 p.m
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	9.45–10.45 a.m
		5.30– 6.30 p.m
(and after Evensong for 30 minutes if required		
Nottingham, All Saints'	(8)	9.30–10.30 a.m
		5.30– 6.30 p.m
Aspley, St. Margaret's	(6)	8.45– 9.45 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Basford, St. Leodegarius'	(8)	10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.15– 6.00 p.m.
Bulwell, St. Mary and All Souls'	(8)	9–9.45 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
Daybrook, St. Paul's	(8)	9.00– 9.30 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.
Lenton, Holy Trinity	(8)	10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
West Bridgford, St. Giles'	(8)	9.15– 9.45 a.m.
		10.30–11.00 a.m.
		5.45– 6.30 p.m.
Wollaton, St. Leonard's	(6)	9.00– 9.30 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL RINGING

Southwell, Cathedral	(12)	1.30– 3.00 p.m.
		4.45– 6.25 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Mary's	(10)	2.30– 4.00 p.m.
Nottingham, St. Peter's	(12)	2.30– 3.45 p.m.
Holme-Pierrepont, St. Edmund's	(6)	2.30–4 p.m.

Monday, May 29th

Bingham, All Saints'	(8)	9.30–10.30 a.m.
East Bridgford, St. Peter's	(6)	10.00–10.45 a.m.
Elston, All Saints'	(6)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
Staunton-in-the-Vale, St. Mary's	(5)	11.00–11.45 a.m.
Balderton, St. Giles'	(8)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints'	(6)	1.15– 2.00 p.m.
Coddington, All Saints'	(6)	1.30– 2.30 p.m.
Winthorpe, All Saints'	(6)	2.00– 2.45 p.m.
North Collingham, All Saints'	(6)	2.30– 3.15 p.m.
Sutton-on-Trent, All Saints'	(8)	3.45– 4.45 p.m.
Ossington, Holy Rood	(6)	3.45– 4.30 p.m.
North Muskham, St. Wilfrid's	(6)	4.30– 5.30 p.m.
Newark, St. Mary Magdalene's	(10)	6.00– 7.00 p.m.
Nuthall, St. Patrick's	(6)	9.15–10.00 a.m.
Eastwood, St. Mary's	(8)	9.45–11.00 a.m.
Greasley, St Mary's	(8)	10.45–12.00 noon
Hucknall Torkard, St. Mary's	(8)	11.45– 1.00 p.m.
Sutton-in-Ashfield, St. Mary Magdalene's	(8)	12.45– 2.00 p.m.
Mansfield Woodhouse, St. Edmund's	(6)	1.45– 3.00 p.m.
Warsop, SS. Peter and Paul	(6)	2.45– 4.00 p.m.
Cuckney, St. Mary's	(6)	3.45– 5.00 p.m.
Edwinstowe, St Mary's	(6)	4.45– 6.00 p.m.
Mansfield. SS Peter and Paul	(8)	5.45– 7.00 p.m.

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A SALUTATION FROM THE LAND OF ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

By F. W. MIDWINTER
(Chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild)

THE visit by the Central Council to Nottinghamshire for their annual conference at the end of May this year will be quite the most important occasion within the Southwell Diocesan Guild during the 21 years since it was formed.

Never before will such a galaxy of ringers, famous in their various ways for the part they play in the Exercise, have come together in our county at one time, bringing with them in the many dialects from whichever part of the world they come that atmosphere of goodwill which is the bond of bellringers throughout the land.

Being young in years, as Guilds go, we have as yet watched this great event from afar, and being surrounded as we are by the long-established ringing centres of Derby, Leicester, Lincoln and Yorkshire, we as a Guild, formed more or less from the fringe of other people's territories, had a great deal to learn in our formative years

Now, being firmly on our feet, we were delighted when you accepted our invitation to bring the conference to Nottingham this year.

The desire that every one of you will enjoy your visit to the full is in the hearts of all our members whether it be in the village towers of the Trent Valley or Sherwood Forest, in the towns or in the city of Nottingham itself, the latter renowned as "The Queen of the Midlands" and, incidentally, famous for its pretty girls! For those who discover Southwell Minster for the first time, there is a feast in store. The "Village Cathedral", the home of our Bishop and centre of the Guild, has a delightful rural atmosphere, with beautiful stone carvings unspoilt by the passing of time. Our ringers are ready to welcome you and we hope that you will enjoy their company and find pleasure in handling the various rings of bells, and when it is all over that you will take home with you happy memories of this land of Robin Hood and his Merry Men.

Photo by courtesy of "The Newark Advertiser."

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Ivin 1, Miss L. Ellison 2, S. Ivin 3, R. Sharp 4, R Piron 5, K. Fleming 6, M. Marriott (cond.) 7, R. French 8. Rung for Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Rodney French.

Our Picture — St. Mary's, Nottingham

ALTHOUGH not the earliest church in Nottingham, this fine example of the Perpendicular style, set high among the lace market (i.e. lace factories), in what was at one time the city centre, is nevertheless, the mother church of the city. The building operations were in progress from 1386 (a commission of inqury) to 1517 (completion of the Rood).

The history of the bells follows very closely the history of the Nottingham bellfounders, many of whom, along with their families, lie buried in St Mary's churchyard. One of the earliest reputed bell founders in the city, William Brayser de Nottingham, was a prominent figure towards the end of the 14th century, but whether he cast any bells for St. Mary's is not recorded. Later, in 1433 Richard Redeswell was casting bells in the city and amongst others he cast a bell for St. Peter's (Nottingham), but whether he cast any for St. Mary's is not known, but we do know that he and his partner, who is not named, were sued for not having paid for their bell metal.

In the late 15th century the Nottingham Bell Foundry passed into the Mellours (or Mellers) family, and then via the Quarnbies to the Oldfields, who cast an enormous number of bells between 1530 and 1747, and finally into the Hedderley family before being sold about 1800.

TOWER OVERTHROWN

The inventory of church goods in 1553 states that there were five bells and a sanctus at St. Mary's, and tradition has it that during the great storm of 1558, the six bells were cast to the outside of the churchyard, and the tower of St. Mary's was overthrown on to the chancel, and from the churchwardens' accounts it would appear to be nearly 20 years before the bells were set up again.

The first definite mention of recasting the bells is in 1590, when it is recorded that "the greate bell" was set up, this was taken down by one John Sheppard and his men, and carried from "Maister Quarnbies" (presumably Robert) and taken up again by John Sheppard.

Robert Quarnbie had no family and took into his business Henry Oldfield (ii). This is probably one of the earliest recorded mergers in the business world as Henry Oldfield (ii) (sometimes referred to as junior), was the son of Henry Oldfield (i) who himself is recorded as casting bells between 1545 and 1580.

In 1595 Henry Oldfield (ii) recast the fourth bell (i.e. the present 9th). This magnificent bell (the only one which has subsequently not been recast) shows the detail and craftsmanship of the Oldfield firm. It has three rows of decoration and finely stamped lettering, including the circular mark of Henry Oldfield which he reserved for his more important work, amongst which was Great Tom of Lincoln, cast in 1610.

1605 saw the 3rd (predecessor of the present 8th) recast by Henry Oldfield (ii), and this was followed by the treble in 1613. Sometime about 1625 the bells were rehung in a new frame as at this time there was in the churchyard "timbers which was the old frame on the bells of St. Mary's." In 1637 the tenor was recast by Oldfield, probably George (i), and in 1690 the second was recast again (Oldfield, this this George (ii)), and in 1699 a treble was added.

A RINGING FEAT

One can imagine the difficulties of ringing this 34¼ cwt. six which, up to this time, were some 22 ft. higher in the tower than the present level (i.e. only 20 ft. from the top) and rung from the ground floor some 60 ft. below the existing ringing chamber, in the centre of the church.

During this time the six bells were rehung by one John Crow, and in 1708 the geometric bell loft was erected in the church; this put the ringers in full view of the congregation, but at the same time reduced the draught by some 30 ft.

Deering's Nottingham, published in 1751, gives the inscriptions of the six bells present at that time, and it would seem to indicate that the two trebles to complete the octave must have been installed between then and 1761.

In 1757 Daniel Hedderley, who had now taken over the Nottingham foundry, recast the broken tenor bell, and this started another spate of restoration work.

DIFFUSE BRITISH HARMONY

The following appeal was issued on August 3rd, 1761:—

"The Twenty-fecond of September next, being by Authority appointed for the Coronation of our illuftrious KING and his intended ROYAL CONSORT, it is propofed, at St. Mary's Church, to ufher in the Morning of that diftinguifed Day, with the lievly, melodious, and moft extenfive Music of RINGING BELLS: at which Time, by the Addition of Two Sprightly Trebles, her Peal will be fully compleated; Ten being to Ringers, and all Lovers of Mufic, the moft harmonious of all Peals. What Mufic fo capable of circulating our fpreading Joy, on this and all other grand Occafions? Surely none! unlefs the roaring of Cannon be fo called. To what Diftances from our exalted Situation, fhall we revive, and welcome the wearied Traveller, with our Heart-chearing Sounds. Tis ours, now to emulate our Brothers of Derby and Leicefter, in the diffuive Britifh Harmony. This noble expreffion of Gladnefs fhall be made anniverfary, and our Succeffors will blefs us, for this delightful Completion of the Peal.

"We beg Leave in this Manner to acquaint our worthy Subfcribers, that they will be fhortly waited upon for their refpective Subfcriptions: and thofe Gentlemen and others, who have not been called on, that they alfo will be folicited for their kind Aſſistance, towards the well finifhing this laudable Undertaking, this everlafting Honour and Ornament of our Town, by their

Obliged and thankful Servants,
THE COLLECTORS.

For the Firft BELL

This is the Day on which we beg to ring,
Our earlieft Peal of Thanks; God blefs the KING

For the Second BELL

Plenty and peace at Home we glady fhare,
Conqueft abroad: God blefs the Royal Pair."

We can assume that the appeal was successful, for in 1761/2 two trebles were added by Lester and Pack to complete the ring of ten, and it is interesting to note that this is the first mention of any bell founder other than a Nottingham bell founder working on the bells, and this probably reflects the beginnings of the Nottingham foundry.

The resulting augmentation was obviously not all that could be desired, for in less than four years, in 1765, Lester and Pack were recalled to recast the 3rd, 4th and tenor. Where the money came from is not recorded, but the inscription on the 3rd bell is traditionally supposed to record that that one was paid for by the Sherwood Youths, who were at that time a very active ringing society.

10,260 GRANDSIRE CATERS

The work must have given satisfaction and the "go" of the bells considerably improved as we find that after a series of long lengths the culminating effort of ringing 10,260 Grandsire Caters in 7 hours and 22 minutes was achieved on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1778, by the Society of Sherwood Youths. Two men were required to ring the tenor, but the ninth was rung single handed by one William Doubleday Crofts, perhaps the most famous ringer ever produced by Nottinghamshire. This was of course rung from the ringers' loft some 30 ft. below the existing ringing room floor.

This performance brought to St. Mary's the famous set of Cup Handbells, given by Squire Fortrey, now thankfully restored to their former place by the late Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Two other recastings are recorded between 1765 and 1935, the treble being recast in 1852 and again in 1856, this time by C. & G. Mears. Over the intervening years odd bells appear to have been rehung at various times, for example in 1803 the 9th was rehung by Thomas Turner when the "canons" were entirely cut off.

In 1934 it was discovered that death watch beetle had attacked the frame in no uncertain way, and that the tower stone work was in need of desperate restoration, and despite the depression of the 1930s no less than £12,000 was found to complete this work. The bells were removed to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's works and were all recast with the exception of the Henry Oldfield 9th, which was only cleaned and tuned.

The bells were rededicated on November 2nd, 1935, by the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, and the sermon was preached by the late chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson, and amongst the clergy present is mentioned the Rev. A. Inglis (assistant priest), now Canon A. Inglis and Rector of St. Peter's.

The size of the tower and ringing room can be judged by the fact that the new low sided A frame is placed diagonally across the tower, and the dedication service was held in the ringing room, the sermon being preached from the tenor box. Despite the attendance of over 100 ringers at the service there was still plenty of room to ring the bells in the dedication rounds.

INSCRIPTIONS

The original inscriptions were faithfully reproduced on the new bells and are as follows:—

Treble.—C. & G. Mears, Founders, London. Recast 1856. J. W. Brooks, Vicar. W. Dearden, J. Coope, Churchwardens. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

2nd.—Raised by Scrope Beardsmore, Vicar DD. Richd Lambert and John Wyer, Churchwardens. The Hon'able Wm. Howe & John Plumtree Esqrs—Members for the Town Subscription. 1761. Lester & Pack Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

3rd.—By Subscription. Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, J Burgess Ch. Wardens. 1765. Sodales Musici Nottinghamiensis Restaureverunt. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

4th.—By Subscription. Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, J. Burgess Ch. Wardens. 1765. Intactum Sileo Percute. Dulce Cano. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1935.

5th.—Susito Voce Pios Tu Iesu Dirige Mentes Venite Exvitimus. I. Edwards, I. Sweetaple. Churchwardens 1699. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

6th—Robert Aldredg, Vicar. Ralphe Shaw, Henrie Allvie, Wardens. 1613. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

7th.—Hee Campana Sacra Filet Trinitate Beata. W. Sturrup, T. Graye. Wardens. 1690. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

8th.—In noe ihu xpi ome genu fleetat celestm trestriu et infroru. R.A.V. M.G. 1605. W.L. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

9th.—Tu Tuba Sic Sonitu Domini Conduco cohortes. Richard Hunte Maior, Nicholas Sherwyn, Richard Iohnson, Iohn Gregorie, Robert Alvie, Peter Clarke, Humfrey Bonner, Richard Morehaghe. Anker Jackson. Aldermen. 1595. (Also four ER badges & 4 HO signs.)

Tenor.—Revd. Scroope Beardsmore DD Vicar. G. Browne, H. Ward, I. Burgess, Ch. Wardens. 1765.

"I will sound and resound unto thy people, O Lord,
With my sweet voice, and call them to thy word,
I tole the tune that douleful is to such as live amiss,
But sweet my sound seems unto them who hope for joyful Bliss."

Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. 1935.

G. A. D. & W. L. E.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the executive council of the Irish Association was held at Bray on April 22nd In the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was occupied by Mr. Cyril W. Galbraith, vice-president.

Before business commenced, those present stood as a mark of respect to the members who had passed away since the previous meeting—William H. Wilson (life member), John Worth (non-resident life member), R. Elliott (Enniskillen).

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. F. Bogan (Cork); vice-presidents Messrs. C. W. Galbraith and H. Johnson and Miss E. M. Young; librarian, Charles J. Reede; Master and badge secretary, John T Dunwoody; general secretary and editor of "Irish Bell News", Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, White Cross, Drogheda, Co. Louth; auditor, Miss Elinore Buttimore.

Points of interest from the annual report and statement of accounts, which were adopted, are as follows:

The stock of badges became exhausted and a modified type on the same lines was ordered. The cost remains at 3/- plus postage. A total of 24 peals was rung during the year; seven members scored their first peal and 28 members took part The total membership stands at 747, viz.: 18 life, 1 honorary, 345 fully-paid and 43 in arrears and 340 non-residential life members. The total is an increase of 25 over the previous year.

The financial position remains virtually unchanged, with a credit balance of £63. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £227 capital and £54 available for grants.

The Dublin University Society appears for the first time as an affiliated body. This Society's members are rendering a real, practical and useful service to ringing in Ireland in general and Dublin in particular.

The attendance shield was won by St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast, with an average of 98.8% attendances at Sunday services in 1966.

The report of the "Irish Bell News" revealed that as a result of increased costs of material and more news items coming forward, the annual subscription was increased from 2/6 to 3/-. The circulation stood at 217 copies per issue.

The Council decided to:

(a) Increase the capital of the Bell Restoration Fund to £250.

(b) Adopt rules for peal ringing, which make it necessary for persons ringing in peals to become members of the Irish Association before peal attempts commence. Visiting ringers must become non-resident life members on the payment of 5/-.

(c) Hold a ringers' festival, organised by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, in Limerick in September, 1968, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended to Fred Dukes on having completed 25 years as general secretary. He had been assistant secretary to the late Gabriel Lindoff for four years previously and next year will complete his first 40 years as a bellringer!

At the conclusion of the meeting the contest for the Murphy cup was held on the bells of Christ Church, Bray. The contestants were: St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast; St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, and St. George's, Dublin

The judges were Messrs A. Cortin, J. Lindsay and R. Henly, and the Ringing Master was Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, assisted by Mr. D. H. T. Taylor, Eastern District Ringing Master.

St Mark's Belfast, were declared winners with 41 faults, and St Mary's, Limerick, had 47 faults. The cup was presented to Miss Rosemary Thompson Master of St. Mark's, by Mr. C. Galbraith, vice-president.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Old and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. K. Collins (11, first quarter) 1, P. R. Board (13, first "inside") 2, Miss E. J. Gill (13) 3, J. P. Cooper (15) 4 T. F. Collins (15, cond.) 5 Believed to be the first quarter for the Dorchester Branch by an under 16 band.

Behind the Scenes of Nottingham Visit

WILLIAM L. EXTON

General Secretary of the Guild.

WILLIAM (MICK) EXTON, an assistant executive engineer in the Post Office engineering planning department, was born in Lincolnshire in 1932. It was not until moving to Newark following National Service in 1953 that he took up ringing seriously, and it was here under the guidance of Jim Raithby that he learnt most of his early ringing. His Guild offices have been Ringing Master, Newark District, 1953 to 1955; Newark District secretary, 1956–1959; and from 1960 general secretary of the Guild.

He rang his first peal, four Doubles methods, at North Muskham on January 2nd, 1954, and ringing alongside him was Bill Midwinter. He conducted his first peal the same year, Bob Minor at Barnby-in-the-Willows on September 30th. To the end of last year he had rung 262 peals (conducting 139), and of these 239 were for the Southwell Guild and 123 were rung with Bill Midwinter.

In 1960 he moved to Whatton-in-the-Vale where, with his wife Brenda, also a Sunday service ringer he took part in the rehanging by local labour of the bells, and it is in the field of bell restoration that his main interest lies.

F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER

Chairman of the Guild.

BILL MIDWINTER was born in Nottingham in January, 1914, and has spent most of his life in the villages of the county before settling down in Newark in 1952.

His early interest in ringing was cultivated in the 1930s whilst living at Elston, but it was not until 1946, whilst resident at Southwell, that he rang his first peal — the tenor to Grandsire Doubles at Elston on February 16th, conducted by Fred Milner.

In 1952 he was elected the chairman of the Newark District a post he has held continuously since and in the same year he was elected vice-chairman of the Guild. He succeeded to the chairmanship on the death of the late Canon R F Wilkinson in April, 1963. He is also secretary of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers.

His peal total to the end of 1966 was 239, all of which were rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild and with this total he is the joint leading peal ringer for the Guild.

Perhaps his finest achievement was on Easter Monday, 1960, when he rang the tenor at Newark to the first peal on the bells for 63 years. He is married to a patient and understanding and non-ringing wife, "Dulcie."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Leading Peal Ringer a Lady

THE Manchester Branch were our hosts this year and once again the weather was kind—we had a beautiful, warm spring day on April 29th There was plenty of ringing laid on from early morning, but even this was not enough—some unscheduled towers were grabbed.

As there was Evensong at the Cathedral during the afternoon it was decided to hold our own service following this. Time was by then rather short and Canon Wright took a very brief form of service, but his welcome on behalf of the Cathedral authorities was nevertheless warm.

The annual meeting was held in the Unitarian Chapel, rather unusual surroundings, but rooms are not easy to get in the centre of the city About 110 enjoyed a splendid buffet tea and, following a few words from the Dean, the meeting began. The president, Canon Hodgson could not, unfortunately, attend, and Nick Newby took the chair in his stead

GRANT TO MOORSIDE, OLDHAM

Under correspondence, a letter from the ringers at Moorside, Oldham, was read, in which they appealed for support in getting the bells overhauled. The committee had previously decided to donate £25, and this was accepted without comment by the meeting.

Due to good work by the ringing secretary (Mr. J. B. Partington) the annual reports had been circulated in good time and the reports of the general and ringing secretaries were taken as read.

The treasurer (Mr. J. F. Wood) commented on the balance sheet, which showed the finances in quite a healthy state in spite of rising costs

There having been no opposition, the president and treasurer were declared re-elected, and the ringing secretary had been reappointed by the committee

Members were reminded of the annual dinner (those who were not present, please note), October 28th at Preston.

Cyril Crossthwaite proposed the vote of thanks to the Branch Committee, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and all the other incumbents who had made the ringing possible

The meeting had been quiet and uneventful and only lasted about three-quarters of an hour.

The evening continued with ringing at the Town Hall and the Cathedral.

POINTS FROM REPORTS

The general secretary reported a rather noticeable drop in membership, although this appeared to be partly due to some towers straightening up their affairs and deleting those with overdue accounts.

The deaths were reported of Peter Crook and Annie McDermott (nee Potter), of Bolton; John Hall, Bispham; W. H. Ratcliffe, St. Annes; J. H. Gartside, Chorley; J. Taberner, Higher Walton; and George Brown, Bacup.

A belfry repair fund had been started and a payment had already been made to Newhey. The fund was intended to support major repairs (ropes and smaller items being left to Branches).

A look through the tower record cards showed a state of affairs that could be a lot better. Of nearly 200 towers they had no members in about one-third, although only 15 were reckoned as unringable.

The ringing secretary reported 179 peals rung by the Association, an increase of 15 over last year; 19 were on handbells and the 160 on tower bells consisted of: Maximus 12, Cinques 1, Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 84, Triples 15, Minor 32 and Doubles 4. Twenty-nine members rang their first peal, 42 shared the conducting (six their first as conductor). Leading conductors were Neil Bennett, Derek Butterworth (16), Kevin M. Price (15); leading peal ringers Margaret E. Fort (48, first lady to be leading peal ringer), Derek Butterworth (47), E. Jenkins (44).

An officers peal was rung in memoriam Peter Crook, former Association treasurer. Special mention was recorded of Norman Smith's band, who progressively rang all the work peals of 16, 19, 21 and 23 Spliced Surprise Major. Another peal of special note was 24 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall.

MORTLAKE LONDON.—On April 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Diane Mullins 1, Kaye Lynas 2, D. Pickett 3, R. K. Russ 4, C. F. Mew 5, A. R. Millidge 6, J. Britchford 7, C. Stevenson (cond.) 8. First of Major in U.K. for 2 and 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, J. Lott 4, C Kortwright (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Mrs. Wainwright.

Letters to the Editor

NOT THE WHOLE METHOD

Dear Sir,—I have been following with interest the correspondence regarding half lead "splicing" and would like to make the following observations.

Firstly, half a lead of a treble-dominated method is not the whole method, nor does it contain all the information required to construct the other half-lead. In the first half-lead there is no information as to the places made whilst the treble is leading and, conversely, in the second half there is no information as to the places made when the treble is behind.

Secondly, two half-leads "spliced" together make one single non-symmetrical method which should be named as such. Although these methods turn out to be irregular, only a purist can object to ringing them "spliced."

Another possibility for peal compositions is of ringing spliced with method changing at the half-lead only; this would give complete leads of symmetrical methods, apart from the first and last half-leads of the peal, which could be of the same method. This intermediate step has not yet been explored by composers, but I think it might lead to some interesting results.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. DISERENS.

Woodley, Reading.

"NO SOUR GRAPES"

Dear Sir,—It was inevitable that somebody like your correspondent, Mr. Jonathan Porter, would think that my letter about the Frindsbury peal was a question of sour grapes! I would like to point out that I get a great amount of pleasure from the reading of the performances of Bernard Grover which appear in "The Ringing World." (I know of all his peals before they ever reach "The Ringing World.") This does not mean that I must agree with everything he does!

In 1961 we were going to ring a peal of half-lead spliced (Yorkshire, Surperlative and Bristol) but it was explained to me then why it was undesirable to do so and we refrained from ringing the peal. Half-lead splicing does not improve the music available in the way that singles at the lead-end have done. If a band wants mental exercise, only one band has rung 165 methods to a peal and there is plenty of scope on 10 and 12 bells!—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

THE FRINDSBURY PEAL

Dear Sir,—I was glad to read Mr. Critchley's letter in your last issue and to realise that our peal at Frindsbury has aroused some interest. May I, however, point out that we ourselves did not consider our peal as one of spliced, as the regulations stand at this time, and that you were kind enough to publish it merely as a peal of "Surprise Major". We did, however, consider that we had rung a peal, since we began and ended in rounds and rang more than 5,000 changes with repetition. —Yours faithfully.

R. W. H. HAYES.

Chiddingstone Heath, Kent.

LEFT-OVER-RIGHTER'S EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—As an unrepentant left-over-righter, may I add to the controversy? Basically there is no reason why this particular habit should impair bell control or striking.

Mr. Lock's suggestion that left hand uppermost might lead to clipping at backstroke is surely only tenable if he can also show that the natives of Birmingham have right arms about six inches longer than their left! Again, Mr. Rodnes' point about stronger right arms can be answered provided a ringer holds the tail-end correctly and grips the sally with all his fingers. In any case, right-handedness is more a matter of habit than of differences in strength.

Having said this though, I must admit that in my experience the left-hander does suffer from two slight disadvantages. The first is that, after pulling off at handstroke, the rope may not always unloop cleanly to backstroke. This seems to be due to the fact that ropes, especially old ones, get set in their ways. Perhaps it also has something to do with the direction in which ropes are twisted when they are made.

The second drawback occurs where, in towers with poor rope circles, a left-hander has to ring unusually close to the ringer on his right; the chance of ropes getting tangled is definitely increased.

On balance I think it just worthwhile trying to persuade learners to accept the conventional hold.—Yours faithfully,

Erith, Kent. PHILIP R. DOWN.

PEAL OF UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR FALSE

Dear Sir,—It has recently come to my notice that the peal of Uxbridge Surprise Major rung at Kirtlington, Oxon, on February 14th, 1966, by the Oxford University Society, and conducted by myself, was false.

I must therefore withdraw the peal and tender my apologies to the band, to yourself and to all concerned with the keeping of records.—Yours sincerely. F. JOHN NELSON.

Whitefield, Manchester.

AN APOLOGY TO THE LADY

Dear Sir,—I feel Mr. Bunker of Cambridge is guilty of some exaggeration in his comments on my letter about the Oxford University Society's dinner. I had no intention of giving offence, although I realise that the remark in question could be read as though I did so intend. I apologise and admit I should have reworded the letter.

Whether Mr. Bunker's method of commenting on a "prize example of sheer nastiness" by giving further examples is consistent, I should not like to say.—Yours faithfully,

Aylesbury, Bucks. JOHN CAMP.

THE 13 NOTES IN TUNING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry not to have replied before to Claude Rush, who asks ("R.W.", February 10th, 1967, p. 96) for more details about the "thirteen different notes which a bell gives" in my article in the January "Norwich Churchman" quoted in the "R.W." of January 27th, 1967, p. 60. My authority for this statement was a brilliant article on bell tuning by Michael Howard, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and which he lent me several years ago. I did not keep details of the article, but it should be possible to trace it in the British Museum Library.—Yours faithfully,

Norwich. GILBERT THURLOW.

SINGLES IN TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—The group of Treble Bob Minor methods which will accept singles, referred to by Mr. R. D. Bailey (p. 302), have one basic requirement which he did not mention. In each section the pivot bell must always be in the same positions relative to the treble; that is, it must not make places within the section and must dodge when the treble dodges. This ensures that in all the false lead heads the pivot bell is in the same position as it is at the lead head and end, and that therefore all the changes can be grouped into 30 leads so long as all the leads with the same bell as pivot are of the same nature.

There appear to be only nine possible paths for the pivot bell, and only four of these are followed in methods given in the "Collection of Minor Methods"; the others occur in irregular and single change methods.

The touch Mr. Bailey gives for 530 Cambridge Minor appears to produce rounds after 216 changes.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough.

ALL TIE IN STRIKING COMPETITION OF 80 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—The striking competition at Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, on May 6th, reminds me that striking competitions are not new to East Anglia. About 80 years ago one was held at Stockton, Norfolk, near Beccles. On this occasion the late Mr. Henry Hopson, who was the instigator in getting Beccles' ten bells rehung in 1909, was elected to judge the striking of the five bells. After the match he gave the results, and strange enough all teams tied; there were no arguments or animosity, so all adjourned to the "Black Boy" to celebrate.

Mr. Hopson told me of this event in the early years of this century; his father, William, rang in a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal in Beccles at the accession of Queen Victoria, 1837. There is a stone tablet in the campanile. — Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Derek Sibson is indeed correct in the point he makes about my peal of Bob Royal (page 716). I'm afraid that the error escaped me at the time of publication and I thank him for revealing it.

Perhaps I should also add that the peal at Llandaff in "The Ringing World" of May 12th, 1967, was rung on April 8th, 1967, in 3 hours and 17 minutes. Also omitted from the report was the fact that this peal was also rung as a "belated 21st birthday compliment to the conductor" (myself).—Yours, etc.,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Redland, Bristol.

EVESHAM BELL TOWER

Dear Sir,—I would like to make one or two corrections to my notes on Evesham bells. The first peal in the tower was rung by the College Youths on December 27th and not 26th, Henry L. James, who afterwards became the Rev. H. Law James, partnered Francis Jelf on the tenor at backstroke and not Sidney Romans, as he rang the third, and the other member of the band was Charles Hounslow, of Oxford.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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WITH ANGELA IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

THIS year's tour began, perhaps appropriately, on April 1st. The party numbered 16 and our base was a guest house on the Hoe at Plymouth overlooking Drake's Island.

Our first tower was at Ottery St. Mary, the first of many fine rings of eight which we were to sample during the week. Then on to Totnes (8), where we were joined by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, whom we had the pleasure of meeting several times during the tour. The Hoe at Plymouth proved difficult to find in a car. The rebuilding of the city centre with the creation of pedestrian precincts has made driving quite an art, but we finally found our hotel, and after settling ourselves and having dinner, the handbells, which had kindly been lent by Kingston on Thames, appeared.

On Sunday we awoke to the sound of heavy rain. We rang for Matins at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. The afternoon had been left free for sightseeing, but when it was still raining after lunch we took ourselves to the bowling alley and spent a most enjoyable afternoon learning the finer points of ten-pin bowling. The rain had stopped before we drove out to Tamerton Foliot to ring for Evensong.

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

By Monday the man who organises the weather had realised that the tour had begun and produced fine weather which was to remain with us for the rest of the week. During the morning we rang on the two very good eights in Plympton and the minor eight at Ugborough. We ate a picnic lunch beside a clear, fast-flowing stream typical of the Devon landscape and then went to Dean Prior (6) before ringing the fine 12 at Buckfast Abbey, where we were met by Fr Paulinus who rang with us despite a swollen wrist. We were much impressed by the new chapel at the east end of the Abbey and particularly by the beautiful modern stained glass. A Devonshire cream tea followed and then ringing at Churston Ferrers.

The drive from Churston Ferrers to Brixham was interesting, since one car whose occupants possessed an ordnance survey map passed another car which didn't, going in the opposite direction, and were pleased to arrive at the next church a full ten minutes earlier. Brixham bells were recently augmented to ten, and touches included a course of Yorkshire Royal.

MINOR MISHAPS

Tuesday was a day of minor mishaps. At Tavistock ringing on the very fine eight was unfortunately curtailed, firstly by the fact that the key to the tower was not immediately available on our arrival, and secondly because of a service. A breathtaking drive cross Dartmoor followed, but one of the cars had to make two attempts to get up the hill out of Dartmeet—on the second occasion without passengers. We rang next at Widecombe-in-the-Moor where the Vicar rang with us but where, unfortunately, the clapper dropped out of the fifth. After another picnic lunch we rang at Bovey Tracey (8), where the "blue line" eluded someone during the last lead of a course of Bristol.

At Lustleigh, which was our next stop, we had some difficulty when trying to raise the fourth. On investigation the stay was found to be too long and fouling the tower wall. An energetic member of the party took it off and, having found out from the Vicar who had made it, took it to the local carpenter to be shortened. By the time we had finished ringing the stay was ready and we refitted it before leaving. At Moretonhampstead we were unfortunate enough to break a stay—the first ever on one of our tours. Ringing at the last two towers of the day, Okehampton (8) and Lydford (6), was without mishap, so obviously the bogey had left us.

Left to right, standing at the back: Bernard Stone, Mike Bew, Catherine Powell, Wendy Treble, Angela Newing, Paul Treble, Ivor Pett.
Seated, centre: Janet Cleeve, Peter Newing, Pam Sturdy.
Seated, front: Angela Wright, Jane Blackler, Roy Blackler, Stella Rice, John Norris.
Missing: Chris. Rowson.

Wednesday was a half-holiday, and after ringing at Menheniot (6) and St. Cleer (6), where an attempt for a quarter of London failed, most of the party set out for Bodmin Moor. A pleasant drive by the River Fowey brought us to Jamaica Inn, where we refreshed our brains on smuggling lore, our thirsts on the local brew and our appetites on Cornish pasties. Thus fortified we set out for Brown Willy, 1,373 feet, the highest point on Bodmin Moor. The ascent was completed by all but one and handbells duly rung on the summit —another first?

AN IGNOMINIOUS RETREAT

Our first tower on Thursday was Callington (6), followed by Lezant, where the Vicar kindly arranged for us an extra tower, St. Stephen's-by-Launceston. We enjoyed ringing on the fine Taylor eight before making the short trip to St. Thomas', Launceston. Short at least except for the car that attempted to ford the river by the church and, having failed to mount the far bank, had to reverse ignominiously. While most of the party enjoyed a leisurely lunch hour, a few keen types climbed Rough Tor, second in height to Brown Willy. On their late arrival at Davidstow, the next tower, they found that in the absence of their incomparable expertise another stay had been broken. However, this breakage was probably due as much to the withdrawal of the woodworms who had undoubtedly been holding it together as to mishandling. Nevertheless, this second blot on our hitherto untarnished escutcheon was sincerely regretted.

A cross-country drive to Tintagel followed, where after a brief look round the castle we enjoyed ringing the pleasant six. We liked the "fillets" which were gold with white bands. Bodmin's was the final tower of the day with another fine eight by Taylors.

A VIRGIN RING

Friday's ringing began at St. Germans, at the old Saxon cathedral, followed by Talland, where we admired the altar candlesticks fashioned from old clappers, and Lansallos, where a brand new first certificate for round ringing was on display. At St. Veep we found the bells of good tone, and read with interest how the founder, Pennington, "jumped for joy" when he discovered that he had cast the ring in tune. Investigation by the sceptical confirmed the virgin state of the bells.

At the next tower, at Lostwithiel, we admired the church with its decorated lantern spire and enjoyed ringing call-changes with an octogenarian member of the local band, and one of the B.B.C. team at that! Lanlivery's bells we liked rather less and considered the bearings very plain. However, the bells at Tywardreath were more to our liking and we rang with two of the local band before going to Fowey, the last tower of the day.

On Saturday we rang at Buckfastleigh before concluding the tour at Wolborough.

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Chester Guild had a Good Year

THE Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Macclesfield on May 13th. Attendance this year was considerably down on last year's number but the inclement weather no doubt had something to do with this. Ringing during the morning was interrupted for various reasons—a wedding at Prestbury, broken stay and rope respectively at Bollington and Gawsworth, and no bells at Congleton, as they had just been taken down ready for rehanging on ball bearings!

The business meeting commenced at 2.15 p.m., apologies for absence being received from the Bishops of Chester and Birkenhead, the Dean of Chester and the Archdeacons of Chester and Macclesfield. In addition, a number of the regular attenders had sent apologies due to other pressing commitments. With his letter of apology the Bishop of Chester expressed the hope that all would enjoy the new "form of service" which had been specially prepared for bellringers' worship. This would be the first occasion that the new form would be used.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Oxton on May 14th, 1966, had been circulated and were taken as read, together with the statement of accounts for 1966.

Mr. C. K. Lewis then presented the annual report for 1966, which was briefly as follows:—

During the year we had lost through death three life members of the Guild—Mr. Harry Lewis, Mr. Albert E. Richards and Mr. Cecil Raddon.

Membership at present stands at: honorary members 11, life ringing members 23, ringing members 648, representing 85 towers.

Finance.—General Account balance £86 1s. 2d.; Bell Restoration Fund balance £293 12s. 5d.; Chester Cathedral Bell Fund £681 10s.

Performances.—1966 was a record year for the Guild—183 peals were rung, 150 on tower bells and 33 on handbells; 161 resident members and 91 non-resident members took part. There were 33 first pealers and 73 rang a peal in a new method or methods. There were 42 conductors, three of whom called their first peal. The Master (Mr. John Worth) had conducted the first peal ever to be rung by members of the General Committee (Grandsire Cinques, at Macclesfield). The longest peal of Maximus on handbells, 10,032 Plain Bob, was rung by the Guild, and a Guild band rang the first peal of Surprise Maximus at York Minster.

General.—Two meetings of Branch secretaries had been held and very fruitful discussions had taken place. One result was the issue of a circular commending recruitment to all incumbents, which also appeared in the Diocesan Leaflet.

MR. A. R. ELKINS—NEW MASTER

The election of officers then followed. Due to the untimely death of the Master, John Worth, an unprecedented problem had arisen. His nomination had been the only one received by the General Committee, and it was recommended to the meeting by the General Committee that the post for this year should only be filled by a Past Master or Deputy Master, nominations for next year being received in the usual manner. Mr. A. R. Elkins, as a previous Deputy Master, was elected unanimously.

The following officers were then elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. O. Baker; report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis; peal recorder, Mrs. C. K. Lewis; librarian, Mr. P. Laflin; auditor, Mr. S. Jones; Press reporter, Mr. R. B. Smith.

The date of the annual dinner and dance was given as October 14th and the venue is to be the same as last year—the Assembly Rooms at Bowdon.

The Annual Festival for 1968 will be organised by the Chester Branch.

The meeting ended shortly before 4 p.m., in sufficient time for members to make their way to the Parish Church for a 4.30 p.m. service. The new form of service was enjoyed by all present, as was the sermon, preached by the Bishop of Stockport.

After tea, ringing was enjoyed at the three Macclesfield towers, Chelford and Sutton. At the last-named tower an all-ladies' band rang some Plain Bob in fine style. Ringing continued until a late hour, catering for the needs of all. R. B. S.

TARRINGTON TOUR

On April 1st the Tarrington ringers went on an evening tour of West Herefordshire. The first tower visited was at Stoke Lacy, where the light ring of six bells proved rather difficult to handle for the learners. The fine six at Stretton Grandison were much enjoyed. At this tower we were met by the Vicar of Bosbury, the Rev. D. E. Green, whose tower we next visited. Here two friends from Ledbury joined us and a course of Cambridge was brought round. The party later called at the "local," appropriately named The Bell, for refreshment.

At Coddington we had to ring by candlelight and a course of Kent was rung here despite the bad "go" of the tenor. The last tower was at Ledbury, where touches of Major and Triples were rung. R. D. H.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TWO minutes' silence was observed at the start of the annual general meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Leighton Buzzard on May 6th in remembrance of Mr. D. Thompson and Mr. H. D. Harris. The president (Mr. A. E. Rushton) said of these ringers that they were both very outstanding in their own different ways and would be a great loss to the Association.

After receiving the apologies for absence and signing the minutes, the statement of accounts was presented, which showed a very good balance and a healthy number of ringing members.

Mr. A. E. Rushton was elected to serve another term as president. The general secretary and treasurer for the past four years, Mr. A. S. Smith, will also serve another year in office. Mr. Anthony H. Smith was chosen as the new peal secretary, and it is hoped that all ringers will note the change when ringing peals for the Association. Mr. M. J. Lockey was elected to replace the late Mr. H. D. Harris as one of the trustees. The other officers remained as in the previous year.

After discussion, Felmersham was selected for the next annual general meeting on May 4th, 1968. The Belfry Repair Fund investment was debated at length and it was left to each District to join the general fund of the Association if they so wished.

Mrs. S. I. Smith was chosen to organise the Association striking contest to be held in November.

All members were asked to make it known that the Towers and Belfries Committee was willing to help any church within the Association which asked and all P.C.C.'s will be advised of this body.

The Central Council motions were discussed and the representatives, Mr. A. E. Rushton and Mr. J. H. Edwards were enlightened on the views of the Association.

A magnifying reading glass has been purchased for the use of any member with failing eyesight to use for as long as is wished to keep abreast of ringing reports, etc.

The secretary made an appeal to all ringers who do not take "The Ringing World" to avail themselves of a copy which was available in the hall in the hope that they may take this essential paper every week in the future.

After the election of four new members the president thanked everyone concerned in making the day such a success, all officers for their unfailing work and the clergy for giving us the use of the bells during the year.

Ringing took place during the day at a number of towers with bells ranging from five to ten and methods to suit every ringer.

A. S. S.

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Peterborough Wants A New Look

To Reduce Silent Towers and Improve Finance

THE 1967 annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held in the Kettering Branch and centred on Rothwell with its fine-toned eight, was a veritable paradise for tower grabbers (sorry, visitors), over 20 towers being open during the day. There was an attendance of well over 100, together with visitors from Bedfordshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire and Lancashire.

The Guild service was held in Rothwell Parish Church and the address was given by the president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland. After an excellent tea served by the ladies of the Rothwell band the annual meeting opened with the president welcoming all the visitors.

Then the company stood for a few moments in silence as a tribute to the following deceased members: W. Atterbury (Northampton), R. S. Cowley (Northampton), B. Edwards (Nassington), H. Hackett (Wellingborough), Mrs. W. W. Halley (Wilby), W E. Hargreaves (Wellingborough), R. W. Lawrence (Kettering), R. Moore (Cogenhoe), F. Newman (Collingtree) and W. R. Parker (Northampton).

The president brought up the matter of the donation sent by Canon G. F. Turner (past president) and the recommendation was for inquiries to be made with a view to purchasing a Master's badge.

YOUNG RINGERS

The Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) in his report stated that the influx of young ringers had again been a marked feature during the past 12 months. It had been a great pleasure to have to attend meetings and practices where the majority of those present were under 20 years of age. He appealed when some juniors asked for Plain Bob or Grandsire for volunteers.

The general secretary (Mr. E. Billings) in his report stated generally, with the exception of peals, 1966 had been a year of little or no progress, with only three Branches reporting any advancement. A review of membership over the last six years indicated a decline in numbers. The approximate total was 950 ringing members compared with 1,150 in 1961. Service ringing was also declining and figures submitted by Branch secretaries showed that less than 35 per cent. of their bells were rung regularly on Sundays.

ONLY TWO UNPAID PEAL FEES

Peal ringing had been their most successful activity. Fees from only two peals remained unpaid; the income from the 93 paid-up peals had realised £17 8s., and was a very valuable addition to the finances.

The general financial position had improved by approximately £20 during the year and the general fund balance was now £123 16s. 7d. The main item of expense, the annual report, continued to rise and the cost was now 3s. 3d. per copy. Income from subscriptions advertisements and sale of reports just covered the report's publication. Without the affiliation and peal fees "we would gradually run out of money to pay our other expenses." The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund was now £822.

"To conclude," reported the general secretary, "1966 has not been a very successful year. We must endeavour to attract and properly train more members and to set the silent towers ringing on Sundays. Possibly what we need is what 'The Ringing World' already has—'a new look.'"

The present officers were re-elected: The Rev. E. G. Orland, president; Mr. J. H. Bluff, Master; Mr. E. Billings, general secretary; and Mr. G F. Roome, auditor. It was decided to make grants from the Belfry Repair Fund to three towers in the Peterborough Diocese for proposed augmentations.

Three important coming attractions were announced—the Summer Festival on September 2nd in the Guilsborough Branch; the Guild Dinner on October 21st at Towcester; and the 1968 annual meeting in the Towcester Branch on May 25th, 1968.

The meeting concluded with an omnibus vote of thanks ably proposed by Mr. R. H. Daw, the secretary of the Peterborough Branch. As the business had been despatched without any dawdling there was an extra half-hour of ringing and this was gratefully received by all those who are hoping for a place in the 1967 list of tower . . ; as Koko said—"The task of filling up the blanks I'd rather leave to you."

PETERBOROUGH GUILD STATISTICS

Ringing Members	950
Branches	11
Affiliated Towers	63
Peals in 1966	93
Assets	£957

DEATH OF MR. FREDERICK PAGE

After a long illness the end came peacefully for Frederick Page on May 9th at the age of 78 years. A member of the Manchester City Police from 1910, he joined the band of ringers at the Town Hall until his retirement in 1935. During that period his peals totalled 236, and, on retiring to Sussex, he added a further 124 before illness intervened.

He rang his first peal at Wolstanton, Staffs, in 1907, later becoming a leading light in the Manchester area. Among his achievements was that of conducting Stedman Cinques on handbells. His contemporaries included such well-known names as Harold Poole, the Pye brothers and William Bottrill, with whom he rang several peals.

To mark his retirement from the Police Force, he conducted a peal of Kent T.B. Major by fellow police officers at Gorton, Manchester, on January 8th, 1935. One also calls to mind the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1934, the first peal of Cinques for the National Guild of Police Ringers. His last peal for the Guild was conducted by him at Manchester Town Hall on July 1st, 1939.

On arriving in Sussex he joined the Shoreham and St. Peter's, Brighton, band, ringing peals with the Surprise bands of Keith Hart and Oliver Sippetts. Of his total of 360 peals, 17 were rung for the National Police Guild, one being the first on handbells, another the first police peal outside London.

Thus ends the career of a splendid ringer. He had what the daughter of the late Rev F. E. Robinson recently described as the three essentials for a good ringer—patience, perseverance and humility.

The funeral took place at Brighton Crematorium on Monday, May 15th. A. W. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The A.G.M. of the Society was held at two Leeds towers—Chapel Allerton (6) and St. Chad's, Headingley (8)—on April 22nd. Once again Leeds Parish Church was not available.

After a varied programme of ringing at Chapel Allerton in the afternoon tea was provided by the company of St. Chad's, Headingley. The business meeting then took place and the following officers were elected unopposed: President: Irvin Slack (Horbury); vice-presidents, Jack Gibson (Pudsey) and Alan Clifton (East Ardsley); secretary and treasurer, Ian North (Rothwell); Ringing Master, Miss Pat Lockwood (Ossett); Central Council representatives, Guy Cox (Rothwell) and Robin Brown (Rothwell); P.R.O., Charles Naylor (East Ardsley).

Mr. Ian North, in his annual report, stated that the Society was spending more than it received, and there were only two answers to this problem: more subscriptions or more donations. The latter were generally preferable, and the secretary announced that he would donate one shilling per meeting, in the hope that others would follow his example. Many of those present agreed to this.

The number of regular attenders remained low, as many ringers seemed content to ring with the Society **only when the Society visited their own towers.** It was sincerely hoped that they would reconsider this attitude during the coming year.

The Society extends a welcome to any ringers who live in the Leeds or Wakefield areas. Come and join us on the last Saturday of every month; to ring anything from rounds to Surprise Major. C. S. N.

WITTERSHAM, KENT

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent, P. F. D., in the admirable article on the bells of Wittersham (page 271) unfortunately has the weights of the bells wrong; the ones he quotes are those in the ringing room—compiled before the recent retuning by Messrs. Taylor, which now makes the weights as follows:—Treble, 6–1–5 in C sharp; 2nd. 7–1–19 in B; 3rd, 9–1–2 in A; 4th, 11–1–27 in G sharp; 5th, 13–2–6 in F sharp; tenor, 16–2–8 in E. Keynote of bells was unaltered. Messrs. Taylor have also done another job recently in Kent, namely adding a new treble (2–3–21 in G sharp) to the minor five at Thanington Without, giving a ring of six (tenor 6¼ cwt. in C minor). Although dedicated last September, this was not mentioned in your columns. —Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

The Nottingham University Society has given a cordial invitation to members of the Central Council and their friends to join the Society for service ringing at Beeston on Sunday, May 28th, from 9.30–10 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. The invitation is also extended to any who may stay in Nottingham until Wednesday to visit the practice on that evening between 7.30 and 9 p.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After 11 months' silence the bells of All Saints', Fulham, now ring out with the completion of the tower restoration.

Mr. A. W. Rolfe rang in a congratulatory quarter for his 80th birthday at Mildenhall, Suffolk.

A large number of towers in Oxon, Berks and Bucks rang in connection with the National Folk Dance Week sponsored by the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

The peal at Drayton, Somerset, was rung to celebrate the birth of a son, John David, to the Rev. and Mrs. David Hoare, of Ampthill, Beds, and as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Locke, Tower Master at Drayton.

Correction.—The band who rang the peal of Doubles (eight methods) at Marston, Oxford, on April 8th (page 311), was: Stephen Buck treble, David E. Pullin 2, Roy H. Jones 3, Leonard R. Porter 4, Alec Gammon tenor.

At a recent ringing school a well-known Kent peal ringer was heard to remark: "I would like to get my hands on the bloke who says peal ringers don't help learners—I have spent all the morning ringing the 5th and 6th to rounds!"

When Her Majesty the Queen paid her first visit to the county of Rutland on May 12th she went through Oakham, Preston and Uppingham. The bells at all three places were rung to welcome Her Majesty, and a peal of Minor was rung at Preston in the evening.

The Misses Caroline V. Harris and R. Jean Osbon, of the Withyham, Sussex, band, rang their first peal of Surprise on May 7th. The conductor reports that they rang very creditably. By ringing the 4th Mr E J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, "completed the circle" at Withyham for the fourth time.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A HANDBELL RECORD

Conducted and arranged by Cyril A. Wratten a handbell peal in 27 methods was rung at Cheltenham on May 4th. This constitutes a record number of Major methods yet rung to a true peal "in hand." The previous record was 26 methods by the Lincoln Guild on May 15th, 1950. Mr. Wratten makes his claim with considerable diffidence, as 14 of the methods were only variations of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and the peal was much easier to ring than the peals of the Lincoln Guild band in the early 1950s and again in 1960. These were rung in up to 50 methods, but all those above 26 methods were later, unfortunately, found to be false.

CANON THURLOW ON CATHEDRALS

In the Pitkin Pride of Britain Books Canon Gilbert Thurlow has made a valued contribution in "Cathedrals at Work" (price 2s. 6d.). Today millions of people annually visit our cathedrals, but relatively few know the inner workings of a cathedral, and it is to meet their need that Canon Thurlow has written the story of the cathedral's development from earliest times.

The Canon is ever true to his office of President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and there is a section devoted to towers, bells and ringers. He summarises our art as follows: "Change ringing requires fitness of mind and body. It is a popular exercise as well as a religious activity. It is practised today by far more people, old and young of both sexes, than ever before, and every English Cathedral, Norwich alone excepted, has a ring of bells in or near it, in use for change ringing."

There is a good action picture of ringing the new ring of 12 in the Norman central tower of Southwell Cathedral and another of the bells revolving in Guildford Cathedral.

FROME BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Eight teams took part in the second annual striking competition held by the Frome Branch on April 29th at East Harptree. Safely ensconced in a nearby pub with the window open, Mr Albert Tyler again made notes and jotted down faults, finally coming to the conclusion that a well-struck touch of London by Chilcompton "A" team had won the day, with Farmborough coming second.

It was particularly gratifying to have two new "learner" teams this year, and we sincerely hope that they will persevere and join us again next year.

Our thanks to all who made the day a success; to the Rev. J. Ainger, who presided at tea, and to the ringers and helpers at East Harptree. M. H.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

In connection with the quarter peal at Ruardean in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. W Beard, Mr. W. Rees did not know until the bells were up that he was conducting. He called his last quarter 20 years ago and admitted afterwards that "he had to think a bit".

A pretty young lady called Ro'
Just couldn't get Stedman to go!
The dodging perplexed her,
Her Quick became "Quicker,"
And she could never get out of the Slow.

A HALF-CENTURY AT CHILVERS COTON

The colleagues of Mrs. Dorothy E. Beamish at All Saints' belfry, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, have presented her with a lovely standard lamp in white and gold to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer at the church. The presentation took place at the home of Mr. G. A. Bell, a member of the band and formerly captain of the Prestwich, Manchester, ringers.

A peal of Stedman Caters had been attempted earlier in the day but had come to grief halfway. Those who took part, together with the remainder of the Coton ringers with their wives, enjoyed a pleasant evening which included handbell ringing and a film show.

PROTESTS JUSTIFIED

A peal attempt at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, came round after 2 hours and 20 minutes due to a shift course "The band," writes John Pladdys, "cheerfully ignored violent hammering on the belfry door and ceiling during the last 20 minutes as irate neighbours tried unsuccessfully to gain admittance, and bellowing dire threats Because the area is so built up it is unlikely that permission will be given for a further attempt. This is believed to be the longest length on the bells for over 60 years."

Except on national occasions, peals should not be attempted in built-up areas unless the bells are muffled. The attempt indicates a sense of irresponsibility and lack of regard to a protesting neighbourhood.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD

The University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers has moved its annual general meeting to the first week of the summer term. The following were elected to the offices for the coming year: Master, Miss Patricia Rogers; deputy Master, Mr. John Eborall; secretary and treasurer, Miss Carole A. H. Patey, Guild of Change Ringers, Sheffield University Union Sheffield, 10.

ONE-DAY RINGING SCHOOL AT WEST WICKHAM

The Lewisham and Tonbridge Districts combined on May 6th to present a one-day school based at West Wickham. Proceedings commenced with prayers in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. K. W. Wright. The company was then divided into four groups. Walter Dobbie and Tony Lewis gave instruction on bell handling and ringing rounds, while Philip Corby explained plain hunting. Stanley Jenner conducted a group at Hayes in elementary methods and Ian Oram led another group through the mysteries of elementary conducting in the vestry at St. John's.

It was not possible to provide communal meal arrangements, so after we had refreshed ourselves in our various ways we resumed activities with more rounds and hunting at West Wickham, elementary methods at Bromley Common and conducting practice at Addington, Surrey. Throughout the afternoon all present had an opportunity of learning rope-splicing under the tuition of John Cannell and William Hughes.

A discussion followed, during which general satisfaction was felt with the day's events, though a section for more advanced ringing would be welcome in future.

Grateful thanks are extended to the lecturers, the incumbents and to local ringers.

FIRST PEAL BY KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On St. George's Day (April 23rd) a pleasing ceremony took place in the belfry at Frittenden, when a new board recording the first peal rung by the Kent County Association was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. A. Baxter-Shawe. A representative gathering of ringers began ringing at 2 p.m. and were met at the tower by Harry Baker, on whose initiative this very worthwhile project had been put in hand.

The Rector said the prayers of dedication before the afternoon service, and the many ringers present provided what the Rector regarded as a pleasant augmentation of the usual village congregation.

The board records that on October 31st, 1881, there was rung in 2 hours and 50 minutes a peal of 5,040 Bob Major by G. Payne 1, F. G. Newman 2, G. Baldock 3, G. Potter 4, T. Taylor 5, T. Potter 6, W. Brattle 7, T. Daynes 8 Conducted by T. Daynes. The weight of the tenor is given as 13 cwt. in F sharp. This, of course, was on the old ring of bells, which have since been replaced by a fine ring cast by Gillett and Johnston in the 1930's.

Thomas Daynes was an active peal ringer and his name appears on various other boards in Frittenden belfry. His name was perpetuated in Kent ringing circles by his grandson, George H Daynes, who was captain at St. Nicholas', Deptford, and, after the bells became derelict, remained very active in other towers in the Deptford, Greenwich, Eltham and Lewisham areas and rang many peals for the Association. He called Holt's Original at Eltham when over 80 years of age—no mean feat.

One of the ringers present at the peal board ceremony was Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, whose grandmother was named Daynes and came from Frittenden. Unfortunately Mr. Ladd has no knowledge of any relationship his grandmother may have had to Thomas Daynes, but there is likely to have been a connection.

Present at the service with her husband was Mrs. Harry Baker. Although they have not rung any peals for some years now, they were the first man and wife to ring 200 peals together. Both were members of the active peal ringing band inspired by Mr. Thomas E. Sone, which between the wars rang many peals in various towers around the Weald of Kent. P. A. C.

SALISBURY GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at the popular seaside village of Burton Bradstock on April 22nd. Six towers were represented and visitors were most welcome ringing a fairly wide range of methods. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar Rev. C. H. Ridler. An excellent tea awaited us in the nearby church hall, provided by the local ringers and lady helpers. At the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Powell in the chair final arrangements for attending the Guild festival were made.

Next quarterly meeting, Loders, Saturday, June 24th. Practice meetings: Whitechurch Canonicorum June 5th, and Melbury Osmund, July 12th, all subject to confirmation. J. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	Robert E. Dennis	7
Alan F. Thirst	2	Martin C. Faulkes	8
Wilfred Williams	3	Frank E. Darby	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	James G. A. Prior	10
Antony R. Kench	5	Kenneth J. Hesketh	11
*David E. Rothera	6	Philip A. F. Chalk	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First 12-bell peal. First of Pudsey Maximus in the City.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

S. Arthur Read	Treble	†Adrian P. Beck	5
Ronald G. Beck	2	Gwilym Salmon	6
*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Eric Naylor	7
†Philip H. D. Jones	4	Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

ODCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents of Stedman and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell	3
Trevor E. Marks	2	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
William E. Turner	Tenor		

Conducted by William E. Turner.

FITZHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Marian J. Beale	4
Brenda M. Bindon	2	Keith E. Beale	5
Leslie H. Arscott	3	*Raymond F. Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott
* 25th peal and 25th for the Association.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Richard W. Sweet	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	*Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Gillian M. Brearley	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	8
D. John Hunt	4	D. Paul Smith	9
*David Rennolds	5	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First of Royal. Tenor 23 cwt. approx.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

INVERARAY, Argyll.—At the Episcopal Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 4 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Michael W. Crowder	7
Neil Bennett	3	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Alan McFall	4	Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*Brian Schofield	Treble	†Ernest Pimlott	5
Michael Thomson	2	Harold Worrall	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	Harry W. Howard	7
John Moore	4	Stuart W. Bracegirdle	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First of Triples.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Moira, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Dedworth, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk.
Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen P. Newton	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	Herbert Sutton	4
Leon A. Perry	2	John R. Scott	5
Frederick S. Sutton	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 50th peal of Minor.
Rung to commemorate the opening of the new Church Hall by Lady Helen Delves Broughton, which took place on May 6th.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

KNOWLE, Warks.—At the Church of SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Marion R. Bennett	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Susan Rothera	2	John K. Foot	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Maureen Hughes and Barry Smith, which took place immediately prior to the peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

David W. Friend	Treble	*Kevin Betesta	7
David J. Marshall	2	*Derek Astridge	8
John K. Smith	3	*Denis E. Carlisle	9
*David K. Walklate	4	Harold Taylor	10
*John S. Dean	5	*Michael R. Blore	11
*Gordon A. Halls	6	*Clive Thrower	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Association by an all-resident band. Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Michael Willis	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Neil Handley	2	*William Allsopp	6
Reginald Wallis	3	David K. Walklate	7
Kevin A. Betesta	4	Reginald J. Stretton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* 25th peal.
Rung to mark the end of the centenary year celebrations of the church. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	*Melvin Rose	6
Clive Thrower	2	George L. Roobottom	7
*Alec Humphrey	3	Burley P. Morris	8
David W. Parkin	4	A. Colin Banton	9
*Jack Chadwick	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Arranged by D. W. Friend. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal of Royal. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

SOURTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents Reverse Canterbury, three Stedman, six Plain Bob, four April Day, 18 Grandsire and two 240's Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher	3
Alan Carveth	2	George E. Mudge	4
Robert A. Southwood	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5160 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 43 six-scores. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Stephen W. Harper	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	4
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Neil V. Avis	5
*Ernest W. Furbank	3	Geoffrey H. Isgar	Tenor

*100th tower for a peal First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

BENTLEY COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 720 each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

Barbara Fisher	Treble	Ernest W. Furbank	4
Ronald J. Brown	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Peter G. Pitt	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ernest W. Furbank.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABSON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., May 13 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Brian K. Lewis	Treble	*Susan A. Moore	4
Gloria M. Wilshire	2	Derek M. Smith	5
Myra J. Gibbs	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal of Minor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Donald N. Jennings	Treble	Joan V. Reyner	4
*Margaret J. Berndt	2	*Jeffrey P. Ladd	5
*Valerie A. Bone	3	A. David Leach	Tenor

Conducted by A. David Leach.
* First peal.

OCKHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods: Four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, April Day, Kennington, and four extents each of Plain, Old, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and St. Columb. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Michael D. Fuller	Treble	Janet E. Cleeve	3
*John H. Payton	2	Martin J. Kirk	4
John A. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Martin J. Kirk.
* First peal in 12 methods. Rung for Whitsuntide.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 6, 1967 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Rosemary Bray	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Leslie Evans	2	Peter D. Sell	6
Frederoick R. Harris	3	Rev. Michael Hart	7
Dennis Jayne	4	*David Barwick	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal. First in the method for all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. First in the method on the bells.

HOLME-LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	5
*Peter Hughes	2	Peter D. Sell	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
Michael V. Powell	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by John Pladdys. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Major. Rung on the Festival of Whitsun

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent and two 2,160's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

*Gillian Sims	Treble	*Peter D. Sell	4
Rev. Michael Hart	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Leslie Evans	3	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Aileen E. McAteer	Treble	‡John Lindsay	5
†G. Harry Ellis	2	†Liam Benson	6
Jean Jeffery	3	Harry Brown	7
‡Maud Lindsay	4	John T. Dunwoody	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.. † First of Major. ‡ First of Plain Bob Major on tower bells Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.
Rung as birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BIRCHINGTON, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.
On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Keith I. Davis	Treble	David W. Grimwood	6
Pamela E. Powell	2	Ronald F. Cleaver	7
Rachel J. Sinden	3	David J. Baker	8
James Hedgcock	4	Derek J. Carr	9
Michael G. Tong	5	Graham J. Neilson	Tenor

Composed by William Snipway. Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

James T. Stevens	Treble	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	John W. Smith	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Thomas W Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., April 29 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*Edward F. Wyld	Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
†Elizabeth John	2	†J. Lynn Garraway	6
Brenda M. Davies	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Martin Ostler	4	*Eric Weston	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. (5-part.) Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.
* First peal. † First of Triples.
Rung immediately following the induction by the Archbishop of Canterbury of the Rev. David Marriot to the benefices of Wye and Brook.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Tony Lewis	6
John Pladdys	3	John W. Smith	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower" three times.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Douglas Shaw	Treble	Terence Barton	5
*Diane M. Bradford	2	Brian E. Jemmett	6
George A. Naylor	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
†Rev. Stanley M. Evans	4	Raymond Finch	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside."

NETTLESTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and two extents of St. Martin's Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	Malcolm J. Hitchcock	3
*Malcolm Barden	2	Ian R. Russell	4
Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* First peal of Doubles and first "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLOOKBURGH, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Elizabeth Metcalfe	Treble	James E. Dickinson	4
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Kevin Price	5
*William John Hughes	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F

*Freda Lacey	Treble	Jack Bray	5
Frank Lord	2	Maurice Lings	6
William Baines	3	Fred Jeffery	7
†Roger Lord	4	Harold Judd	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal. † First of Major on tower bells.

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven extents—four Norwich and three Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 2 lb.

*Anthony D. Walker	Treble	†W. Bryan Cox	4
Cecil Wade	2	C. Leonard Blanchard	5
†Daphne P. Brown	3	James W. Haw	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise. 100th as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. P. Knight, R.D., Vicar of Deeping St. James, on appointment as Canon of Lincoln Cathedral.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Clifford's Pleasure, 360 Southrepps, 720 April Day, 480 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Benjamin Williams .. Treble	†D. Geoffrey Kerley .. 4
*D. R. Lyn Jones 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
Alwyn R. Lewis 3	William J. Thomas .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* 25th peal for Association. † First of Doubles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 27, 1967 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HADLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb.

Ruth M. Foreman .. .. Treble	John Hill 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	John R. Mayne 6
Alick Cutler 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alan R. Patterson 4	David P. Hilling .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to John and Marjorie Hill.

HADLEIGH SURPRISE MAJOR
a 38—56.4.58—12.38.14—14.5.14—14.7.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Peter N. Felton .. .. .. Treble	*Robert J. Wiggins 5
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2	†David G. Pickett 6
Alan R. Patterson 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 7
William S. Deason 4	Frank T. Blagrove .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to Sarah Frances, first child of Gillian and Robin Leale, whose birth took place during the peal.

HESTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Myles Hawkins .. .. Treble	Derek Fowles 5
John Chilcott 2	Aidan Butcher 6
Carole Andrews 3	David Parsons 7
Peter Ruch 4	Christopher Rogers .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Parsons.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the rededication of this church.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
UTTOXETER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Roy Worrall .. .. .. Treble	Gerald Parsons 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Harold Dowler 6
T. Felicity Webber 3	Raymond J. Ballard 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4	David J. Midgley .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., April 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being one 240 (Pitman) and five extents of Grandsire and five extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup 3
H. William Barrett 2	Roger E. Peckham 4

Michael J. Parker .. .. Tenor
Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

First peal on the bells since rehanging in a new frame.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. George Bussey, a ringer at Haddiscoe for more than 50 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BLOXHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 26½ cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert .. .. Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 5
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Brian R. White 6
Norman H. Leslie 3	John H. Napper 7
Dennis A. Leslie 4	Francis A. White .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Ronald K. Russ .. .. Treble	Frank Reed 5
Michael Hatchett 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Alan R. Pink .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by W E. Critchley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method.

Rung on the Feast of St. John before the Latin Gate and for Ascensiontide.

AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Method Notation: —58—16—12—1236—14—1458—14—78.
l.h. (2nds) 8674523. Bob 4ths. f.c.h. 24365.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 2,112 Plain Bob, 1,334 Double Bob, 672 Reverse Bob, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford Little Court, 144 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, and 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, with 276 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*Christopher Richards .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
†Diana M. Chapman .. 2	†Edward R. Venn 6
Frances Fairbank 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Valerie Willard 4	†Peter Bridle .. .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Major. † First of Spliced Plain Major. The greatest number of Plain Major methods rung to a peal in the county and for the Guild.

HADDENHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	Robin J. Lee 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
*Christopher J. Royal. .. 3	Anthony K. Fortin 7
†Ronald J. Snack 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Frances, on May 6th.

LUDGERSHALL. Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 111 methods, being 120 each of St. Simon; St. Martin; St. Nicholas; Winchendon Place; Grandsire, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Southwell; St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland, Oxton; Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley, Quantoxhead; St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion Middleton Stoney, Stanton, Roxholme; St. Quintin, St. Swithin, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh, Tuxford; Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter. St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall; Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham Zennor, St. Tydfil, Xanxene; Keysoe, Jacobstow, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury, Zeal Monachorum; Clifford, St. David, Little Aston; Cavendish, Clayton, St. Cuthbert; Burnham, Stirling, Twyford; Fortune, Marchington. St. Guthlac; Cowslip, Wallflower, St. Neots; Wychbold, Haseley, St. Adwena; Buttercup, Violet, Bledlow; Dedworth, Primrose, St. Clement; St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Worthington, Cherwell; Minster, Abbots Ann; Tichborne; Plain Bob; Kennington; Southrepps; Wollaton, Clashmore; Allexton, Beaufield; Coxmoor, Pancrasweet; Duxford, Euxton; Foxhill, Goxhill; Hexgreave, Ixworth; Jevington. Kexby; Loxton, Moxley. 240 each of Marston, Rev. St. Bartholomew, St. Matthias, Rushall. April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, Northrepps, St. Philip, All Saints.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

C. Richard Miles .. .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
John A. H. Betts 2	Leonard R. Porter 4

J Paul Coad .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for St. George's Day

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 JUGSHOLME SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
Diana M. Frost	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Alan J. Frost	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

JUGSHOLME SURPRISE ROYAL
MX—30—14—12—30, 14—14, 50, 16—16, 70, 58—18, 30.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Charles Hudson	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
J. Martin Thorley	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
Roger N. Scholes	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung in honour of the first visit of Her Majesty the Queen to the county of Rutland.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

TETTENHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Philip J. Day	Treble	Cyril Griffiths	5
Gillian Griffiths	2	Philip G. K. Davies	6
†Christine Slater	3	A. Elizabeth Timmins	7
Robert W. Humphries	4	†Richard B. Dorrington	Tenor

Composed by S. Biddlestone. Conducted by Philip G K. Davies.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	John S. Barnes	6
John R. Pratchett	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	7
Muriel Reay	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	George E. Fearn	9
John R. Insley	4	Peter Border	10
James Insley	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Richard A. G. Inglis	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., April 19, 1967 in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	James Insley	6
*Raymond Aldington	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Alan S. Burbidge	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, Solihull, Warks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Francis Cole	Treble	John R. Insley	5
J Alan Ainsworth	2	James Insley	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Raymond Aldington	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

James W. Belshaw	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Muriel Reay	2	David J. Purnell	6
Ruth M Border	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of: Stedman Slow Course, Union Bob, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Alban, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Osmond, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, St. Remigius, Horsley, Church Gresley, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Thurlby Delight, St. Blaise, Fortune, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Oldswinford, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Old, Norfolk, Kennington, Grandsire, Newborough.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Bert Smith	Treble	K. Barry Osborne	4
Colin H. Smith	2	Colin C. Hillier	5
Derrick P. Bailey	3	Paul A. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.
Most methods to a peal by all the band.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	Treble	*Edward R. Fairbrother	5
Frederick R. Wiggin	2	†Frank Beech	6
Jennifer M Beech	3	Ian Friend	7
A. Elizabeth Timmins	4	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ian Friend.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Arthur Newell	Treble	Neil Handley	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	David Oliver	6
†Kevin A. Betesta	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
†William Allsopp	4	David K. Walklate	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Major. † 25th together.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	Michael J. Howes	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Ernest W. Pye	8
B. Gillian Pipe	4	Barry Pickup	9
William E. Pye	5	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook, who were married in Perth (Australia) Cathedral this day.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (5) Oxford and Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Philip Thompson	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
*Catherine M. Powell	2	†Frank B. Lufkin	5
Peter G. Pitt	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal. † 700th peal.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Ernest W. Furbank.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 29, 1967 in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Peter R. Humphrey	Treble	†Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	‡Simon Humphrey	7
R. James Cook	3	John R. Pratchett	8
*Ian L. Dear	4	Dennis A. Hewitt	9
James Attwood, jun.	5	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. ‡ 100th on tower bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb in A flat.

Robert J. Cooles	Treble	John F. M. Maybrey	5
Catherine M. Powell	2	Christopher D. J. Webb	6
Alan E. Bagworth	3	Michael J. Bew	7
Peter Henry	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
First peal in method for all except the ringer of the 3rd and the conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher and Genebeth Webb on the birth of their son, William Timothy, on May 4th, 1967.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank I. Hairs	Treble	Arthur F. Lewry	5
*Caroline V. Harris	2	Robert Harris	6
*R. Jean Osbon	3	Richard Hayes	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Heatner Alford	Treble	Ian M. Robinson	4
Derek Slater	2	David D. Smith	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Irene Gocher, of Warnham, and John Marshall, of Wisborough Green.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANFEIGAN, Brecon.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Donald G. Clarke	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	David J. Hughes	6
David L. Philips	3	James L. Fitzgerald	7
David Pike	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by David J. King.
This composition was specially chosen as a compliment to the members of the Irish Association for their warm welcome to the Gwent ringers when visiting Dublin recently.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PETERSFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Ronald G. Tipper	Treble	†Andrew P. Reeves	5
Mary E. White	2	David M. Hughes	6
Keith Sansom	3	R. Brian Walton	7
Kenneth A. Tipper	4	†Clive C. Chennell-White	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DODDERHILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Allan Russell	Treble	*John Clements	5
Arthur D. Sayer	2	Reginald Woodyatt	6
Gerald Bowen	3	*David G. Franklin	7
Walter H. Raxter	4	Frederick C. Pugh	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Clements
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 27 lb. in E flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	James W. Belshaw	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	James Insley	6
John R. Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
David G. Franklin	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb in D

Patricia Rogers	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
M. Susan Jackson	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	Alan Hartley	9
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Neil Donovan	10
Christine Andrew	5	Edward Jenkins	11
Margaret E. Fort	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr 27 lb. in C.

James S. Webb	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	6
Kenneth B. Sissons	2	Ronald J. Snack	7
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	8
Christopher J. N. Dalton	4	Robin Brown	9
Ronald H. Dove	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung in memoriam P. John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' five-part No. 1—"The Sleeping Beanty."
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*John H. Allen	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
*D. Kay Moore	2	*Richard O. Humphries	6
*Derek B. Williams	3	S. Clarke Walters	7
Edward W. Colley	4	*Roger W. Powell	Tenor

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Roger W. Powell.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
PERTH, Western Australia.—In the Burt Hall, St. George's Cathedral.
On Sat., April 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Eileen S. Palin	1-2	Anthony R. Mann (cond.)	3-4
		Heather A. Mann	5-6

* First handbell peal and first attempt. First handbell peal and first of Minor in Western Australia.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., April 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	7-8
John W. Gander	3-4	Edward J. Beer	9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6	Stuart Sandford	11-12

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., May 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Frank J. Matthews	7-8
*Trevor A. Cross	3-4	Edward J. Beer	9-10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6	Stuart Sandford	11-12

Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus "in hand."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Notts.—At 5, Meadow Drive.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

W. L. Exton	1-2	Brian M. Buswell	3-4
		R. Brian Mills (cond.)	5-6

First peal in four methods "in hand" by all the band and for the Guild

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood.
On Thurs., March 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

Richard J. Parker	1—2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5—6
*John L. Riley	3—4	Cyril Crossthwaite	7—8

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
* First peal on handbells

HALF PEAL

SHELLEY, YORKS.—On April 27th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs G. Cater 1, C. A. Moxon 2, R. Cater 3, W. F. Moreton 4, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 5, T. Tarbatt 6. First half peal 1 and 3.

LONG LENGTH

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,920 Minor (three methods): Miss M. J. Beale 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, L. H. Arscott 3, R. Parker 4, R. F. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on April 28th, 1,260 Spliced Plain, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob Minor: J. R. Poole 1, D. R. Baxter A. K. P. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, M. J. Hiller 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (back three covering): G. Warner 1, Jane Tarrant 2, Joyce Sturgess 3, R. Wimlett 4, J. Wimlett 5, S. Sturgess 6, W. Mulford 7, H. Harvey 8. Conducted by Terry Tarrant (non-ringing conductor). A farewell tribute to Canon Ivor Jeffery-Machin, and Alderman Mrs. Jeffery-Machin.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Freeman (first of Triples on treble) 1, H. E. J. Smith 2, J. J. Hill 3, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 4, R. C. Wilson (first of Triples) 5, H. E. Balaam (cond.) 6, J. Weaver 7, A. Taylor 8. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor 1, H. E. J. Smith 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. E. Balaam 4, R. C. Wilson 5, J. Weaver 6, J. Chesterman (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Balaam.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kersey 1, Miss J. Piggott 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, C. Chennell-White 4, D. M. Hughes 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. For Alton Deanery Festival.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS. — On April 27th, 1,620 Minor (Kent, Cambridge and Plain Bob): J. Dolman 1, A. Bagnall 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. Monk 5, A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, D. J. Derrick 3, M. Whittell 4, R. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the 260th anniversary of the Union of Scotland and England. Also on Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Bond 1, Miss M. Christian 2, D. J. Derrick 3 A. Walters 4, R. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janice M. Penning 1, Juliet Hall 2, R. A. Blewitt 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. E Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the ringer of treble, upon her recent engagement to Mr. John Dieppe, of Cookham.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, on April 27th, 1,344 Double Norwich: I. Quinney 1, C. Muncey 2, G. Jones 3, C. Daws 4, R. Youdale 5, S. Woodcock 6, A. Schofield 7, R. Inglis 8. Also on Ascension Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Thomas 1, R. Youdale 2, M. Damerell 3, D. Sturse 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, R. Shipp 6, R. Inglis 7, A. Scholfield 8.

CANTERBURY.—On May 9th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Brenda Davies 2, C. J. E. Wyld (first in method) 3, B. Johnson 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, D. Manger 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, H. Deacon 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Binstead 1, M. Munt 2, P. A. Court 3, P. C. Sinden 4, A. Eastmead 5, A. P. S. Berry 6. Rung for Rev. and Mrs. Munt, on the birth of their third daughter, Rachel Mary Jean.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, S. Pulker 2, I. Harris 3, R. Datson 4, J. Benfield 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung to inaugurate National Folk Dance Week.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Ascension Day, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, C. M. Foster 4, G. Fisher 5, F E. Mitchell 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Razzell 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, G. H. Humphries 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, C. M. Foster 5, G. Fisher 6, N. D. Brown 7, F E. Mitchell 8. For Evensong, and also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Steere on the birth of their daughter, Rosemary Ann, on May 1st.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Balls 1, A. W. Haslop 2, P R. Harris 3, A. S. Whittall 4, D. A. Randles (first quarter) 5, E. Young 6, D. A. Frith (cond.) 7, W. Evans (first quarter) 8. Also on March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W Evans (first on treble) 1, Christine Boulton 2, Hilary Evans 3, A. W. Haslop 4, W. Griffiths (first "inside") 5, A. S. Whittall (cond.) 6.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Smith 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, K. Baker 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombes 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FARNHAM, SURREY. —On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, Miss J. Piggott 3, E. Hedger 4, C. Chennell-White 5, L. Noakes 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Farnham Music Festival.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Alison I. Walker 1, P. Mary Beach 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson (first as cond., aged 14) 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. A birthday compliment to Jonathan D. Beach (2) and Alison I. Walker (14).

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS. — On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. R. Lay (first quarter of Doubles) 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 3, S. E. James 4, B. J. W. Foley 5, Gwynneth M. James 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 cover): Jackie Saker (first quarter) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Anne Trinder 3, A. C. Harris 4, A. R. Agg 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6, P. J. Cranfield (first quarter) 7, W. F. Todd 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 9th, 1,368 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh R. Collins 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, L Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Clover, of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: Judith Robinson 1, Hilda Oatway 2, Pauline Smith 3, D. Parr 4, P. Ford 5, A. H. Smith 6, W. Oatway 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8. For the 40th anniversary of the formation of the Guildford Diocese.

LONDON.—At St Clement Danes', on April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: K. Hughes (first on 10) 1, A. M. Faulkner 2, K. Warner 3, W. H. Aley 4, R. Durrant 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, F. V. Gant 9, F. E. Scoones 10. For Evensong.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. Within the octave of the Patronal Festival, and as a compliment to Mr. Fred Addey on completing 70 years' service in the choir

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 1st, 1;260 May Day Doubles: S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, M. R. Bolton 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5. First in method on the bells and for the band. Rung as part of the celebrations during National Folk Dance and Music Week, April 29th-May 6th. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Page (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, For Parish Communion, and V.E. Day anniversary.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Griffin (first quarter) 1, W. Colwell 2, D. J. Withers 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 7th, at St. George's, Jesmond, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Joy Askew 1, J. Pardoe 2, S. Pardoe 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. Martin 6. First of Stedman 1, 2, 3 4 and 6

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hatherly 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, H. deCombe 8. A wedding compliment to Sub-Lieutenant David John Gammans, R.N., and Susan Mary Tibbits (Vicar's warden's daughter).

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Perry (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On May 1st, 1 260 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Whorlow 1, Mrs. N Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. F. Firman 5, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 6. For anniversary of Christian Stewardship Week.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, J. Marjoram 2, S. Bedford 3, A. Ellis (first "inside") 4, A. Knights (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the baptism of Mrs. Monica Ellis, mother of the ringers of treble and fourth; Mrs. Ellis also being a regular ringer with the Sunday service band.

SOUTHAMPION.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Harper 1, Diane I. Hickman 2, Joy F. Butler 3, Mrs. K. S. B. Croft 4, K. S. B. Croft 5, C. J. Butler (cond.) 6, A. Jackson (75th quarter) 7, B. V. Butler 8.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Irene Royston (aged 12) 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Susan Laidlow (aged 13) 3, E. Short 4, R. E. Price 5, E. Dalingwater 6, G. Jackson 7, Anne P. Leigh 8. First quarter peal on eight for 1 and 3.

STANDISH, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Richardson (first as cond.) 1, Miss J. Pillinger (first "inside") 2, G. Whalley (first "inside") 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P. Screen 5, D. Tomlins 6. For United Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss G. Richardson.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Easter Day, 1,312 London Surprise Major: P. J. Brown 1, Miss M. I. Elksmore 2, W H. Cooper 3, J. Warr 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, G. Westwood 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Buckley (first of Stedman) 1, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, J. Warr 4, R. Smith 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sutton (first of Triples) 1, Miss W. Marriott (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, Mrs. E. Jacques 4, R. Hulme 5, M. Stanley 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, W. Merritt 8.

TANGLEY, HANTS.—On April 20th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Doubles (two methods): G. Bevis 1, Mrs. A. Newman 2, Mrs. M. Green 3, R. Newman 4, A. Green 5.

TARVIN, CHESTER.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jill F. Burdett 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, T. Holmes 3, E. C. Crewe 4, A. J. Putnam 5, G. Parting 6. In celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of George and Elizabeth Wright, married at this church on April 9th, 1917.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. E. Norman 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Miss L. M. Dade (first "inside") 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. K. Whatmore 6. A compliment to the daughter church, All Saints', Halcon, consecrated the previous day

THORNFALCON, SOMERSET. — On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, A. H. Reed 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A ruby wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Matravers.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, A. P. S. Berry 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, N J. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, P. C. Sinden 8. First in method 3 and 4.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. I. S Wraight 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, T. S. Wraight 5, P Thomas 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Cheal.

UPHAM, HANTS. — On May 1st, 1,440 Minor (eight methods): R. H. Roberts 1, L. D Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. Most Minor methods to a quarter for all the band.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fox 1, J. Fox (cond.) 2, C. Cousins 3, W. Cousins 4, H. Follen 5, W. Wiskin 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. T. Dutton 1, D. J. Wilkes 2, A. Botterell 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, K. D. Knowles 5, C. Bainham 6, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Coleman 8. Rung for the inaugural annual service for the West Midland Constabulary.

WARWICK.—On May 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R H. Randall (first T.B.) 1, E. Holdsworth 2, Clare F. Dolphin 3, P. C. Randall 4, E. J. Gower (cond.) 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Chivers 1, E. C. Wadman 2, F. Savage 3, J. Maggs 4, P. H. Jones 5, R. C. Beck (cond.) 6, H. D. MacKay 7, V. Savage 8.

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BIRTHS

COX.—To Anna and Brian, of North Adelaide, South Australia, on May 11th, 1967, a daughter. 1574

WEBB. — On May 4th, 1967, at Rodney House, Walton-on-Thames, to Genebeth (née Mooring) and Christopher Webb, a son (William Timothy) 1567

ENGAGEMENTS

REEVE—CANSDALE. — The engagement is announced between Evelyn, only daughter of Mrs. Cansdale and the late Mr. B Cansdale, of Bures, Suffolk, and David, youngest son of Mr. D. Reeve and the late Mrs. Reeve, of Long Melford, Suffolk. 1561

STRUCKETT—SMITH. — The engagement is announced between David W. Struckett, of Roke Cottage, Steep, Petersfield, Hants, and Elizabeth W. Smith, of Soundings, The Crescent, Felpham, Sussex. 1562

RETURN THANKS

Ernest E. S. Johnson wishes to thank his young ringing friends for kindnesses shown during his illness and their visits to the hospital and gifts and cards. 1589

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COBB.—The address of Lewis and Elizabeth Cobb is now: 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston, near Ringwood. Sorry, no phone!! Please send any correspondence re Christchurch District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, to new address. 1602

HOLDSWORTH.—As from May 22nd Elsie and Eddie's address is: 95, London Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. 3275. 1565

A. C. MARTIN (secretary, St. Mary's Ringers' Guild, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex) has moved to: Cherrington, 8, The Lawns, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex. Tel. HATch End 1628.) 1572

PERSONAL

After an enforced eight weeks in Burnham-on-Sea Hospital, "Birdie" is now at home. Anyone from the Midlands contemplating a holiday in Devon, Cornwall or Somerset (A.38) give me a call, if possible, when I shall be happy to see old faces again. Thanks to all ringers for their kind inquiries while in hospital.—Hector G. Bird, Konkers, East Brent, Somerset 1495

"Let all things be done decently and in order."—I Corinthians xiv, 40.

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CAN ANYONE HELP? Unfurnished accommodation required by O.A.P. ringer—standard methods, healthy and energetic. Wife recently deceased.—Box No. 1563, "Ringing World," Guildford. 1563

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Maldon on May 31st, 7.30–9 p.m. All are welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 1592

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.

Parish History Exhibition in Church, Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds in aid of Organ Fund. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 1548

CHALLENGE

The Northern Division of the Sussex County Association hereby challenge Sussex College Youths and/or Cumberland Youths to a mock Stoolball Tournament (under Marquis of Queensbury Rules) for the "**Ashes**" (treble stay at Slaugham) at West Grinstead on Saturday, June 3rd.

Bells (6) 3 p.m. Stoolball match 3.45 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided, bring your own cups). Service 6 .m. Bells 6.30 p.m. Do come and support your side.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 1568

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN, STAFFS.

RINGERS' SERVICE

Special service Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 11th, 1967. Preacher, Rev. T. O. Boulton. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Refreshments and ringing after service. All welcome. 1599

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Summer Festival will be held in the Guildford District on June 3rd.

Guildford: Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6) and Stoke (6), 10–11.30. Shere (8). 11.30–12.30. Ewhurst (6), 12–1. Cranleigh (8), 12.30–1.30.

You are advised to bring your own lunch

Wonersh (8), 2.15–3.15. Bramley (6), 2.45–3.30. Hascombe (5), 3.15–4. Dunsfold (6), 3.30–4.15. Chiddingfold (8), 3.45–4.45.

Tea at Chiddingfold Village Fête, 4.45, for those who notify. Service, 5.45.

Haslemere (10), 6.30–7.30. Witley (8), 7–8. Godalming (8), 7.30–8.30. Shalford (8) and Guildford, St. Nicolas' (10), 8–9.

Names for tea to Mr. J. Payton, 26, Turner's Mead, Chiddingfold, Surrey, by Tuesday, May 30th, at latest, please. 1478

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Seale on Spring Bank Holiday (May 29th), 6 to 9 p.m. 1573

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —All members of the Central Council welcome to ring at Beeston on Sunday, May 28th: morning 9.30–10 a.m., evening 5.45–6.30 p.m. 1585

NORTHANTS ringer, nearing retirement, would like to hear of a small country cottage (preferably rent, buy if price reasonable) away from town expansion, anywhere Midlands or South. Replies to P. Amos, 30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton. 1515

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, Batheaston, Bath.—Dedication of three new bells (treble, 2 and 6), augmenting ring to eight, and rededication of 3, 4, 5, 7 and tenor by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday, June 4th, immediately following Family Communion at 9 a.m. Ringing after service until 11.30, then 2–4 p.m. and 5.30–6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Newman, 23, Meadow Park, Bathford, Bath. No names, no tea. 1455

ST. MARY'S, SALEHURST, ROBERTSBRIDGE, SUSSEX.—Change of Secretary. New secretary is: Mr. G. W. F. Coman, 20, High Street, Robertsbridge, Sussex. Telephone Robertsbridge 395. 1560

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

Change of Officers

Hon Gen Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge, Wilts.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. N Knee, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts.

Hon. Peals Secretary: Mr. C. Andrews, 9, The Close, Melksham, Wilts. 1543

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, WARSOP, NOTTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd. All visitors, especially ringers, will be welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.

Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7. Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m.

Thurs., June 29th—Patronal Festival. Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m. Viewing and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m.

Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m.

Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m. Ringing 2 p.m.–9 p.m.

Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.–6 p.m. Services, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion. **Celebrant and preacher the Lord Bishop of Southwell.** 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Ringing 3 p.m.–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the Festival.

Local ringers will be in attendance during all published ringing times. Proceeds will be used towards the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8. 1596

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting, Great Bardfield (8), May 27th, 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. Threadgold, Wethersfield Mill, Wethersfield, Braintree. 1481

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Quarterly meeting at Farnborough (8), Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 42644). — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch — Evening practice on Saturday, May 27th, Winkfield. Ringing on the six bells from 6 to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1503

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting in Edinburgh on Saturday, May 27th. Ringing at St. James' 1.30–2.15; St. Cuthbert's 2.30–5; and St. Mary's after tea.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 1606

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting, Cowlinge, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. R. Johnson, The Vicarage, Cowlinge, Newmarket, Suffolk. 1467

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Waldron, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. — G. M. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1547

ELY ASSOCIATION. — A Ringers' Day will be held at Walpole St. Andrew on Monday, May 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec. 1553

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD. — The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, May 31st, in Honiley Church after the practice. Business includes a proposed alteration to the rules.—Angela M. Bates, Hon. Sec. 1581

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 88th annual meeting will be held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 29th. at Chelmsford Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in the Chapter House. Coffee available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m Lunch 1.30 p.m. (6s.). Tea 5-6.15 p.m. (3s.). Ringing: Cathedral 10.15-10.45 a.m. and 6-8.30 p.m.; from 3 until 6 p.m.: Great Baddow, Sandon, Galleywood, Writtle. Widford; 6-9 p.m.: Great Waltham Terling. Great Leighs. Boreham. Luncheon and tea tickets available from P J Eves. 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 1462

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Ali Saints', Langport (6, 15 cwt.), June 3rd, 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Legget, Ridgeover, Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil, by May 31st. (Tel. West Coker 208.) 1512

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Wilden (5), Saturday, June 3rd, 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Colmworth (5) from 6.15.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 1591

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available again after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1584

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Alcester (8), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Wootton Wawen (6). Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec., 20, Warwick Road, Southam. 1595

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Practice meeting of above at Irton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by May 30th. 1600

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Joint meeting at Killamarsh, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr A Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield—A King. M. Phipps, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Fenham, **not** Jesmond, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. N Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle 4. 1604

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Garden party ringing meeting, Pleasley (5), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m. No names required. Taversal bells available in evening.—E. J. Sterland, Hon. Sec. 1607

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Striking Competition, Wilburton, Saturday, June 3rd. Assemble 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and presentation 5. General ringing afterwards. 1590

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Barnwood (8), June 3rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at Upton St. Leonard's Village Hall. Upton St. Leonard's (8) available 6.30 onwards. Members of Stroud band especially welcome. Names for tea to D Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood. Gloucester, by Tuesday, 30th. 1539

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Meeting at Berkeley, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (10) available 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Final arrangements will be made for the Branch outing (June 10th). 1577

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1566

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing at Goudhurst 3-4 p.m. Service 4.20 at Cranbrook. Tea at Cranbrook 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook, by Wednesday, May 31st Ringing at Cranbrook to follow the meeting. —W. H. Dobbie. 1529

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Trill, Bryn Avon, Mortimers Avenue, Cliffe, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. 1536

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Summer meeting, Ebbw Vale, Mon, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by May 29th. Gentlemen welcome. 1540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 1608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Gisburn, Yorks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Target methods: Double Oxford and York Surprise. Ribble buses X27 from Whalley at 1313, 1513; Clitheroe at 1327, 1527; 294 from Colne at 1405. Own arrangements for tea, please—cafes nearby.—Brian Tomlinson. Branch Sec. 1575

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Gilmorton, June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Broughton, Main Street, Gilmorton, Rugby, Warwickshire, by Wednesday, May 31st, please. Good support from District requested.—Ron Hughes. 1500

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Meeting, Gedney Hill, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (5) available 6-9 p.m 1603

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harefield, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Ruislip (8) 7-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1530

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Alton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. K. Swinson, The Bungalow, Gallows Green, Alton, Staffs, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley. Hon. Sec. 1588

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Blofield, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing at Ranworth (6) from 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Rev. R. S. C. Baily, Blofield Rectory, Norwich, NOR 84Z, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 1511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell June 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Beard, 17, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, by Monday, May 29th. latest.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, June 3rd. Please bring own tea. — J. E. Goddard. 1605

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, West Lavington (6), June 3rd Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. T Burt, Blount's Court, Potterne, Wilts.—G B Davis, Hon. Sec. 1564

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIFTY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30-9. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. G F Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, before 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1586

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Killamarsh, June 3rd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh Sheffield.—A. King, M. Phipps, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, June 3rd. Milford bells (8) 4-5. Tea (4s.) 5.15 in Bay Tree Restaurant. Lymington bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea **essential** to L. F. Cobb, 1, Avonvale Cottages, Kingston. Ringwood, by June 1st. Please note new address. 1601

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Bentworth, June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by May 29th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 1545

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bushley (6), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Longdon (6) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, May 31st. 15779

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Gargrave (8) on June 3rd at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Major. All welcome. -Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Michael's, Creech, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street Taunton. 1571

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1593

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—District heat of ringing competition on June 10th. Competition at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 1598

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by first post Monday previous.—G. R. P. 1603

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Offton (6), Saturday, June 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Village Hall, also meeting. Ringing in the evening. This is **your** meeting—support it. All who wish for tea please notify Mrs. Winifred Lockwood. 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 7th. 1582

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Eckington on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bredon's Norton available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perks. Eckington, Pershore. 1549

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual District meeting at All Saints', Dewsbury, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Main business at the meeting will be the election of officers. Names for tea (5 p.m.), please, to Mrs. J. E. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 7th.—R7. J Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1587

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Dursley Deanery. Service at Wotton-under-Edge on Sunday, June 18th. Ringing from 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. 1578

MR. FRANK BARRACLOUGH

Mr. Frank Barraclough, the Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral, passed away on Sunday, May 14th.

MR. A. E. MOORE

The Suffolk Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the death on May 16th of Mr. Arthur Edward Moore, a member of St. James' Cathedral band, Bury St. Edmunds.

Conductors You Have Met !

All ringers are familiar with the idiosyncracies of conductors. In our novel competition readers are asked to fit each caption to its appropriate cartoon.

A Now should that have been a single?
B Very first as conductor.
C Clip me once more and I'll . . . .
D Ba-a-arb.
E Roll 'em up.
F This is all.
G Improve this striking.
H Bup.
I Two more leads to go.
J Get down!
K That's come up twice.
L Where am I?

Entries to "Conductors Competition," "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford. First correct opened on June 1st, prize of 10s.

Answers (fill in letters):

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I. Wiltshire (first in two Surprise) 2, Amanda Powell (cond.) 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on May 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): P. Holmes 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, K. Vernon (first quarter) 3, B. Hough 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, C. Pritchett 6, B. E. White (cover) 7. A welcome to Ian Michael Hough, son of the ringer of fourth.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. J. Clark 2, A. Gazey 3, S. Hottam (first "inside") 4, D. E. L. Pobjoy 5, C. Hodges 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. For the christening of Sarah Rosanne Barrett.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Poole 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, Mrs. P. Poole 4, Capt. D. Wood (first "inside") 5, D. Poole (cond.) 6, Capt. J. J. Ellams 7, A. Bridges 8.

BRASTED, KENT.—1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. Castle 1, C. Saville 2, R. Waterhouse 3, J. Iggiesdon 4, R. Sherlock 5, F. Budgen (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. B. Talbot.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on April 20th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. H. Taylor 1, R. C. Taylor 2, E. T. Skipsey 3, A. Tubb 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, M. G. Bartlett 6, R. J. Bowden 7, G. W. Land (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 4, 6 and 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore (first quarter) 1, B. F. Hacker 2, S. V. Rymer 3, E. J. Dixon 4, S. F. Grant (cond.) 5, E. A. Spearey (first of Triples) 6, W. A. Hacker 7, C. Haines 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. R. Moore, curate since 1963, and to his wife and daughter Ruth (ringer of the treble).

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Marilyn Heath (13) 1 R. Haines (cond.) 2, Helen Hobbins 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, A. Sturgess 5, J. E. Brown 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline Allen 1, R. D. Hayne 2, G. Robbins 3, Pamela Wright 4, R. D. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to give thanks for the recovery of Rev. Tony Gardner, senior curate. Also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. McDonald 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, G. W. Cecil 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, before taking up his appointment at Norwich Training College.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong, to welcome the assistant curate, Rev. H. MacGreagor Pearson.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Jennifer Beck 1, Carol Blagden 2, Kathleen Parr 3, H. Blagden 4, A. Knights 5, Olive Rogers 6, R. Collis 7, M. Harrisson 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET. — On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Arscott 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, L. H. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Naysmith 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, D. J. Goodman 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. Also on May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Spratt 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. J. Goodman 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

LINTON, HEREFORDS. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harper (first quarter) 1, R. Poston 2, Monica Greenway (first "inside") 3, Ann Butcher 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, G. B. Brewer 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on April 16th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, J. M. Lakin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On April 29th, a quarter peal: Pauline Poore (first away tenor) 1, D. Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, E. Reeves 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. A. Read, who died April 24th, aged 94. She gave the treble bell in memory of her husband.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, J. Stannard 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Stannard 5, C. Cousins 6, D. Rowlands 7, P. Everett 8, J. Underwood 9, J. Banks 10. An 80th birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: T. E. Marks 1, R. J. Fox 2, G. Rendell 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, T. J. Setter 6, F. Sandy (cond.) 7, A. W. Dyer 8.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Cousins 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Wendy Wallace 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6, R. Rayfield 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Cathedral, on March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Marion Perry (first quarter) 1, Katherine Hardy (first of Royal) 2, Julia Fellows 3, M. D. Frost 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Ridgeway (first of Royal) 6, G. Dodds 7, A. E. Ewer 8, R. E. Hardy 9, G. Penney (cond.) 10. Also on April 30th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Katherine Hardy 1, Julia Fellows 2, G. Dodds 3, Pat Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, R. E. Hardy 6, W. Little 7, A. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, M. D. Frost 10. First of Stedman Caters 1 and 8.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Ascension Day, 1,269 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Mason (first quarter) 1, Susan Harrison (first Grandsire "inside") 2, Christine Baldock 3, J. M. Swift 4, A. Baldock (25th of Grandsire as cond.) 5, W. Binsted 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, D. Hatherly 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. L. Ventham 6, T. White 7, F. Sherfield 8.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET. — On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Hadley 1, Miss G. Webb 2, D. Harris 3, G. Prescott 4, B. Williams 5, S. Powell 6, D. Gay (cond.) 7, T. Hadley 8. Rung after Florence Nightingale commemoration service.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, Ann Kingcott 2, G. Hebden 3, A. Ferris 4, H. H. Yeates 5, M. Hebden 6, R. Rice 7, W. R. Rice 8, W. H. Kingcott 9, M. Board 10. For the induction of the Rev. John Vine as Rector.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON. — On April 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: D. A. Wills 1, F. Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. T. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. First in the method for all. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Morris 1, D. A. Wills 2, J. N. Longridge 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. E. Retter 6, W. J. Harvey 7, F. D. Mack (cond.) 8. First of Major 4 and 5. For St. George's Day. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth West (first quarter) 1, F. Bastin 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, F. Williams 6, G. T. West 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Rogation Sunday.

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PERSEVERANCE REWARDED

A New Name on the Ross Shield

NEARLY twelve years ago I wrote of a fairly new eight bell band in Devon, which made its name when it achieved second place in the South Devon eight bell competition in 1955. The local band it was on that day who, to everyone's surprise, put up the best top-ringing of the day and took second place to Kingsbridge over the heads of such (at that time) noted teams as Upton and Dartmouth.

Since that time the Kingsteignton ringers have been pegging away, doing some excellent ringing and winning a good many certificates. Yet one trophy eluded them—the Ross Shield, the all-Devon eight bell—and when they came to practise at Newton St. Cyres for it there was no doubt that they were after it in earnest.

The only band which the listening ringers tipped as likely to beat them was North Tawton, who did some very fine ringing indeed in practice, in spite of having lost their captain, Jim Bennett, recently. North Tawton take their ringing very seriously; they tape every practice peal, and there was no doubt that in their practice they were improving all the time.

Many tourists know Newton St. Cyres, the pretty cob-and-thatch village between Exeter and Crediton; until a few years ago there was more cob and thatch, the county council did a road widening scheme (very well to be fair) one side, and the pub and two cottages went up in smoke the other, but it's still very pretty and the church, with its handy little ring of eight, is a delight. The local ringers had been busy trying to get the bells into perfect order, their wives and mothers had stocked up with mountains of food; the organist had learnt the Devon Association's hymn, and, although April 22nd dawned less fine than the preceding few days, at least it was not raining streams and not too cold for people to stand about and listen.

The singing was, as usual, almost frightening in its vigour; the judges retired to the Vicarage; the draw was made, and up into the tower went Witheridge to start the ball rolling. They didn't do terribly well; this was another band which lost its captain recently, and in spite of some stiffening from outside they didn't really get the pitch of the bells. Chagford, who followed them, are a very popular band for, in spite of all their shortcomings, they'll always have a go and if their approach isn't so dedicated to winning as that of North Tawton they're certainly dedicated to ringing and they enjoy themselves enormously. They didn't ring a good peal—in fact they came last—but they brightened the place up no end.

Tavistock's peal was marred by their besetting sin—a late treble, especially noticeable in the rounds at the end of their rise. So far we hadn't had a really good pitch in the rise, but Chittlehampton sent the bells up in very good style only to spoil it when they got there with some rather choppy stuff in the early part of the top ringing. We went to tea with nothing on the books better than Witheridge's 72 faults, but the draw had kept the favourites till last, North Tawton and Kingsteignton being drawn 8th and 10th.

Down in the Parish Hall the ladies watched in awe as pasties, cut rounds and cream, egg, ham and cheese rolls and cake melted away before their eyes; they also had a tussle with the equipment, for our Parish Hall is badly laid out for catering, and providing tea for 120 is hard work all the way with no short cuts. We came out from tea to hear the bells whirling along to 31 rounds a minute; the ringing was far from perfect, but it was pleasant to listen to because of the fine rhythm and drive in it. This was Withycombe Raleigh, a Guild band who normally ring "scientific" and who had not been able to practise together on the bells. They decided that with a team of comparative novices a really brisk pace left less margin for error than ringing the bells stiff; this meant that some of the changing was a bit shaky, but Bill Harvey on the tenor kept them thrusting along to such good purpose that their 86¼ faults gave them seventh place—and much credit.

No band led by Herbert Pidler can be left out of the reckoning, and High Bickington, after a poor rise, gave us some nice top ringing. By contrast with Withycombe it sounded quite stiff, though in fact it was only one round a minute slower. It was "cleaner" ringing, but perhaps a trifle wooden, so that one noticed the "dots" more when they came

The last four teams, Highweek, North Tawton, Pilton and Kingsteignton, were pretty sure to contain the leaders, and so it turned out. Highweek, like Witheridge, had some stiffening—Tom Wright from Down St Mary on the 5th and Alfie Rice on the tenor—but they had not been able to practise here, and Tom, who was trying to keep them straight, was unfortunate in his choice of bell, for the bells as a whole are probably harder to hear from the 5th than from any other. This may explain why Tom didn't like our sound control measures, while other ringers mostly said that the bells were much easier to hear than before.

All ears were pricked when North Tawton gave their warning "ting" on the treble, but they got two bells under in the rise, which was quite an expensive one. Still, the top ringing settled down to a very high standard, and until the very end the lower was a delight. Pilton did what nobody else could do, and put the tenor up too fast: for anyone used to Pilton tenor this is easy to understand but it spoilt a rise which was pitched very well. Their top ringing was just a trifle stiff; the trouble with this very clean-cut, rather overpulled ringing is that if you do have a "dot" it stands out like a thistle in the middle of the centre court at Wimbledon and the judges can't help marking it, whereas with the more suant kind of ringing, a little quicker and with the bells in less of an iron hand, there's more pleasure to the ear and more forgiveness perhaps in the judges' pencils.

Kingsteignton went up last, and from the start they sent their chances soaring, for they gave us one of the few really good rises of the day, before settling down to just that suant, easy tapping top ringing which delighted us in October, 1955. Their changing is still exceedingly clean, and before they started the lower we knew that nothing but a shipwreck coming down could keep the shield from them now. So far from a shipwreck, they had a beautiful lower, and when the judges and the scrutineer emerged from the Vicarage the only real question was what was the marking.

In these all-Devon "big league" competitions the D.A. has instituted a system which prevents a judge from being tempted to mark heavier or lighter to conform with the others. On this occasion, Harry Brewer, Jack Harris, Chris Ridge and Arthur Tapper handed their figures after each peal to Courtenay Thorne, the scrutineer, and until the end only he knew how one judge's marking had compared with another. In the church, where Mrs. Scott stood ready to hand out the shield and certificates, Mr. Thorne read out the marks of each peal, while Edgar Cole, the secretary, called out the name of the band concerned. "First peal number ten," called Courtenay: "Kingsteignton," called Edgar, and the beam of triumph on the Kingsteignton captain's face as he walked up the aisle made it seem that twelve years' trying was worth it after all.

The results: Kingsteignton, 42½; North Tawton, 50½; Pilton, 54; High Bickington, 64½; Witheridge, 72; Highweek, 80½; Withycombe Raleigh, 86¼; Chittlehampton, 94½; Tavistock, 111; Chagford, 139½.

J. G. M. S.

ACCIDENTS IN THE BELFRY

By WILFRID G. WILSON

THE banner headlines in a popular national daily which reported what you, sir, on page 299, have rightly described as "an appalling ringing tragedy" at Uphill on April 23rd, prompted "The Ringing World" Committee to ask for an article on the subject of accidents. The wholehearted sympathy of all members of the Exercise is most certainly with the relatives and friends of Mr. John Hall in this tragic occurrence.

No words in our journal can now, alas, help in this case, but it may assist ringing and ringers if we can first recover a sense of proportion over these tragic events and second if we can put all ringers, beginners or experts, on their guard for the future.

My dictionary describes an accident as (i) an event proceeding from an unknown cause or (ii) the unforeseen effort of a known cause or (iii) something unexpected. It is plain to see that the many events which in our daily lives we call accidents fall into one of these categories. Let us first get ringing accidents into perspective.

We are told there are some 40,000 ringers in this country, most of whom must ring once or twice every Sunday; many of them must ring on at least one evening each week; and many also spend their Saturdays ringing at meetings, outings or peals. Often in strange towers when it could be said they "don't know the ropes." So it must be that bells are being rung for very many thousands of hours every week and for millions of hours every year. And yet serious accidents in the tower are so relatively few that we are appalled when one happens.

By contrast, we get so used to hearing of motor accidents or, even more numerous, accidents in the home, that unless we are personally involved, we only notice those of exceptional magnitude. So, reader, if you are a teacher of ringing, or a beginner about to start, or related to either, my first plea must be that you should not be put off by the thought of the danger involved. You are likely to be far safer in the belfry than outside it.

All this is not to say that we can act in the belfry as if accidents will never happen there. We must be on guard all the time to see that we do not get careless ourselves, or less watchful over our pupils. Most accidents in the ringing chamber are, I suppose, caused by bad handling of the rope, which results either in a stay being broken and a bell turning over, or the rope is allowed to become so slack that it catches on some part of the body or the clothing of the ringer or a bystander.

Hence the first two rules of bell handling, which cannot be repeated too often, must be (a) keep the rope tight and (b) get the arms up. You will achieve (a) if you always draw the hands right down when you pull the rope and never raise your arms until the rope in your hands takes them up. And for (b) you must always catch the rope high on the sally at handstroke and always have a short rope at backstroke. Then your body weight will come into play as the bell reaches the balance and you will never break the stay.

If you are an instructor you must emphasise these points over and over again to your pupil so that he does not have a chance to develop bad habits. And you must watch him all the time. It is tempting often to have two beginners learning at the same time, but unless you have another capable ringer to help, you must confine your whole attention to one beginner at a time. To risk having to leave one to help the other is asking for trouble and will not inspire confidence in either.

Other points about which I am called fussy include: I dislike necklaces which dangle in front of my lady ringers, often including a heavy ornament and I always suggest that if they won't remove them they should at least twist them round so that they hang down the back, out of the way of the rope. Scarves and sashes and men's ties hanging loose can also involve some slight risk of catching in the rope.

In the normal belfry, where people sitting out are fairly close to the ringers and their moving ropes, I always insist that the sitters out keep both feet on the ground. A swinging foot could be caught in a rope and while the result might only be undignified, it could be far worse.

The next place of possible danger is in the bell chamber and we have unfortunately read of some accidents occurring there in the last few years. The "don'ts" in relation to this seem so obvious that they hardly need quoting, except for emphasis: Don't go among the bells when they are up. If you must, at least first lower the ones you have to be very near to. And don't go up there at all, with bells up, unless someone downstairs is on watch to see that no ropes are touched. Whether the bells are up or down, don't go among them on your own, without telling someone that you are going to do so and how long you expect to be. You could be taken ill; you could fall into a bell pit and hurt your leg or back, and be there for days before help came. Don't put muffles or silencers on with the bells up unless this is the only possible way.

If electric light is not available among the bells, use an electric torch—not a candle. A church tower acts like a chimney if a fire is once started.

If you must take visitors or beginners up to see the bells, make sure that you do not take more at a time than you can watch comfortably. They will be curious to see everything and may well be unaware of the dangers of carelessness. If you suspect that they don't like ladders, or heights, then accept this and don't over-persuade them to go climbing.

Many readers will think of other "do's" and "don'ts" from their own experience, but to all beginners I would say—do not be dissuaded from learning to ring and from all the pleasure, as well as service to the Church, which can be yours, by fear of accidents. We can none of us live in a glass case—it would not be living. If you are careful, if you heed your instructor, and always treat the bell you are handling with the respect due to any moving machinery, you will speedily make a good ringer.

COMING-OF-AGE OF MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

IN the stately Church of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, noted throughout the Exercise during the latter part of the last century for its pioneer band of Surprise ringers, who included the Rev. J. H. Fish (Vicar), Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Austin, J. Griffen and the Wakeley brothers, the Midland Counties Guild held its 21st annual general meeting on May 13th.

Ringing preceded the short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Wooley), and tea, a much-needed meal, was prepared by ladies of the church.

The president (Mr. B. Worthington) was in the chair for the business meeting and said it gave him great pleasure to be present at the 21st birthday meeting of the Guild. Congratulating the Guild on a successful year, both from a financial and peal ringing point of view, he expressed the hope that a few more members would show keener interest in the peal ringing side of their art.

Apologies were received from Mr. G. H. Lane (Ringing Master) and Mr. D. P. Jones. One honorary and three ringing members were elected. Members stood as a mark of respect to the late Mr. A. B. Beadsmore of Ashby.

The statement of accounts presented by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed a small debit balance on the year's working. Grants to Horninglow and Kingsbury for restoration left a credit balance in the Bell Repair Fund.

The secretary reported a membership of 17 honorary and 128 ringing members. Forty-six peals had been rung during the year, but only one member rang a first peal; an increased number rang a first in new methods. Five Royal and five Major methods were rung for the first time. Leading peal ringers were J. W. Cotton and A. E. Rowley (non-resident) and leading conductor was D. P. Jones (27). Personal milestones were 200th peal for D. P. Jones, 100th peal for the Guild.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. G. V. Griffiths; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H Lane; treasurer, Mr J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce. Committee, Messrs. J. K. Smith. W. J. Leach, G. L. Roobottom and D. P. Jones.

The president appealed to all members to support the Three Counties Festival to be held at Derby on September 16th, 1967.

Thanks were expressed to the president for making the long journey from Newcastle on Tyne to be present, to the Vicar, the ladies who prepared tea, and local members for splendid arrangements.

"MIXED" STUFFING

Dear Sir,—The landlady of the Crooked Billet at Ham Green, on the Bicester/Aylesbury road, was t'other day preparing a chicken for lunch.

During the preparation she took a packet of mixed stuffing (manufactured in Oxford), and when preparing the contents of this packet for use, an Oxford Diocesan Guild badge was found as part of the "mixed stuffing."

Answers to the following are required to solve the mystery:—

(a) Who is the owner?
(b) Was the badge used to reduce the contents of the stuffing to manageable proportions?
(c) Was the badge used as part of a machine for chopping the ingredients?
(d) Is this a publicity stunt?

(1) Badges are to be worn, to be seen and not to be disposed of furtively as stuffing.

(2) The medical profession is, I believe, overworked.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL H. KINCH.

Bicester, Oxon.

No Berlin Wall Across Surrey

Meeting for the first time at Guildford Cathedral for its annual general meeting on May 6th, the Surrey Association grappled once again with the thorny subject of its relationship with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.
An attempt was made by Mr. W. H. Jackson to clarify the position by submitting a motion to set up a committee to decide on the relationship between the Association and other bodies.

An amendment by Mr. W. Parrott, the general secretary, and Mr. Murray that the motion should lie on the table was defeated, and Mr. Jackson proceeded with his argument that the Surrey Association should consist of member towers and that there could only be one boundary with the Guildford Guild, namely the eastern boundary of its diocese. This meant that the title of the Association would have to be changed, since it covered only a part of the present county.

Mr. C. Mew said the whole idea of putting up a Berlin Wall across Surrey was monstrous. Ringers were not interested in boundaries.

It was obvious a compromise had to be reached, and Mr. C. W. Munday, secretary of the Guildford Guild, submitted the following amendment:—

"That a sub-committee be set up by the General Committee to investigate the relationship between the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and other neighbouring bodies, and to report on the matter. Pending the outcome, it shall not be the policy of the Association to hold meetings in the Guildford Diocese at other than at towers with active members."

Mr. A. Bagworth seconded and the amendment was carried.

Mr. A P Cannon proposed that members of the Surrey Association who resided in the Guildford Diocese should be allowed to elect whether they be resident or non-resident life members and pay subscriptions accordingly This matter was referred to the sub-committee for consideration.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED

Mrs. Kathleen Chilcott presented her final report as treasurer, which showed a drop in the balance of £31. Her proposal to increase the annual subscription to 5s. was not regarded as adequate, and an amendment by Mr. H E. Pitstow for a 6s. subscription was carried to operate from 1968. A non-resident life membership subscription at the same figure was also carried. The District levy is also to be raised by two-thirds.

Points from the hon. secretary's report were: Membership now 384; 31 peals rung in 1966 and 19 first-pealers—no mean achievement when compared with its membership. Addington again topped the year's list of 196 quarter peals with a total of 43 and Charlwood were a close second with 40. With the amalgamation of the post of hon. secretary with hon. treasurer grateful thanks were expressed to Miss Kathleen Chilcott for her work as hon. treasurer for a number of years.

Mr. Jackson, the librarian, reported that the library had been moved from Redhill to Kingston, and borrowings now far exceeded those for the previous five years. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway had presented a bound copy of "The Ringing World" for 1966, and the Rev. A. Clayton loaned 18 books on ringing.

Officers for 1967–68 elected were: Master Mr. F. E. Darby in succession to Mr. A. P Cannon, who thanked members for his enjoyable period of office; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Parrott; assistant secretary, Mr. C. H. Cook; auditor, Mr. M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, Mr. W. H. Jackson. Seven new members were elected and the election of three non-resident life members ratified.

The hon. secretary thanked Mr. Stevens for his kind offer of Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's book "Change Ringing," to be given each year to the most promising young ringer in the Association The first award would be made at the next annual general meeting, at Merstham.

There was ringing on the Cathedral bells under the supervision of Mr A. P. Cannon during the afternoon, which was followed by tea in the Refectory attended by about 100 members. Evensong by the Cathedral choir made a deep impression on the visitors The canticles were sung to modern Latin-American chants and the anthem was Benjamin Britten's "Jubilate Deo." In welcoming the Surrey Association the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) mentioned how marvellous it was to have so many ways of making music to the glory of God—instancing in particular the bells and the singing of the choir. He thanked the Guildford Diocesan Guild for ringing at the Cathedral Sunday by Sunday, and also others for their service throughout the diocese. The meeting was attended by the Master and secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who were welcomed by Mr. Cannon, who presided in the early stages of the meeting.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

Despite almost torrential rain, over 60 members and friends were present when the District's fifth annual ringing competition was held at Clowne on May 6th. Seven towers entered teams and the test piece was 240 changes in methods. These ranged from Surprise Minor to call changes.

A short business meeting followed tea and commenced with a silence being observed in memory of Mr J. Price, former District chairman and a founder member of the Association. Stratford-upon-Avon was chosen as the venue for this year's annual outing on August 5th and two new members, Mr. D. Bunting (Clay Cross) and Miss A. Lawrence (Old Whittington) were elected.

The competition resulted as follows: 1 Old Whittington (Cambridge) 240 points; 2 Bolsover (Plain Bob) 230; 3 North Wingfield (Mixed Doubles) 219; 4 Wingerworth (Grandsire) 209; 5 Staveley (Plain Bob) 205; 6 Old Brampton (Plain Hunt) 197; 7 Dronfield (call changes) 190. Whilst complimenting Old Whittington on some first-class ringing, the judge, Mr. H T. Rooke (Warsop) said congratulations should also be extended to the younger and less experienced bands who had entered a team and so made the contest very worthwhile. Old Whittington, Bolsover and possibly North Wingfield will represent the District at the Association final at Horsley on June 10th. The District shield was presented to Mr. Lawrence, captain of the winning team.

Next meeting: June 17th, Ashover (provisional).

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY ANNUAL TOUR

Last year, Ann and Mike Pilgrim offered to arrange the 1967 tour in South Wales, and they were as good as their word, the outcome being the most successful tour the Society has had for some time. We met at Chepstow on April 5th, and after slaking the dust from our throats we proceeded to ring touches of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal at the parish church. Then on to Usk (8, 14¼ cwt.), with its very fine belfry, and Llangybi, where we were very clever and guessed correctly which bells had no stays!

Our moving in to the accommodation (at Cardiff Training College) was accompanied by the usual festivities including the misappropriation of the deputy Ringing Master's luggage: but after it was recovered we went off for a good reunion and the first of many Chinese meals.

The next day we set out in force, armed with a minibus and several cars. In the morning we rang at Radyr, Llantrisant and Pontypridd, three eights of 10–12 cwt., and in the afternoon at Cefn Coed (6), Merthyr Tydfil (8), where the hostelries close at 4 p.m., and Aberdare (8). At this last tower we were joined by a well-known denizen of the Rhondda Valley, who kindly guided us over the wastes to his home tower, Pentre, at 27 cwt. the heaviest bells in Wales As well as usual formalities, the evening ended with several rousing choruses of "Cwm Rhondda", which probably caused every Welshman within earshot to blanch.

Friday started well with Cambridge Royal at Llandaff Cathedral, whence we proceeded to Caerphilly (8) and Newport All Saints. At Blaenavon in the afternoon we aspired to some more spliced and wound up the day with the extremely impressive bells of Abergavenny (10, 25¼ cwt.) and those of Ebbw Vale, where it is almost possible to become hypnotised by the rev. counter which they have fitted to the tenor. The climax of the day, however, came with the "Winnie-the-Pooh" readings to which we were reduced by midnight.

On Saturday we started at Cardiff St. John (10) and travelled westwards to Penarth, Sully, Cowbridge Coity, St. Bride's Major (who, like Newport, were kind enough to let us ring with no prior notice) and Newton Nottage, a lovely little eight Saturday, with two sixes, was a great day for the Cornish; but although they humoured him by ringing some call-changes they drew the line at keeping their fellet-strokes (hand-strokes to you) home!

On Sunday morning we went to Newport, where we were very impressed with the recently-rehung 12 in the Cathedral. A ride around Cardiff Docks was followed by ringing for Evensong at Llandaff. En route one of our number was unlucky enough to catch a box of eggs thrown from some upper window, right on the bonnet of his vintage Austin (at the last report it was making a steady recovery).

After Llandaff we dispersed (a little sadly and making frantic arrangements for future trips), to save money from our meagre student grants to enable us to have a similar tour in 1968. The tour was a great success and thanks are due to the organisers, the incumbents and bands of all the churches we visited; Geoff Pullin, who drove the minibus so steadily through all our songs without scratching it; and finally the Welsh for putting up with us, our ringing and our intolerable singing.

F. D. K.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Dunning 1, M. Humphrey 2, Mrs. M. Town 3, E. Metcalfe 4, A. Bashforth 5, D. Town (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

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Letters to the Editor

ST. ALKMUND'S, DERBY

Dear Sir,—The bells of St Alkmund's have now been dismantled and have been placed into store An account in "The Derby Evening Telegraph' of the final services gave a rather misleading account of the bells, in which it said they were to be stored until the new St Alkmund's Church was built. This was contradictory to my letter, and I tried to contact the Vicar and although he was not available his wife said that this was completely untrue—the new church would not have a tower suitable for a ring of bells, and even if that was so, its close proximity to a hospital would greatly restrict ringing. However, what I did learn was that negotiations were in progress to sell the ring to a church in the U.S.A.

I immediately sent another letter to "The Derby Evening Telegraph" denying the report on the bells being stored for use in the new church and expressed regret that the ring should be sold to the U.S.A. The editor has since replied that he is officially informed that it is not true that "negotiations are in progress to sell the ring to a church in the U.S.A.." and that the Bishop and his advisers are still considering the future of the bells.

A report is out today on the future of Derby churches, in which sweeping changes are proposed Among the churches becoming redundant are St. Werburgh's, whose ring of eight bells was sold as scrap about ten years ago, and St. Andrew's, which posseses a fine ring of ten.

Of St. Andrew's, the report says the church is very large for the community it now serves and would need a considerable sum to carry out a restoration. "We recommend that there should be consultation with British Rail as to how best the church may maintain its association and serve the growing railway industry in Derby. We recommend that the church should be demolished when the proposed major parish is formed.

It is proposed that the neighbouring Church of the Holy Trinity should merge with St Andrew's, to be known as "Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's." The Holy Trinity Church has a brick tower, but is opposite to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. It is doubtful whether this tower would take a ring of bells such as that at St. Andrew's.

Between the two world wars and, I believe, prior to the 1914-18 war St. Andrew's had a very famous band, and even in recent years they were getting a reasonable band together but to have it broken up by a recent incumbent. Maybe he broke the parish up, too. I rang my first quarter there for Solemn Evensong for the Patronal Festival in 1957; it was quite a good parish then The Holy Trinity Church being C.P.A., has an entirely different tradition.

It is hoped that when the time comes for St. Andrew's Church to be demolished a home will be found for the bells.

What is happening in Derby may well happen in other large towns and the future of other churches with rings of bells may well be in jeopardy It may perhaps be a case in which the Central Council may wish to take an interest.—Yours faithfully,

B. P. MORRIS,
Hon. Secretary,
Derby Diocesan Association.

Ashbourne.

THE LESSON FROM UPHILL

Dear Sir,—I was dismayed to read of the tragedy which has cast its shadow over the ringing fraternity in the Weston-super-Mare area. I spent two years in this area, and during this period I and many others from R.A.F. Locking enjoyed the excellent hospitality so freely given by members of the Uphill band It was during this period that Mr. Hall learned to ring at this tower, and I can remember on occasions assisting with his handling practice before the Sunday afternoon ringing. However, at no time then were any of the many learners instructed to ring on the tenor and I am prompted to think that here perhaps is a lesson for us all.

That tragedy has struck once is frightening, but that it occurred to an experienced ringer should clearly indicate that none of us is immune from the unexpected and inexplicable accident. No doubt there are many theories concerning this occasion, a slight inattention, a failure to correct a handling mistake, but my point is that if this can happen to a capable instructor how much greater is the chance of a repetition with the many inept and unsuitable instructors who each week, in ignorance provide their pupils with every opportunity for assassination.

I would suggest that 50 per cent. of our instruction in the Exercise is performed in far more dangerous circumstances than those exercised by Mr. Hall, and frequently the recipients are quite young scholars. Mr. Hall was fortunately instructing a learner 34 years old (an age which many of us regard as unsuitable for mastering such new physical techniques), but had this been the more usual 13-year-old, how much greater would have been the tragedy! If we accept then that 50 per cent. of our instruction is performed with young children in an atmosphere of negligible safety, is this not the occasion to look to our standards, and perhaps even to our insurance?

The performances that are enveloped by the term "teaching" are frequently such as to give members of the teaching profession bad dreams for a year, but unfortunately the teaching profession contains some of the worst "staybenders" in the Exercise, while our leading ringers and conductors frequently show abysmal ignorance of learning processes in manipulation and theory Perhaps the directive issued to Mr. Chaddock by the Central Council concerning an instruction manual may clarify the issue but the only hope of ensuring a standard of competence in instruction was lost when the College of Campanology ceased to issue certificates after its dissolution. Is it not time for the Central Council to initiate replacements? As a final thought, if a parent required confirmation of the safety standards in another belfry in your vicinity, would you feel able to provide a testimonial for your neighbouring ringers? This type of accident will occur again. Let us hope it will be with less tragic results.—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

STEDMAN TRIPLES TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—Three touches of Stedman Triples by E. C. S. appeared in "The Ringing World' of May 12th (page 336).

May I suggest that these touches consist of 171, 105 and 105 changes respectively, and not as printed.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay.

A 20 YEARS AGO INTRODUCTION

Dear Sir,—In his interesting survey of compositions rung during 1966 Mr. Alan Ainsworth mentioned a 5,021 of Glasgow Surprise which comes round at the treble's first blow at lead The inference seemed to be that this was the first of its kind in any method although I may have read more into Mr. Ainsworth's comment than he intended However, just to keep the record straight and without in any way belittling Mr R. W. Pipe's achievement, perhaps I may mention that the first composer to exploit this particular possibility of certain methods was Mr Maurice Hodgson about 20 years ago. A 5,021 of Spliced Bristol and Peterborough Surprise by Mr. Hodgson ending from 34625 with (almost) six leads of Peterborough, with bob at the 4th and 5th leads, was rung at Willesden in December. 1948.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

ST. UNY DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—A variation of Stedman Doubles was rung at Lelant on April 3rd, when a Grandsire single was made in quick sixes, 60 changes apart, instead of the more usual, modern form of lying still in 4-5, and was given the name of St. Uny Doubles.

If Harry Miles had anything to do with it, surely he must have been aware of the original publication of the method. In Stedman's "Campanalogia," 1677, page 130, it says: "The extream to be made according to the general rule, viz., the first extream may be made by any two bells that are in course to make a change within the compass of the first sixty changes of the peal, and the second extream must be made according to this rule. Whatsoever two bells are dodging behind at the first extream, when the same two bells come to dodge there again, is a certain warning for the second extream to be made."

He thus states that the "lying still" of two bells occurred in the front work, either in a quick or slow six, leaving the dodging pair unaffected. In the 120 shown as an example, the "extream" is made on the last change of the plain course, thus giving a "Grandsire single," as we now call it, i.e. as in "St. Uny."

He also called the link between divisions the "parting change" and was aware that the method could start at any row, even on the "odd' rows, to give "backward dodging" in 4-5, or, as he termed it, "cutting compass." Further, on page 90, defining the call 'extream." two bells must lie still instead of changing, leaving a "single" change only (remember, this is Doubles). He emphasised that the "single" was not the important part, but was only the remaining part, of the "extream." Apparently it was coming to be called a "single" even in his day.

Finally, I wonder when the modern single came into use for Stedman Doubles?—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

CLAPPER SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—Thank you for publishing my short article on "Clapper Silencers." I hope it will be of some benefit to the ringing population I think it would be worth pointing out that the "silencers" should be fitted when the bells are **down**, as a considerable amount of force is needed to push the silencers over the clapper flight if they are to be a good fit, and this could be very dangerous if the bell was up.—Yours sincerely,

D. ELLISDON.

Ilford, Essex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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And So to Ireland — By Jacqueline King

AS so many things do. this all started as a joke! In a pub we were—in Abergavenny after a peal. "Let's ring in Ireland" said Jim. 'Right." said Reuben. More chat followed (waste of breath, I thought!) Any way. Spenser Kear got to hear of this. "Fine idea for an Usk ringers' outing," said he And so it snowballed—Mrs Reuben Clench and Mrs David Hughes were both in favour—poor Reuben was pressed into opening a special deposit account with the National Provincial Bank in Usk Weekly contributions were received, plans made and remade. (More wasted breath. thought I!)

Then Peter Kay, organiser initially, flew off to America and David King was pressed into making arrangements. Then dates were fixed, towers fixed and flights booked Jim said he would only go if he could dip the oil and David Hughes check the tyres! More contributions flowed into the account—Reuben was talking in terms of drinks with the interest! Plans still being made over the telephone and over the beer! (More wasted breath? I was not so sure—it looked as if we really would be going!)

Mr. Dukes got operational—letters flowed between the Cedar Tiles and Drogheda, itineraries were typed, the plane tickets arrived, cars were hired—on Friday, April 28th. we would be off!

Finally Bristol Airport saw this unusual departure of Gwent bellringers for Ireland. David Hughes and Jim both found that they were were braver than they thought, and their chests expanded visibly!

13 A LUCKY NUMBER

And so to Dublin! To a warm and hearty welcome from the local ringers and from every local person one chanced to meet. Although our number was 13 this proved indeed lucky—the weather was perfect. food perfect, fellowship perfect. I **would** say bells perfect—but—we tried our best at Blessington and our efforts were unmentionable!!!

The gentlemen (needless to say, really) spent Friday afternoon going around that famous brewery and after their mile walk most certainly enjoyed their free samples! Then they joined the ladies to view the "undecomposed" remains in the crypt of St. Michael's Church. Lionel could certainly have done some business there—however, all shook hands with the famous Crusader.

A pleasant evening followed at headquarters the Four Courts Hotel, all the party now together and David Hughes enthusing over the "Liffey" water!

Mr. and Mrs. Dukes arrived early at headquarters on Saturday morning and we were soon all aboard the cars. Mr. and Mrs. Dukes, Lionel and Mrs. Jones and Jim Fitzgerald in the lead, followed by car number two with David and Jacqueline King, Spencer Kear, Frank Hobbs and Don Clarke. Bringing up the rear that "Knight of the Road" himself, David Hughes, and Mrs. David, Reuben Clench. Mrs. Reuben and Julie

A grand journey to Blessington—heavenly colours—blue sky, green, so green everywhere, golden gorse and violet Wicklow Hills away in front. All so beautiful, words failed us and we just gasped at the beauty, until one lady of the party said: "I can't see many of those cows that the Irish bacon with the shamrock comes from." At this car number two nearly burst with laughter and we all thought Spencer would choke!

Well, we did try on those six bells at Blessington, but oh dear! Don Clarke said "Treble's going" and it certainly went—straight down! Mrs. Hughes saw the way things were and quietly crept downstairs. However, the Vicar, Canon R. W Lowe, stayed with us and gave us warm words of encouragement. Afterwards the Canon and Mrs. Lowe so kindly revived us with coffee and biscuits Then some tunes on the Dukes handbells and sincere goodbyes to the kind folk at Blessington Rectory.

Another ride through glorious country—roads empty—just a man with a donkey, a tramp or two, a postman, some children and friendly waves from all!

BREATHTAKINGLY LOVELY

Then to the Wicklow Gap—so breathtakingly lovely! The most beautiful valley I have ever seen—crystal clear water over smooth stones, soft violet mountains, and again the golden gorse! and peace, "perfect peace"—no other cars. people. lorries or ice cream vans! How our cameras clicked and the cine film rolled. We all felt we could stay there for ever in that warm sunshine.

But Fred Dukes ushered us on, this time to Glendalough and the famous round towers, virtually one of the first seats of learning. What hours we would have spent there listening to legends and absorbing the peace and beauty But on again through the Vale of Avoca to the Meeting of the Waters, Tom Moore's Tree and thence to Arklow After lunch a warm welcome from the tower captain and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major on the lovely eight. Then a gathering up of the ladies from the shops and an unforgettable ride along the coast road to Bray. The beaches looked so inviting—how we longed to relax on them—but Fred kept up a fast speed and we were soon ringing in Bray Here we could use only seven bells as the tenor clapper had broken. Still, Triples and Cambridge Minor were much enjoyed.

Yet another gathering up of ladies from the shops and back to the hotel for dinner. Afterwards a peaceful sit-down in the lounge "Liffey" water for David Hughes, enthusiastic discussion of the beauties of this "Emerald Isle" and finally sincere votes of thanks to Fred and Mrs. Dukes, who had indeed "made the day."

And so to Sunday—away we went to join the friendly band at St Patrick's Cathedral for service ringing. We were delighted to meet Mr. Reed and all the others, too numerous to mention but all such delightful people. Although most of our party are not used to 12-bell ringing everyone tried hard and gave of their best. Then down again and off to the Augustinian Church known as "Johns Lane." Oh, the tales we had been told of that staircase! Anyway, taking my own courage in my hands (and David Hughes doing the same) up we went. The congregation were reciting the Nicene Creed so I joined in and kept my eyes fixed firmly upward! At last—the top—David Hughes quite elated—general verdict, not so bad, really. Mrs. Clench went up and down without a tremor—she certainly deserves a medal.

Anyway, call changes here with the local band and touches on the eight bells, then a rush for lunch followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters at St. Patrick's. Down the stairs again and off to Christ Church, here to meet Mr. Billy Lynch, a great favourite with the ladies. Call changes followed on the ten bells and then Triples on the light eight, brought to a sudden end when a rope broke.

By this time we all felt that we were walking on our knees but we made a final effort to ring at St. George's—here again many of the local ringers joined us and all enjoyed the various touches.

Time. as usual, was "flying" and it was time for us to think of "flying" with it. Mr. Reed and Mr. McGregor so very kindly ferried us and our bags to the bus terminal. After several "flaps" to gather up all 13 persons we were safely aboard the bus for Dublin Airport and a welcome cup of tea. Travel sickness pills were handed round but Jim Fitzgerald discovered they were "Sea Legs" and uproar followed!

Then on to the plane, extreme comfort and a perfect flight. Spencer managed to obtain the flight report. autographed by the captain. This, I understand, is to be framed and hung in Usk tower.

And so back to Bristol Airport To complete the laughs. two cases went astray to Street in Somerset. but were to be returned in due course.

Thirteen so very happy bellringers returned. tired but full of praise for the beauty of Ireland. for the friendliness of the people and of our brother bellringers and, as Reuben kept sayin, "You know, we really must do this again!"

J. K.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Dating from the 13th century. the church at St Mary Cray was the venue for the Lewisham District's quarterly meeting on April 22nd. when several of the 60 members present were interested to see that a ringing floor had been erected some 15 months previous. which makes for easier handling of the pleasant-toned six, recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1913.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar. the Rev. J. N. Kemp, whose wife acted as organist; the lesson was read by the local captain. Patrick Braund.

A buffet tea was provided in the Church Hall, and thanks were expressed by Arthur Richards to the local company for its generosity. The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting, at which fourteen resident and six non-resident life members were elected A lively discussion was provoked by a proposal by Paul Smith that there should be some qualification for membership—the present rules do not give any requirement save that the bells shall be rung to the satisfaction of the incumbent and churchwardens; despite members being reminded that they belonged to an Association of "change ringers" as distinct from "church bell ringers," a recommendation to alter the rules was defeated.

After the general ringing a 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung at the request of the Vicar, finishing just as the wedding of Graham Upcraft, a former organist at this church, and Miss Macdonald was about to commence at University Chapel, Toronto, Canada. Those taking part were P. G Braund 1, Miss S. P. Nicholson 2, D. P Smith (cond.) 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, I. H. Oram 5. T. Lewis 6.

Next meeting: July 22nd, St. John's. Deptford (alternative Woolwich).

MINSTER, Sheppey, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wingrave (first quarter) 1, Marianne Leworthy 2, Jane Bryant 3, Jennifer Wood 4, D. P Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton (first quarter) 6 As a compliment to Mr. W. Smith, on his last Sunday as verger, after 14 years.

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Salisbury Guild's Annual Festival

The Guild Festival and annual general meeting was held at Melksham on May 13th. On this beautiful, warm, sunny day the white shirts of the men were very prominent. Twenty-six towers in the Devizes Branch were available during the morning and evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Melksham, the Rev. W. A. M Langdon. The lesson was read by the Rev. Roger Keeley and the address given by the Master the Rev R. N. Longridge. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by H. G Keeley 1–2, C. W. Powell 3–4, G. S. Morris 5–6, Mrs. C. W. Powell 7–8. The collection for the Edwards Memorial Fund amounted to £9 6s. 9d.

A meat and salad tea was served in St. Michael's Hall by wives and friends of ringers in the district, the number sitting down being 150. Councillor and Mrs. K. Elms with the Vicar of Melksham graced the top table.

CHAIRMAN'S COMPLIMENT

Mr. W. C. West, president of the Guild, presided at the meeting, which the Master opened with prayer. Councillor Elms, chairman of Melksham U.D.C., welcomed the Guild to Melksham, saying it was a go-ahead town of which he was justly proud. He hoped they would spare time to have a look around. He enjoyed the service in church and the company at tea and complimented the handbell band on their performance. He knew that ladies were coming to the front in most things, and he noted that the lady in the band carried the heavy bells!

Mr. West suitably replied for the Guild, after which the guests of honour took their departure.

Apologies for absence were received from: Revs. C. Brinkworth and Chaffey-Moore, Messrs. E. Spearey. D Powney, H. Roles, R. Duke and St. Peter's ringers, Dorchester.

Silent tribute was paid to the following who have passed to the higher life: S. Cockell (Melksham), T. Mallard (Warminster), K Burden (Semley), J. Brown (Wilton), G. Whitemoore (Lyme Regis), F Norris (Burton Bradstock), R. Dennett (Loders), C. F. Wills (Sturminster Newton), F. Hart (Shillingstone). The president spoke a few words about S. Cockell, who was vice-president at Melksham for many years.

LATE PUBLICATION OF PEALS

The secretary-treasurer's report was taken as read, seeing that the annual reports had been in members' hands some 14 days. Extracts from a letter from the auditors was read concerning late payments of annual subscriptions and peal booking fees Also the publishing of peals five and six months after being rung.

The Master thanked Councillor Elms for his welcome and the town for its hospitality He mentioned the tragedy at Weston-super-Mare and implored all to take safety precautions, not forgetting emergency lighting saying that even the candle would do very well provided that it was remembered to light it! He urged members to make use of all possible time at practices and meetings and regretted that Branch secretaries had complained about the poor attendance at meetings. He asked all to play their part and to say belfry prayers before ringing.

The election of officers took place and resulted as follows: Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge; vice-president, G. H. Harding; secretary-treasurer, F. Slatford; assistant secretary-treasurer. N. Knee; peals secretary, C. F. Andrews; hon. auditors, C F. Andrews and J. S. Weeks; committee members, G. S Morris, W. C. Shute, E. C. Shepherd and Rev. Roger Keeley.

With the new office of peals secretary came the small alterations to Rules 2 and 5.

A grant of £15 15s. was made towards the restoration of Beaminster's bells and new frame.

It was agreed after some discussion to pay necessary expenses for Central Council representatives. The insurance of six belfry inspectors was also agreed to, and that the parish requiring the assistance of a belfry inspector should pay his expenses for travelling, etc.

The Master closed the meeting with prayer

J. T. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Central District held its annual meeting at All Saints' Church, Harrow Weald, on April 29th.

Miss V Ware was elected vice-president in succession to Mrs. E. Savory; Mrs. J. Hooton continues as secretary District committee: Mrs. R Fardon. Mrs. H. G. Hart. Mrs C. E. Lankester, Mrs. E. Savory; central committee: Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mrs. C. E. Lankester. Six new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. A. Spreadbury and Misses P. Brereton, L. Ellison, M. Sears, M. Smith and T. L. Willis.

A ladies' touch of Grandsire and a course of Stedman preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. D. Bond. Local ringers provided an excellent tea for a company of 37.

Next meeting, July 29th; A.D.M., March 30th, 1968.

SPALDING FESTIVAL

A week of thanksgiving for the flower and bulb industry was held at Spalding, utilising music, tableaux and flowers. This began on April 29th with a united service, at which the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. The eight bells at Spalding Parish Church called members of all denominations to this inaugural service, which was very well attended. Ringing preceded both thanksgiving services on the Sunday and each of the evening concerts held throughout the week.

Visitors from far and wide made their way to the ringing chamber on the final Sunday, May 7th, and most of them were able to take part in a short touch of one kind or another The main purpose of their visit and the highlight of the week as far as ringers were concerned was the final concert at 3 p.m. A handbell recital of music given by the Launton Handbell Ringers, conducted by Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., was a fitting climax to a memorable week. It included traditional English, foreign and mediæval carols, classical music by Handel, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, music composed specially for bells and well-known hymn tunes.

Mr. Sharpe gave a brief description of the unique collection of 76 bells, which date from 1690 to the present day, and the music, which was scored in bell notation using the mediæval mode After the concert, ringing in the tower continued until the 6.30 p.m. service

Local ringers who took part throughout the whole of the Thanksgiving Week had an opportunity to ring on 12 occasions in nine consecutive days. Congratulations to those with a 100 per cent. attendance record.

Memorial Board at Lavenham

On May 13th 50 ringers from a wide area assembled at Lavenham tower when the Rector, the Rev. R. Bird, dedicated a memorial board to the memory of Stedman H. Symonds, who learned to ring in this tower at the age of 11 years and continued to do so till a few days prior to his death at the age of 77 years, holding the position of Ringing Master for 26 years.

Following the dedication, a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung by M. T. Symonds. L. Pryke, W. Jarvis, C. Poulson and A. Haynes, of the local company, F. A. Poulson (the sole survivor of the Lavenham band that rang before World War I), L. D. Mills (District Guild chairman) and L. G. Brett (a Past Master of the Suffolk Guild).

In his address the Rector paid tribute to Stedman's ringing career. After the closing prayer the local ringers rang a short touch of Plain Bob, then the bells were placed at the disposal of the visiting ringers. M. T. S.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD A. GOFTON

North Country ringing circles sustained a severe loss in the death on April 19th of Richard A. Gofton, of Whitley Bay. He underwent an operation last year and seemed to be recovering well but was taken ill again suddenly and died in hospital at the age of 63.

Dick was a member of the famous Gofton family. His father and uncles formed a company which attained a high standard of performance in Surprise Minor in the early part of this century, when Whitley Bay had only a six-bell tower. A few years after the augmentation of the bells to eight Dick and his younger brother Bill joined the band and great strides were made, Surprise ringing for divine service being regular. They rang the first peal of Premier Surprise and the first ever of Spliced Surprise Major, Cambridge and Superlative in 1924.

Dick Gofton showed remarkable ability at a very early age and joined with members of his family in peals of London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques on handbells. Although he rang his first peal at the age of 15 he did not become a prolific peal ringer, for his total recorded for the Durham and Newcastle Association is only 101. He had little inclination to conduct peals, for of those 101 he conducted only two. One of those was a noteworthy performance as it was London Surprise Major by the local band at Whitley Bay just after the war and he had done a great deal in the training of the ladies who augmented the family circle at that time. The small totals are no measure of his ability for he was a skilled ringer who could always be relied on to place his bell accurately and ring without suspicion of a mistake throughout.

He had been a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for almost 50 years and was elected president from 1953 to 1956. His term of office included the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle in 1954. The Association sent a floral tribute and was represented at the funeral by the Ringing Master, Mr. K Arthur, and the secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles. They were joined by Mr. W. J. Davidson to ring changes on handbells in measured time as the cortege left the church for the crematorium.

The funeral service held at St. Peter's, Monkseaton, on April 21st. The church was built by his father's firm and has been closely connected with the Gofton family. It was filled to capacity by a large congregation, which included friends, business associates, Freemasons (he was a Past Master of his Lodge) and bellringers, besides his widow and the family mourners. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Bateson, assisted by the Revs. W. Hatchley and P. Lister.

Dick Gofton was a friendly man, who held a warm feeling for his colleagues. He conducted himself in a quiet, slightly reserved and dignified way and he was held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact. On May 10th an attempt was made to ring a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay. This unfortunately came to grief with only seven courses to go after some very good ringing. D. A. B.

Reading University Society

Thirteen members were present at the annual general meeting of the Society on May 11th, when the following officers were elected: Ringing Master Mr. M. G. Ingram; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Stillwell; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Webb; treasurer, Mr. G. J. N. Colborne.

It was decided not to hold a dinner this coming years because of last year's failure.

M. G. I.

Herts County Association

The Northern District had a successful two-tower meeting on May 6th, first at Cottered (5) and then at Ardeley (6) Here a highlight of the evening was seeing Tony Price ring 1–2 to London and put the secretary right as well.

Welsh Girl Chorister-Ringers at Flint

St. Mary's Church, Flint (a light eight with a tenor of 7 cwt.) has a band of chorister-ringers ranging in age from 10 to 17 years. On February 26th the bells were rung for the first time by an all-girl team. At the moment, writes the captain (R. T. Williams) ringing is limited to call changes but hopes are entertained that with the help of more experienced ringers progress can be made in method ringing.

The girls in the picture are Rosalind Ley, Janet Ley, Barbara Wynne, Maria Lambert, Irene Hewitt, Irene Lynhurst, Michelle Jones and Pat Durham.

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Whitechapel Bell Foundry Outing

Saturday morning, April 29th, at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was not the start of another day's work but the rendezvous for the staff and friends, destined for their annual outing.

Once clear of London, it was full steam ahead for Melbourn, where a good standard of ringing set the trend which was to continue throughout the day. The rest of the morning was spent at Trumpington where, after ringing on the light eight, everyone gathered for an excellent lunch.

The afternoon in Cambridge provided an opportunity for exploring the town before ringing at St. Mary the Great and on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church which produced some good ringing. The last tower of the day was Ickleton, with some well struck call changes. A welcome stop was made for snacks and refreshment at Great Chesterford.

The general improvement in the variety and standard of the ringing since last year's outing reflected the value of the regular practices held throughout the year.

Norwich Diocesan Association

A splendid tea was provided free of charge by Mr and Mrs. J. B. Gardner, when the Eastern Branch held their April meeting at Catfield (the first there for 15 years). Appreciation was shown by a collection for the Church Window Fund, which realised £4 11s. The suggestion that the Branch should hold a joint dinner with the North East District of the Suffolk Guild was enthusiastically received.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J Cable, of Thurlton (an honorary member), and Mr. T. G. Bussey, Ringing Master at Haddiscoe for many years, a tribute being paid to them by Mr. G. Walpole.

The chairman, Miss D. Lidbetter, proposed a vote of thanks, which included the Rector (Canon H. Wake), who conducted the service.

Forthcoming meetings: Blofield, June 3rd; Great Yarmouth, July 15th (joint with N.E. District, Suffolk Guild).

BELFRY GOSSIP

In the quarter peal at Great Missenden (page 335) the ringer of the 2nd was Sara Woolley and the ringer of the third was Louise Evans.

Mr and Mrs. Howard Oglesby went to Slough on May 17th with two of their young Hitcham ringers who were being confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham, and took part in a quarter of Plain Bob Royal rung prior to the service.

Some good ringing was enjoyed on the six bells at Northaw, where the Eastern District of the Herts County Association held its May meeting. Mr. George Austin presided at the business meeting, when the main topic was the District outing into Suffolk.

After a complete rest from all activity lasting over three months, Mr. Donald Clift has recently learned that he has avoided the necessity of a major operation, and on Saturday, May 20th, was able to celebrate this good news by taking part in a peal at St. Laurence's, Reading. In ringing this he has now joined that small circle of ringers who have rung peals in each county in England and Wales.

Bath ringers owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. John Euston, who arranged an excellent day in London for them on April 22nd. Ringing started on the old-fashioned octave at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, followed by St. Olave's, Hart Street, where Timothy Pett met the party. At St. Margaret's, Westminster, an added pleasure was ringing for the wedding of the organist, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, Mr. Grainger was in attendance to tell how he rehung the bells himself. St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Clement Danes' were also visited and enjoyed.

After some years as an associate member, the Vicar of Henstridge (the Rev. J. H. Swingler) is now a full member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. His election took place at the Cary Branch quarterly meeting held at Babcary on April 22nd. There were some other elections—three from Henstridge and one from Barton St. David. The Rector, Rev. J. H. Hopkins Williams, who conducted the service, welcomed the company. South Devon was chosen as the venue for the autumn Branch meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

JOHN MASEFIELD AND LEDBURY'S BELLS

When Ledbury ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal on the back six of their beautiful 22 cwt. eight on Whit Sunday as a tribute to the late John Masefield, they were ringing on bells which were not only greatly admired by the Poet Laureate, but which were also rehung some 16 years ago largely through his generosity.

Born in Ledbury in 1878, he spent his childhood there, acquiring a deep and sincere love for the town, its people and its church. Of the church, he said: "More than I can describe, I loved its voice, the magical great musical voice of its bells . . . . that rang such glorious peals on occasions, such as Christmas such strange muffled peals for the Holy Innocents, and such wonderful and dangerous volleys known as 'firing' for certain weddings." Later, he wrote three long poems "The Widow in the Bye Street," "The Everlasting Mercy" and "The Daffodil Fields," which were set in and around Ledbury, and which contained a number of accurate allusions to some well-known local characters. Through his simple but descriptive style we can see the true personality of the town and its inhabitants.

In 1951, when the sum of £1,700 was being collected for the rehanging of the then anti-clockwise octave, Masefield wrote two books, "The Ledbury Scene" and "St. Katharine of Ledbury," and the proceeds from their sale were devoted to the fund. "The Spanish proverb speaks of the three good things in life," he writes in the former; "good air, good water and good bells . . . . Ledbury was rich in all three, but excelled in her bells." These bells he mentions a number of times in his local poems. In Ledbury we feel honoured by such praise and thankful for all that John Masefield has done for us; we hope that we shall be able to continue to ring on the bells which in the past drew such admiration from him, and that their sound will ever move men's hearts as it did his.

"So they shone and sang till twelve,
When all the bells ring out of theirselve;
Rang a peal for Christmas morn,
Glory, men, for Christ is born."

["The Everlasting Mercy."]

S. B. B.

AN ESSEX WORTHY'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Ernest W. Furbank celebrated his 80th birthday on May 8th, and in connection with this two peals were rung He took part in one of these at Bentley Common on May 13th. He has now rung 409 peals in 100 different towers, the details being: 151 Surprise Major (including 24 of London and 96 other Major methods), 48 Triples (including 30 of Stedman), 29 Caters (including 27 of Stedman) 40 Royal (including a 12,740 changes), 2 Maximus, 5 Cinques, 29 Minor and 9 Doubles.

His first peal was at South Weald, Essex, on July 23rd 1921 Between the wars he was very active with well-known ringers, ringing under the conductorship of G. R Pye (50), W. Pye (26), T. W. Taffender (18). Most of his ringing has been done around his home in Essex, ringing 65 peals at Brentwood, 46 at Prittlewell and 43 at Romford

A real titbit of his life in recent times was the honour of receiving the Maundy Money from the Queen in Chelmsford Cathedral. It is to be hoped that he will maintain his usual good health for many years to come and give us the benefit of his kindly character in the belfry.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH SECRETARY MARRIED

Mr. Lewis Frank Cobb, secretary of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and his bride, Miss Elizabeth Gwendoline Kitney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kitney, of Devizes. Their wedding on May 13th was at St. Thomas', Lymington, where the bride is a member of the band.

The bride, given away by her father, wore her mother's bridal dress of ivory satin brocade with train, a crystal and diamante tiara with three-tier, full-length veil, and carried a Bible and single tiger lily. Mr. John W. Blackwood, former Wareham ringer, was best man.

Mr. A V. Davis, on behalf of the Christchurch Branch, presented the happy couple with a clock, and with a flower stand from the St. Thomas', Lymington, band.

Ringing took place prior to the wedding, and bride, bridegroom and best man rang immediately after the ceremony before the Ringwood ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion.

The reception for 120 guests was held at the Wellington Room Community Centre.

BRISTOL'S CUPID

Dear Sir,—"Research Student" has done some admirable work and must have conclusively proved the existence of Cupid in the University of Bristol Society to any doubters.

However, the present incumbent, Mr. J. T. Parsons, seems unable to shoot straight in spite of his new bow and arrows and his new wings, ceremonially presented to him at the dinner in January by the retiring holder. In short, he has been a signal failure in spite of some obvious targets.

I, a successful ex-Cupid and an observer of the current scene, implore him to "get shooting" if romance is not to depart from St. Michael's; if other people are too difficult shots for him, let him begin with an easy one —himself (it's about time?).—Yours, etc.

A FORMER CUPID.

"TUITION TEASERS"—No. 2

Q. In respect of the ringer's stance (Teaser No. 1) you advised as to the relative placing of the feet; but did not say how to stand in relation to the rope itself. (Anon.)

A. Three points to be noted: (a) Direction of facing; (b) Nearness to rope; (c) General posture.

Facing: The point here is to direct your angle of view, particularly in change ringing, so as to take in the whole "circle" of ropes, if possible, by movement sideways of the eyes only. Turning the head, and more so of the body and feet, cuts off more or less the "away" part of the field of vision, impairing ropesight. Technically your line of sight lies normally along the bisector of the angle formed by your own rope-fall and that of the ringer on either side of you. In all but very irregular rope "circles" this angle includes a sight of all the other ropes. With correct facing you are looking diametrically across the ringing room at eye level, and "through" your own rope, swinging the eyes sideways and "easing" the head as required.

Nearness: With rope hanging free of the floor (end tied up), stand with front of the body at one palm-width (about 3 to 3½ inches) away from the rope. In actual ringing, the hands must then travel up and down the line of the rope-fall (bending wrists, elbows and shoulder joints) quite close to the body; the degree of control being proportionate to this nearness.

Posture: Stand upright but relaxed. Do not bend forward on pull-strokes as this causes out-throw of the rope and lessens control. Occasional extra "pull" can be exerted by bending the knees a little—sometimes called "dropping by the knees." Use full arm extension at top and bottom of stroke, especially on heavier or badly-going bells.

These points are basic for the acquisition of skilled handling and control.

THE HAMPSHIRE HOGS WITH THE DOVES

For the past two years Ronald Dove and his son Barrie have been entertained in North Hampshire towers; their invitation to a return visit to Leeds on May 6th was most gladly accepted and Albert Green's familiar grey van made the journey. A 1 a.m. phone call brought Barrie out of bed to be told of their arrival!

While the majority of the Hampshire party were ringing at towers outside of Leeds, two of them stood in a good peal of Plain Bob Royal dedicated to the memory of John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare. Barrie made a good job of the 42 cwt. tenor at Leeds Parish Church, turning it in in 3 hours and 31 minutes. ("A. P. C., watch out," writes G. D.)

On that Saturday some 11 towers in and around Leeds were sampled before camping outside the Police Station at Chapel Allerton. On Sunday morning there was ringing at St. Mary's, Hunslet and Holbeck R.C. Church, before travelling 90-odd miles to Burton-on-Trent to ring on the steel bells at Horninglow (6), followed by the heavy five at Mancetter (20 cwt) Later came Monk's Kirby (24 cwt.) and service ringing at Claybrooke, and, finally Cropredy, near Banbury, and Mollington. Before saying farewell, thanks were expressed to the Sunday tower organiser, Chris Dalton, and also to Ronald Dove.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 20 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 23 methods, being 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt

David J. Gay	Treble	Edward R. Venn	5
Peter Bridle	2	James R. Taylor	6
*Diana M. Chapman ..	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* Most methods to a peal. Rung for the first time outside of Lancashire.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
George Prescott	2	*Roy W. Rice	5
*Harold Hooper	3	†Joseph Radford	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal.

CHISELBOROUGH, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in eight methods/variations: One extent each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, four Clifford's Pleasure, five each April Day and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten Plain Bob, eleven and two of Morris's 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	3
Frederick C. Arscott ..	2	Robert Parker	4
Raymond F. Arscott ..	Tenor		

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
First peal on the bells.

TINTINHULL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in five methods/variations: Three extents each of April Day and Clifford's Pleasure, five of Plain Bob and Grandsire, 26 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*Linda M. Dade	Treble	Marian J. Beale	3
†Adrian F. Arscott	2	Robert Parker	4
Keith E Beale	Tenor		

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal, first attempt † First on five bells. First on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Kennington and Old. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

R. John Burrell	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
John E. Brough	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	John W. T. Taylor	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	Ernest J. Gower	6
Edward Holdsworth ..	3	James L. Garner-Hayward	7
*Clare F. Dolphin	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor, who has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a farewell to the conductor, leaving shortly for Burgess Hill, Sussex. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
WOLBOROUGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William J. Harvey	Treble	Frederick Wreford	5
Martin F. Lock	2	Andrew J. White	6
Clive G. Bryant	3	Frank D. Mack	7
*George E. Mudge	4	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Major.
Rung in memoriam Thomas G. Myers, late vice-president of the Guild. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW DURHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Composition No. 2, Wratten's Collection. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

Fred Hodgson	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	5
Janet Warwick	2	Philip Tocock	6
Janet Cooke	3	Roland Park	7
Thomas M. Cox	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Fred Hodgson.
Believed to be the first tower bell peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen the Martyr.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden ..	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray ..	6
*David Rennolds	2	Peter Bridle	7
Richard W. Sweet	3	Albert M. Tyler	8
Diana M. Chapman ..	4	James R. Taylor	9
Michael J. Hobbs	5	*Graham C. King	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal on ten bells.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores and 16 twelve-scores (Morris's, Pitman's and Price's). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Judith Harris (14 yrs.) ..	Treble	Frank Reed	4
†Keith W. Scudamore (11 yrs.)	2	William F. Scudamore ..	5
Herbert L. Cooke	3	Ernest H. Jefferies	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal. † First away from treble.

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

John C. Sheppard	Treble	Henry Taysom	4
Alan Tubb	2	John H. Taylor	5
Hugh N. Evans	3	Edgar T Skipsey	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CODDINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	†Robert D. Hodges	4
*Patrick Hickey	2	Rev. Michael Hart	5
*Roy K. Williams	3	James Ward	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.
* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*Stephen Laud	Treble	Geoffrey W. Seaman ..	6
†Thomas H. Norris	2	Richard G Bell	7
‡John Southey	3	†Leonard J. North	8
Walter G. Paul	4	Bernard E. Matthews ..	9
Raymond G. Smith ..	5	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Debenham. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.
* First peal. † First of Royal ‡ First on ten
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev J. G. Downward, M.A., on his appointment as chaplain to H.M. the Queen

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	5
Eric Edmondson	2	*Michael D. Frost	6
*Katherine S. Hardy ..	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Roger D. R. Brown ..	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Tony Lewis	3	D. Paul Smith	7
John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Bernard G. H. Powell	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Philip A. Corby	2	Frederick J. Cullum	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	John W. Smith	7
Percy J. Spice	4	Harry Parkes	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three different extents of St. Clement's Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Phillip Jackson	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson	4
David W. Grimwood	2	Peter D. J. Beal	5
John Clark	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. J. Beal.
* First peal. First as conductor on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	*Alan Evans	5
Sheila Parsons	2	*Gerald W. Reynolds	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Alfred Ballard	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Harold J. Poole. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., April 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Septimus Neave	Treble	†Harold Judd	4
*Jack Bray	2	C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Ronald Chafer	3	*†Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* 100th peal together. † First of London Minor.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 33 methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman, All Saints, Rushall one each of St Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, Shareshill, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, five of Newborough and three of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Roland W. Morant	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
25th peal on the bells. Most Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's, London and Netherseale, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Maurice Bennett	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 27 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne, (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

*Frank Taylor	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Alan G. Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 250th peal.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, "A," Coxwell Place, "B," All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, Cassington, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Andrew, Shareshill. St. Thomas, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. John, Ryton, St. Luke, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's, Little Aston, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Roland W. Morant	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	*Alec Crawford	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal. First in 42 Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. The conductor has now "circled the tower."
"A" is Stedman Slow Course with an Odd Bob single as the call.
"B" is Coxwell Place with an Odd Bob single as the call.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*R. F. Rodgers	Treble	‡A. D. Walker	4
†Yvonne Brook	2	‡Geoffrey Spencer	5
*Bryan Ward	3	*S. R. Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Spencer.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Average age of ringers 16¼ years.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	4
John F. Underwood	2	William R. Parker	5
Timothy A. Wylie	3	Melvyn A. Rose	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Glenys Hunt	Treble	Thomas Yeomans	6
Edmund J. Morris	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
*David L. Phillips	3	*†Colin V. Coombs	8
William H. Harford	4	M. Jack Pryor	9
*Paul Redding	5	William T. Petty	Tenor

Composed by W. Hudson Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* First peal on ten bells. † First on an "inside" bell.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

William T. Petty	Treble	David Barrington	5
Thomas Yeomans	2	Edmund J. Morris	6
J. Arthur Hoare	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Paul Redding	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	M. Jack Pryor	5
Thomas Yeomans	2	Edmund J. Morris	6
D. R. Lynn Jones	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
David L. Phillips	4	William T. Petty	Tenor

Conducted by M. Jack Pryor.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen. On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Andrew Salisbury	Treble	Martin Cubitt	4
Angela M. Wright	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung in memory of William Clover, of Wymondham, a vice-president of the Association, who had been a member from October 20th, 1910, to May 6th, 1967.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STEVENTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Childwall and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Sue M. Heyworth	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
James R. White	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

First in nine Minor methods by all the band.

Rung in memory of the Rev. Gordon Bowker, late Vicar of Steventon.

PEASEMORE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas. On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold W Dunsden ..	Treble	*Elizabeth M. Barber ..	4
John A. H. Betts	2	Frank E. Godden	5
Roy H. Jones	3	David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal of Plain Bob on tower bells.

Rung with the bells open in memoriam Mrs. M. I. Henderson, M.A., late vice-principal of Somerville College, Oxford, and tutor of the ringer of No. 4.

ELLESBOROUGH, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 six-scores. Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

Christine T. Wilkins ..	Treble	Brian J. Edwards	4
Christopher J. Royal ..	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Louise A. M. Evans	3	Arthur J. Wendon	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

Rung in memoriam Patrick John Hall.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
William J. Chester	2	Charles E. Truman	6
James Linnell	3	Frederick Price	7
Barry E Saunders	4	William H. Tyler	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	Richard J. Bowden	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	David J. Llewellyn	7
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Charles P. Quartley	8
Edgar T. Skipsey	4	John H. Gilbert	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	John W Blackwood ..	6
George E. Bonham	3	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

Rung to open the Cookham Festival by invitation of the Vicar and Festival Committee.

(Also for the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

George E. Bonham ..	Treble	John W. Blackwood ..	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	David E. Rothera	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	7
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

Rung in honour of the wedding next day of Lewis Cobb and Elizabeth Kitney at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, Lymington, Hants. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, viz.: Two extents Grandsire, four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Seighford, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day. Tenor 12 cwt.

Andrew L. B. King ..	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	H. Geoffrey Wells	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BROCKENHURST, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. in B flat.

David H. Stone	Treble	Heather A. Walters ..	4
Susan E. Davis	2	†Alan J. Luxford	5
*Roger W. Price	3	Robert A. Partridge ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

* First peal "inside." † First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Martin. On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

J. Dennis Holden	Treble	Eric E. Speake	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	*Derek K. Knowles	6
Roderick J. Lees	3	Arthur Pritchard	7
Michael Elson	4	Harry Griffiths	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal in the method.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. Marion Key	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	4
Howard Howell	2	Roger H. Hawksworth ..	5
Dr. R. W. Adams	3	Barnabas G. Key	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival.

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

*Angela Bagnall	Treble	Richard B. Dorrington ..	4
Lucy Smith	2	Eric E. Speake	5
Cyril T. Collins	3	John H. Allen	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Allen.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of York Surprise Minor for all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Anthony M. Roberts ..	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
*Martin M. Whittell ..	2	Stephen F High	5
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* Most methods for a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NEWDIGATE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents: Five Plain Bob and two Oxford Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. William King	Treble	Eric Brazier	4
Carol Gosling	2	Peter Raine	5
Nelson Elliott	3	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Cunecastre, (2) Chester, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Allendale, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*John Norris	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	John A. Howard	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	George Francis	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* 25th peal. First peal in ten Surprise Minor methods for all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 59 lb. in F sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	*James W. Belshaw	6
Muriel Reay	3	James Insley	7
R. George Morris	4	J. Alan Ainsworth ..	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*David Phillipson	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	*†Richard D. Gibson ..	8
*Christopher J. Sharp ..	3	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	9
Geoffrey W. Randal ..	4	Richard S. Starkey ..	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Alan E. Hartley	11
Alan W. A. Leggett ..	6	Michael Maughan ..	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First 12-bell peal. † 50th peal.

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	John S. Seager	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	6
Gibson Jackson	3	Ernest Padgett	7
Richard Tibbetts	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Paul.
On Wed., May 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt

Alan Sheppard	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	6
John Potts	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
James S. Webb	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE B.R.S.A. GUILD.
(The Railwaymen's Guild)

READING, Berkshire.—At the George Hotel.
On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 12 in F.

W. Bertram Kynaston ..	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Fred Hodgson	7–8
Edmund J. Morris	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First handbell peal for the Guild.
Rung on the eve of the annual general meeting.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., May 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Alan McFall	5–6
Gerald Moorhouse	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Carter's Variation. Tenor size 14 in F.

Alfred Mould	1–2	David Walklate	5–6
Jack Bailey	3–4	Kevin Betesta	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Walklate.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., March 29, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter L. Bill	1–2	Michael J. Fellows (cond.)	3–4
		John C. Eisel	5–6

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Thurs., May 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 27 methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Double Bob, 456 Little Bob, 144 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington Little Court, 120 each of Cambray and Crayford L.C., 96 each of Lansdowne L.B., Reverse Bob, Hackington, Canterbury, Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 48 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and 32 each of Tolleshunt d'Arcy, Ogden, Childwall, Wavertree, Smith, Goldhanger, Blackley, Lesser Wapping, Scholfield, Nelson, Fishwick and Hudson College, with 329 changes of method.

Frances M. Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The greatest number of Major methods rung to a true handbell peal. Tenor size 12 in F.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Christine Robb and Keith Spring, married at Heston, Middlesex, on April 21st, 1967.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., May 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 1,568 Plain Bob, 1,296 Double Bob, 496 Reverse, 464 Little, 224 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 144 Gainsborough Little Bob, 120 Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, 88 each of Cambray and Crayford L.C., and 48 each of Ashbourne and Spalding College, with 309 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances M. Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Fri., May 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 600 Bristol, with 122 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Gerald Penney	3–4	*Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7–8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of Spliced on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Mon.—At the Farmers Arms, Lion Street.
On Thurs., March 30, 1967, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	5–6
Richard J. Parker	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by James R. White.
First peal "in hand" as conductor.

HALF PEAL

SKILLINGTON, LINCS. — On April 28th, 2,520 Doubles (21 methods/variations): D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, V. P. Evans 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, P. A. Slight 4, R. W. Morant 5.

DATE TOUCH

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Ascension Day, 1,967 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, G. Prescott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Jones 6.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sutherland 1, N. Hoath 2, Mary Faircloth (cond.) 3, G. Fielding 4, J. Wallace 5, J. D. Faircloth 6. Rung to mark the birth of a second daughter, Helen Jane, to Rosemary and Jeffrey Wallace. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor on October 2nd.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. N. Smeaton 1, J. O. Goulter 2, G. C. Prior (first "inside") 3, Graham Rich (first in Australia) 4, R. S. Jolly (first of Grandsire) 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, D. J. Bleby 7, B. R. Cox 8. Rung before morning service to celebrate the birth of Mary Anna Cox on May 11th, 1967.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Brook 1, P. Morris 2, Ann E. Sharpe 3, Wendy Morris 4, Diana Gough (cond.) 5, D. Hibbett 6. To celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Fitton, grandparents of the ringers of 2 and 4.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knewstub 1, Jane Fransella 2, Valeric Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. M. Hollis cover.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On May 14th, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: Margaret Coombs (first of Treble Bob) 1, Ann Harris 2, J. G. Hallett 3, Caroline Stewart 4, D. R. McLean 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on May 14th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. M. P. Johnston (cond.) 1, I. J. Quinney (first of Stedman) 2, J. S. Rank 3, R. Shipp 4, J. H. R. Freeborn 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, K. J. Hesketh 7, H. C. Foster 8, H. F. Brown 9, C. R. F. Muncey 10.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Dodds (first quarter) 1, J. Chaplin 2, Lynett Brenham (first "inside") 3, C. Avery 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Lyn Brenham.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On May 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: G. Flook 1, D. Little (cond.) 2, D. Atkins 3, A. Brook 4, A. Smith 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. First in the method for all.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. W. Hargreaves 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Betty J. Daysh 3, R. Green 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, P. Page 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, E. W. Colley 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3 and 4. To mark the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Portsmouth, which was served from the Diocese of Winchester on May 6th, 1927

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At Holy Trinity, on May 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Busby 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, I. A. Eggleton (first of Treble Bob) 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day service.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. F. Butlin 1, M. W. Savers 2, Brenda Ivings (first quarter) 3, P. R. Davies 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. For National Folk Dance Week.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. H. J. Sanger 1, R. G. Beck 2, J. Dunford 3, S. Lucas 4, A. P. Beck 5, E. J. Chivers 6, D. Mackay (cond.) 7, A. White 8. First in the method 3 and 4. Rung to welcome twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanger, and granddaughters of the treble ringer.

DRIGHLINGTON. YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. P. Haskins 1, Belinda M. Gilbert 2, Josephine M. Haskins 3, M. Susan Jackson 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, A. Cole 6, R. H. Dove 7, R. Chandler 8. Rung by Leeds Parish Church ringers for Evening Mass on the 69th Dedication Festival.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Millidge 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, K. J. Rider 3, L. C. Way 4, R. L. Jones 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the completion of the tower restoration, and after eleven months' silence of the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pillinger 1, Miss S. Perry (first attempt) 2, Miss G. Richardson (cond.) 3, Miss P. Buckland 4, P. Screen 5, G. Whalley 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. P. Brain 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, L. J. Parry 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, C. W. Pipe 5, R. C. Groom 6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. Rung on the 65th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as birthday compliments to the ringer 7th and Miss Alice Lester.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: S. Oates 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Bailey 6. A welcome to William Timothy, son of Genebeth and Christopher Webb, born May 4th.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Rowley 1, R. Benistone (cond.) 2, H. O. Over 3, H. Hollis 4, R. Hughes 5, W. Goadby 6, F. Chambers 7, B. Hoden 8. For the induction of the Rev. B. W. Kerby, M.A., to this benefice

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josephine Smith (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Quickfall (first "inside") 2, Sue Webber 3, J. A. Tandy 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5, P. C. Kimber 6. By the University of Keele Society. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Josephine Smith 1, Sue Gay 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. W. Gay (cond.) 4, J. A. Tandy 5, M. J. Robinson 6. Rung half-muffled by the Society in memory of Hugh Leech, senior lecturer in History at the University.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS. — On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Cox 1, A. K. Griffiths 2, D. P. Crawley (first "inside") 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, E. Anthea M. Spershott (first of Minor as cond.) 5, H. C. Bennett 6.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,282 Pudsey S. Royal: B. Stone 1, Alison M. Mann 2, J. R. Pratt 3, M. Bangham 4, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 5, S. Humphrey 6, J. F. M. Maybrey 7, J. R. Pratchett 8, K. Newman 9, W. H. Jackson 10.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. W. Collins 1, Rosemary Collins 2, P. G. Hickey 3, R. K. Williams 4, S. B. Bell (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Masefield, late poet laureate and a native of Ledbury.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On May 7th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 1,312 Plain Bob Major ("in hand"): M. G. Dodson (first of Major "in hand") 1—2, J. L. Riley 3—4, P. Crosthwaite (cond.) 5—6, G. Cooper (first "in hand") 7—8.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On May 14th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Marion Jones 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, J. R. Goodenough 4, F. M. Bowers 5, H. Miles 6. First in the method for all the band.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Dafters 1, Miss F. Cannon 2, Miss C. Reed (first of Stedman) 3, P. Royds-Jones 4, K. Small 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, J. Machell 8.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (six methods): Rev. J. H. Greene 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, Juliet Fynes 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. O. Haslam 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor 1, 4, 5 and 6, and on the bells. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Rear-Admiral A. R. Hamick.

LONDON. — At St. George-in-the-East, on April 30th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Taylor 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, R. L. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. J. N. Dalton 8. For Evensong, and the 3rd anniversary of the reconsecration of the church.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, A. Stimson 6, J. Day 7, R. Cook 8, O. Homewood 9, R. Manton (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (five methods): P. Smith 1, W. Price 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Downer 6. Rung to the Glory of God and for Evensong.

MOULTON, LINCS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): P. Smith 1, V. P. Evans 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. R. Holmes 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, A. Crawford 6. Greatest number of methods 1 and 4.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. R. Hunt 1, Miss K. Winterbourne 2, Miss A. Lawrenson 3, W. J. Marlow 4, P. Holmes 5, J. A. Constant 6, M. S. Holbrook 7, F. E. Turner 8, W. Hunt (cond.) 9, M. Goodwin 10. First on 10 for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints', on May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Webb 1, A. Bainham 2, D. Clarke 3, P. Chambers 4, C. Bainham 5, R. Smith 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, R. Owen 8. First quarter Triples 1, 2 and 4.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. M. Holbrook 1, Mrs. E. C. Sanders 2, P. G. Holmes 3, Miss C. M. Kemp 4, Miss R. C. Hassell 5, Canon F. A. Sanders 6, H. E. J. Smith 7, M. S. Holbrook (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 4.

PENN, STAFFS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gaskell (first quarter) 1, D. G. Smith 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, Gillian Griffiths 4, Pamela Garbett 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Also on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gaskell 1, Gillian Griffiths 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, J. A. Roden 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, W. C. Pinches 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Hinsal, wife of the present verger.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Yorke-Bramble 1, Mrs E. Jones 2, Helen Hobbins 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 5, Jennifer E. Smith 6, K. P. Gilliver 7, F. Edwards 8. For the annual service of Lloyds Bank Ltd.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: I. Coombs 1, Jane Reynolds (first as cond.) 2, F. Reynolds 3, P. Reeves 4, E. Reeves 5, F. Maude 6, G. Sanders 7, G. Pye 8. For Confirmation

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On May 14th, 1,314 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Gerda Baresel 1, Julie Armstrong 2, Alison Mann 3, A. R. Millidge 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6, M. J. Uphill 7, N. Waite 8. A welcome to Rosemary, a daughter for Heather and Norman Steere.

RATBY, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S. Hargreaves 1, Mrs. Jean Blackman 2, G. Hurd 3, L. Green 4, Rev. P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, G. Root 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On May 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, B. D. A. Woolley 6, E. J. Cole 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to Geoffrey, son of the conductor, and Carol (Lewis) who were married at Dorridge Church the previous day.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Bitterne Park, on May 7th, 1,380 Doubles (17 methods): Beryl Cross 1, Heather Hinton 2, C. J. Butler 3, Deborah Maggs 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela Coombs 6. Greatest number of methods by all.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 30th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Rumley 2, W. Brown 3, H. Wittering 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Hunson (cover).

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK. — On May 1st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford and Plain Bob): W. Hammond 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, J. Fox (cond.) 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6. To honour the 80th birthday of the president of the Wisbech Branch, Mr. F. Elmer, and to mark his 38th year as a lay reader.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Elizabeth Duncan 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Susan Thomas (first "inside") 3, D. Hawkins 4, June Whitcher 5, Caroline Cole 6, R. C. Chapman (cond.) 7, I. Dear 8, A. J. Slade 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, M. C. Austin 11, R. Durrant 12. For Matins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Holman 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. A. Hughes 3, D. Wright 4, A. F. Faulkner 5, D. Ellisden 6, C. G. Wright 7, K. Warner (cond.) 8.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—On May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Newson 1, Shelagh R. Collins (cond.) 2, W. W. Cousins 3, N. V. Harding 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6. For the Flower Festival service.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Hodgetts 1, R. Beniston 2, A. E. Rowley 3, R. D. Hughes 4, F. Chambers 5, N. W. Attaway 6, G. H. Peers, jun. (first in the method) 7, G. H. Lane (cond.) 8.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints', on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Repton 1, D. Beacham 2, J. J. Stanier 3, R. Tailby 4, E. Mould 5, L. J. Haines 6, R. Shepherd 7, D. G. Franklin 8. Rung to celebrate the christening this day of Helen Susan Shepherd (daughter of the ringer of 7th).

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FORTHCOMING WEDDING

LARGE—LADD. — The marriage between Ray and Margaret will take place at Tonbridge Parish Church on Saturday, June 17th, at 11 a.m. All friends are welcome at the church. Future address: 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent. 1635

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Towers open for ringing are:
Halifax (12) 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
All Souls' (8) 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Elland (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Lindley (8) 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Northowram (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Brighouse (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Bradshaw (5) 6–8 p.m.

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ARTHUR FARRAND, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Summer Festival will be held in the Guildford District on June 3rd.

Guildford: Holy Trinity (8), St. Mary's (6) and Stoke (6), 10–11.30. Shere (8) 11.30–12.30. Ewhurst (6), 12–1 Cranleigh (8), 12.30–1.30.

You are advised to bring your own lunch

Wonersh (8), 2.15–3.15. Bramley (6), 2.45–3.30 Hascombe (5), 3.15–4. Dunsfold (6), 3.30–4.15. Chiddingfold (8), 3.45–4.45.

Tea at Chiddingfold Village Fête, 4.45, for those who notify. Service, 5.45.

Haslemere (10), 6.30–7.30. Witley (8), 7–8. Godalming (8), 7.30–8.30. Shalford (8) and Guildford, St. Nicolas' (10), 8–9.

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STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD. — The next practice will be on Monday, June 26th, 7.45–9.15.—W. Savill, Hon Sec. 1644

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—On Saturday, June 3rd, at Newton St. Cyres, a practice meeting will be held from 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 1630

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Fenham, **not** Jesmond, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m Committee 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. N Harrison, 18, Hartburn Place, Newcastle 4. 1604

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Garden party ringing meeting, Pleasley (5), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. until tea at 5 p.m No names required. Taversal bells available in evening.—E. J. Sterland Hon. Sec 1607

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Striking Competition, Wilburton. Saturday, June 3rd. Assemble 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and presentation 5. General ringing afterwards. 1590

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barkway (8). Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1566

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing at Goudhurst 3–4 p.m. Service 4.20 at Cranbrook. Tea at Cranbrook 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. A. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook. Ringing at Cranbrook to follow the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie. 1529

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarn Bank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Meeting, Gedney Hill, Saturday June 3rd. Bells (5) available 6–9 p.m 1603

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at Harefield, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Ruislip (8) 7–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1530

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Killamarsh, June 3rd Bells (6) 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield.—A King, M Phipps. Hon. Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at West Grinstead, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Stoolball challenge match 3.45 p.m. Picnic tea (cups of tea provided, bring your own cups). Service 6 p.m. Bells 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 1569

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bushley (6), June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Longdon (6) from 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier. Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 1579

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Evening practice meeting at Gargrave (8) on June 3rd at 6 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Stedman and Kent Major All welcome. -Maurice Thurmott. Ringing Master.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, N.W.9 (near Blackbird Cross), on Monday, June 5th, 7.30 to 9 p.m (No meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.) 1570

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Practice at Manchester Town Hall (12), Wednesday, June 7th. Bells from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. Also practice at St. Michael's, Flixton (8), Tuesday, June 20th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please make a note in your diary now. —C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 1626

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Eynsham, Thursday. June 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Michael's, Creech, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street Taunton. 1571

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting at Campton (5) on June 10th, 3 to 4 45, followed by tea at Meppershall. Business and ringing in the church at 6. Warm welcome to all. 1613

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rise, June 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 1546

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Final of Horsley Cup at Horsley, June 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 1615

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Nutfield (6) Bells 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd. 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Thursday, June 8th. 1636

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — G. Blake. Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow 1593

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—District heat of ringing competition on June 10th. Competition at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to H. King, 158, High Road. North Weald. 1598

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, Mr. M. L. Howe, 83, College Road, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 1643

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Malmesbury, Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Billings, 8, Athelston Road, Malmesbury, Wilts. by June 7th.—B Johnson. 1646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, June 10th Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea (5s. 6d. approx.) at the Bay Horse (opposite church) at 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Teas for those only who send names to me by Wednesday, 7th.—G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden. 1645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Cartmel on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Blackburn, Tarn Foot, Cartmel, by June 7th, please. — T. F Metcalfe. 1633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, also Branch Striking Competition Saturday, June 10th. Cups of tea provided, please bring own food. —L. Walmsley. 1632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Sileby, Saturday, June 10th. Ringing: Seagrave (3) 2.15 p.m.–3.15 p.m.; Cossington (5) 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Sileby (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Pochin Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hunting, The Vicarage, Mount Sorrel Lane, Sileby, Leics, by Wednesday, June 7th. No name, no tea. 1616

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by first post Monday previous.—G. R. P. 1603

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Llangynwyd (6) on Saturday, June 10th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), as soon as possible, N.B.—No business, except for election of new members, unless members give one week's notice. 1631

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks, Saturday, June 10th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evening ringing and business St. Giles', Stoke Poges, Bucks after tea. Names for tea essential to Mr. Gordon W. Limmer, Grovefield Lodge, Taplow Common Road, Burnham, Bucks. Burnham 1825.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch. — Annual general meeting, Winslow (8), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.45. Choral Evensong 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, by Thursday, June 8th. 1623

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting at Streatley on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing: Streatley 3–4 p.m.; Goring 7–9 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Morrel Room at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Taylor, Bonskeid, Gatehampton Road, Goring, by Wednesday, June 7th, at the latest. 1625

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, June 10th. Names for tea to Mrs. S. F. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W Hancock. 1618

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derlwyn College, Alltwallis, Carmarthen.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 1610

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Buckhorn Weston, June 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Ringing also at Kington Magna. Visitors welcome. Names to M. M. Godley, Mill Lane, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332), by June 6th. 1639

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Extraordinary general meeting, Madeley (8), Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., 6.30–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Nominations for officers will be taken at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Molinoli, 130, Bridle Terrace, Madeley, Salop, by Monday, June 5th. 1620

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Hickling, on June 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Harwood, The Vicarage, Hickling, Melton Mowbray, Leics, by Wednesday previous. 1576

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts. — Meeting at Rampton, June 10th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by previous Wednesday. Laneham (4) also available. Go to Rampton first to find details of entry to tower, etc. 1642

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Offton (6), Saturday, June 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Village Hall, also meeting. Ringing in the evening. This is your meeting—support it. All who wish for tea please notify Mrs. Winifred Lockwood 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, June 7th. 1582

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice at Horsell on Saturday, June 10th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. 1611

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Eckington on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Bredon's Norton available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Perks, Eckington, Pershore. 1549

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, June 10th Main business at meeting will be the election of officers. Ringing at Earlsheaton 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Tea at Dewsbury Parish Room 5 p.m. (price 2s. 6d.) for those who notify Mrs. V. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 7th. Ringing at Dewsbury after tea until 9 p.m. 1587

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The A.G.M. will be at Bedale (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. G. Dalton, c/o Bucktrout and Firth, Bedale, Yorks, by Thursday, the 8th. All welcome.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 1647

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon on Sunday, June 11th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 2, Cabbells Mead, Kilmersdon, near Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 1622

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. B. L. Marks, Burch Farm, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, June 15th.—A. P. S. B. 1638

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Striking Competition, Saturday, June 17th, at Silk Willoughby (6). Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition (Branch members only) 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, by June 13th certain. 1562

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Saturday, June 17th: Newton-le-Willows (8) 10–10.45; St. Helens (10) 11–11.45; Liverpool Cathedral (12) 12–2; St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6) 2.30–3.15; Oxton (8) 3.15–4.15; Woodchurch (6) 4.15–5: Port Sunlight (8) 5–6; Bebington (8) 6–7: Bromborough (8) 7–8. 1648

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Methods for practice: Double Norwich and Superlative. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1609

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Canford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by cricket match at Canford School. Names for tea to Miss J. Fawcett, 125, Merley Ways, Wimborne, by June 14th. 1597

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; Llanfaes (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 10th. 1634

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Half-annual meeting, Blockley (afternoon) and Chipping Campden (evening), July 1st. 1641

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Evnon 1, D. R. Manton 2, D. W. Manton (cond.) 3, G. Holman 4, R. R. Churchill 5. To mark the coming of age of G. Holman.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. G. East (first quarter) 1, R Allinson 2, M. Wills (first four methods) 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): I. P. Cox 1, P. Devrell 2, R L. Coles 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. E. Newman 5. J. H. Thompson 6.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Mrs. J. Poulter 1, Miss M. Simmonds 2, T. Bird (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, F. Roper 5, R. Threadgold 6.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End).—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Lamb 1, D. Whent 2, D Cobb 3, K. B. Good (cond.) 4, P. Schafie 5, M. Bushell 6.

BRASTED, KENT.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Reddick (first quarter) 1, J. R. Palmer 2, J. M. Corby 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, P. Goodwin (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Dixon 1, T. Timms 2, G. J. Collett 3, R. Jarvis 4, J. Benfield 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 7, I. Harris 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, K. Butler 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Gale (first quarter) 1, I. H. Trueman 2, W. R. Gilks (cond.) 3, K. Jacobs 4, D. R. Fallick 5, J. Page 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W Reece (cond.) 2, W Harper 3, Howard Meek 4, G. Higgins 5, Harold Meek 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. For morning service by tower members.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy S. Austin 2, Patricia Winch 3, G. Kenward 4, J. E. Clark 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, B. E. Jemmett 8. First Triples 1 and 3.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 covering): Mary Linsell (first quarter Minor) 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley (first Minor "inside") 3, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 4, K. Westwood 5, T. A. Camp 6, D. J. Cheeseman 7. A compliment to the treble ringer, on her engagement and 21st birthday, also birthday of the ringer of 3.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Bishop 1, C. F. Mutton (first of Triples as cond.) 2, H. Heard 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey 6, C. Bishop 7, J. W Sangwin 8. A birthday compliment to J. Hicks, captain of Marhamchurch tower.

WILTON Taunton, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Beale 1, D F. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, Miss L. M. Emmett 4, R. F. Arscott 5, F. Avery 6, K. E. Beale (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8.

WONSTON. HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,360 Spliced Plain Minor (nine methods): T. Matcham 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First by all the band.

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NOTTINGHAM—A FIRST IMPRESSION

A NEW era in the history of the Central Council opened at Nottingham with its 70th annual meeting. Holding the reins of office for the first time was Mr. Vernon Bottomley, as chief executive officer, and he came through his ordeal with flying colours and at the conclusion richly deserved the congratulations bestowed on him by his predecessor for 14 years, Mr. E. A. Barnett.

And what a 21st birthday the occasion was to the Southwell Diocesan Guild, formed out of the old Midland Counties Association and still having some 50 members of the parent body in its ranks! Perhaps the happiest way of celebrating a birthday is in giving pleasure to others, and the record attendance of 167 members enjoyed to the full the fine programme of ringing arranged in the area of the Guild and beyond, and the fellowship of Guild members headed by Mr. W. L. Exton, the secretary, and his chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

A portent of a long and serious meeting was the fact that the Standing Committee was in session the previous evening until after 11 p.m. Perhaps one of the happiest outcomes of their deliberations was the resolution passed concerning the British Government's proposed gift of a tower and carillon to Canberra costing £250,000. It was a request on behalf of the Central Council, representing the ringers of the Commonwealth and the English-speaking world, that eight or more bells in the carillon should be hung for ringing in full circle in the English manner. A unanimous resolution is going from the Council to the Minister for the Commonwealth, Mr. Herbert Bowden, the Australian High Commissioner, and the architectural advisers to this effect. From Sydney a similar appeal has been made on behalf of Australian ringers. The bell tower proposed is to be erected on an island in Lake Birley Griffith. Canberra, Australia's capital, has no bells hung for ringing, but the changes are heard Sunday by Sunday at St. John's Church, where Col. Watch operates the chimes.

There was general approval to the change in order in proceedings which enabled Notices of Motion to be dealt with earlier in the day, thus avoiding debate being either curtailed or held before a tired house. The first motion dealt with the condemnation of hoaxes which have been a plague to the Editor's life during the past year. The subject was ably dealt with by the two speakers of the London County Association. The Council revelled in the strong terms of their condemnation, and while from one quarter there was a dissension against associating certain of the outbreaks with a particular university, the motion was carried with only one vote against.

The motion that there should be two styles of publications of peals in "The Ringing World"—those if accompanied by a contribution of 2d. a word in the present style and others like quarter peals—gave rise to an interesting debate. The ugly impracticability of the style suggested by the motion was obvious to the Council as a whole, but what emerged from the discussion was an emphasis on some sort of contribution. It has been in being for years, but the majority who ring peals fail to respond to this voluntary appeal, so different from the attitude of quarter peal ringers in their regard to "The Ringing World". Had a vote been taken we believe that Mr. Cecil Pipe's idea of ringers paying voluntarily two shillings a rope, of which 6d. would go to "The Ringing World", would have been passed. The final decision was to refer the matter to "The Ringing World" Committee. Our "Gratefully Acknowledged" column is still open to peal ringers and we hope that in the coming weeks it will reflect a more generous attitude towards the paper.

All these debates were pianissimo in character compared with the reception of the report of "The Ringing World" Committee. The resignations from the Committee of Mr. Dennis Beresford and Mr. G. W. Pipe were handed in to the Standing Committee that evening and came as a surprise, particularly as the implications of the census have not yet been received. This they promised to complete. Both made speeches to the Council complaining of unfair treatment and lack of co-operation from the Committee. They received ovations from the members of a warmth accorded to heroes. The scene was reminiscent of the days of Percy Johnson. There was a thirst for knowledge of what had really happened and what was contained in their report. At one time it seemed that there would be other resignations. However, the report was accepted, and the 1967 report is expected to contain what is desired. The remaining four members of the Committee had a "confab" outside the hall while other committee reports were being considered. They did not resign; neither did the convener nor other members of the Committee reply to the observations of their former colleagues but confined their remarks to subject matter of the report.

As far as "The Ringing World" is concerned the Editor will endeavour to continue the progressive policy that has been in operation since Bath. Already there are definite signs of increased sales and many letters of appreciation have been received. With goodwill all round, readers can look with confidence to the future. The Editor feels that, although there may be dissensions, at heart all have an affection and love for "The Ringing World".

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NEW PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR GIVING MORE TIME FOR DEBATE.—WITTY SPEECHES AT OPENING WELCOME.—"RINGING WORLD" PROFIT £855.

THE bells of Nottingham rang out in welcome to the Central Council and in honour of the 21st anniversary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild during the spring holiday week-end. Early on Tuesday morning the bells of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin were rung, summoning the members of the Council to Holy Communion, at which the Vicar, Canon R. Feaves, was the celebrant.

The second session of the 26th Council was opened in traditional style at the Victoria Hotel later that morning, and it was a pleasure for Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, the president, and members to receive greetings from the Lord Mayor (Coun. A. F. Roberts), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the Bishop of Sherwood (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Thompson) and Mr. F. W. Midwinter (chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild).

The Lord Mayor, in a very sincere welcome to the Council, said there was a very close connection between the bellfounders of Nottingham and its Mayors. The first reference to Nottingham bellfounders was in 1437, when William Langton and Richard Redeswell were casting bells. John Selyoke, who cast a bell for St. Peter's, Nottingham, was Mayor in 1497, 1498 and 1505.

Another bellfounder Mayor was Richard Meller—Mayor in 1499 and 1506, and on his death in 1509 he was survived by his wife, Agnes, who founded the Free School at Nottingham in 1513. Richard's two sons, Robert and Thomas, were both aldermen, and Richard, a bellfounder, was Sheriff in 1511 and Mayor in 1521, while Thomas was Sheriff in 1509 and Mayor in 1514, 1515 and 1529.

Humphrey Quarnbie married Elizabeth, daughter of Alderman Robert Meller. He was Sheriff in 1534, Mayor in 1542, 1549. 1555 and 1562 and was also M.P. for Nottingham but, added the Mayor, with a twinkle, "I have it on good authority that he was not representing the Labour Party."

A nice tribute was paid by the Lord Mayor to the Southwell Diocesan Guild and he congratulated them on their 21st birthday. It was to them that they owed the Central Council meeting being held this year in Nottingham and he was sure that the officers of the Guild were pleased that their invitation to hold their proceedings in the city was accepted. His only experience, however, of the art of bellringing was when he was married at St. Peter's Church. "The bells told that tale," he added, to the delight of the audience.

The Bishop of Sherwood also gave the Council a warm welcome on his own behalf and also on behalf of the Bishop of Southwell, who could not be present as he was visiting Spain and Portugal on a unique mission to help in the consecration of a Bishop. They knew how much he was looking forward to their visit from his letter to "The Ringing World."

DAUGHTER RANG AT CAMBRIDGE

"I welcome, honour, respect and love all those things you stand for," said the Bishop. "It is first and foremost a British occupation as you stand man to man and ring changes. I remember when my daughter was at Cambridge that she wrote home and said she had been ringing with the College Youths at St Bene't's. I understand that you were ringing at 7 a.m. this morning, and it was a great joy to hear those bells.

"I am especially aware of the extraordinary good fellowship, understanding and willingness to help others, which are characteristics of ringers. I was Vicar of Hucknall for 16 years and some of you remember when there were only three bells in the church. When those bells rang, the young people used to say 'Come to church.'"

The older generation, however, commented "Old Brown's Cows" after a local farmer, who used to turn his cows into the churchyard to graze. It was his good fortune to put eight bells in that tower and, through the wonderful spirit of co-operation, by the time those bells were ready there were two teams of ringers in the parish.

Another welcome came from Mr. F. W. Midwinter. It was a great joy to them, he said, to see people come to life who were just names in "The Ringing World." To them in the Southwell Guild it was a great occasion and he could imagine them saying "Fancy, old so-and-so; I never thought he looked like that." They were also pleased to see in "The Ringing World" such names as "Little John" and "Maid Marion." He apologised for the absence of the Sheriff, but added that the Robin Hood country had made amends for that by inviting Bishop Thompson, who was their nearest approach to Friar Tuck (laughter).

The president, in his words of thanks for the welcome, congratulated the Lord Mayor on his research into the history of bell foundries in Nottingham. The only other occasion when Mayors had welcomed the Council with historical references to their art was at Yarmouth when he was Rector. The Mayor then gave a speech full of history which he (the Canon) had written for him. He congratulated the Bishop of Sherwood on restoring a ring of bells. He had restored one ring but was not a bishop yet. Here, however, was a "ringing" example of one way of getting to the top (laughter).

Before the civic party left, the president presented a copy of his book "Cathedrals at Work" to the Lady Mayoress.

PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, V. Bottomley, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe and J F. Smallwood.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. V. Bottomley, Messrs. B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, F. E. Haynes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed. P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason and W. Williams.

Australian and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and E. Naylor.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Beverley and District Ringing Society. — Mr. R. Ducker.

Cambridge University Guild.—Messrs. C. M. P. Johnson and B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. H. O. Baker, A. R. Elkins, J. W. Griffiths and A. J. Martin.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Mr. G. Tembey.

Derbyshire Association. — Messrs. D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows.

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. J. Armstrong, F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. — Mr. J. Mallett, Rev. J. G. W. Scott and Mr. D. R Bould.

Hereford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. T. Cousins Rev. M. Hart and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell and G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Messrs. F. E. Dukes and J. D. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. Colgate and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. A. Capstick and F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

London County Association.—Messrs. A. D. Barker, H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association. — F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley and T. J. Lock.

Midland Counties Guild.—J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association. — Messrs. R. S. Anderson and C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price and P. Walker.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. S. J. Ivin.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. E. Billings, J. H. Bluff, P. I. Chapman and J. Linnell.

Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. E. J. Franklin.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth and G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman and D. E. Sibson.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. E. F. Willcox.

South Derbyshire and North Notts Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton and H. Poyner.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.

Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone and C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon, W. Parrott and A. Street.

Sussex County Association.—Messrs. R. W. R. Percy and A. V. Sheppard.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association. — Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Messrs. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, A. J. Brazier, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson, W. F. Moreton and J. Seager.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 164 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members, and there were seven life members, making a total membership of 195. There were two vacancies among honorary members Subscriptions were all paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr. F. Bogan, Miss B. M. Boyle, Messrs. D. Burnett, C. Crossthwaite, G. W. Fletcher, J. G. Gipson, F. I. Hairs, Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Messrs. G. H. Harding, B. E. Jeffrey, Rev. R. Keeley, Messrs. G. I Lewis, J. P. Partington, H. T. Rooke, H. J. Sanger, E. J. Sterland, L. Stilwell, C. J. G. Watts and R. S. Wilson.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The following applications to affiliate to the Council were received: (a) The Railwaymen's Guild, (b) The Beverley and District Ringing Society. Both applications were voted upon separately and declared elected.

NEW MEMBERS

The following members were presented: Messrs. E. Naylor (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), R. Ducker (Beverley and District Ringing Society), A. R. Elkins (Chester Diocesan Guild), A. J. Martin (Chester Diocesan Guild), G. Tembey (Cumberland and North Westmorland Association), D. R. Bould (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Rev. M. Hart (Hereford Diocesan Guild), E. J. Franklin (Railwaymen's Guild), E. F. Willcox (Shropshire Association), H. Poyner (Southwell Diocesan Guild), T. N. J. Bailey (Suffolk Guild), A. J. Brazier (Worcestershire and Districts Association) and J. Seager (Yorkshire Association).

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The president announced that suggestions had been made for the better conduct of business. In future the president would welcome new members and ask them to stand up. Their names would be read out and they would be welcomed in the name of the Council. That would be introduced next year. Regarding obituaries, they would continue as heretofore, with all respect and reverence, to keep a minute's silence and prayers but there would be no tributes.

Alterations in the order of the agenda were approved whereby the notices of motion came before the reports of committees.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. Frederick Sharpe proposed the election as honorary members of Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Mr. F. A. White: Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded, and this was agreed to.

LOSSES THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the deaths of the following members and past members of the Council, the members standing in silence:

Messrs E. G. Fenn (Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939–56), T. R. Dennis (Ely Diocesan Association, 1913–32), A. J. Pitman (Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1927–32; hon. member 1953 onwards), P. Page (Romney Marsh and District Guild, 1933–39), G. Pullinger (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, 1933–59), F. W. Lack, Ely Diocesan Association, 1951–59), J. Worth, Chester Diocesan Guild 1951–53, 1960–62, 1965–66), T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1948–59), S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association).

Mrs. Lewis, widow of former president of Council.

TRIBUTES

Canon K. W. H. Felstead said the death of Mr. George Pullinger was a great loss to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. He was a wonderful man; he overcame his disability and set an example to all by the way he struck his bell. He was a very fine Master of the Guild.

Mr. D. Hughes paid a tribute to Mrs. Lewis, the widow of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott spoke of Mr. Tom Myers as one of his pupils at St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

Mr. T. M. Roderick referred to Mr. A. J. Pitman; Mr. A. J. Martin to Mr. John Worth; Mr. W. Williams to Mr. E. G. Fenn, who served for seven years as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The hon. secretary said Mr. Reginald Dennis had made a bequest to "The Ringing World" of £90, which had been received by "The Ringing World" treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The hon. secretary proposed the adoption of the minutes of the 1966 meeting, which had been published in "The Ringing World," and also the amendment. Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.—Agreed.

HON. SEC. AND TREASURER'S REPORT

IT would be ungracious of me to start my first report without reference to the excellent condition of everything handed to me by my predecessor and to the kindly help and encouragement of the President. My wife and I spent many profitable hours with the files to familiarise ourselves with the situation. We reaped the benefit when the Newton-le-Willows incident received nationwide publicity and advice was offered in relation to the Noise Abatement Act. More recently there has been a case in my own county, at Sedbergh, which gave rise to much undesirable publicity, but an offer of assistance to the Vicar has been ignored.

A letter to "The Church Times" which sought to clarify a misconception of the terms of the Noise Abatement Act and offered the services of the Council to those with an excessive noise problem produced two inquiries which were referred to the Towers and Belfries Committee.

A representative of a large group of hotels came to Halifax to sell the idea of a competition to be sponsored by his company in London. Since a condition of entry was the acceptance of a "package deal" of rail travel and week-end in one of the group's hotels, albeit at reduced rates, it was concluded that the competition was unlikely to attract effective support. A suggestion that a festival based upon similar arrangements might prove popular appeared to have been pursued with lukewarm enthusiasm by the group.

There has been a steady flow of inquiries of many kinds from the public and many requests have been received for information about the Barron Bell Trust. One applicant for a grant has told me that the Trustee has written that he is "inundated with applications."

I thank all those who have sent me copies of publications.

Vernon Bottomley.

Presenting his report, Mr. Bottomley said he had had a reply from the Vicar of Sedbergh: he wrote to him in December and did not receive the letter until April. The Vicar replied that the complainants were now talking to him and would the secretary send him literature. He sent him the "Preservation of Bells" booklet and asked him for 2s., but by the time he received it it would have lost something by inflation! (Laughter.)

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

The consolidated balance sheet gave the Capital Accounts as follows:—

"The Ringing World" ..	£10.645
General Fund	£975
Clement Glenn Fund	£908
Total	£12,528

The assets were: Library £10, Stock of Publications £1,109. Debtors and payments in advance £1,198. Investments at cost £10,962, Cash at bank and in hand £2,191 16s. 6d., making a total of £15,471. From this must be deducted sundry creditors £1,143, amounts received in advance £1,799, giving net assets £12,528.

The Council's Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess over expenditure of £43. Expenses came to £110, of which committees required £40. Affiliation fees were £82, and the profit on the Publications Account £72.

The Publications Account showed sales at £455; purchases were 1,000 "Major Compositions" £132 10s., 750 "Surprise Compositions" £109 10s., 500 "Preservation of Bells," etc. £44, 1,000 Handbook leaflets £3 15s., and 10,000 "Beginners' Handbooks" £392 3s. 6d.

"THE RINGING WORLD"

The Profit and Loss Account showed receipts of £10,873 (£10,728), made up of Rolls Publishing House £2,967 (£3,028), postal subscribers £5,428 (£5,221), donations £612 (£676), advertisements £552 (£583), notices and peal reports £813 (£729), sundry receipts £70 (£79), interest receivable £432 (£412).

The expenditure was: Printing, blocks, wrappers, addressing and despatch of copies £8,137 (£7,874), editorial office expenses £1,317 (£1,245), accounts department £295 (£294), miscellaneous £87 (£21), audit and accountancy £45 (£45), taxation £137 (£151). Total expenses £10,018 (£9,630). Profit £855 (£1,098).

The accounts were presented by Mr. V. Bottomley, who said the Standing Committee agreed that Mr. Barnett should have the typewriter at its valuation in the accounts. In the Income and Eexpenditure Account the position was not wholly satisfactory as the affiliation fees had not covered the housekeeping expenses, and the Publications Account was having to finance it. This sum ought to be ploughed back to help the librarian. Thev would notice in the Publications Account that once again the sales were a record.

Turning to "The Ringing World" Account, Mr. Bottomley said the profit was not quite as good as last year; nevertheless it was quite reasonable. While income had remained static, expenditure had not increased much, but that state of affairs would not continue.

Mr W. E. Critchley seconded, and the accounts were adopted.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

THE Trustees (Douglas Hughes and Frank E. Haynes) report:

This has been an interesting year, not only because of the behaviour of the machine, but more particularly because of the recruitment and instruction of operators so that the future use and showing of the machine is ensured.

Only one full demonstration was given, but the machine was run altogether on seven occasions. A fault had developed early in the year and its cause proved difficult to trace. It was, however, a simple repair once found, and since this was done touches have been successfully called in a number of methods, and the machine has run extremely well.

We still hope to provide new recording pens and suitable arms to carry them. Carter's original pens were put aside after the war because of damage and the difficulty of cleaning them. They were replaced with specially adapted stylo pens, but the plastic cases of these have not stood up very well. Now drafting pens have been tried, but owing to their bulkiness it is not possible to record two bells simultaneously. Further efforts will be made to overcome this, meanwhile we are recording on one pen only.

Five recruits offered their services as operators, and of them Messrs. Walter H. Dobbie, Alan Bagworth and John C. Slater have been able to continue. Not only have these gentlemen proved entirely adequate for the task, they have added considerably to the general interest by introducing many previously untried methods to the machine, which has digested them all without complaint.

Proposed by Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes, and adopted.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor

LONDON'S "GENUINE NEW LOOK"

Dear Sir,—Readers have had the benefit of three articles written by Mr. Harold W. Rogers in recent issues, two of them (March 10th and April 14th) directly concerning the London County Association, to which he was elected Master in February.

Perhaps it would now be in order to inquire how, precisely, Mr. Rogers intends to implement the "genuine new look" and "1967 interpretation of the objects of the Association" about which he has said so much, both in "The Ringing World" and at London County Association meetings.

Nothing appears to have changed in the first quarter of Mr. Rogers' reign; the "weaker towers" remain weaker (and what about all the London towers—the majority in fact—where there is scarcely any ringing at all?), and where there has been recent progress (Lambeth and Deptford, for instance) this cannot be attributed to the London County Association.

One would dearly like to believe, as Mr. Rogers evidently does, that "the bright future of the Association lay in the hands of these two groups (young people and pre-war stalwarts); the first to provide enthusiasm and new ideas, and the second to provide the mature and tolerant influences so necessary to the success of the products of youthful enthusiasm" One has the impression, however, that such enthusiasm and new ideas as a few of the younger members have been able to engender have been slowly strangled by the "mature and tolerant influences" of a few of these "stalwarts," who have firmly entrenched themselves at the head of the Association.—Yours faithfully,

"LONDONER."

(Name and address supplied.)

HELP TO KEEP THE TOWERS OPEN

Dear Sir,—In a discussion recently with some well-known ringers I was amazed to discover how reluctant they were to the idea of paying a small sum of money to the tower concerned for the use of the bells either for a ring during an outing or for a quarter or peal attempt. What other hobby can one follow without some expenditure for equipment and courts, pitches, etc.? Many people spend hours ringing and never spend anything; nor should they if it is service ringing or practising for that end in their own tower, but surely it is only right that they should pay something towards the wear and tear of the bells, ropes and fabric of the tower in exchange for the pleasure of ringing the bells there.

Many beautiful old churches have restoration appeals for large sums and if they do not get contributions then several rings (our own at Kidlington may be such a one) may be unusable due to weak towers and steeples. Surely, too, many parishioners would complain less about the noise and length of peal attempts if they knew it was, in a small way, helping the church.

Few ringers these days could not afford to pay, say, 2s. 6d. a rope for each tower visited on an outing and 5s. a rope for a peal attempt. Many a shilling is spent at the "local" in refreshment after such occasions. Why don't we have a little more foresight in keeping the old towers open for this traditional hobby? —Yours faithfully,

CLARE MASEFIELD.

Kidlington, Oxford.

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—Certainly the method of using car tyre sections as quick-acting bell silencers as described by Mr. D. Ellisdon in your issue of May 12th, originated at St. Albans, but the invention should be ascribed to Mr. T. J. Southam or Mr. H. V. Frost some years ago at St. Peter's. I have a feeling that they have been described before in "The Ringing World" but I cannot remember when.

Use a tyre with some tread left on; otherwise the silencer will not grip the neck of the flight firmly enough. Do not try to cut the wires; cut them off as complete rings—they are very tough. The length of section used should be just less than the clapper diameter. They are very good for teaching bell handling and can often be used for change ringing practice if the tower acoustics are right.

Another bit of sound control used in a nearby belfry was not originally intended as such. The steeplekeeper of South Mimms Church found winter work on the bell frame a very chilly business, so instead of merely putting up wire netting to keep out pigeons, he nailed up sheets of 2in. mesh "Claritex," obtainable from many garden suppliers. This is a wire mesh enclosed in a strong, clear plastic sheet, is reasonably cheap and easy to put up, being cut with ordinary tinsnips.

The bell chamber, now free of draughts, is much more pleasant to work in, and the bells, previously a little harsh around the churchyard, are now a little more mellow in tone, most of the harshness being removed. The risk of annoyance to neighbours is reduced with very little reduction in carrying power.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

A PEAL AT ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the members of the University of London Society of Change Ringers, who on May 20th rang the peal at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W.5. This was, I think, only the third time the bells had been rung since their three-year enforced silence ended in April.

It is encouraging to see the U.L.S.C.R. extending its territory, having recently "opened" this tower for its annual meeting, and no doubt we residents of N.W.5 will be regularly called to Sunday worship at St. Martin's by this same band.

Perhaps it is surprising that the U.L.S.C.R. decided to attempt a peal so soon after the bells had become ringable again, especially as the surrounding high density housing development is increasing so rapidly. But maybe these non-resident ringers are rather too young to recall that it is only a couple of years since the tower became silent after local opposition, and to realise what the consequences of a peal on these bells could be.

One wonders whether George Hart, who is well acquainted with the new Vicar, and who was instrumental in getting the bells ringing again, or Ruth Foreman, who was tower captain at its previous demise, were consulted.

The Vicar said he was very pleased with the work "these ringers had done restoring the bells, especially the sound-control provided." I am sure there are many readers who would be interested in details of the attention given to the bells of St. Martin's by the U.L.S.C.R.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER KNIGHT.

London, N.W.

"RIGHT OR WRONG"—A LEFT-HANDED WIFE'S COMMENTS

Dear Sir,—Last week a letter headed "Left Over Right" caught my eye. In reply to the criticism made of the striking of ringers who ring the "wrong way round," i.e. tail-end in right hand, I myself ring this way for the simple reason that I was taught to ring in a tower where the bells (then) were hung the "wrong way round."

The tail-end in the right hand was thought (at that time and in good faith by my instructor) to provide a clear view to the left, in which direction was the treble. (Any ringing other than rounds was then never considered.)

Now, this thought occurs to me—at the "dawn of ringing time" most rings of bells were probably being hung in what we now term the "right" way round. Hence the majority of ringers with "right hand on top." What, I wonder, would have been the position if most bells had been hung the "wrong" way round? Would "left hand on top" be the "in" thing now?

I quite agree that when looking around a circle it is far neater and much easier on the eyes of the perfectionists if all the tail-ends are in the "correct" positions!

I teach all my hordes of learners the correct way, "right hand on top"—but this does not always work with the left-handed children (and there seem to be more and more of them as time goes on). Nor does it always work with the ambidextrous, who often finally settle for the "wrong" way as being the most comfortable.

Frankly, I don't see how the tail-end in one hand or the other can possibly affect one's striking as long as one is provided with, and can use, two good ears!

Again, I would say this—"Be not quick to condemn the ringer who rings the wrong way round." Find out if he is left-handed or learned to ring on bells hung the wrong way or perhaps his instructor merely had his own ideas!

Surely our only aim is "always to do our best, whichever hand holds the tail-end." It's the thoughts in our hearts while ringing which really matter.—Yours sincerely,

JACQUELINE S. KING.

Chepstow, Mon

P.S.—In this "man's world" is there one who finds his shirts less crisply ironed by a left-handed wife?—J. S. K.

HANDBELL RALLY

Dear Sir, — After the highly successful Handbell Rally held last October at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, another one has been arranged for Saturday, October 7th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs.

Tune ringing teams from various parts of the country (ringing in a variety of styles) will be present, and I invite any other interested team or persons to come and listen or, better still, take part I can assure anybody remotely interested in tune ringing that it will be a day long to be remembered.

I might add that teams with only a few bells, who can as yet manage only a single tune, will receive just as much applause and appreciation as the few teams with over 100 bells and a large repertoire.

A notice will be found on the "Notices" page.—Yours faithfully,

J. P. PARTINGTON.

56, Clay Lane, Rochdale.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. P. R. C. WILLIAMS

Many will be sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Percy Richard Cromwell Williams, of Copper Hill House, Redruth, Cornwall, at the age of 66. Some 40 years ago Percy developed an interest in ringing at St. Uny's Parish Church, Redruth, when the six bells, hung in a frame for eight, were rather hard-going. In 1935, mainly through his efforts, the six were rehung and two trebles added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. During these years a revival of method ringing had come about in Cornwall and in this Percy, by his interest and usefulness, always lent his aid. In those days he was one of the few who possessed a car, and he was always a willing tenor man. His peals were not many, but distances travelled are evident by the fact that he rang the tenor to peals as far apart as Altarnon, St. Martin-by-Looe and Towednack. He also rang Truro Cathedral tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples, and of this peal he was justly proud.

Peter Williams was in business in Redruth as a baker and confectioner and when, after the last war, he disposed of this, he moved to Copper Hill House, which became well known to many ringers as a guest house of great hospitality, both to those who stayed there and to other visitors. He farmed the land attached to the house.

All who knew Percy will acknowledge that his great work was done for St. Uny's, Redruth. It was there that he continually laboured to maintain a band and to do this he was constantly teaching, but in addition to this he desired to see progress in method ringing, and some few years ago the Wednesday evening practice at Redruth gave an opportunity to learn and practise more advanced methods. With the help of some who came to live nearby he also developed a very capable local band. It is true to say that his work is established, for the tower has a full complement of ringers.

Percy's ringing came the right way—out of his churchmanship. For many years he had been a churchwarden and it will never be known what he did in a practical and silent way for St. Uny's. He loved ceremonial and gave the great example of regular worship.

Our most sincere sympathy is expressed to his widow and only son, Vivian. May he rest in peace.

THE FUNERAL

Redruth Parish Church was almost full on May 24th for the funeral service. A Solemn Requiem was said by the Rector, the Rev. J. Ruscoe, who in an appreciation referred to the many talents of Percy Williams. The interment followed when Percy was laid to rest in the churchyard under the window of St. Uny.

The chief mourners were the widow and his only son, Mr. E. Vivian Williams. The Diocesan Guild was represented by the Revs. J. Jose, A. J. Vincent and A. S. Roberts. Messrs. E. H. Langley and W. J. Sanders. Amongst the local band present were Dr. J. G. H. Ince (secretary), Messrs. E. S. Seymour, W. H. Seymour and others. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. E. G. Moore 1, Miss V. R. Humphrys 2, D. Cormell 3, J. Moore 4, D. A. Hogg 5, A. Twyman 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, P. J. Hawcock 8. Rung in memoriam W. Clover, of Wymondham, Norfolk, interred this day.

MR. WILLIAM CLOVER

The news of the sudden death of William Clover was received by his many friends in the Norwich Diocese and the Suffolk Guild with deep regret. He had attended the annual meeting of the Norwich Association, had rung at Hethersett and in Norwich in the afternoon and appeared to be in good health, but passed away just before midnight at his home at Wymondham on his 73rd birthday.

We have lost one of our leading ringers, but, more than this, one of the most delightful men one could wish to meet. Quiet and unassuming in manner, but forceful when necessary, William Clover was beloved by all. Always willing to help in any way he could, his active support of the Association spanned over 50 years.

He took part in over 500 peals on all numbers and in a large variety of methods. He was a "safe" ringer and excellent striker, and while often content to leave the calling to others, he had nevertheless conducted many peals. For his services to the Association he was elected a vice-president. On the day before his death he was up in the majestic tower of Wymondham Abbey following the progress of the restoration work there and the massive concrete floor of the new bell chamber, ready to receive the recast and augmented ring of ten. He was, of course, looking forward to this event which would mark so splendidly his 32 years' captaincy in the tower.

William Clover joined the Norwich Association in 1910 as a member of the Thornham Magna (Suffolk) band, which was at that time one of the finest Minor bands in the country. The next year, on January 25th, he rang the treble to his first peal, one in three methods. This was followed at short intervals by others. His fifth, on December 9th, was "inside" to a peal in seven Treble Bob methods. In 1912 his 16 peals included Kent T.B. Major at Eye, Double Norwich at Diss, a 5,040 in 14 Treble Bob methods—these were in 360's—and a 10,080 in 14 Treble Bob methods at Thornham on Boxing Day. This was the longest peal of Minor rung for the Association and has not been surpassed in length on six bells by its members.

Returning to Thornham after the first world war, during which he had been "on active service," William Clover took up ringing again with his accustomed enthusiasm. Then, in 1924, he moved to Wymondham, where on December 27th, 1930, he married Miss Hartie R. Elvin, who, with his son and daughter, survive him and to whom we offer our profound sympathy.

The funeral took place at the Abbey Church, Wymondham, on May 11th, when in the large congregation, in addition to members of the local band, were ringers from Bunwell, Buxton Costessey, Hapton, Loddon, Lowestoft, New Buckenham, Norton Subcourse, Norwich and Saxlingham Nethergate. These included the Association president, secretary and Ringing Master and Mr. Ben S. Thompson, who took part in a peal with the deceased 55 years ago. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Tansley-Thomas, who was assisted by the Rev. P. L. Johnson. In his address, the Vicar referred to the sterling character and devoted service of Mr. Clover and said that it had been decided to include his name in the inscription on the new treble bell. The address was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Cremation followed at Horsham St. Faith. Peal tributes have been rung at King's Lynn, Mulbarton and Hethersett. N. G.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
Annual General Meeting

THE eleventh annual general meeting of the Guild was held at Reading on April 29th, when there was a very good attendance.

The programme, which included ringing at St. Laurence's (12), St. Mary's (8) and St. Giles' (8), was satisfactory and really sufficient for the time allowed.

The Regions represented were London Midland, North Eastern, Eastern, Southern and Western. Lunch and tea were enjoyed at the Co-operative Restaurant, in the town centre.

On the eve of the meeting a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung on handbells at the George Hotel.

The Master opened the business and apologies were read from 24 members, also from Mr. S. G. Martin, secretary, Joint Committee, B.R.S.A.

The alteration to Rule 5, to read "the Master to hold office for three years," was not accepted: Mr. Foskett's proposal, that the rule as set out in the constitution be left as written, was carried.

Mr F. Hodgson was re-elected as Master for another term of office; the other officers were also re-elected.

The Guild had applied for affiliation to the Central Council, and in view of this Mr. E. Franklin was elected as the Guild's representative.

The 1968 annual general meeting will be held at Liverpool, and the autumn meeting at Beverley, East Yorkshire. J. A. H.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
Chew Deanery Striking Competition

The fifth annual striking competition was held at Clapton-in-Gordano on May 20th. Mr. W. B. Kynaston, from Swindon, assisted by Mr. W. Trueman, judged the ringing of eight teams from the church vestry.

It being the day of the annual church fete, the ringers were able to take tea in the village school and thus contribute towards the final total made during the afternoon for church funds.

The main point Mr Kynaston made was that in some cases the striking suffered by people tending to ring as individuals rather than as a team. The final results were: 1 Wrington (9 faults), 2 Wraxall (11½), 3 Backwell B (12½), 4 Yatton (14), 5 Kingston Seymour (15½), 6th (equal) Portbury and Backwell A (18½), 8 Nailsea (25½).

Portishead and Clapton bells were available for general ringing during the evening.

M. J. H.

MR. WILLIAM CLOVER
AN APPRECIATION

William Clover was an enthusiastic member of the famous Thornham band who in the early 1900's, before the first world war, helped to set new standards in multi-method peal ringing, culminating in a peal of 10,080 changes in 14 Treble Bob methods in 1912.

After the war, "Billy" married and moved to Wymondham, where he worked as a cabinet maker. He became a regular member of Wymondham Abbey band and an active peal ringing member of the Norwich Diocesan Association whilst retaining his close connection with the Suffolk Guild. He will be long remembered and revered by his many friends, not merely as a very competent ringer and conductor but for his most unassuming, modest and lovable personality.

After an in memorial peal at Thornham on May 23rd the ringers were hospitably entertained by Mr Fred Clover and Miss Abey in the bungalow by the church, where William also spent his boyhood days. L. E. B.

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WINDFALLS HELP TOLLESBURY TO HAVE A FINE OCTAVE

For ten or eleven years the ringers of St. Mary's, Tollesbury, Essex, have been working towards augmenting their ring of six bells to completed the octave. Eventually it was possible to go ahead with the order, and Mr F. Collins, of C.C. Towers and Belfries Committee, visited the tower and made practical suggestions. Estimates were sought and it was decided to go ahead with Mr. Collins' plan.

Then came a windfall, when more than enough money came from a former patron. New ideas materialised and it was decided to rehang the "ancient six" in a new steel frame and so this meant more money-raising. Sadness came, and from this our Vicar's mother decided to donate a bell in memory of her late husband. The former patron sent more money to place a bell in memory of three former Vicars of Tollesbury and now all at rest in the churchyard.

Brains ticked over more quickly and thus it was that a frame to house ten bells and the rehanging of the ancient six after being tuned and fitted with new fittings, together with two added trebles, was ordered from the White chapel Foundry (a condition of the donors).

"TWO BABIES"

January this year saw the departure of Tollesbury bells. How they were missed! The bells were returned in April with the two "babies," and the churchyard seemed full of R. S. J.'s and frames, the fittings being taken into the church.

During the wait, the ringers had lowered the old frame, cut the necessary pocket holes into the tower walls and bedded pad stones in readiness for the return of the bells from the foundry. And now all were back, the R. S. J.'s were hoisted into the bell chamber. The ringers bricked them in and grouted as necessary.

Fate struck! Mr. William Theobold was taken ill and had to be taken to Chelmsford Isolation Hospital. Mr. David Wright worked like a Trojan, and the bells were ready to be tried out for a wedding on April 22nd. Ringers from neighbouring towers were invited, and as a bride and bridegroom left the church the eight bells were heard for the first time.

THE BIG DAY

The big day was arranged for May 20th, and Canon Gilbert Thurlow accepted the invitation to perform the ceremony. The church was packed with ringers from over 20 towers, including Mr. F. Collins, Mr. R. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. Hudson (District Master) and Miss Whitlock, of Wisbech. The tower captain, Mr. R. W. Leavett, welcomed the ringers and congregation to the church on behalf of the local band and gave out the arrangements for ringing after the service.

The service went extremely well, the lesson being read by Mr. Heazel. Those in procession on arriving at the tower took their appointed places. Mr. T. Frost, the senior ringer at Tollesbury, requested the Canon to rededicate the ancient ring of six and to dedicate the new frame. Miss Coltart asked that the new treble be dedicated in memory of John Battersby, priest, William Carter, priest, and John Carter, priest. Mr. Thornton asked that the new second bell be dedicated to the memory of John Thornton. The dedicatory rounds were rung by: R. W. Leavett, Miss W. Elliott (Kelvedon), Mr T. Frost, Mr. Appleton (who had rung for the previous dedication 63 years previous and who is still a ringer at Goldshanger), Miss M. Whitlock (Wisbech), Mr. R. Griggs, Mr. W. Theobold and Mr A Palmer.

The sermon, based on the inscription on the second bell, "I will always give praise unto the Lord," was worthy of the occasion.

During tea in the nearby Parish Room the opening quarter was rung, Canon Thurlow ringing the new treble (see quarter peal report). Ringing continued until all were satisfied. Beer was provided from the ringers' jug. Once again the Whitechapel Foundry have produced an excellent splice. R. W. L.

Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 34

STUART ARMESON
The Yorkshire Association

Once again a contribution to this series comes from the Yorkshire Association. Twenty-year-old Stuart Armeson was educated at Kimberworth Secondary Modern School and is now working as a turner at the firm of Messrs. Steel Peech and Tozer Ltd. Stuart lives at Rotherham and was taught to ring by Mr. Norman Chaddock at All Saints', Rotherham.

Most of his ringing is done in company with David Nichols and Neil Donovan, all three having learned to ring at the same time. At the present time he is Assistant Ringing Master of the Rotherham Parish Church ringers and of the Sheffield and District Society His first peal was on the treble at Rotherham to Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by Norman Chaddock. His first as conductor was Plain Bob Royal, also rung at Rotherham.

Stuart's present total of 135 peals includes peals of Londinium, Yorkshire and Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Spliced Surprise Royal, also A. J. Pitman's all the work peals of 4, 5, 6 and 9 Spliced Surprise Major methods, all rung non-conducted; on each occasion he rang the seventh. His total of 33 peals as conductor ranges from Doubles to Maximus and includes London and Bristol Surprise Major, London and Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Plain Bob Maximus and Grandsire Caters. His first of Bristol as conductor included four of the band ringing their first of the method on an inside bell. His first Spliced Surprise as conductor was A. J. Pitman's all the work in nine methods.

It is interesting to note that at the age of 18 this enthusiastic youngster turned in Rotherham tenor (34 cwt.) to Little Bob Royal, and a year later Sheffield Cathedral tenor (40 cwt.) to Cambridge Surprise Royal. His favourite methods are Bristol Surprise Major, Grandsire Caters and London Surprise Royal.

Stuart is very grateful to many Yorkshire ringers for the help they have given him, especially Norman Chaddock and John J. L. Gilbert. Apart from ringing he has other hobbies, including cricket, and is opening batsman for Steel Peech and Tozer in the Yorkshire Cricket League. A brilliant record, Stuart, and a shining example to all youngsters in the Exercise.

NORVING.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Just as we all expected, the Vicar, the Caerleon ringers, their wives and friends all worked very hard to give some 50 ringers a warm welcome to their tower and ancient Roman city on May 13th.

The eight bells were well used, especially in rounds by a group of six little ringers from Chepstow who, after sampling their first "new" tower, visited the museum and Roman amphitheatre. Proudly they announced they were bellringers and were consequently allowed in free! Their only misdemeanour of the day was to arrive at service time sucking "iced-lollies"—the sticks of which had to be smuggled into the bag with the minute book!

An enjoyable service followed, everyone sang up well and Mr. David Pike read the lesson. "A jolly decent sermon," commented that little connoisseur, Keith Bridge, aged ten!

After a wonderful tea in the new Secondary School Hall the members stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. Hall, so tragically killed in the belfry at Uphill, Weston.

New members elected were Ken Harris (Caerleon), Isobel Ford and Ian Donald (Monmouth) and Keith Bridge and Barry England (Chepstow).

Next meeting: Llangibby, with Penhow as an alternative. J. K.

HORSLEY CUP CONTEST

District heats for the Horsley Cup Contest of the Derby Diocesan Association have been completed and the following have qualified for the final on June 10th at Horsley:—

Chesterfield District: Old Whittington, Bolsover, North Wingfield. Peak District: Baslow, Fairfield B. Derby District: Derby Cathedral A, Derby St. Peter's, Breadsall; Ilkeston District: Sandiacre, Sawley A.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North Eastern District

The pleasant village of Tendring was selected for the District striking competition on May 13th. With the able guidance of Mr. Bob Leavett as M.C., five teams rang their 240 changes in an hour and a quarter. It was a sweltering hot day and the judges sat by a lily-pool in the lovely grounds of the Church House (adjoining the churchyard).

A service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. L. E. P. Griffiths, and a very welcome tea was provided by Mrs. Lufkin and helpers.

After tea the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Syder and Mr. Walter Arnold, gave their report. Mr. Syder said that the standard of striking was very good all round, and that of the winning team was really excellent. Results were: St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe, Colchester (32 faults), Kirkby-le-Soken (64) Thorington (96) (these three teams rang Minor), All Saints', Shrub End, Colchester (140) and Great Holland (167) (these rang Doubles).

So the first two teams go to Roydon on July 1st for the finals. F. H. E.

FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir,—I find I called the 5,007 Stedman Cinques (D. E. Parsons' No. 5), which the composer found false in May 12th "Ringing World." I withdraw the peal number 4,398 rung at Lincoln Cathedral on October 31st, 1964, and published in the 1964 Lincoln Diocesan Guild Report. My apologies to all who took part.—Yours sincerely,

JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Lincoln.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jennifer Millbank 1, A. Wiffen 2, C. Barker 3, Jennifer Syder 4, R. Threadgold 5, Hilda Snowden 6, R. Lindsell 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8.

CLAPPER PROBLEM AT GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE

DURING 1965–66 there was a series of tenor clapper breakages at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. The first of these was repaired at the foundry and subsequent mishaps were welded locally. An attempt to strengthen the stem by welding webs down the side failed as the clapper first broke above the ball, then the webs vibrated off and the clapper again broke along the stem.

After the last misfortune both bell foundries were consulted as to whether they could make a new clapper that would be less likely to break. Both replied that they could make us a new clapper but could not guarantee that it would last any longer than our previous one. The steeplekeeper then consulted the British Welding Research Association, who, after an inspection of the old clapper, produsced a new one milled from mild steel bar The stem is round in section with the ball welded on after completion of the stem. The bush is held in place at the top of the stem by an inverted wrought iron U strap.

British Welding Research Association carried out tests, after installation, on the bell and clapper The report of this states in conclusion that: "The results show that the range of stress in the bell is quite small; the variation of mean stress, although not of any significant magnitude, is of interest. Some of the variations may be due to the vibrations induced from the adjacent bells and it is possible that the action of individual ringers may have some effect. The unexpected behaviour of the clapper is of interest as the major stress was always tensile regardless of the side which struck the bell."

Some time after the installation of the clapper it was noticed that it had a slight tendency to bounce. At the suggestion of Mr. J. Gipson, of Meldreth, a pair of mini exhaust mountings (Part No. 88G345) were fitted to the stem of the clapper. The rubber buffer holds the clapper ball clear of the bell when the bell is at rest. This has cured the trouble and increased the resonance time of the bell.

Since the new clapper has been installed the bush has been replaced due to the old one cracking and the U strap has broken due to a securing bolt dropping out, which was not discovered until a routine inspection. The clapper has now given 17 months' service.

I. J. Q.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The meeting at Dore held on May 6th was a great success! Heavy rain in the morning threatened the attendance but the sunshine soon altered this.

The eight bells were rung to a wide range of methods, and the afternoon ringing was followed by an excellent tea. The business meeting was short and was followed by handbell ringing. In his vote of thanks Mr. N. Chaddock spoke of the work which the Rev. R. G. Heawood had done during his period at Dore in getting the bells at Dore running again.

A warm welcome was extended to Elizabeth Chapman (née Bates) and Dennis Chapman, of Bristol. who joined the ringers in the evening.

The cup contest will not be held in June, but in November at Handsworth. A. K.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Four teams entered for the Bingham District round of the Crawford Cup Contest at Granby, Notts, on May 6th. Mr. H. Poyner was the judge with Master Paul Mousey as marker. Placings were: Whatton (55 faults), Holme Pierrepont (71). Radcliffe-on-Trent (73), and Gedling (94). The ringing was fair.

Two new members—Mr. F. Barber (Cotgrave) and Miss A. Woodman (Holme Pierrepont)— were elected at the Bingham District meeting at Holme Pierrepont on May 13th. It was a good but not overcrowded meeting. The Rector (Canon R. P. Tinsley) conducted the service.

Next meeting: Hickling, June 10th. R. B.

STEDMAN ROUND AT HANDSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read "Old Ventures" in the issue of May 12th. Mr. Edgar Shepherd has indeed touched upon a most interesting subject, as bringing Stedman Triples round at handstroke is most refreshing.

It would appear, however, that the touches which Mr. Shepherd mentions, while being very simple and musical, do not contain all that they might do. For those who wish to venture a little further, I would suggest the following touch. Readers will see that it contains the three musical rows (i.e. Tittums in the six marked "a," Whittingtons in the six marked "b," and Queens in the six marked "c."

177 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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Yours faithfully,

Croydon. R. C. STEVENS.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Hervey Bagot has left Melbourne to take up an appointment at Canberra Grammar School.

By kind invitation of Mr. F. J. Cullum, a Past Master of the Cumberlands, a peal ot Bristol was rung at St. John's, Erith, by the College Youths on May 19th.

Thatcham won the Oxford Guild Striking Competition at Launton on April 29th with 15 faults. Other finalists were Hughenden (16½), East Hagbourne (35) and Hurst (35).

During the Annual Festival of the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Association at Ballarat/Bendigo a peal board will be dedicated at St. Paul's, Bendigo, commemorating the peal rung by the English ringers.

Mr. Harold Chant has been re-elected Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association for a further term of three years. If he completes this he will have done 30 years' service in this office.

Arranged by Alan Buswell, captain of Portsmouth Cathedral band, the young band at Catherington, Hants, had their first outing on May 6th. The only eight-bell tower on the trip was at New Alresford, and it was the "first on eight" for most of the party. Other towers visited were Buriton, Steep, Sparsholt and Owslebury.

Advertising a free tea, Mr. Robert W. Sherriff, District secretary, Warwick Archdeaconry, had instead of the usual dozen replies no fewer than 51 names for the meeting at Napton-on-the-Hill. Actually, 61 members were seated and fed.

Dr. Geoffrey Davies, of Watertown, Mass, U.S.A., has undertaken research into the poems of Idris Davies, a native of Rhymney. Among the adjectives he applies to bells mentioned are Rhymney sad, Merthyr brown, Rhondda black, Blaenavon grim, Cardiff green, Wye silver, Neath loud, Swansea moist.

Following the wedding of a well-known local couple, ringers of St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, accompanied by friends from Ringwood, Martin and Damerham had a half-day's outing into Dorset. There was plenty of fun and ringing took place at Childe Okeford, Stourpaine and Corfe Mullen.

With the object of giving members from the south of the Branch an opportunity of meeting members from distant northern towers, the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a meeting at Willersey on May 16th. This object was achieved, but the most pleasant surprise was meeting ringers from Willersey itself, who were keen to learn more of the Exercise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ST. AUSTELL BELLS OVERHAULED

The eight bells at St. Austell, Cornwall, which have not been touched for 65 years, have been rehung and overhauled by E. C. L. P and Co., who, through their managing director Mr Alan Dalton, offered to undertake the work and save the Parish Church £700 on the original estimate.

The fifth bell had been faulty for years and the engineers found that the bolts holding the bell to headstock and the clapper bolts were bent and twisted. Tests were made for metal fatigue and it was found that one of the clappers was cracked The old bearing blocks have been discarded and modern ball bearing races put in

The work on the bells started just after Easter and they were ringing again on May 14th and, according to "The Cornish Guardian," St. Austell ringers regard their bells now as one of the finest rings in the country.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD STRIKING CONTEST

The annual striking competition of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Elli's, Llanelly, on May 13th Six teams competed, two from Llanelly and one each from Cardigan, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby.

After an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, Mr. F. Sharpe gave his adiudication. Results: 1 Tenby (14 faults), 2 Llanelly "B" (18), 3 Pembroke (24). The bands from Cardigan. Pembroke and St Florence were composed entirely of Sunday service ringers, whilst each of the remainder had the help of a visitor. The test piece was 40 rounds — stand — 120 changes — stand — 40 rounds — stand.

Mr. Sharpe regretted that the Launton handbell ringers, who normally accompany him on these occasions, had other commitments. They sent their best wishes to all present.

B. M. R.

HUNTS DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The judges, Messrs. J H Bluff and H. C Foster, reported an improvement in ringing at the annual striking competition of the Huntingdon District at Somersham. Results: 1 Brampton (63 faults), 2 St. Neots (82), 3 Huntingdon All Saints' (117), 4 Whittlesey 5 Huntingdon St. Mary's. Woodston failed to complete the course. It was a pleasure to see so many youngsters competing. In the Whittlesey band there were four young ladies who gave a very good account of themselves. Those present were the guests at tea of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ransome.

WANTS DUCK POND REMEDY

When the St. Albans District met at South Mimms on May 20th, Mr. Geoff Dodds, as one of the Central Council's representatives, asked for the District's opinions on the motions before the Council. The matter of half-lead splicing caused much discussion and there were one or two comments on ways to reduce false information in "The Ringing World." Mr Walter Ayre would like to deal with offenders personally—the duck pond still being the best remedy in his opinion!

The South Mimms ringers donated half the collection for tea to the Voluntary Bell Fund, and once again a raffle was held; a box of chocolates was the prize, and the money went to the "possible Central Council visit" fund.

The secretary, Mr. Keith Walpole, announced that he had still spare copies of the "Notes on Conducting for Beginners."

Next District meeting: Radlett, June 17th.

J. A. F.

COLLEGE YOUTHS MEET IN NORTHAMPTON

On "Cup Final Day," May 20th, the Ancient Society of College Youths held their "country" meeting at Northampton. They set off by car from London to meet first at Daventry for an hour's ringing on the ten bells. The standard of the ringing here, which ranged from Stedman Caters to London Royal, set the tone for the rest of the day.

Lunch was had at the Wedgwood Restaurant, Northampton, a company of 40, including wives and friends, sat down to this meal. It was an informal gathering, the formal proceedings taking place after lunch in St. Giles' Church Rooms, where the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, wearing his badge of office and supported by other officers of the Society, presided over a business meeting at which over 50 members were present, chiefly from London and Birmingham.

The Master began by welcoming to the meeting those members who do not often have the chance to attend London meetings, especially Mr. Smallwood, one of the trustees, and Mr. J. H. Bluff, the Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Several apologies for absence were read including one from the Rev E. Orland, Rector of Gayton.

The main item of business was the election of new members. In this connection Mr Smallwood explained that the large number of members who had joined the Society in recent years from the area around Darley Dale was not due to any canvassing on his part; he just went around "talent spotting" and encouraged likely ringers to ask him how to go about becoming members.

At the end of the meeting the Master expressed the thanks of all members present to Mr. Patrick Chapman, who had been responsible for arranging the towers, the lunch and the place for the business meeting. Mr. Chapman, in reply, said it was a privilege to welcome the Society to Northampton and to the Peterborough Diocese, in which area the Society has about 30 members. He welcomed especially the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, who had been initiated by him into the art of ringing.

Ringing followed at St. Peter's and St Giles' before leaving for Kettering, where the ten bells are housed in a steeple of fine proportions. Ringing finished here at seven o'clock, and the very enjoyable day concluded with a social hour in a nearby hotel, where members celebrated the predictable fact that a London team had won the Cup Final.

W. T. C.

"A MINCHINTON SURPRISE"

From the May issue of "Ringing Towers" we read of a farewell supper and social at 24, Central Park Road, Melbourne, to Mr and Mrs Minchinton before their journey overseas to England on April 8th. During the evening Graeme Heyes presented on behalf of the Melbourne ringers a beautiful gold and opal brooch to Mrs. Minchinton and a gold and opal tiepin to Mr. Minchinton, saying that these were truly Australian souvenirs that they could take with them on their overseas holiday.

In thanking everyone, Mr. Minchinton recalled various evenings that had made history at Central Park Road, including the famous occasion during Great Adventure II.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Tewkesbury, Glos, Saturday, June 10th. 3 p.m., Cambridge Surprise Maximus; St. Martin's Guild.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT OUTING

Warwickshire. with its historic castles, wooded hills and undulating pastures, was the charming scene for this year's annual outing of the Biggleswade and District ringers on May 13th. After early mist the day became warm and, with all nature bursting into life, the countryside looked really beautiful.

The sound of church bells seemed a fitting accompaniment to nature's spring song. and ringing took place on the three splendid sixes at Harbury, Snitterfield and Wootton Wawen, the eights at Southam and St. Nicholas', Warwick, and finally on the fine ten at Stratford-on-Avon. Methods to suit all tastes were rung.

A call for refreshment was made at Banbury and the spot was well chosen, for there is a remarkable fluid, produced locally. which has often proved effective even in the most obstinate cases of that peculiar dryness of the tonsils which often affects ringers, the secret lying in the fact that it contains a moisturising ingredient!

For this excellent day's outing thanks are due to the incumbents of the churches where ringing took place, to the local ringers, who for a brief hour were our charming hosts. and to Philip Rogers for his splendid arrangements.

On this happy day there was only one regret—Mr. L. H. Bywaters, who for many years has organised this trip. was unable to be with us owing to the illness of his wife. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

A. E. R.

YORK COLLEGE'S WILTSHIRE TOUR

St. John's College Huntington, had an enjoyable tour last Easter in Wiltshire. On one evening good use was made of the county's only 12 at Trowbridge, where standard methods on eight to twelve bells were rung. At Warminster the party was privileged to ring Stedman Triples with Edgar Shepherd. The movement of the beams at Eddington Priory caused alarm to some members. Other memories are the difficult eight at Melksham, Calne's mellow eight and the near perfect quarter peal of Bob Minor at Lyneham. Following this the whole band were invited to lunch by Mrs. Pluckrose, the mother of the previous year's Ringing Master. Lunch and homemade wine brought the tour to a suitable end.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SOCIETY

A quarter peal, the first length ever rung by the University of Newcastle Society, was brought round at St. John's, Newcastle, on May 9th. The University Society, although not strong at the moment, is improving fast, and next year should see the first peal. Any ringers coming to Newcastle University next term will be very welcome—whatever the level of their attainment—and they are urged to make contact at the Freshers' conference or keep a lookout for posters!

FIRST 100 PEALS IN TWO YEARS

Richard Parker's composition of eight-spliced all the work, which was rung at All Hallows', Tottenham, on May 22nd, was chosen for David E. Rothera's 100th peal. He scored his first peal (Plain Bob Major) at the same tower just over two years ago. A month ago, at St. Mary's, Barnes, David called his first peal, the composition being one of four-spliced all the work!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 19. 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Timothy G. Pett	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
*Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLEVEDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Roy W. Rice	Treble	*Michael G Bartlett	5
*Richard C. Taylor	2	*Peter J. England	6
*David G. Massey	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
*Walter S Rice	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by J. Topp. Conducted by George W. Massey
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells
Rung as a tribute to P. John Hall, a member of this peal-ringing band, who died following an accident in Uphill tower on Sunday. April 23rd, 1967.

DULVERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

Brian J. Wylde	Treble	Patrick J. Bird	5
Ronald D. Short	2	Cecil T. Clarke	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Michael J Stone	7
W. Arthur Riddle	4	*R. George Fisher	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal.
Rung for the 50th birthday of the ringer of the tenor, who is captain at this tower.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Cambridge and three extents of Plain Bob Tenor 14½ cwt

Helen F. Roberts	Treble	Susan J. Jenkins	4
Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	2	Michael A. Gilbey	5
Mandi McCallion	3	Patrick J. Bird	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
Rung on the occasion of the installation of Alderman the Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones, Rector of this church and member of the Society, as Lord Mayor of Bristol.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Christine Johnson	Treble	*Dennis Latham	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	*David J. Midgley	6
*Felicity Webber	3	*Gerald Parsons	7
*Raymond J. Ballard	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 5. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Ronald Andrew	Treble	Arthur E. Whiting	5
Shelagh M. Coyne	2	Alan B. Rothwell	6
Alan McFall	3	Derek F. Yates	7
Anne P. Wilkinson	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of Major by a local band. 50th peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRADBOURNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

Richard Wilcox	Treble	Alec Humphrey	4
Burley P. Morris	2	Melvyn A Rose	5
T. Felicity Webber	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

George S. Deas	Treble	*William G. Wilson	6
*Enid Lawson	2	*Jack Roach	7
Denis A. Bayles	3	David J. Marshall	8
John E. Anderson	4	Kenneth Lawson	9
*Peter Wishart	5	James Crowther	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	5
*David Wenden	2	Felix H. Erith	6
Heather McArthur	3	Edward E. Davey	7
Jennifer M. Andrews	4	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
* First peal "inside." The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower."

POLSTEAD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of (1) Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and (4) four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Stephen W. Harper	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Lesley Ward	2	Walter Arnold	5
John A. Avis	3	*Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.
* Most methods as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. Henry Harper on the birth of Harry William, a brother for the 13-year-old treble ringer.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MITCHELDEAN, Glos.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

Ronald D. Short	Treble	John H Taylor	5
Michael G Bartlett	2	David G. Massey	6
Alan Tubb	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
*David J. Orledge	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Michael R. Rose	2	Frank Reed	5
Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
PENCOMBE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., March 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of Grandsire, eight each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, six each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day and two each of Wychbold and Dedworth.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Patrick G. Hickey	Treble	James Ward	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	S. Barnaby Bell	5
E. Charles Biggs	3	*Ralph J. Bullock	Tenor

Conducted by S. Barnaby Bell.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung with the band's best wishes as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Collins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES. Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,304 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with six changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Richard A. J. Bower	3	Roger D. Bailey	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEPNEY, London—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HEREFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
Tony Lewis	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. First in the method by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

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

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

George A. Naylor	Treble	John E. Clark	4
*Wendy R. Austin	2	Stanley B. Dobbie	5
David W. Grimwood	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal.
Rung for the patronal festival at the special request of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Bear.

THANINGTON WITHOUT, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in C minor.

Derek J. Carr	Treble	Ronald F. Cleaver	4
Pamela E. Powell	2	Michael G. Tong	5
David W. Grimwood	3	Peter Tombs	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.
First peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., May 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Christine Andrew	Treble	John H. Fielden	6
Margaret E. Fort	2	Frederick Shallcross	7
Derek Butterworth	3	Neil Bennett	8
Robert B. Smith	4	Edward Jenkins	9
Dennis Latham	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	Jeffrey Simcox	5
*Angela M. Bates	2	John H. Fielden	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Roger Barnes	7
Dennis H. McCormick	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by F. C. W. Knight. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, three 240's and 34 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.

*Nigel V. Hill	Treble	Christine Brett	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Raymond J. Mayle	5
William T. Petty	3	Derek J. Godfrey	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal away from tenor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. Morgan Jones on his institution this day as Rector of Coychurch.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

A. William Gibbins	Treble	D. Walford Davies	4
Raymond J. Mayle	2	*D. R. Lynn Jones	5
*William T. Petty	3	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* 25th peal together.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. William Gibbins on their golden wedding.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Single Court, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
Frank Taylor	2	Maurice Bennett	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, N.W.—At the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
A 240 and ten extents of Grandsire called differently and 30 Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John Pladdys	Treble	Audrey Alexander	4
Robin R. Churchill	2	Paul Royds-Jones	5
*Rodney Horder	3	*John C. Hutchinson	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for over 40 years.
Rung for Trinity Sunday and as a compliment to those 87 students of King's College, London, being ordained priest or deacon on that day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs, May 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 MABLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by G. Wm. Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

MABLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HACKNEY, London, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
*Richard Inglis	2	*Ian L. Dear	6
*Caroline R. F. Cole	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
David E. Rothera	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Pudsey.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., May 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Caroline R. F. Cole	Treble	*Ian L. Dear	5
Jonathan S. N. Porter	2	†David E. Rothera	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
*Andrew J. Slade	4	*Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CORLESTON-ON-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., May 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Stephen F. High	Treble	Roger E. Peckham	5
†Ann Corney	2	William B. Duncan	6
Diane Toone	3	Michael Parker	7
J. Barry Pickup	4	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* 50th peal. † First peal.
Rung for the birth of a son to Winston Girling and as a 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Thurs., May 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Nolan Golden	5
Frank C. Arnold	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
H. William Barrett	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
George Sayer	4	Charles H. Moore	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Clover, Ringing Master at Wymondham for many years and a beloved member of the Norwich Association and the Suffolk Guild.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Fri., May 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,140 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Desmond P. Mortlock	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Angela M. Wright	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
David Cubitt	3	Martin Cubitt	7
Geoffirey H. Pullin	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CUNECASTRE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Michael R. Rose	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Terence J. Hester	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., May 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KELSO SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 12 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	4
Peter Pearce	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Frank Reed	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Brian W. Hall	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Christine T. Wilkins	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	4
Brian J. Edwards	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
*Louise A. M. Evans	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack and C. Barrie Dove.
(Three and a half extents each.)
* First of Minor.

NORTHMOOR, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Mon., May 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Frank Reed	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Peter Pearce	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Richard J. Wilsher	Treble	Roger E. Burbery	5
Stephen K. Thompson	2	Philip J. Daniel	6
Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
Peter H. Mackie	4	J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods viz.: (1) Bourne, (2) Ipswich, (3) Norwich, (4) Primrose, (5) Beverley, (6) Cambridge, (7) Surfleet.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Richard J. Wilsher	Treble	Philip J. Daniel	4
Stephen K. Thompson	2	Stephen F. Royal	5
Roger E. Burbery	3	J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
ASHFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred W. Ring	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Brenda M. Davies	2	Nicholas J. Davies	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Frederick G. Huckstepp	4	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Simon Humphrey	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of 16-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of the third. First peal of 16-Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being 12 extents Plain Bob, six each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Seighford.
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Robert D. Marsh	Treble	*W. Gordon Marsh	3
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
		Ruth Blackshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal "inside." First on tenor for conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E E. Blackshaw and Robert D. Marsh.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Neville F. Whittell	Treble	*Robert J. Southgate	5
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Roy C. Groom	6
Martin H. Whittell	3	C. Stanley Bloomfield	7
W. Keith Whittell	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Christian, of Bramford, on the birth of a daughter, Clare.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Donald L. Mills .. .. Treble	*Michael J. Warren 4
*David J. Reeve 2	Mrs. Leslie Mills 5
Leslie D. Mills 3	Evelyn R. M. Cansdale Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringers of second and tenor.

THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in G flat.

Leonard E. Last .. .. Treble	Michael J. Howes 4
Robert E. Lester 2	Ernest G. Pearce 5
George E. Symonds .. 3	Cecil W Pipe .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

Specially arranged and rung half-muffled as a last token of respect and to the memory of William Clover.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 Rutland, 544 each of Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each of Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each of Brighton and London, 448 Superlative, and 416 Bristol, with 135 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Ann Jenner 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of 10-Spliced. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

*Katherine J Maundrell Treble	Frank L. Harris 6
†Barry R. M. Johnson .. 2	‡Alan A. J. Buswell .. 7
*Mary E. Elmes 3	Raymond Haines 8
Dorothy T. Gardiner .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow .. 9
Ronald J. Sharp 5	Arthur E. Hoodless .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman and on ten bells.
‡ First of Stedman Caters. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

BITTERNE PARK, Southampton.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being the following 76 methods/variations: Grandsire, St. Helen; Newborough, Longparish; St. Quinton, Allestree; St. Lucy, St. Frideswide; Daffodil, St. Anne; Bluebell, Middleton Stoney; Ladbrooke, Keysoe; Zennor, Pink's; St. Margaret, St. Valentine; Oxford, Freeland; St. Swithun, Antelope; Northleigh, St. Cross; Isis, Ray; Beckley, Stanton; Gresford, Jacobstow; St. Tydfil, Harbury; Dedworth; St. Clement's; Primrose; Snodbury; Worthington, Cherwell, St. Thomas the Martyr; Weston, Buttercup, Bledon; Trinity, Violet, Godshill; St. Epworth, Bladon, Nettlebed; April Day; Litchurch; May Day; Seighford; Plain Bob; Kennington Wychbold; Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, St Adwena; Marlow, Evenlode, Chinnor; St. Christopher, Wallflower, Chiddington; Cowslip, St. Neots, Wilby; Foxton, St. Ragigund, Oddington; Clifford's Pleasure; St. David; Royston; Little Aston; Southrepps; Reverse Canterbury.

Beryl J. Cross .. .. Treble	Deborah N. Maggs .. 4
*Heather J. Hinton 2	Dennis B. Brown 5
Colin J. Butler 3	†Roger V. Smith .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown.

* First peal "inside." † First peal attempt. Most methods/ variations to a peal for all the band and for the Guild.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild)
EASINGWOLD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being extents of (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*†Susan Mitchell .. .. Treble	§Susan E. Thompson .. 4
‡Jennifer E. Pearce .. 2	Christopher J Groome 5
Gerald W. Reynolds .. 3	††A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal in nine methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At 14, Highcroft Avenue.
On Fri., May 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

E. M. Atkins'	
*John A. Roberts 1–2	David F. Moore (cond.) .. 5–6
†Eric J. Gilbert 3–4	‡F. Leslie Coventry 7–8

* First peal. † First of Major on handbells. ‡ First handbell peal.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson 1–2	Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
Robert B. Smith 3–4	William H. Dowse 7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2	Frank J Matthews 7–8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3–4	Edward J. Beer 9–10
Christopher T. Osenton .. 5–6	Stuart Sandford 11–12

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6
*Trevor A. Cross 3–4	Edward J. Beer 7–8
Stuart Sandford 9–10	

Composed by Y. Green. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Royal in the method on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker 1–2	George E. Feirn 5–6
Margaret A. Parker .. 3–4	Jack L. Millhouse 7–8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR (with 672 Variations)
By ARTHUR KNIGHTS

No. 90

23456	M	B	W	H
54326			2	2
26435	1		2	2
24365	1	—	2	2
42563	2			2
23564	2	—	1	2
25634	1	—	2	2
36524			2	2
63425	2			2
45236	1		1	2
32546			2	2
23645	2			2
45362	2	—		2
32654	1		1	2
23456		—	1	2

6th the extent Wrong 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths place. In the minimum number of courses.

The alternative calling may be used in the following courses.

2nd & 12th	5024
2nd and 13th	5056
2nd & 14th	5024
2nd, 12th and 13th	5088
2nd, 12th, 13th & 14th	5120
2nd, 12th and 14th	5056
2nd, 13th & 14th	5088
5th, 7th, 12th & 13th	5024
5th, 7th, 12th, 13th & 14th	5056
7th & 12th	5024
7th, 12th & 13th	5088
7th, 12th, 13th & 14th	5120
7th, 12th & 14th	5056
7th & 13th	5056
7th, 13th & 14th	5088
7th & 14th	5024
12th	5056
12th & 13th	5120
12th, 13th & 14th	5152
12th & 14th	5088
13th	5088
13th & 14th	5120
14th	5056

Total 672 variations.

Every course can be brought up in two ways, one with a bob Before and the other without a bob Before.

A peal can be commenced with the calling of any course. As there are 14 courses in the above peal, there will be 13 variations of the original, and, by reversing the peal, there will be 14 more variations, 28 in all.

There are 23 ways of altering this peal. by using the alternative calling, each giving 28 variations, original and reverse, which. with the original peal of 28, will produce 672 variations. (Multiply 28 by 24.)

T. E. S.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY QUARTERS

OXFORD.—At New College, on May 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. J. Wilsher 1, S. K. Thompson 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, P. H. Mackie 4, R. E. Burbery 5, P. J. Daniel 6, J. P. Coad 7, S. Royal (cond.) 8.

BLOXHAM, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Vanessa Rodrigues 1, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, P. H. Mackie 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, J. P. Coad 6, P. M. Bradford 7, S. Royal 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: S. K. Thompson 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, J. P. Coad 3, P. J. Daniel 4, P. M. Bradford 5, R. W. Sherriff 6, S. Royal (cond.) 7, R. M. Heyworth 8.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. J. Wilsher 1, R. M. Heyworth (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, R. E. Burbery 4, S. Royal 5, P. H. Mackie 6, R. W. Sherriff 7, J. P. Coad 8.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Diana Reeves 1, P. Davis (first of Triples) 2, J. Carter 3, Anne Bennett 4, P. Davis 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. For christening of Francis Tristan Vyell, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Vyvyan.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. L. Day 1, W. Clamp 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, K. J. Panter 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Stewart R. Day.

BASSALEG, MON.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Williams (first as cond.) 1, Gillian Colleypriest (first "inside") 2, D. Jenkins (first quarter) 3, L. James 4, P. Chambers 5, R. J. Bale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ralph Williams. First quarter for 43 years 4 and 6.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On May 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. C. Worthington (first of Major) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Anne Trinder (first of Major) 3, M. R. Worthington (first of Major) 4, Brenda J. Harris 5, A. C. Harris 6, A. R. Agg 7, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On April 6th, 1,536 Londinium Surprise Maximus: Miss M. Reay 1, Miss A. E. Fellows 2, A. J. Corby (first in method) 3, J. R. Insley 4, R. W. Pipe 5, J. Insley 6, J. C. Eisel 7, P. A. Corby (first in method) 8, N. J. Goodman 9, G. E. Fearn 10, J. A. Ainsworth 11, P. Border (cond.) 12.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob: A. R. Walters 1, S. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, A. J. Munnings 4, R. W. L. K. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Powell (first of Triples) 1, W. Willans 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, J. G. Rose 4, P. L. Pearce 5, W. Abraham 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, W. Bonner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Gregory.

COITY, GLAM.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Christine Brett 2, N. V. Hill (first "inside") 3, G. R. Williams (first quarter) 4, D. J. Godfrey (first "inside" and first as cond.) 5, H. G. Walters (first quarter) 6. First quarter by Sunday service band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6, A. R. Andrews 7, E. E. Davey 8. Also on Whitsunday, 1,344 London Surprise Major: N. Whittell 1, M. J. Bew 2, Catherine M. Powell 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First of London 2, 3 and 4.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Jennifer Parker 1, Heather Cranshaw 2, Barbara Gibson 3, B. N. Butler (first as cond.) 4, A. J. Leeves 5, Margaret Savage 6, R. H. Candy 7, R. Weeks 8. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. First of Doubles 1, 4 and 7.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnson 1, Rosemary Stevens 2, Ann E. Sharpe 3, Katharine T. Gorvin 4, Pamela R. Gough 5, S. W. Brown 6, B. Dickson (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung by a mixed band of Aldrington and Cuckfield ringers to mark the institution of Canon J. D. C. Fisher, formerly Rector of Aldrington, as Rector of Cuckfield.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. M. F. Williams (first attempt) 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, J. C. Alexander 3, R. A. Vere Hodge 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, S. Baxter (first attempt) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to members of Cuddesdon Theological College being ordained at Trinity.

QUARTER PEALS

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Teresa G. McIntosh (first quarter) 1, Linda Jackman (first "inside") 2, W. G. Knight 3, J. D. C. Finch 4, J. F. Bowler 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stevenson 1, M. Jordan 2, T. Aldridge (first of Stedman) 3, Miss J. K. Murphy 4, P. N. Felton 5, N. Edwards 6, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Phillips 1, E. M. Mastin (cond.) 2, P. Thomas (first quarter) 3, G. J. Mann 4, A. K. Phillips 5.

EXETER.—At the Cathedral, on May 21st, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Balchin 2, M. Lock 3, C. P. Yates 4, Miss M. Hutchings 5, B. H. Thompson 6, B. Coles 7, C. Yates 8, D. Wills 9, F. D. Mack 10, C. Bryant 11, G. Skinner and P. Colton 12. First on 12 for 2 and 7.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY LANCS.—On May 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret E. Fort (cond.) 1, N. T. E. Burnett (first "inside") 2, R. Jolley 3, J. Thornley 4, A. Critchley 5, D. C. Makin-Taylor (first of Major) 6, R. K. Lister 7, A. J. Mingworth 8. Rung on the Feast of St. Dunstan.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Allinson (first quarter) 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. For Evensong.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, J. W. T. Hibbert 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. H. Napper (cond.) 6, J. W. Wilson 7, A. W. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service to the Rt. Hon. Catharine Gibbs, churchwarden at this church for 30 years.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Mansfield 1, J. Linnell 2, W. A. Yates 3, Ian Blackmur (first quarter attempt, aged 14) 4, Betty M. Mansfield 5, F. P. Brangwyn 6, W. A. Denny 7, W. F. Evden (cond.) 8.

ELM, CAMBS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Crane 1, N. C. Richards 2, A. W. Smart (first "inside") 3, G. Knight 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5, T. Lakey (first quarter) 6. Rung for the visit of Rev. E. Garner of Pretoria, S.A.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, B. Coggins 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For the Oxfordshire Festival, National Folk Dance and Song Society.

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fields 1, Ann R. Munslow 2, Mrs. G. M. Hall 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, R. H. Cook 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Clive H. Bonshor, son of the conductor.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. A. Lord (first of Major) 1, M. J. Warren 2, M. J. Howes 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, N. V. Avis (cond.) 5, Miss V. A. P. Cross 6, D. E. Culham 7, S. D. Humphrey 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. R. White 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mrs. P. H. Aplin 3, G. W. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Frederick Cox, parish clerk and sexton for the last 30 years.

HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On April 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Norgrove 1, Susan Holden 2, W. Butler 3, N. I. Bridges 4, P. Pearce 5, J. F. List (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. H. D. L. Thomas as Vicar.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On April 30th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on Ascension Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. A. Foster 6. A welcome to Mr. and Mrs. A. Foster to Holme Pierrepont.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On May 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Swann 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, R. Snack 3, A. Coles 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, R. Warford 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marjorie Blunt. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Mitchell 1, S. P. D. Burnett 2, N. Hildred (first quarter) 3, J. S. Webb 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, Jennifer Pearce 6.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor: (six methods): Rev. J. H. Greene 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2 and 3, Juliet Fynes 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. O. Haslam 6. First of Spliced Surprise Minor for all except the conductor and first on the bells. An 80th birthday compliment to Rear-Admiral A. R. Hammick. Also on May 12th, 1,559 Spliced Surprise Minor (eight methods): Juliet Fynes 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Rev. J. H. Greene (first Spliced Surprise "inside") 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. O. Haslam 6. Longest length in the methods for all except the conductor.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Coleman 1, J. Claughton 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, Miss F. Riley (first on eight) 4, A. Fry 5, W. Perrins 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, A. V. Davis 8. Following the wedding of Mr. L. F. Cobb and Miss E. Kitney.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: I. E. Margaret Manby 1, Mary Walshaw 2, F. Reynolds 3, Mary A. Tonge 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, A. Cairns 6, A. G. Keen 7, G. Pye 8, A. Ward (cond.) 9, D. Manby (first quarter) 10. Half-muffled for Mr. F. Barraclough, Ringing Master).

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: Janet Hallett 1, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 2, Penny Halliwell 3, A. J. House 4, D. Sloman 5, D. Belcham 6, B. Sadler 7, M. J. Hallett 8. First of Spliced Triples 1, 3, 5 and 7.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Pullan (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, D. Heath 3, A. Weall 4, J. Steele 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry cover. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Birch 1, T. Senior 2, J. Seager 3, R. S. Long 4, L. Smith 5, J. Guest (first "inside") 6, A. Frisney 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung to celebrate the gift of a daughter, Helen Louise, to G. K. Chaddock.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 and 8 cover): Eleanor Wolledge 1, E. Lewindon 3, H. Burton 4, E. Arnold 5, S. Arnold 6, M. Abbott 7, S. Allen 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Preston, Mrs. Abbott, sen., Miss E. Secretan, on the occasion of their 90th birthdays.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 14th, 1,319 Plain Bob Royal: Monica Blagrove 1, W. Birmingham 2, D. C. Brown (first on ten) 3, W. G. Knight 4, G. R. Shedden 5, W. R. Hare (first of Royal) 6, Doreen Hague (first on ten) 7, L. Pearson 8, F. T. Blagrove 9, J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. For the Whitsun Festival. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Hare (first on ten) 1, F. R. Scott 2, H. Oglesby 3, D. C. Brown 4, Doreen Hague 5, Frances Oglesby (first on ten) 6, W. R. Hare 7, G. R. Shedden 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, F. T. Blagrove 10. For Confirmation service.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Brown 1, K. Bellew 2, H. Baguley 3, J. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6. A compliment to Topsy Brocklehurst, a member of Stoke Bishop band, on the day of her marriage to Stanley Oxenham.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Palmer 1, Mrs. J. E. Warner 2, B. V. Collison 3, R. Everest 4, R. Jean Osbon 5, J. E. Warner 6, C. A. Osbon 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 7.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On April 15th, 1,800 Doubles (three methods): Erica Pankhurst (longest length) 1, Kay Whittiker 2, J. H. Thompson 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles (longest length as cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kay Whittiker (first of Minor) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, J. H. Thompson (first of Minor "inside") 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. D. Short 1, G. Nabb 2, A. G. Kent (first "inside") 3, C. T. Clarke (cond.) 4, E. T. Dibble 5, E. J. Pope 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. M. Barnett.

WYE, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. L. Garraway 1, Susan E. Smith 2, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 3, E. F. Wyld 4, E. W. Weston 5, W. N. Curtis 6. A welcome to Rev. D. J. Marriot, inducted Vicar of this parish on the previous day.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pauline Mills (first quarter) 1, K. Park 2, H. Fitter 3, Beryl Park 4, R. Weekes 5, M. Edwards 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, D. Main 8.

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BOWDEN. — On Wednesday, May 31st, 1967, at 17, Eastfield Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, to Elisabeth and Richard, a son, Nicholas William (a 7¼lb. treble). 1694

PEARSON.—On May 31st, 1967, to Jane-Anne (nee Hedges)and Geoffrey Pearson, of 15, Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge, a son (Robert), brother for Mark and Simon.

SILVER WEDDING

BARNETT—HAIRS.—On June 14th, 1942, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Burgess Hill, Sussex, Edwin Arthur Barnett to Olive Delia Hairs. Present address: 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. 1685

PERSONAL

H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L. June 10th, 1945. Happy Anniversary. 1681

ALLEN —Will Mr. C. B. Allen, of F.C. 5, 3 Wing R.A.F. Locking, Somerset, contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not known."

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."—Romans xii, 10.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, Kent.—Friends please note that our secretary's telephone number is now Bethersden 460.—J. E. S. 1689

BREDGAR, KENT

The Rev. Stanley Evans invites you to the St. John Baptist Fair at Bredgar Vicarage on Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m., in aid of Bredgar Bell Fund. A.T.C. Band and Judo Displays. Children's Fancy Dress, etc. Do come. 1662

CURDRIDGE, ST. PETER'S, HANTS. — Visiting ringers charged one guinea for peals, 10s. for quarter peals, also for outing parties. No charge for Guild meetings. Practice night, Monday, 8 p.m. 1676

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—The bells at Holy Trinity, Hawley, will not be in use for one month from June 3rd, 1967, due to repairs. 1651

"NOMADS" (S. W. N.).—Will all members, ex-members and friends interested in a reunion (provisionally Berkshire), July 14th, 15th. 16th, please notify G. Marchant, 120, Cornwall Avenue, Southall, Middlesex, by June 14th, enclosing s.a.e. and transport availability. 1696

ST. PETER'S, BISHOP'S WALTHAM. — Ringers' Sunday, June 11th. Matins 11 a.m. Ringing 10 to 11, 2 to 4, 5.45 to 6.30. All welcome.—E. W. C. 1684

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 324th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highlands Phone 2074. 1679

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, WARSOP, NOTTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd. All visitors, especially ringers, will be welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.

Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7. Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m.

Thurs., June 29th—Patronal Festival. Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m. Viewing and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m.

Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m.

Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m. Ringing 2 p.m.–9 p.m.

Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.–6 p.m. Services, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion. **Celebrant and preacher the Lord Bishop of Southwell.** 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Ringing 3 p.m.–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the Festival. Local ringers will be in attendance during all published ringing times. Proceeds will be used towards the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8. 1596

HANDBELL RALLY

This year's Handbell Rally for tune ringers will take place at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, on Saturday, October 7th, 1967.—Details from Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. 1627

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Thursday, June 15th, at Farnham, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Special methods: Rutland and Dorchester.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual General Meeting, Sat., July 1st, at Lincoln.

Committee meeting 11 a.m. in Consistory Court. Service 12 noon in Cathedral. Buffet lanch available in Chapter House. Meeting 2 p.m. in Consistory Court. Dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., Moor Lodge, Branston. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10.45–11.45 a.m. and 2–5.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) 2–4 p.m.; St. Peter at Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6) 3–4 p.m.; Waddington (6) 3–4.30 p.m.; Harmston (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; Washingborough (8) 4–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6) 5 p.m.

Names, with cash, please, and s.a.e. for tickets for buffet lunch (4s.) and/or dinner (£1–5–0) to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, by June 22nd. 1670

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN, STAFFS.

RINGERS' SERVICE

Special service Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 11th, 1967. Preacher, Rev. T. O. Boulton. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Refreshments and ringing after service. All welcome. 1599

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Striking Competition and Handbell Festival will be held at Drayton on July 1st at 2.45 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich. NOR 07K. 1677

LAVENHAM, Suffolk. — Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 2.45 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 1672

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

A Festival of Ringing will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 17th, 1967. Tea will cost 7s. 6d., and orders for these must be sent to: Mr. Eric Lord, 636, New Hey Road, Mount, Outlane, Huddersfield, before June 10th. Cash **must accompany the order.** Service at 3.30 p.m in the Parish Church. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Parish Rooms.

Towers open for ringing are:
Halifax (12) 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
All Souls' (8) 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Elland (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Lindley (8) 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Northowram (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Brighouse (8) 1–3 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.
Bradshaw (5) 6–8 p.m.

Any wishing to make use of other towers are asked to make their own arrangements with the tower concerned

ARTHUR FARRAND, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing Festival. June 24th, 1967.

Towers available as follows: Horncastle 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; Old Bolingbroke 10.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m.; Sibsey 11 a.m.–12 noon; Old Leake 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Leverton 12 noon–1 p.m.; Freiston 12.30 p.m.–1.30 p.m.; Algarkirk 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Sutterton 3 p.m.–4 p.m.; Wigtoft 3.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Swineshead 6 onwards; Coningsby 7–8; Tattershall 8–9.

Cricket match, Swineshead, 2.30. Tea in Swineshead Church Hall for those who notify me by June 19th. — Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1668

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winsham (8), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. — R. J. Dean, Branch Sec. 1659

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Old Cleeve (8 bells), on June 10th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by June 6th, please. 1660

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Heswall, June 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 1658

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Oswald's Hartlepool, on Saturday, June 10th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Short, 21, Perth Sstreet, Hartlepool, by Wednesday, June 7th. **No name, no tea.** 1657

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Nutfield (6) Bells 3 p.m Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and meeting. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Harston (6), Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—District heat of ringing competition on June 10th at North Weald. Competition at 3.30. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to H. King, 158, High Road, North Weald. 1701

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 1683

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Loydon Hamlet, Harlow 1593

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Blunsdon (6), Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and evening ringing at Hannington (6). Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, please. 1661

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Hollingbourne (6), Saturday, June 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, Mr. M. L. Howe, 83, College Road, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 1643

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Childwall, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. E. Dodd, 55, Bowland Avenue, Liverpool 16.—M. E. D. 1654

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Llangynwyd (6) on Saturday, June 10th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), as soon as possible, N.B.—No business, except for election of new members, unless members give one week's notice. 1631

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks, Saturday, June 10th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Evening ringing and business St. Giles', Stoke Poges, Bucks after tea. Names for tea essential to Mr. Gordon W. Limmer, Grovefield Lodge, Taplow Common Road, Burnham, Bucks. Burnham 1825.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Horspath, June 10th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Adams, 64, Horspath Road, Cowley, Oxford, by Monday, June 5th. 1656

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Summer meeting at Streatley on Saturday, June 10th. Ringing: Streatley 3–4 p.m.; Goring 7–9 p.m. Service at Streatley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Morrel Room at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Taylor, Bonskeid, Gatehampton Road, Goring. 1625

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derlwyn College, Alltwallis, Carmarthen—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 1610

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Langar, June 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by previous Wednesday. 1655

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at West Stow (6) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam. 1700

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Offton (6), Saturday, June 10th, 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Village Hall, also meeting. Ringing in the evening. This is your meeting—support it. All who wish for tea please notify Mrs. Winifred Lockwood. 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich. 1582

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, June 10th. Please note that the ringing arrangements are now as follows: Earlsheaton 3.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and Dewsbury after tea until 9 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—An evening meeting will be held at All Saints' (8), Leamington Spa, on Monday, June 12th. Ringing: Rounds to Rutland, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome. — R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec. 1674

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Surprise Major practice, St. Mary's, Hendon, Wednesday, June 14th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1691

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening practice meeting at the Bell Foundry Tower, Loughborough, on Friday, June 16th, at 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. M. W. 1699

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yatton (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1666

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, Glastonbury (St. Benedict's) (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 6.30 p.m to 9 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Woburn, June 17th—note date. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Crypt at 5. Eversholt as well after tea. 1686

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Market Drayton, June 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 14th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1697

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise and Single Oxford. Names for tea must be sent to the District Secretary, 23, Moyne Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, by June 15th.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. L. Sly, The Beeches, West End, Northleach, Cheltenham, Glos. — R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 1682

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Stretton Grandison, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. No arrangements for tea. — J. Ward, Hon. Sec. 1675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Radlett, June 17th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening ringing from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Clouston, Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1671

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Brabourne, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. B. L. Marks, Burch Farm, West Brabourne, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, June 15th.—A. P. S. B. 1638

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, Radcliffe St. Mary, on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. A hearty welcome to all. — H. Parkinson. 1617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 17th, at Walkden. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. 1704

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Saturday, June 17th: Newton-le-Willows (8) 10–10.45; St. Helens (10) 11–11.45; Liverpool Cathedral (12) 12–2; St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6) 2.30–3.15; Oxton (8) 3.15–4.15; Woodchurch (6) 4.15–5; Port Sunlight (8) 5–6; Bebington (8) 6–7; Bromborough (8) 7–8. 1648

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Striking Competition, Saturday, June 17th, at Silk Willoughby (6). Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition (Branch members only) 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, by June 13th certain. 1562

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Finchley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 1663

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Methods for practice: Double Norwich and Superlative. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich, NOR 42X.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 1609

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Binfield on June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Notify for tea Mr. R. Butler, Cokeley Mead, Binfield, Bracknell, by June 12th. 1698

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, June 17th. Names for tea to F. Chambers, Park Way Garage, Croughton, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 1693

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Meeting at Lyneham (6) on June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 1687

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 17th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street Aldbourne, Wilts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Canford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by cricket match at Canford School. Names for tea to Miss J. Fawcett, 125, Merley Ways, Wimborne, by June 14th. 1597

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, June 17th, at Wilby (8), 6.30–9 p.m.—H.W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 1665

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at Wivelsfield (6) 3 p.m. followed by service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Ringing will then continue at Burgess Hill from 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Telephone 3442) by June 14th. 1653

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Brecon, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available: St. Mary's (8) 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; Llanfaes (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by June 10th.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rock (8), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Thursday, 15th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1678

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at Hathern (8), Friday evening, June 23rd, 7 p.m. Will be also combined meeting with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. 1649

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday, June 24th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Gosling, Lyndhurst, Rectory Lane, by June 21st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1688

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BACKGROUND TO R.W. DEBATE

THE resignations of Dennis Beresford and George Pipe from "The Ringing World" Committee, accompanied by long speeches indicating that they found the atmosphere of the committee intolerable for harmonious working together, gave rise to widespread regret at the Central Council meeting and the feeling that there was something hidden which should be made public.

There is no denying the fact that the committee got off to a bad, one might even say a calamitous, start. Elected on May 31st at Bath, with a widespread feeling of expectation after George Pipe had announced his 20 points for improving the paper (which were undisclosed), it was not until October 8th that the committee held its first meeting at Derby. A month before the date George Pipe admitted to the Editor that his part was completed but he could not get the financial sections. Letters were arriving from a restive public making accusations of indolence. A meeting took place between the Editor and Mr. Beresford on September 19th, when the Editor unreservedly answered his questions and gave his comments on a mock make-up received that day from Mr. Pipe.

On the Thursday before the Saturday meeting the report arrived. It was studied by the Editor, but it must be admitted that not every member of the committee had digested it. There were accusations made by one member against Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford that the Bath debate had been specially engineered to create a new committee and in doing so Mr. Hairs lost his seat. George Pipe walked out of the meeting and did not return that day.

A sober committee made progress. It heard Mr. Beresford expound the Pipe plan, it made progress in planning the outline of the Mancroft issue of December 9th, it settled on the lettering of a new title from specimens prepared by George Pipe and accepted Denis Bayles' offer to write some light features and prepare a crossword. Most of the committee felt it would be disastrous at this stage if George Pipe were to leave. Individual appeals were made to him and to his credit he set about collecting suitable pictures for the front page, including that of the Christmas scene at Mancroft.

It must be remembered that apart from the six elected members, "The Ringing World" Committee has two ex-officio members—Mr. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. Douglas Hughes. Mr. Bottomley sent a personal letter to each member asking them to pull together for the good of the paper and when the second meeting took place on January 28th there was a better atmosphere. A policy was decided to produce a certain number of cover issues in relation to the printers' estimates, George Pipe went through his mock make-up and the Editor explained what he had incorporated and what was either impracticable or not advisable.

For example, the Editor adhered to a principle previously adopted that peals should open the second half of the paper to be followed by quarter peals, if possible, and notices. The majority of the committee agreed with this view, but Mr. Pipe thought better treatment would be narrower columns. He wanted a half page advertisement on second page of cover—so far not procurable—and notices on page 3 of cover—not possible because covers are printed earlier than the main paper and the notice columns are the last to close. But the Editor is appreciative of Mr. Pipe's efforts to introduce new contributors.

The birth pangs of the census, the idea of Mr. Beresford, were acute. There were four different drafts and in the end the Editor had to decide taking this and that from four different versions and pleasing no one. It was Mr. Pipe's idea that the census paper should be accompanied by a wonderful issue visualising the future—handbells, call changes, beginners' article, compositions, technical feature and, of course, news and peals and quarter peals. Frankly, it could not be done through two reasons: it would involve a sacrifice of news which, coming at a busy time of the year with many Guild annuals, was unwise, and secondly it was more than one pair of hands could tackle. At first the printers said they could not introduce the census inset and the cover in the same issue. It was left to the Editor to persuade them and secondly he wanted readers to judge what had been accomplished since Christmas with a series of very good issues and not a feature one in which news had been sacrificed.

In a sense the Editor is the nigger in the woodpile of Messrs. Pipe and Beresford, and there was a complaint to the Council about the Editor's prerogative. The Editor's view, and it has been backed up by some of the committee, is that the £10,000 capital accumulated during the 20 odd years of his Editorship should not be dissipated. This does not mean that no capital should be employed in its expansion policy. "The Ringing World" Committee has to plan what can be accomplished by a full time Editor and a half time editorial assistant, mainly employed on postal subscribers and wrappers. These tinted cover issues cost £40 a week extra and if the paper used on the first cover was employed it would be an additional £14. If for every one of these 20 page issues we could get 25 new annual subscribers we should be nearly meeting the cost. We want all those who have on their forms promised to find a new subscriber to get cracking—these new subscribers must be forthcoming. This will be the main channel of our new revenue. We also want somebody to accept responsibility for getting advertisements.

While the cause of resignations was incompatability to work with the committee, both admitted that they could not continue at the pace they were going for "The Ringing World" as they were facing increasing demands on the time of their official positions and were both Masters of important ringing Guilds. For their services and enthusiasm the Editor is truly grateful and their promise of continued help is acknowledged with gratitude.

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The Central Council

Messrs. Pipe and Beresford leave "R.W." Committee

Unable to Work with Other Members

Reconsideration Appeals by Council Rejected

Messrs. G. W. Pipe and D. Beresford. the authors of the 13-page document for a brighter and better "Ringing World" and the originators of the census form have resigned from the committee because they were unable to work with other members Their decision was the main feature of the Council meeting.

They complained of the spirit of bitterness and resentment that pervaded at all meetings; the committee's report was classified by them as a second edition of the fairy tales of Hans Andersen; the Editor exercised his prerogative in not publishing an issue as they wanted it.

The convener refused to enter into an acrimonious debate. His report was adopted but with an amendment that at the next meeting a statement be made of the measures taken and plans made to widen the appeal of the journal.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

THE Council will recall that at the last meeting a lengthy debate took place concerning the paper, its contents, and appeal, and the fact of the moderate but progressive increases in circulation.

Attention of the Council is drawn to the following average weekly circulation figures:–

1965	5,590 copies
1966	5,646 copies

In some quarters the view is held that given a "new look" more readers could possibly be attracted.

Additional members were added to the committee which met on one occasion before the end of 1966. At that meeting many angles were discussed.

Meetings are continuing, new features have been introduced, but it will be appreciated that careful consideration and planning is necessary before the introduction of major changes. Costs continue to rise and future policy must to a considerable extent be determined in the light of income.

At a recent meeting of the committee the result of the census was considered but Council will appreciate that the information derived from the census now requires careful and detailed examination.

Your committee continue to pursue their examination of all aspects of "The Ringing World" always bearing in mind the needs of the Exercise and this Council.

The committee also again wish to place on record their sincere thanks to the Editor, Mr. T W. White, for all his work for the paper. The committee also wish to thank Mr. White's assistant at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jeater for continuing to deal so competently with the accounting work.

R. S. Anderson (convener).

NOT UNANIMOUS

Mr. R S. Anderson, in moving the adoption of the report, said he would like to say that while it was signed by him, it was a unanimous report of the meeting.

Mr. G. W Pipe: The committee did not agree unanimously to signing that report.

Mr. D. Beresford: The situation regarding this report is that at the last meeting of the committee the report was presented at which there was a very strong protest from George Pipe. Unfortunately the committee decided to accept the report and George Pipe and myself abstained from voting. The reason is there is nothing in it from which to dissent; indeed, there is nothing in it.

"I would like to say that the argument about 'The Ringing World' goes back at least to Northampton, where there was a strong move to get a brighter and better paper and this culminated at Bath, when 'The Ringing World' Committee was given a clear mandate of what to do.

13-PAGE REPORT

"George Pipe and I have had a lot of discussion with ringers all over the country in trying to put forward constructive views We put forward our views in a letter to committee members four weeks after the meeting at Bath for discussion before plans were laid The holidays prevented that meeting and it was decided to have a preliminary meeting in October. To that, George Pipe and I produced a 13-page paper which was a detailed study concerning form, finances, organisation of committee with responsibilities for certain sections, and new ideas, technical news, call changes. It covered a new set-up of scope and format—not rigid, but as varied as possible so that there is something weekly or fortnightly which we think people would expect to find. There have been two meetings at which it was discussed.

"I would like to mention that the reception by the Editor was a stimulating review, very well presented and detailed; by members of the committee as 'this rubbish and containing nothing new.'

VICIOUS ATTACK

"This spirit of bitterness and resentment has pervaded all the meetings. I don't want to wash dirty linen in public but George Pipe and I have had an unpleasant experience There was a vicious attack on the integrity of both of us as a result of the Bath debate This was a gross abuse of privilege in attacking and being allowed by other members present to attack members of a committee elected by this Council."

Mr Beresford also complained of the censureship of letters and particularly of a letter George Pipe wrote, which was refused publication "What George Pipe and I have done is to follow the mandate given by the Council. The Council elected the whole committee, not just George Pipe and myself, but there have been no new ideas from the other members whatever.

"Then we move on to the census, which was a tremendous encouragement to us. We had some very encouraging remarks. We wanted to publish a typical issue as George Pipe had planned. It was the Editor's prerogative to say 'No' In our view, the issue detracted somewhat from its value, but nevertheless it was a very worthwhile result.

800 CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

"From the census we have some very valuable views. As to statistical details, we had 1,400 replies, which represents 25 per cent. of the circulation. This is good from any standard and from a technical paper it would be good at 10 per cent. There were 800 different constructive ideas and views. All these are being sifted and the recommendations prepared. I am very grateful for all the help that has been given; these will provide stimulating ideas for a long time.

"George Pipe and I are not so naive as to think we have all the answers or the perfect solution or time These things cannot be done overnight. But with imagination, drive and the will to co-operate these things can be done, but these ingredients must all be present. However, this is not the situation this year, and George and I do not feel able to accept this situation for a further two years. I hope what we have done will bear fruit. I would advise the Council very strongly against any rash action in regard to the committee. Our only ienterest is in the future of 'The Ringing World' and it is essential that nothing should detract from this."

Mr G. W. Pipe said he would like to support Mr Beresford 150 per cent. I would like members to recall that at Bath I was sincerely grateful to the Editor and the committee for what they had done in the past. As Dennis Beresford had said, the Council had expressed a wish that "The Ringing World" needed a fresh look and that there was a lot of dissatisfaction.

NEEDED A FACE-LIFT

One of the mistakes he made at Bath was that he did not make clear to the Council what his 20 ideas were. He only mentioned them very briefly, as this was the most important aspect of the Council. It was the only paper of its kind and the only means of communication, and it needed a face-lift and a cover Even "The Times" needed a face-lift and when it had one it increased its circulation by 70,000. But he was told that it not only needed a face-lift but 24-page issues—and they could fill them.

Mr Pipe said he wanted to thank those people who had contributed by writing articles. They recommended an increase in advertisements and a half-page for call change ringers, with a special appeal to those in the West Country. He also wanted a column for handbell ringers and he had a letter from America offering an article monthly and guaranteeing a circulation of 100 copies extra. He also suggested a technical page.

"THIS LOT OF RUBBISH"

This report was described by a member of the committee as "this daub, this lot of rubbish." That took 100 hours of our time and not the design of the cover. Then there was a letter from Ronald H. Dove, accusing us of fooling the Exercise. "I am inclined to agree with him; the Exercise was fooled, but not by me. Our aim was to have a better looking paper. You members of the Council have not seen what we can do. We wanted a really special issue, but it was not produced."

As to the convener's report, "this was a second edition of the fairy tales by Hans Andersen" He enjoyed doing the work and working with Mr. Beresford. He wanted to do everything in his power to improve and help "The Ringing World," but not as a member of the committee.

Mr. J. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth): Can we know what other members of the committee think about this apparently misleading document?

Mr W. G. Wilson said the report of the committee was for 1966; most of what they heard was for 1967.

Mrs Staniforth thought the report should cover 12 months. The census mentioned in the report was not done until 1967. Some things have been vetted which should have been printed.

Mr. R. Diserens: May I propose that we adopt the report but ask the two dissentients to present a minority report to be presented at the next meeting? He felt that their work should go on record.

The President: Mr. Beresford and Mr. Pipe had had an opportunity to present a minority report and that is just what they have done.

Mr. Philip Gray (Australian and New Zealand Association) said he thought the feeling at Bath was to ask the committee to have a jolly good look at "The Ringing World" and see what could be done to improve it. At one stage in the debate it was proposed that they should have a separate committee to do just that. That was not approved because it was rightly felt that it should be done by one body—the committee. "We come to Nottingham and we are where we started; we still have not had a report from those who form the committee as to what can be done."

"R.W." DEBATE—continued.

COMMITTEE ASKED TO REPORT

Mr. Gray continued that he would like to suggest that the Council consider an amendment:

"Whilst accepting the report presented, this Council request "The Ringing World" Committee specifically to include in its report to the 1968 Council meeting a statement on the measures it had taken and the plans it has made for widening the appeal of "The Ringing World" to all sections of the ringing community."

The Rev J. G. M. Scott seconded Mr. Gray's amendment. He said it was quite clear in electing the committee, which they did, they were asking for some ideas to be put forward for improving "The Ringing World." This seemed to be regarded as criticism and offended some members of the committee, who took the presence of the two new members as an insult to themselves. If this was so it was a terrible pity. He hoped that their ideas would be put on paper.

SMOTHER SOMETHING

Mr. Bernard Ashford (Worcestershire and Districts Association): It seems that there is some attempt to smother something. In the old days what we have heard today would be sufficient to set the room on fire.

Mr. John Seager (Yorkshire Association): Messrs. Beresford and Pipe have gone to a lot of trouble to put forward ideas. I propose that they prepare a minority report.

Mr. W. J. Wilson: People who have resigned cannot be asked to present a minority report when they are no longer members of the committee.

Mr A. V. David (Winchester and Portsmouth) asked if the Council accepted the resignations. "Do get together, chaps; you were elected for three years. I ask the old brigade to listen to the younger. I ask you for the sake of 'The Ringing World' to withdraw your resignations so that next year we shall have not two reports but one report from a committee that has got down to it."

Mr. N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District Society) then came to the platform and recited the ringers' prayer.

Mr. J. R. Anderson said he told the Standing Committee the previous evening that he would not indulge in an acrimonious debate. The committee was elected at the wish of the Council for three years and the two members were accepted. He would like to say in self-defence it took from the Bath meeting until late October to fix the committee meeting.

The firs committee meeting was not entirely harmonious, nevertheless there was work done despite the absence of one member. The second meeting was in January and the main topic was the census. The census, as they had been told, had been successful as regard replies—25 per cent.

At the last meeting of the committee the report was adopted and it dealt with affairs until December 31st, as was the custom of the Council. A brief résumé of the census was given to the committee by Mr. Beresford and as to what they were going to say they would have to wait until they got the final result.

MUST CONSOLIDATE

One cannot alter the face of any publication overnight. They had worked for some years to make it progressive but they must consolidate as they went. They would see from the report that there had been an increase of 56 copies during 1966, but at least they were regular subscribers. Most of the progressive work had been done in 1957.

"I have been accused previously of submitting long reports and making it a meeting of shareholders. I tried to avoid that this time."

Mr. Gray's amendment was then read out to the committee and Canon Felstead asked if they could expect the withdrawals of the two resignations before they voted.

Mr. G. W. Pipe: All I will do is to repeat the last half of the comment I made just now. I am prepared to work just as hard in the interest of "The Ringing World" and the Exercise. I will continue to collate articles and information and pass them on to the Editor, but I am not prepared in any way to reconsider my resignation.

Mr. Beresford: I will only repeat the last sentence of my resignation. I do not see any change in the attitude of the committee and I wish to tender my resignation.

The Council then voted on Mr. Gray's amendment, which was carried, only 12 voting against.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Surely we have accepted the report by passing the amendment.

The report with Mr. Gray's amendment was then put to the meeting and carried by 85 votes to 25.

Mr. W. Butler asked how many letters were withheld from publication and for what reason.

The Editor replied that in a normal week three or four letters were not published. During the time before the committee met he received instructions from the convener that letters on the subject should not be published.

NEWS BEFORE FEATURES

It must be remembered that in whatever was planned the Editor's decision was final and what appeared was governed by circumstances during the week. News was the vital thing and it had to have priority over features. For example, there might be a page of deaths or an extra page of peals and the consequence would be that one of the features Mr. Pipe wanted would have to be held over. Where possible, suggestions made by Mr Pipe and Mr. Beresford had been fitted in. "The Ringing World" today was very different from what it was at Bath. The circulation was rising and some weeks exceeded 5,800.

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent County Association) stated that he was one of Mr. White's supporters, but his remarks were not entirely a full representation of the events of last year. Letters were published on arguments going on to improve the paper. Replies should also be published. He wrote a letter not provocative, asking that letters against should also be published. The Editor told him that the letter had been sent to the convener. He could only conclude that letters were sent and not published.

Mr J. Seager: Next year we ought to know what was done so that we can get both sides before us.

The President: It has been suggested to me that you raise this under "any other business."

Mr. N. Harding (Norwich Diocesan Association): We are surely dealing with a serious matter and we are not dealing with it in a proper way. We have not heard in detail from other members of the committee. This Council has a right to know why Beresford and Pipe are not agreeing.

Mr. J. M. Jelley (Leicester Diocesan Guild) asked that the papers of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe be published in "The Ringing World" so that all could study them.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association): Last year we agreed to have six members on "The Ringing World" Committee. We have now two vacancies.

Mr. J. S. Mason: Having disposed of the report I move that we pass to 8 (c). (The next committee report.)

Mr. E. Hodson (Yorkshire Association) asked if it was the responsibility of the Council or the committee to fill vacancies.

Mr. R. S. Anderson: If the Council has any confidence with the remainder of the committee we are prepared to continue and do our best if the Council will give us permission to co-opt. (Cries of "No, no.")

Mr. Anderson: If the Council has no confidence we had better resign en bloc

Mr. J. Barrett (Salisbury Guild) asked who accepted the resignations.

The president replied that if a member resigned they could not compel him to remain. Perhaps it would not be in the best interest to fill vacancies just because they became vacant.

There was a return to "Ringing World" affairs under "any other business" to consider Mr. John Seager's proposal that Messrs. Beresford and Pipe prepare a minority report.

Mr. Diserens said they would then have two reports side by side with "The Ringing World" report for the next meeting.

FRIGHTFUL CHAOS

Mr. Philip Gray: I am dead against it. The committee have to advise us how it is to be run. It is not for us. If we have two reports we shall be in a frightful chaos.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: There is nothing to prevent anyone putting forward views provided they could get them printed in "The Ringing World."

Mr. C. K. Lewis supported Mr. Gray's view. Messrs. Pipe and Beresford could circulate views as private members at their own expense.

Mr. J. M. Jelley said they could not be expected to vote intelligently on something they knew little about. It should be published in 'The Ringing World."

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: This information was handed to "The Ringing World" Committee, therefore in the possession of the committee. All we are asking is to put it in our own possession.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales): Have we no Standing Orders about the filling o vacancies? If not, the Standing Committee should consider some procedure.

Mr. F. Sharpe: There is a vast difference in filling vacancies by death and by resignation.

Dr. Woodcock: There should be some procedure either by permission to co-opt or some other way.

A FINAL APPEAL

Mr. F. E. Perrens: I still feel the simplest and most acceptable way is for the two members to reconsider their decision.

Mr. A D. Barker (London County Association) supported Mr Perrens.

Mr. G. R. Pipe: Both Dennis Beresford and I appreciate the point about working outside the committee. We did not ask to be elected but it was the Council's wish. We tried very hard to work inside. We had three meetings and an intense bitterness prevailed. Here is the 13-page document. We are in the process of analysing the results of the census, and we shall make it available. We have thought about it; it is not a rash decision, but we cannot work within the committee

The President: I think we ought to offer our warmest possible thanks to the committee and also our warmest possible thanks to Mr. Pipe and Mr. Beresford for what they have done.

The motion of Mr. Seager's was then defeated.

Footnote.—The Editor feels that there was a misapprehension over his answer to the question on letters not published. While in a normal week there might be three or four, very many letters were held over on two subjects—the contemplated report and the cover design. Some weeks we could have filled our reading space with letters to the exclusion of ordinary news. Letters must be kept brief. There are still another four pages of the Nottingham meeting to come so other news and letters will have to be abbreviated.

We learn that the learners' practice at Buxted on May 20th was very successful, with an attendance of about 40—about double the usual number at Southern Division, Sussex Association, practice meetings.

False Information Strongly Condemned

THERE was a sympathetic Council when Mr. W. G. Wilson submitted the first motion:

"That this Council deprecates most strongly the deliberate submission of false information for publication in 'The Ringing World,' and asks all Associations and individual ringers to do all they can to stop this practice before serious harm is caused to the Exercise and its journal."

Mr. Wilson started on a personal note recalling that it was 30 years ago that he made his first speech to the Council; he was very nervous indeed. He imagined that everybody in the room would agree with the terms of this motion and believed it was the Council's duty to give a lead in things which should be done and should be very firm in things which should not be done.

The whole of the Exercise was based on truth—in their records and performances and what they put in about them. It was up to them there and their leaders in their Associations to see that a code of truth was maintained. This irresponsible attitude which had grown up would undermine much they stood for.

Giving incidents, Mr. Wilson mentioned the peal at Great Milton, when the names of three well-known ringers and five Rolling Stones were submitted. Some of those names had lately appeared in police court proceedings.

Last autumn there was the Eleanor Spriggs affair and the name of a member of his Association (London County) was linked with it. The story was actually in print when a chance telephone call to the Editor about half an hour before going to press enabled the report and other things to be cut out. They considered libel action but decided for the good of the Exercise not to proceed. The two people concerned offered to put an apology in "The Ringing World." Unfortunately "The Ringing World" Committee decided against giving them extra publicity, and regarded it as a childish prank, and that if they did not give publicity hoaxes would cease.

"I will not give you any names," continuned Mr. Wilson. "I was criticised when I sent this motion in because 'The Ringing World' Committee had decided not to print the apology. This action cannot be regarded as a childish prank as the persons concerned were not children, but were receiving higher education at our expense."

Within a few weeks there was a peal rung in Norfolk composed by a non-existent person. Inquiries by the Peals Analysis convener showed that it was a true peal but the composer's name was not. The same man's name appeared in the visitors book of the Society concerned with this motion.

Since then there had been further hoaxes. There was one at Much Hadham and there was a handbell peal in which the names of characters from a publication called "Private Eye" appeared. The Editor got a letter suggesting he ought to have recognised the names. When he was young he had neither the time nor the money for "Private Eye," and now certainly no inclination. Another letter received stated: "What appals me is that our paper should have been linked with such a blatant, anti-Christian and lewd publication."

Other hoaxes had been picked up by the Editor. They were also using the names of well-known ringers. A man could get into serious trouble when it was alleged that he was somewhere else.

"This has to be stopped; but can it? You can stop it, and my seconder, Mr. Rogers, will deal with that. We could stop it at 'The Ringing World' end by insisting that every item is vetted by a responsible officer of each Association. It might cost us £800 a year or £1,000 a year but it could be done. I don't think you want 'The Ringing World' Committee to do this as it involves delays in publication, but if it continues it must be done as a last resort.

"It may be that these hoaxes have come as a part of a sniping campaign against 'The Ringing World.' If it continues it will affect the Peals Analysis Committee and the Records Committee In 'The Ringing World' this week we are told, sir, of your latest public address in which you have taken the opportunity, as we have come to expect, of stressing the Church side of our art. In my writings I have tried to do the same But how can you or I or anyone else do this when these disgraceful occurrences continue?"

Mr. H. W. Rogers (London County Association) said they must face facts and not hide behind these people. "Some of us ring peals and believe what we read in 'The Ringing World' to be true and complete peals. It needs brains, though twisted, to do these things The sensible way is for Association officers to see that the culprits are expelled from membership of their Associations and the facts stated in 'The Ringing World.' This must be completely and unreservedly condemned Some of these are known to Association officers and when it comes to taking action against them do not be influenced by old school ties or the colours of a university in the action you should take I hope we shall get a completely unanimous vote in our condemnation of this disgusting action."

Asked if the peal with a false composer was included in the analysis, Mr. Walter Ayre said he wrote to the person who was supposed to have conducted the peal but got no reply Mr. White had been in touch with Mr Nolan Golden, who said it was a true peal and it would therefore be included in the analysis

Mr. W. Cook, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, said he was vaguely aware of this but it seemed to be more widespread than he realised. How many peals were there? Did they come from a small group or were they widespread?

Mr. Nolan Golden (Norwich Association) said he inquired about the Saxlingham peal and its composition which was sent to him. It was known to everyone. He also inquired of the local ringers and they said it was truly rung. Only the conductor was not a resident ringing member of the Norwich Association.

Mr. H. L. Roper supported the motion and asked if the names of the people were known. If so, they should be published in "The Ringing World."

Mr. W. Parrott (Surrey Association) said if all peals submitted to "The Ringing World" were sent through the Association secretary they would be spotted before they got into "The Ringing World."

Mr A D Barker thought the Council should give a lead

Mr. D. A. Bayles: If I had been the perpetrator of a hoax I would have obtained great satisfaction from this debate. I propose we move on to the next business.

A voice: It is a coward's way of proceeding.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove objected to dragging in names and also those of a Society, although he was in favour of the motion.

Mr R A. Anderson: I suggest on a point of order it should be put to the meeting

Mr. P. A. Corby: Tell us why it is out of order.

Mr. Bottomley: It should not be moved by someone who has just made a speech.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed moved, and Mr. G W. Pipe seconded, that the Council move to the next business.

The Rev. K W. H. Felstead: Does it mean that it falls to the ground?

The President: No, it means that we shall vote on the motion.

When the motion was eventually put to the meeting it was carried, there being only one vote against.

Record Sales of C.C. Publications

HON LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

ONCE again I am able to report a record concerning the sale of publications—the number sold this year reaching a record total of 6,700, of which more than half were "Beginners' Handbooks."

During the year we have had a reprint of 'Preservation of Bells" and "Beginners' Handbook" and the new collection of "Popular Major Compositions"—the sales of which are promising—became available in September. The Exercise owes a deep debt of gratitude to the members of the Peals Collection Committee for compiling this most useful collection of compositions.

May I appeal to members of the Council to help us by persuading ringers, when ordering publications, to write their names and addresses in block capitals.

The thanks of the Council are due to those concerned for the following presentations: Photostat copy of E. H. Lewis's work on Towers and Forces, D. Hughes; Church Bells of Cardiganshire, F. Sharpe; Change Ringing, W. G. Wilson: Australia—Maurice Berry. St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne: Method Structure in Change Ringing Part II, A. E. C. York-Bramble; Copies of Irish Bell News, F. E. Dukes.

Thanks to the co-operation of Mr. W. Pitcher we now have a centre for the sale of our publications in Australia. We are indeed grateful to Mr. Pitcher and trust that his help will be a real benefit to our fellow ringers down under.

No doubt all members of the Council will realise that Mr R. F. B. Speed has now relinquished the sales section of the Library, but I wonder how many realise how indebted the Exercise is to him and his wife for the tremendous amount of work and time they must have devoted during the past nine years in disposing of over 36,000 of the Council's publications involving a turnover of over £2,400. We must say the heartiest possible "THANK YOU" for the work they have done so efficiently during these years, during which time the yearly sales have increased by well over 400 per cent and the income therefrom by nearly 400 per cent. I am most grateful to Mr. J L. Garner-Hayward for taking over this section of the Library, a job which entails almost daily attention.

Frank W. Perrens, Hon. Librarian.

SALE DURING 1966

	Copies sold	Value at cost £	s.	d.
Preservation of Bells	173	41	16	6
Beginners' Handbook	3.436	341	3	7
Popular Major Methods	126	115	1	10
False Course Heads	57	12	2	3
Minor Methods	364	100	5	10
Stedman Compositions	109	41	14	9
Doubles Methods	170	50	9	0
Ringing for Service	149	50	10	11
On Conducting	182	35	18	5
C.C Handbook	111	31	15	3
Method Sheets—D.N.C.B.M.	30	8	11	0
Ditto—Triples	73	5	9	0
Collection of Peals—Sec. III	37	1	6	6
Card—Care of Bells	92		18	9
Model Rules	45	5	6	3
Electrical Switchgear Card	12	3	2	9
Four-way Minor Table	114	13	17	0
Recruiting Leaflet	478	3	2	7
Handbell Ringing	223	43	7	4
Grandsire Caters	119	24	2	5
Surprise Methods	296	71	8	4
Ditto—Composition (Wratten)		107	5	0
		£1,108	15	3

Mr. F. W. Perrens moved the adoption and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded and the report was adopted.

Peal Reports and Voluntary Contributions

Drastic action with the object of producing a regular income for "The Ringing World" was the object of a motion proposed by Mr W. Butler, which read:

"That all peal reports will continue to be published in 'The Ringing World' but only those accompanied by a peal fee of 2d per word will be published in the present style."

Mr. Butler said he felt rather diffident about this motion because we had had several motions that charges be made for peal reports and these had been rejected by the Council.

"I have heard it said by a great many peal ringers that as they buy 'The Ringing World' they are entitled to have their names published. I, personally, do not agree with this. An argument is that records kept would not be complete if peals were charged for as some people would not send them up. Another point is that peals are news, but when peals are published in a local paper they are set very differently. Those that appear in 'The Ringing World' are set in the form of an advertisement and I think people should pay for it.

"Who is going to suffer by such an arrangemen.? The Editor, he would have to register the peals Secondly, those who compiled the peals analysis and would have extra work to do. Thirdly, the people who ring peals and like to see them in print.

"Who will benefit? First and foremost everyone would benefit. With rising costs, the cost of producing 'The Ringing World' will rise in the coming year. That cost must be obtained somewhere and any increase in the seliing price is offset by the decrease in the number of subscribers."

Mr. Butler said he had been told that the scheme was impracticable. He had examined a large number of peals and the average price was very much the same, 8s. for six bells, 9s. for eight bells, 10s. for ten bells and for 12 bells, plus money for footnotes. The average cost today to print a peal in the present form was from 10s. to 16s.

Seconding, Mr. N. Diserens, also of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, reminded the Council that "The Ringing World" was their paper and it was up to them to decide how it was to be run and financed. The accounts showed a profit of about £800, and of that £600 came from donations. He would like to see the paper run on a more businesslike footing. Possibly in the next two or three years the price of production would have increased and it would mean that either the price would be put up or peals printed in smaller type, like quarter peals. "I do not think we should wait until 'The Ringing World' is in the red. I feel that the time to act is now."

Mr P. Walker (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said his immediate reaction was that the proposal would not work. To set all peal reports in two different types and to expect the Editor to check each peal before he could print it was quite ridiculous. He would like to propose an amendment:

(1) That all peals should be published in the form of a paragraph but kept under the headings of Associations.

(2) That the sum of 2s. 6d. should be sent with each peal report.

In the Oxford Guild peals were published in paragraph form. At first he did not think very much of it. It is now accepted and there were no complaints. From a financial point of view the normal amount would be £9 a week or £450 a year.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott seconded the amendment and said the Guild of Devonshire Ringers discussed this at its meeting on the previous Saturday. He put forward a similar motion last year to a very tired Council after the reception. He knew then, when he got on his hind legs, that he had no chance, but they would go on trying

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County Association) wondered if Mr. Ayre would find his work on the analysis more difficult if the peals were in paragraph form. Certainly in his Association, where they were printed in paragraph form, they found it difficult. He would personally prefer the peals to be printed as at present.

Mr. Brian Threlfall (Cambridge University) said the point he wished to make covered the original motion and also the amendment. He felt that in asking the Council to make a decision they were tying the hands of "The Ringing World" Committee. He did not think they should elect such a committee and tell them what to do. He thought it was time they had a fair system of charging for peals and quarter peals.

Mr. W. Moreton (Yorkshire Association): The recent census which has been carried out may give some indication.

Mr. D. Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: From the recent census over 70 per cent would not like to see peals in quarter peal form.

Mr. D. R. Carlisle (Derbyshire Association) said his Association had a peal booking fee and very nearly 100 per cent. of peals were paid for. He thought "The Ringing World" Committee could handle this if they made a recommendation for a peal fee without any mandatory requirements. It would be a good compromise.

Mr. C. E. Pipe (Suffolk Guild) said if "The Ringing World" needed further financial assistance to print peals, at the end of the year each Association should send a donation of, say, 6d. per ringer of each peal. He thought that each ringer standing in a peal should pay 2s. Of this, 1s. would go to the church and 1s. to the Association, and at the end of the year the Association should send 6d. to "The Ringing World."

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) said some years ago the "Irish Bell News," of which he was editor, published peals in the present form. For economy reasons they reduced the peals to paragraph form. Now they put them in in smaller type and they occupied about a quarter of the space. He mentioned this because the Irish ringers wanted to see more news than peals.

Mr. Trevor Roderick (Llandaff and Monmouth Association) suggested that the resolution was too loosely worded. Would there be a maximum amount?

Mr. H. L. Roper moved an amendment that consideration be left to "The Ringing World" Committee and if necessary a report be submitted to the next meeting.

This was carried by only about eight votes

Mr. S. Ivin (Oxford University Society) asked if it would be possible to have some vote in favour of a charge or not.

Mr. R. S. Anderson asked if Mr. Roper would accept the comment in "The Ringing World" report to save time next year.

Mr. Roper: I think it might be included in the report.

Miss M. R. Cross (Universities Association) asked on a point of order if the amendment should not be put to the meeting.

Mr. Eric Critchley (Yorkshire Association) supported Mr. Ivin, stating it would be a valuable lead to "The Ringing World" Committee.

About half voted for and half against.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CARILLON GIFT

There was unanimous support for a resolution asking both the British and Australian Governments to include bells hung for ringing in the English manner in the £250,000 gift from the British Government of a tower and bells for Canberra to mark its 50 years as capital of Australia.

Introducing the subject, the president said the president of the Australian and New Zealand Association had written to them asking for support to their plea that bells be hung for ringing in the carillon. Letters had passed between him and the Minister for the Commonwealth, the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia and their architectural advisers.

Mr. F. Sharpe said the matter was discussed by the Standing Committee the previous evening and a draft resolution had been suggested in these terms. He thought everyone would agree that it would be highly desirable if they could influence a change both at Westminster and Canberra. The resolution reads:

"The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing all the ringers of the Commonwealth and the English-speaking world, unanimously support the plea that eight or more of the bells of the Canberra carillon are hung for ringing in full circle in the English manner."

Mr. Philip Gray (Australian and New Zealand Association) seconded the resolution and said Canberra was a very delightful city. The carillon was to be placed on an island in Lake Birley Griffith. There were no bells hung for ringing in Canberra, the nearest were at Yass, 35 miles away.

Mrs. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild) said the Minister for the Commonwealth, Mr. Herbert Bowden, lived within the Leicester Diocese and she suggested a personal approach.

Mr. T. J. Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, said an enthusiasm already prevailed in Canberra for ringing bells. There was a church in Canberra where the ringers chime changes of London, Superlative and Stedman. He was sure if the facilities were provided there were enough people in Canberra, under the leadership of Col. Watch, who would soon be ringing the eight bells.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

It was left to the Council to determine the date of the next Council meeting, at Worcester. Mr. D. Beacham secretary of the Worcestershire & Districts Association, said immediately the Council accepted their invitation to come to Worcester they set about making preliminary arrangements He moved that the date be the Tuesday after Whit Sunday (June 4th).

Mr. W. B Cartwright seconded.

Mr. P. A. Corby: If we accept this perhaps the next meeting could be on a Saturday.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott considered that it would be a very dangerous thing to change to a Saturday, as it would preclude a large number ringing in their own tower on the Sunday.

The date was agreed to.

1969 MEETING

The secretary said that last year there was an invitation from the Hertford County Association to visit them in 1971. They would now like to bring forward their invitation to 1969.

Mr. Walter Ayre: It gives me the greatest pleasure to invite the Council to Hertfordshire in 1969

Mr. R. G. Bell seconded.

There were no other invitations and the Council accordingly agreed to accept the invitation.

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Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee

I. Week-end and Day Courses:

During the year several inquiries for advice about course organisation have been dealt with and in the following courses this committee has had a good deal of responsibility:

1. Course/Conference for Instructors and Tower Captains, at Selby in March, when Mr. W. F. Moreton was one of the joint organisers. About 70 ringers attended.
2. The fourth annual week-end course at Hereford, organised by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild. Attendance was approximately 35.
3. The seventh annual week-end course at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, organised by Mr. N Chaddock. About 35 attended.
4. The first week-end course in Lincolnshire (Brant Broughton College and Youth Centre), organised by Mr. H. Radley and Mr. N. Chaddock and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. 37 attended.

Courses 1, 2 and 3 above are definitely to be repeated this year and details will appear in "The Ringing World."

In all the above courses emphasis has been on "learning and teaching" aspects since we are convinced that the greatest present need is a larger number of competent tutors.

II. Washington Film:

This film has been out on hire ten times since the last Council meeting. Requests for it tend to be concentrated in the winter season of Association dinners. The charge for hire has been increased from 25s. to 27s. 6d. to cover recent increases in postal charges. It is still in excellent condition for both sound and vision

Now that it is almost paid for it is suggested that its use by Association officials on propaganda visits to Theological Colleges be allowed on payment of postage dues only, subject otherwise to the usual conditions of hire. Anyone interested should write to the convener.

III. Proposed Tutors' Handbook:

Shortly after the last Central Council meeting the convener invited those interested to submit suggestions regarding material thought suitable for inclusion in a "Tutors' Handbook," either direct to him or through "The Ringing World" columns. As the response was relatively small this request was later repeated. The aim was to obtain as many different views as possible on methods of initial instruction. Most contributions made available were limited to the teaching of bell control.

Since the proposed handbook, though relatively small, would involve a good deal of preparation, Mr. W. F. Moreton has underta en to write the first part which will be devoted to learning and teaching bell control, and Mr. N Chaddock to write a chapter on raising and lowering, and the second part which will be devoted to learning and teaching elementary change ringing. At a later date a third part on elementary method ringing could be added.

Work is proceeding on the above and it is hoped to have something ready to show the Council when it meets in Nottingham in May.

IV Theological Colleges:

Our main aim in regard to Theological Colleges continues to be to ensure that a lecture on the various aspects of church bells and ringing is given in as many colleges as possible, annually, or every few years.

In order to maintain liaison between this committee, Theological Colleges, and people concerned with lectures (actual and potential), a good deal of correspondence is involved. By taking over this responsibility Mrs. Jill Staniforth has, during the past year, relieved the convener of a heavy responsibility. This field of activity often seems unrewarding but, in the long run, it is very worthwhile and fruitful

Contact has been made with 28 Theological Colleges during the year. A new development in this work during 1966 is that five training houses for women have been approached by Mrs. Staniforth and their reactions are indicated below.

The following replied in friendly terms although it has not been possible to arrange talks so far:

The Church Army Training College, Blackheath,

Dalton House Bristol;

Gilmore House, Clapham;

St. Michael's House, Oxford.

No response has yet been received from the Josephine Butler Memorial House, Liverpool.

In men's Theological Colleges the programmes mostly seem to be rather full and principals or wardens more often felt unable to accommodate a talk during this academic year. A summary is given below of the situations at the time of this report, so far as is known.

St Aidan's, Birkenhead.—There is now an enthusiastic ringer in residence with whom the principal has been in touch.

Westcott House, Cambridge.—Two active resident student ringers.

Cuddesdon Oxford.—Has a flourishing team of ringers who are well looked after by the Diocesan Guild.

Durham St. John's.—Enthusiastic ringers already active in the college.

Edinburgh—Coats Hall.—Regular talks given by Miss Branson and happy relationships with the ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Lichfield. — Periodic training arranged through the Cathedral ringers.

Lincoln —Lecture due by Mr. J. Freeman in November, 1967.

Llandoff.—Bi-annual lecture due in 1968 by Mr. J. Pryor

Oak Hill, Southgate.—Possibility for lecture in the future.

Ripon Hall, Oxford.—Active student ringers.

Rochester.—Contact with Cathedral ringers continues.

Salisbury.—Lecture due in 1967 by Rev. R. Keeley.

St Boniface College, Warminster.—Student ringers active.

Worcester.—Mr. D. Beecham may give a talk next year.

St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. — Possibility of a talk this summer.

In the case of the following colleges it is not possible to report any further progress: Queen's College, Birmingham; Tyndall Hall, Bristol; Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Bishop's College, Cheshunt; Chichester; Clifton, Bristol; Durham St. Chad's; Kelham; St. David's College, Lampeter; London College of Divinity; Mirfield; St. Stephen's House, Oxford; Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Wells.

If any members of the Council are able to offer help with regard to one or more of the above-mentioned colleges, or at any college not mentioned in this report, will they please write to Mrs. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

V. Miscellaneous Items:

The convener's "postbag" has been a heavy one this year with a wide range of inquiries. They include: Advice for talks in connection with recruiting drives—3; Advice for lecture in a Theological College—1; Ringing films, filmstrips and visual aids (including one from Australia and one from South Africa)—6; Teaching bell control—40; Sound control (dealt with by Mr. F Sharpe)—2; Teaching new band—2; Syllabus for evening institute course—1; How to introduce tune ringing on handbells into school—1; Inquiry re Scout Badge—1; Inquiry re Duke of Edinburgh's Award—1.

In connection with the above, a good deal of prepared duplicated material has been distributed. Useful contact has also been maintained with Washington Cathedral.

Mr. F. Sharpe has given eleven lectures to Societies and Church Organisations, in addition to making a major contribution on the Hereford, Grantley Hall and Brant Broughton courses.

College of Campanology:

"The Ringing World" of November 11th, "Report on the winding-up of the College" stated that points from its teaching experience and results would be available to this committee on application to the principal up to December 31st, 1966.

The principal (Mr. A. York-Bramble) was asked by the convener to include such details in the portfolio of papers which the college intended handing on to the Central Council archives. This would ensure their availability at any time in the future.

(Signed)
Norman Chaddock (convener),
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Rotherham, Yorkshire.
Jill Staniforth,
Marie R. Cross,
Frederick Sharpe.
Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Moving the report, Mr. Chaddock referred to the "Tutors' Handbook," which was in two parts. Mr. Moreton was writing on bell control and he was dealing with elementary change ringing They hoped to publish it before the end of the year.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Mr. A. V. Davis said the committee had not their own film. Visual aid was very useful when speaking to groups of people. They had at present one Canadian and a Washington film. It should be possible to produce a short film for 35 minutes' duration.

Mr. Philip Gray: My company has just made a film which lasted 25 minutes. It cost £24,000.

Mr. G. Dodds asked if the committee was doing anything about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Guide and Scout badges.

Mrs. Rogers said quite often it was possible to borrow a projector from the local education authority without cost.

Mr. Chaddock replied that a few years ago the committee investigated the film position and it would cost thousands for a professional film. It might be possible to make an 8 mm. film in an amateur way They had had inquiries about the Duke of Edinburgh's award and Scout and Guide badges. He asked if anybody felt like making a record of good striking on six, eight, ten and twelve bells to let him know

Mr. W. G. Wilson mentioned that he had been asked to write a book on Scout and Guide badges.

The report was adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The hon. secretary said he would ask next year for approval of an amendment to Rule 17 that notice of a motion must be given four weeks before the meeting instead of five as at present.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE

The hon. secretary reported:—

	Present	Absent
45 Associations fully represented	115	—
12 Partly represented	28	18
5 Not represented	—	5
Life members	6	1
Honorary members	18	4
Grand total	167	28

This, said Mr. Bottomley, constituted a record of 167 out of a possible strength of 195. Last year the attendance was 159.

Comprehensive Survey of Ringing Overseas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HAVE you noticed nowadays that you cannot open your "Ringing World" without seeing two or three items of overseas news? Time and time again it is the departure from Britain of talented young people going to a sunnier and fuller life, and for us it is exciting to see the burgeoning of their enthusiasm as news comes in of first performances in far-off towers. They are our ambassadors bearing the high standards of those who taught them in the "Old Country" and the practical encouragement of their youth to the limits of the world of ringing. Long may they prosper.

AFRICA. REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town Cathedral (10, 25 cwt.). This site is now in the hands of developers and the Cathedral extension has priority, consequently the tower, designed as a detached campanile, has been deferred for at least ten years

Woodstock (8, 11 cwt.) is going through a difficult period. Learners have fallen away and regular Sunday ringing has ceased.

Durban (10 18 cwt.—Wednesday) has a regular band ringing call changes and Grandsire. Two articles appeared about them in the Press, but the useful publicity in "S.A. Panorama," a glossy Government information magazine, was unfortunately marred by a contrived picture of two lads dangling from a rope

At St. Paul's, (8, 14 cwt.) the energetic Cyril Chambers holds two practice nights to cope with the spate of learners. At the moment their enthusiasm outstrips their skill. Both of these towers join forces to ring for weddings and have received much encouragement from passing visitors.

Grahamstown (8, 25 cwt.) has one of the oldest rings in Africa. Practice here is on Sunday afternoons during term time by pupils of the Theological College.

RHODESIA

Que Que (4, 5 cwt.) A quarter peal of Minimus in April was a fine achievement in this remote tower

Salisbury (10, 24 cwt.). The Wednesday practices are enjoyed by a small but strong band and one peal and one quarter were scored. Half a dozen visitors have passed this way and the bells rang out for all but two Sundays during 1966—a very commendable record The local Press published an unusual worm's eye view of the band. Taken through a wide-angle lens at floor level, it gives a comprehensive view of all the ringers in action.

AUSTRALIA

When related to the achievements of the past five years the total of ten peals for A.N.Z.A.B. is a fairly average figure. Turning to the field of quarter peals we can observe the beneficial effect of the English Adventurers, for the total of 85 was a 30 per cent. gain over the 1964 figures. Performances of special note—all firsts in Australia were quarter peals of Brentford, Superlative, Quantock, Quedgeley, Kentish and Francis Genius, and from Sydney the first peal on the new ten at St Andrew's. Of particular interest was the quarter, first by a ladies' band, at Burwood, handbell peals of Ashbourne and Double Norwich, and the extra territorial peal rung by A.N.Z.A.B. members attending the 1966 Council meeting in Somerset.

With a total membership of 150, the strength of A.N.Z.A.B. was apparent at the annual festival held this year in Sydney. The striking competition for the Joyner Cup was won by N.S.W. and an original and outstandingly successful social evening was held on board a ferry boat cruising round Sydney Harbour At this meeting Bill Pitcher was elected president of the Association to mark his services to ringing, which include four years as editor of that informative and lively quarterly "Ringing Towers." well worth five bob a year. In "The Ringing World" attractive articles have appeared from Margaret Goodyer and Walter Knight recording their impressions of swinging, ringing England.

Adelaide has chalked up first quarters by a local band at the Town Hall (8, 13 cwt.) and at St Peter's (8, 41 cwt.), the second heaviest eight in the world.

Ballarat.—St. Peter's (8, 12 cwt.—Tuesday) Has had a thoroughgoing rehang, including a recast seventh a new frame and correct sound control. All the work was carried out by the ringers under Graeme Waldron; a truly magnificent achievement. Ringers at City Hall (8 22 cwt.), alternate Wednesdays, have scored a quarter peal

Bendigo (8, 14 cwt.—Wednesday) are active with quarter peals by the local band.

Burwood (8, 11 cwt —Thursday) was the scene of a memorable first quarter by a ladies' band in Australia—Bob Triples, conducted by Enid Roberts

Darling Point (8, 8 cwt.—Thursday practice)

Hobart.—The Cathedral (8, 14 cwt.) band practise on Monday, and at Holy Trinity (8. 9 cwt.) on Thursday.

Maryborough (8, 21 cwt.) has an active call change band

Melbourne.—St Paul's (12, 31 cwt.) practise on Wednesday.

Parramatta (6, 10 cwt.—Wednesday). This band is making a determined attempt to become an eight-bell tower. and during 1965 they rang for 144 weddings to swell their augmentation fund.

Perth (8, 22 cwt.—Wednesday). Although a remote tower, St. George's has a flourishing band of 20 ringers, of whom half are pommies. An appeal has been launched to make this into a ten-bell tower.

Randwick (8, 20 cwt.—Tuesday). These Naylor Vickers steel bells have had ten peals rung on them since 1864. Ringing is enlivened by the clapper flight of the third catching the rope of the second.

Sydney.—St. Andrew's Cathedral, formerly a 10 cwt. six, now rejoices in a new Loughborough ten (29¼ cwt. in C sharp). The first peal, Grandsire Caters, was duly scored by eight Sydneysiders with the captains of Melbourne and Adelaide Cathedrals. Practice is on Monday, with tied bell instructions on Saturday mornings. St. Benedict's (6, 6 cwt.—Wednesday by arrangement). St. Mary's R.C (8, 25 cwt.—Monday). Christ Church 6, 13 cwt.) While the tower of this historic landmark undoubtedly requires strengthening, some responsibility for the silence of the bells seems to lie with a non-ringing architect.

Turramurra (6, 9 cwt.—Friday) is active with quarter peals.

Walkerville (6, 12 cwt.—Wednesday).

West Maitland (6, 14 cwt.—Monday) also has a ring of steel bells.

NEW ZEALAND

The 21 members of A.N.Z.A.B. in New Zealand hope that Christchurch will be the venue for the 1968 meeting of the Association.

Auckland (8, 18 cwt.). The tower here has been cracked for many years, in fact the bells were last rung up about 65 years ago. Nowadays they are clocked for service.

Cambridge (6, 15 cwt.). These Vickers Armstrong bells of 1883 are almost the last steel bells to have been cast. Hung in two tiers in the small wooden tower, all but one swinging the same way. it is not surprising that the spire is unsafe. Stays and sliders and part of a wheel are missing and struts prevent the tenors from rising, even the drum chiming machine set for three leads of Grandsire is derelict.

Christchurch (10. 32 cwt.—Tuesday). This active band of 20 enjoy service ringing up to Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal. A successful quarter of Stedman Triples contained no less than seven firsts, but a peal of Bob Major was unfortunately lost halfway. We note with regret the passing of George Claydon, a past Master of the Society, with over 40 years' service to ringing in New Zealand.

Hamilton (8, 20 cwt.). Ringing is maintained with six-bell methods in this handsome belfry.

Napier. In spite of representations by A.N.Z.A.B., the Cathedral has installed a chime, since they considered swinging bells were too risky in such a bad earthquake area.

Nelson. Here the Cathedral made use of a small bequest and installed a chime.

Papanui (5, 6 cwt. in a wooden tower). These Warner bells of 1880 are an insurance replacement for those lost at sea off the Cape of Good Hope. Ringing is being maintained by the local band, and a peal attempt unhappily came to grief.

CANADA

The strong fraternal feelings common to ringers everywhere were experienced by Peter Mackie in Canada, and his article in "The Ringing World" outlines the hazards of low temperature ringing when lubricants solidify and any job "up top" is a major effort. 1967 is Centennial Year and we look forward to plenty of ringing to mark the celebrations. Calgary's peal and Victoria's quarter show they are limbering up.

Calgary (8, 8 cwt.) is active with many Canadian learners and the bells are in good condition. Congratulations on a successful peal—the first for 20 years.

Mission City (10, 21 cwt.). The band of 20 strong is drawn from the Benedictine monks of the Abbey Grandsire and Stedman Caters are in the repertoire.

Quebec City. Holy Trinity (8, 16 cwt.) Here, in the first Anglican Cathedral to be built outside the British Isles, is the oldest rings of bells in Canada. St. Matthew's (8, 8 cwt.) is quiescent. In this great French-speaking city English style ringing is faced with great difficulties.

Vancouver (8. 16 cwt.—Tuesday). Whilst the bells are in good condition, the fabric as a whole is undergoing a complete survey. Standard methods are rung for service by a dozen members of the band, who entertain hopes for a centennial quarter. They were broadcast ringing in the New Year, and also twice visited Mission City. It is interesting to note that all but two of the band at this Roman Catholic Cathedral are Anglicans.

Victoria (8, 29 cwt.—Tuesday). The Master of 19 ringers here is predominantly of English origin Led by the redoubtable Mr. Izard, these bells have been rung regularly since their installation 30 years ago. Nowadays standard methods are practised and very recently the first quarter of Stedman Triples in the Dominion was scored.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

George Pipe's account of the Washington dedication was entitled 'Ten Men Went to Sow" and in the short time that has passed we can see how that seedling has grown into a vigorous sapling. Peals and quarter peals are beginning to come forth and the first steps have been taken towards the formation of a North American Association, with their own magazine.

Groton (10, 18 cwt.). This school tower is a must for any visiting band. During the year Russell Young took his band to visit Kent School and will be bringing some of them to Britain during the summer of 1967.

Kent (10, 24 cwt.) This school is a bright example of American enthusiasm, for they practise daily during term time and their instructor ha the official rating of "faculty adviser." The 18 members of the band are looking forward to visiting Washington to participate in the third anniversary of the dedication of the great Cathedral.

Washington (10, 32 cwt. — four afternoon practices weekly). From the beginning, in 1963, when 14 stays were broken in two weeks, the Guild of the national cathedral has expanded three-fold to embrace one-fifth of the entire upper school plus some adults. The first peal for the Guild has been proudly recorded as well as first quarters of Stedman,

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Towers and Belfries Committee Consulted by 108 Churches

DURING the year 1966 advice on bell and tower restoration, and kindred matters, was given in a total of one hundred and eight churches. This is ten less than in 1965, which was an all-time record. If, however, the 62 churches in Herefordshire visited by the convener during the year were added to the total the result would be much higher. In the latter verbal advice on repairs and maintenance was given and without doubt if these visits had not been made some additional requests for inspections and written reports would have been made to our committee.

Also the year 1966 has been exceptional in the amount of correspondence with architects, Diocesan Advisory Committees, and Parochial Church Councils, following reports and advice given in previous years, and on many occasions the convener has been hard pressed in dealing with these; so that in all 1966 has been a year of great activity.

OVERSEAS—Continued.

Oxford and Kent, also two lost peals, one of them uniquely, in competition with the 54-bell carillon on the floor below. All in all a year of solid achievement We note with regret that the projected tour of North America by a British band has had to be postponed on account of the restricted travel allowance.

INDIA

Poona (8, 25 cwt.). At the instigation of this committee the Bishop of Bombay is having a survey made of the installation in this detached tower For this purpose a questionnaire was prepared. At present only one bell of this 1893 Taylor octave is chimed daily.

ITALY

Rivoli Veronese. A correspondent reports an active band practising whole-pull ringing on this 12 cwt. five, cast in Verona about 1900

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The committee would be glad to receive items of news and corrections for the record. Prospective travellers are invited to make use of the information in our collection.

We cannot close this report without bringing before the Council the expressions of fraternal greeting by ringers the world over to the church bell ringers of Great Britain.

My sincere thanks go out to all faithful correspondents, without whose help this report would not have been possible

A. Victor Sheppard (Convener),
3, Palace Place,
Brighton 1, Sussex.

Mr. V. Sheppard moved the report and said that the tower of Christ Church, Sydney, had now been strengthened, and St. Paul's was receiving attention.

Mr. G. W Pipe seconded and commended the tremendous work Mr. Sheppard had put in. The peal of Stedman Triples by the local band at Washington was a fine performance and he suggested the Council congratulate the band.

Mr. E. A Barnett said it would be a fitting gesture for the Council to send its congratulations, and this was agreed to.

Mr. F. C. Price (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said another ten boys were coming from Groton this year to this country. This was their fourth visit and he would like to thank Mr. Pipe for the arrangements he had made for their visit to Suffolk.

The report was adopted.

As in former years this report is compiled from statistics sent to the convener by individual members; and, of the 108 requests for advice, 19 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of our committee visited 89 churches, only two less than in the peak year of 1965.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed geographically, thus: Bedfordshire 3, Berkshire 8, Buckinghamshire 6, Cambridgeshire 6, Cornwall 3, Carmarthenshire 1, Cheshire 4, Devonshire 10, Dorset 1, Essex 8, Glamorgan 1, Gloucestershire 1, Herefordshire 3, Hertfordshire 1, Huntingdonshire 1, Kent 3, London 1, Middlesex 1, Northamptonshire 3, New Zealand 1, Northumberland 1, Nottinghamshire 4, Oxfordshire 10, Pembrokeshire 1, Surrey 6, Sussex 2. Somerset 13 Staffordshire 1, Shropshire 1, Wiltshire 2, Warwickshire 1. Total 108.

It is impossible to comment in detail on individual towers and bells in a report of this nature, when one considers that a full report on bells, gear, tower and acoustics normally covers from six to eight closely-typed pages. An analysis of the reports submitted by individual members of our committee has been summarised and reveals the following:

MORE ADVICE ON RECASTING

Twelve parishes sought advice on augmentation of existing rings a decrease of one on the previous year, but still well above the average The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells increased this year to sixteen. Fifty-four churches sought advice on rehanging or were advised by members of our committee to completely rehang their bells: and the number seeking advice on repairs and/or maintenance decreased to 44. Forty parishes sought advice on sound control, and these were considerably more interesting and varied than in former years, and covered a much wider area of the country. Inquiries regarding tower oscillation, and requests for advice where extensive damage had been done to masonry, amounted to 21, only half last year's total.

No outstanding problems occurred during the year, and a noticeable feature of the reports was that there was a decrease in the number of requests for advice on the total number of sections into which the summary of work has been sub-divided. The requests from the parishes this year have been mainly for some specific section, or sections.

NEW BOOK HELD UP

The committee has not met during the year to consider in further detail the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance of bells and gear. Some of the blame for this must be credited to the convener, but he has been hard-pressed with routine inspections and correspondence, and has further had his available time restricted by reason of his wife's serious illness. It was resolved at the last meeting that each member of the committee should prepare a draft of a section of the proposed work and submit it to our vice-president who would then write the introduction to the work.

During the year Mr. F. E. Collins has given several lectures on bell hanging and maintenance, and the convener has given over twenty lectures to diocesan organisations and committees, architectural institutes and societies, kindred professional organisations, Parochial Church Councils and adult education colleges, and it is a matter for satisfaction to note that the interest of these organisations, in all matters connected with our art. continues to increase.

We do not wish to conclude without reference to the sudden death of Mr. John Worth, although this took place in 1967. and is strictly outside the scope of this report. Mr. Worth's valuable contribution to our art is well known and we welcomed him as a member of our committee in succession to Mr. J W. Clark a few years ago. He was a most useful member whose advice was greatly valued in the north-western area of the country. The day before his death the convener wrote to him asking for his contribution to this report, and he must have received the letter on the day he died, and compiled his contribution straightaway, for his daughter found it on top of the papers on his desk. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of his family and his many ringing friends.

Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., F.I.O.B. (convener),
Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

B. Austin A.R.I.B.A.; F. E. Collins, M.I.Inst.E.; J. Freeman, M.I.Mun.E.; A. J. Frost, A.R.I.B.A.; T. M. Roderick; H. J. Sanger; Rev. J. G. M. Scott, M.A.; B. D. Threlfall, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. Sharpe said a tremendous amount of work had been done by the committee and if any member had a question he had ten volumes of files in the boot of his car. He would like to express his thanks to members of the committee who had helped him during his wife's illness—Mr Fred Collins, Mr. Alan Frost and Mr. Brian Threlfall.

BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES

Mr Martin (Chester Guild) said his Guild was concerned about new churches. Had anything been done to provide suitable campaniles?

The Rev. J. Scott said the matter was dealt with by the committee a few years ago. The problem seemed to arise before we or even the Diocesan Advisory Committee had been consulted. It started when the clergy discussed the question with the architect. If ringers knew of a case they should tell the P.C.C that it could be done fairly cheaply.

Mr. Edgar Shepherd paid a tribute to the work of the committee. Three times he had approached them and he was very impressed with their detail and thoroughness. It was meticulously done.

Miss M. R. Cross thought knowledge about bells and ringing could be spread through diocesan magazines.

Mr. Sharpe: I have read excellent articles in "The Norwich Churchman."

The general secretary said reprints of the article "Bells. True or False" had been sent to diocesan advisory committees and they had been very cordially received. This was through a strong request from Col. Jerram, a member of a diocesan advisory committee.

Mr. Brian Threlfall called attention to the untimely death of Mr. John Worth and moved that Mr. Henry O. Baker be elected to fill his place.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded and this was agreed to.

The report was then adopted.

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Broadcasting and Television Committee

BELLS appear to have been broadcast or televised to a lesser degree during 1966 than in previous years, that is. if the accounts which are sent to us are any indication; and we are dependent very largely on what is sent to us by the ringers themselves for inclusion in this report Most of the ringing which has been heard over the air has come from the West Region and from Ireland

In the **West Region** the bells of St Mary's, Southampton, were broadcast on May 13th in the World Service prior to the University Arts Festival On June 26th Modbury Devon, bells were heard on the Home Service, as were Shedfield Parish Church, Southampton. on August 14th. Tewkesbury Abbey bells were heard briefly prior to the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve.

B.B C Bristol featured the Bristol Ringing Festival in the Light Programme on October 31st. This programme included the bells of Westbury-on-Trym, Horfield and St Mary Redcliffe, and Philip Gray was interviewed by Mark Puckle of the B.B.C. West Region staff in an extremely lucid and well-informed manner. There was a brief reference in the "Points West" programme to the Festival with shots of a few towers.

This programme also gave good coverage on November 16th to a somewhat unique occasion, it being the 90th anniversary of the murder of P.C. Nathaniel Cox at East Coker, Somerset. The occasion was marked by a gathering of members of the National Police Guild. A short service in the church was followed by the laying of a wreath on the grave of P.C. Cox, and later, in the tower, a peal of Grandsire Triples. Shots of the ringers in action and ringing prior to the peal with other items of proceedings were seen and heard on television.

An extremely co-operative B.B.C. engineer produced a first-class recording of the bells of Wells Cathedral for the Christmas Bells programme, and the Cathedral ringers did well to give such a good performance.

From Ireland we learn that the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were heard from Radio Eireann following the carol service on Christmas Eve. The same medium broadcast the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on New Year's Day; St. Peter's, Ballymodan, and St. George's, Dublin, before divine services; and also a topical talk relating to the Canada Centenary, 1967, and made a special mention of the part bells will play in the celebrations.

Mr W. Patterson appeared on Ulster Television in a bellringing feature. The B.B.C. broadcast the bells of Holywood Parish Church before a divine service, and St. Donard's, Belfast, in the Christmas Bells programme. The bells of Carrickfergus were one of the two from the Christmas Bells broadcast selected for the 7.50 a.m. broadcast on Sundays. They were heard on the air on a recent Sunday morning.

In a sponsored programme on Radio Eireann. Miss Ida Graham devoted "Woman's Viewpoint" entirely to the part ladies take in the belfry.

The **North Region** reports that on Easter Sunday the morning service on B.B.C.TV came from Boston. Lincolnshire, and was introduced by good rounds on the back eight. Two TV services from other regions were noted where bells were included, viz.: Cirencester (B.B.C., March) and North Mymms (ITV, September). Tyne-Tees Television recorded the enthronement of the new Bishop of Durham and the bells were heard, but unfortunately only part of the ringing down.

On the occasion of the peal attempt at York Minster in July, the president of the York Minster Society, Mr. Harold Walker, was heard in "Voice of the North." He was introduced with the sound of the bells.

In the Christmas broadcast it was hoped to continue the policy followed in recent years of selecting a tower from one of the main societies of the region which had not been represented previously.

Once again the checking of recorded results proved to be of value. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton was invited to assist and advise on this matter and the result was certainly a good recording of the immaculate cartwheeling, whatever one's personal likes and dislikes may be about this type of ringing. It is hoped that in the 1967 programme a tower from the Derby Diocese will complete the representation of all Societies of the region in these broadcasts

The **Midland Region** has little to report. There have been several instances of services being televised from churches whose bells would have enhanced the broadcast had the ringers been asked to co-operate. We stressed the point in our report of last year that directly it is known that a church has been selected for radio or television its ringers should approach their incumbent with a view to getting the bells included in the programme. It is very unusual for the broadcasting authorities to refuse such a request provided it presents no technical difficulties.

On March 19th a service from Solihull Church was televised and no mention of the bells was made in the original programme However, the Rector. who is interested in his bells and ringers, requested the B.B.C. to use the bells as a prelude to the service, with very satisfactory result. which clearly illustrates what can be done

East Anglia is another region where there appears to have been very little broadcasting activity amongst bells. At Holt, in Norfolk, the dedication of the bells on February 6th by the Bishop of Lynn was televised for transmission at a later date. The president of the Central Council preached and took part in the ringing. Anglia Television Limited transmitted in February a news film showing bells being removed from Rougham Church, Suffolk. for conveyance to Loughborough. The oldest bell in the ring dated back to the early 15th century.

Bells were featured twice in the B.B.C.'s "Look East" programme—on May 9th a film of members of the Suffolk Guild at their annual competition, and on December 8th a film of girls from March High School practising at St. Mary's Church, Whittlesey, near Peterborough.

In the **London Region** only three items of broadcasting have come to our notice—the "Songs of Praise" service from Saffron Walden Church was introduced to the sound of the bells. Westminster Abbey bells were seen and heard over the air on the closing day of the 900th year

An interesting film was made in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Kingston on Thames, for the children's programme "Blue Peter." It was intended to arouse interest in bellringing among children. and to show them that it is something which they can learn to do safely and with interest. The presenter, John Noakes, was shown being taught to ring, and the local ringers, led by Bill Jackson. also appeared in the film.

Scottish Region reports that the ringers are on friendly terms with the staff in the religious section of the B.B.C. Scottish Region and have been able to meet all their requests for ringing.

This committee was invited again to select the towers for the "Christmas Bells" programme and the convener was pleased to accept the producer's invitation to be present at the editing of the tapes.

(Signed) H. N. Pitstow (Convener),
Saffron, High Street,
Banstead, Surrey.
D. A. Bayles,
J. T. Dunwoody,
G. E. Fearn,
H. J. Sanger,
A. G. Thurlow,
R. S. Wilson.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow, in proposing the adoption, said three broadcasts by Mr. Sharpe had been missed, also two in the Midlands and one in the Welsh. He proposed that Mrs. King be added to the committee to act for Wales.

Mr. D. A. Bayles seconded with the addition of the name of Mrs. King.

The report was adopted.

Biographies Committee's Activities

THE first year of the triennial period naturally directs the Committee's attention and work to new members. In this category there were 33, and whilst most of these have complied with our request by filling in the appropriate biography sheet, we are still awaiting others but in the hope. of course, that the remainder of the sheets will be handed in at this meeting. Photographs seem still to be at a premium, although without a picture we surely all agree that the biographical record would appear to be quite incomplete.

The Committee's new system of distributing the blank forms to new members has met with some success and we intend to continue this method for a while, although additional expense is incurred.

A further aspect of the Committee's work is to keep up to date with members' activities. "The Ringing World" is, of course, the chief source of information and during the past 12 months there seems to have been a concentrated influx of achievements, movements and records which it is our pleasure and duty to note.

The following members and past-members have died during the period under review:—

G. L. Hewitt, Shropshire Association, 1946–1956. Died March 18th, 1966. (Attended five meetings.)

D. H. Bennett, Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1939–1950. Died May 1st, 1966. (Five meetings.)

E. G. Fenn, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1939–1956. Died July 14th, 1966. (Three meetings.)

T. R. Dennis, Ely Diocesan Association, 1913–1932. Died August 2nd, 1966. (Nine meetings.)

A. J. Pitman, Swansea and Brecon Guild, 1927–1932, honorary member 1953 onwards. Died August 16th, 1966 (Ten meetings.)

P. Page, Romney Marsh and District Guild, 1933–1939. Died August 25th, 1966. (Five meetings.)

G. Pullinger, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, 1933, 1959. Died October 23rd, 1966. (22 meetings.)

F. W. Lack, Ely Diocesan Association, 1951–1959. Died November 29th, 1966. (Eight meetings).

In addition, the names of P. Crook (Lancashire Association) and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), although included in last year's report, are repeated here to accord with the honorary secretary's statement made in Council.

The work of Albert J. Pitman, especially in the field of composition, will be of everlasting value to the Exercise, while the immense influence of his active ringing career can only be estimated.

George Pullinger, although a one-armed ringer, was a very loyal and consistent supporter of local tower. Guild and Council activities. and his ability, character and personality were outstanding.

T. J. Lock (Convener),
North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.
W. Parrott,
W. H. Viggers,
J. Willis.

Mr. T. J. Lock proposed the adoption and asked new members to hand in their papers giving particulars as soon as possible.

Mr. W. Viggers, who seconded, called attention to members keeping records of peals they had rung.

(More in our next issue)

OUR PICTURE—St. Peter's, Nottingham

FOR nearly 800 years St. Peter's Church has been a place of prayer and praise. It now stands completely surrounded by commerce and traffic, but still a haven of peace and quiet. The building has no outstanding architectural features but its beauty largely consists in the way in which a variety of styles from many periods blend into one. It suffered much devastation in the Civil War (1642–43). The Church of St. Nicholas, which lies close to the Castle, was completely destroyed and a gallery was built in St. Peter's to accommodate its congregation, but this was removed in 1877. The church contains many examples of modern craftsmanship, notably the font cover, two magnificent chandeliers, the new pulpit and two stained glass windows in the north aisle, the first two of a series of four.

In 1961 Messrs Marks and Spencer began negotiations so that work begun in 1964, whereby part of the west side was dedicated to the Corporation, enabled the pavement to be widened and the main entrance moved to the north side, giving easier access. To ensure stability of the church foundations 436 piles were driven in on the west and south sides—a tedious and hazardous task. Ultimately, by 1969, Marks and Spencer's extension is expected to be a single storey block, the roof being level with the churchyard. It will lie behind the hoarding seen on the photograph The churchyard is being replanted with trees and shrubs. The whole project will have re-emphasised the intrinsic merits of St. Peter's as a characteristically city church.

A WASHERWOMAN'S BELL

The earliest reference to the bells appears to be in 1440, when there were at least two, and the Gild Book of St. George in the church contains many references to the ringing of the "great bells" between the years 1479 and 1545. Margery Doubleday, who died in 1544, left the rent of a small close on the south side of Broadmarsh, the value of which was then 20s. a year, to the sexton of St. Peter's Church on condition of his ringing a bell, which she bought for the purpose, every morning (except Sundays) at 4 o'clock to arouse the washerwomen of the town to their labours with a greeting and prayer with which to begin their arduous day. Perhaps Dame Margery Doubleday was once a washerwoman!

There would then probably have been a ring of five, for an indenture record states "Fyve bells, on one accord and a saunce bell and a clocke." In 1625 some alterations were made to the tower and the bells, which had been rung from the ground floor, were henceforth rung from a ringing loft. In 1635 two of the bells were recast, probably by the first George Oldfield, one of the long line of Nottingham founders. In 1666 George Oldfield recast the treble and six years later two bells were given by the Society of Northern Youths, the predecessors of the Society of Sherwood Youths.

RECAST AT WHITECHAPEL

In 1771 the bells were consigned to the melting pot and recast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman of London, the weight of the ring being increased by 21 cwt. to 88 cwt. The inscriptions on the old bells were fortunately preserved by the historian Deering:—

Treble: In perpetvam memoriam societatis irvenvm Borealivm. 1672.

Second: As treble.

Third: God Save the King.

Fourth: God Save His Church.

Fifth: God Save His Church. T. Hvnt, I. Wilson, wardens. 1635.

Sixth: Iesvs be ovr Speda.

Seventh: Ave Maria of you charitie for to pray for the sole of magere dubbyleay. (In black letters.)

Tenor: Robert Sherwin, John Cawton, William Freeman, Richard Wellah, aldermen.

The new bells were first rung in 1771 In 1858 the third was recast by George Mears of London. More work was necessary in 1897 and this restoration, which was part of the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, was carried out by Messrs Taylor of Loughborough, as was the recasting of the seventh in 1902.

In 1919, H. R. Cobbin, a ringer and notable athlete, gave two trebles. Three of the old eight were retuned and the treble and third were hung in an iron frame on top of the old wooden frame. During the war the bells were removed from the tower as a precautionary measure and were afterwards rehung, all on ball bearings.

In 1965 urgent repairs provided the opportunity to augment the ring to 12, and the old wooden frame, now in a poor state, was removed and replaced by a two-tier steel frame. The old ten were overhauled and the fifth, seventh and ninth (of the 12) were hung in the top tier The clock, which since 1840 had occupied all the west wall of the ringing chamber, was removed and replaced by an electrically-motivated mechanism by Messrs. Smith of Derby, thus providing the room for the new rope circle. Messrs. Taylor, who had carried out the restoration and augmentation, must be congratulated on a fine job and their effective use of so limited a space.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble: Surrexit Christe hodie humano pro solamine. Angus Inglis, Rector. Charles E. Cox, Sidney Stockdale, wardens. 1965. Dia. 23¼ ins.

Second: Est Deo gratia. Angus Inglis, Rector Charles E. Cox, Sidney Stockdale, wardens. 1965. Dia. 24¼ins.

Third: To the greater glory of God. St. Peter's Church, Nottingham. H. R. Cobbin gave me. 1919. Thanking God. Dia. 25ins.

Fourth: As third. Dia 26½ins.

Fifth: I was given by the Society of Northern Youths in 1672 and recast by the Sherwood Youths.
In 1771. Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 31ins.

Sixth: I was given by the Society of Northern Youths in 1672 and recast by the Sherwood Youths in 1771.
Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 31¼ins.

Seventh: G. Mears, founder, London. 1858. Dia. 34ins. Previously inscribed:
Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys eccho rond.
Pack and Chapman fecit.

Eighth: We celebrate th'auspicious morn of which the Son of God was born. 1771.
Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 35¼ins.

Ninth: To honour both of God and King Our voices shall in concert ring.
Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 39ins.

Tenth: The bride and groom we greet in holy wedlock Joind our sounds are emblems of hearts in love combind.
Pack and Chapman fecit. Dia. 40¼ins.

Eleventh: I was given by Margery Doubleday about the year 1544 and recast with the other bells in 1771.
Pack and Chapman fecit. Recast in 1902, the year of the Coronation of King Edward VII, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Dia. 44¼ins.

Tenor: The fleeting hours I tell. I summon all to pray. I tell the funerall knell. I hail the festal day.
Saml. Martin, Rector, Jno. Alleyne and Frans. Jones ch:wardens. 1771. Pack and Chapman of London fecit. Dia. 49¼ins.

First references to the actual ringing of the bells appear to be in 1479. The first recorded peal on the bells and the only one to be rung on the old eight before recasting in 1771 was on October 3rd, 1768, which was Grandsire Triples by the Sherwood Youths. This was conducted by William Doubleday Crofts, one of the notable ringers of this time. (See "Ringing World," December 5th, 1924.) In 1774 he conducted a long length of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major which is still the longest length on the bells. Records compiled by Mr. F. A. Salter, until recently Ringing Master at St. Peter's, show that the peal total is now 179. After over 40 years' service to St. Peter's it is unfortunate that ill-health has prevented Mr. Salter enjoying to the full Nottingham's ring of 12

[The above article has been compiled from information kindly supplied by the Rector (the Rev Canon A. Inglis) and Mr. G. A. Dawson, of Gedling.] D.S.

LETTERS

SOUND CONTROL

Dear Sir,—Recently the bells of All Saints' Church, Coddington, were completely restored, a new frame was erected and a new treble added to make a ring of six Then on the advice of an architect the louvres were boarded up, the idea of this being to keep out the rain, etc. However, not only did this keep out the weather but also kept in the sound and it was not long before we had complaints that the residents of the village could not hear the bells ringing. What a refreshing change from constantly reading and hearing of complaints that church bells make too much noise! So it was then decided to put some slides in the boards. This was done, and now, by means of a rope over a pulley and down through the floor to the ringing chamber, we can have the slides up or down as required. It has proved most successful and prompts me to ask how many towers have sound control and in what form? —Yours sincerely,

J. R. KINTON.

Coddington, Notts.

ST. GABRIEL'S, WARWICK SQUARE

Dear Sir,—With regard to your comments in "Belfry Gossip," concerning our peal attempt at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, I hope you will allow me to make one or two of my own

In the first place, full permission was given for the attempt. Secondly, the bells were muffled. Finally, I doubt very much whether ours was the first peal attempt to be interrupted in this way by members of the public, nor the first in which such interruptions were ignored.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

London, S.W.

IT HAPPENED 35 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—May I first of all correct an unfortunate typographical error in my recent letter to you. My point was, of course, that the Frindsbury peal was rung without repetition.

My real purpose in this letter is, however, to draw the attention of your readers to a peal rung over 35 years ago. In the Kent County Association report for 1930 I recently found the composition of the first peal of spliced rung for the Association, at Crayford on May 3rd, 1929, and believed it might be of some topical interest. The footnote to the composition, one of 5,120 "Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major" (sic) reads as follows:—

"Ring Superlative for first 48 changes, when a Bob is made (tenor makes 4ths from treble behind): ring Cambridge from this point to 16 changes after the course-end 7453628, when another Bob is made (tenor again makes 4ths from treble behind); ring Superlative to the end from here. 2,560 changes of each method in two distinct blocks is thus spliced."

What was good enough for the distinguished ringers of that time is good enough for me.—Yours faithfully

R. W. HAYES.

Chiddingstone Hoath, Kent.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—Following the letter from Mr. D. E. Parsons in your issue of May 12th, page 322, I must withdraw the peal of Stedman Cinques rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Chelmsford Cathedral on February 20th, 1965.—Yours faithfully, DENNIS BERESFORD.

Bexleyheath, Kent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WANTAGE RINGER ORDAINED

Mr. David John Stoter, a member of the Wantage, Berkshire, band, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev. Harry Carpenter, at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Trinity Sunday.

David attended the Church of England Boys' School and King Alfred's Grammar School, Wantage, where he was head boy in 1960–62; he was captain at cricket and hockey. At both games he played for Berkshire Schools. Later, at King's College, London, he was captain at hockey and vice-captain at cricket.

Since leaving London he has been at St. Boniface's College, Warminster. While at Warminster he did quite a lot of ringing under the guidance of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; this included a quarter peal of Cambridge on the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, and an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge. He is now assistant curate at St. Giles' Reading, where he is hoping to get regular ringing.

The Wantage ringers went for a quarter peal on the day of his ordination but unfortunately this failed. However, on the following Sunday a quarter peal was rung. David's younger brother, Ian, is also a ringer at Wantage and Great Carleton, near Blackpool, where he is training for the teaching profession.

CRAWFORD CUp SURPRISE AT MANSFIELD

There was a surprise in the elementary round of the Crawford Cup for the Mansfield District, in which three teams competed A shift in the last few changes of Warsop A team's immaculately struck Cambridge Minor failed to bring rounds with the resulting disqualification. Likewise, a shift in the last extent of Greasley's Grandsire Doubles brought a similar result. This left Warsop B team as the winners with a well-struck 360 of Grandsire Doubles duly completed.

At the business meeting Mr. David Marshall, of the Derbyshire Association, was thanked for judging the contest at rather short notice, and local ringers were also thanked for excellent tea arrangements.

Steven Brough, of Greasley, was elected a Guild member, and G. Faulkes, of Heanor, a non-resident life member.

Next meetings: June 24th, Bolsover (evening practice); July 22nd, Cuckney.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER

Sixty years ago, on May 20th, 1907, eight College Youths had a "ringing" day at Sherborne, ringing altogether over seven hours for the first peal of Stedman on the bells owing to the 2nd persistently slipping wheel. Nearly 60 years later, on May 13th, eight College Youths went to Sherborne to commemorate the achievement, but failed after 3 hours and 20 minutes.

However, the writer was not too disappointed as it was not the actual date, but on the next Saturday, May 20th, a good peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Reading, and the ringer of the 3rd remembered those stalwarts of 60 years ago; and the treble man, Henry Hodgetts, is still with us.

The band on the first occasion was: Henry Hodgetts 1, W. Gifford 2, S. Macey 3, G. N. Price 4, Challis F. Winney (cond.) 5, A. B. Pack 6, James George 7, H. T. Hibbert 8.

A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE IN KENT

The original boundaries of the county of Kent contains some 213 rings of five bells and upwards, of which some 200 are pealable. Over the years, eight members of the Kent County Association have gradually been ringing peals in as many towers as possible. By early 1966 Arthur Richards had reached 99 different towers, and the idea of attempting a peal with eight ringers who had reached at least 100 different towers was suggested.

An attempt was duly fixed for June, 1966, at Goudhurst, but was unfortunately lost after two hours' excellent ringing through a miscall. A second attempt took place on June 3rd, when a good peal of Yorkshire was scored at Selling The band would like to associate with this peal the name of Andrew Macve, who has also rung peals in over 100 Kent towers and has been residing in Derbyshire for over 18 months

All arrangements have been made, most efficiently, by Ian Oram, who has been responsible for many of the band ringing in the different towers during the last ten years.

The county record is held by Ralph Bird with 187, a fine effort, and is closely followed by Ian Oram with 182. Tom Cullingworth and A. Patrick Cannon have also had the pleasure (not always!) of having rung over 120 different Kentish tenors.

It would be interesting to know if any other Association could produce a band to equal this record in any other county. Good luck, if they try. A. P. C.

THE UPHILL TRAGEDY

The memorial peal rung at Clevedon for Mr. John P. Hall and published last week was by a group of ringers who, under the able organisation of Mr Edgar Skipsey, had been making remarkable progress in ringing peals and quarter peals in a number of Surprise methods. John was a member of this group, and the method chosen for the peal was the next on the list of those planned to be rung The ringers would like to associate the name of Brenda H. Boyce with the peal, as she was unavoidably prevented from taking part.

LISS, HANTS

Liss bellringers and friends enjoyed a tour of Sussex for their annual outing on the spring Bank Holiday. Ringing, though not very advanced, was of a good standard and was a very useful experience to the newer members of the band.

Towers visited were Lodsworth and Findon (both rings of six augmented from four in recent years), Arundel, Slaugham (an excellent eight), Rusper (a difficult eight which can be encouraged to go well when rung at the right pace) and Shipley (a good six).

The organiser thanks all incumbents and tower captains. D. M. H.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

On May 16th at the annual general meeting of the U.B.S.C.A., the following officers were elected for the session 1967–68: Master, Mr Michael G R. Zobel; secretary, Miss Gillian M. Brearley; treasurer, Miss Mandy McCallion; tower secretary, Mr. Michael A. Gilbey

All correspondence to: Students' Union, Queen's Road, Bristol 8.

TUITION TEASERS—No. 3

Q. Recently there have been comments in these columns—not entirely in agreement—on rope-handling, "right or left." Is there a preferred way to be adopted?

A. Yes—that which may be described as "natural." It has been so proved, in over ten years of organised instructional testing It is based on the personal physical condition known as "right or left handed." Of the ringer, the hands and arms are preferably to be regarded not as "left" and "right" (which terms are, of course, fixed for every individual person), but as "upper" and "lower," which terms are alternately applicable, conditionally, from person to person. In the actual ringing, one hand—the lower in fact (sometimes referred to as 'static")—remains fixed at the rope's end, while the other—the upper or "mobile" hand—is continually shifting its position from rope's end to sally and back again, grasping the rope just above the lower hand each time The question is—which is to be the upper hand and which the lower band in any given learner's case?

It is natural that the more "handy" of the two arms and hands should incline to take up the action that is the more mobile (the shifting grip) and thus become the "upper," while the less "handy" takes up the less mobile (or static) grip, and thus becomes the "lower." So that in the ordinary way a right-handed person (learner) has his right arm and hand as "upper"." with his left hand and arm as "lower," and a left-handed learner will normally take up the reverse holding, i.e. left hand upper, and right hand lower, grip.

Theoretically, the two hands should grip the rope at a point (at both sally and rope's end) to avoid a divergent "pull," but as this is impracticable they grip the rope, one above the other, in contact—the little finger of the upper hand resting lightly along the first finger of the lower hand, whichever way the hands be designated and placed.

The placing of a particular foot slightly in advance does not depend upon a specific rope-holding i.e. left or right. Recently suggested analogies in these columns of tug-of-war holdings and cricket bat grips are, unfortunately, demonstrably false. If either of the two combinations of foot-placing and rope-handling is not entirely comfortable, then the foot displacement is too great.

DARBY DRAW

A plot is being hatched to get Frank Darby the new Master of the Surrey Association, into white flannels on July 22nd. Close by Beddington Church, where he rings, Frank will be invited to lead a mixed non-cricketing team of Association officers versus The Rest. May honour and his middle stump prevail!

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Officers elected for the following year by Manchester University Guild are: Ringing Master, E A. Harrison; treasurer, A. S. Burbidge; steeplekeeper, D. Ley; secretary, C. L. D. Munday Correspondence should be addressed to: The Secretary, Guild of Change Ringers, Pigeon-hole C, University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 9 lb.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Charles E. Truman	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Martin C. Faulkes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	8
Antony R Kench	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Marie (R.C.).
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt.

George W. Pipe	Treble	Christopher M. P. Johnson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Frank C. Price	6
John Armstrong	3	Brian D Threlfall	7
Giles E. Galley	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASH PRIORS, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and four of Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Mervyn R Arscott	Treble	Leslie H. Arscott	4
Arthur H. Reed	2	Robert Parker	5
Marian J. Beale	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. A. Baker.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*John H. Thompson	Treble	*Ian P. Cox	4
†Julian E. Newman	2	*Peter J. Devrell	5
*Robin L. Coles	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge "inside." First of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt 1 lb. in E flat.

Vivienne Rigby	Treble	*Paul Treble	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Gwilym Salmon	6
*David Rennolds	3	James R. Taylor	7
*Richard W. Sweet	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ATCHAM, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Eata.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Leon A Perry	Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	*John R. Scott	5
†John E. Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of six Minor methods † 150th peal.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt

John Ryder	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Reginald W. Worrall	2	Harold Worrall	5
John Moore	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Neil D. Lomas	5
Sidney Hough	2	Alex Richardson	6
Dennis Latham	3	John Robinson	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner	5
G. Richard King	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Christopher Movley	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Derrick A. Davenport	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard (1887–8). Conducted by John Robinson.

ATTENBOROUGH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., May 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp

*Trevor Kirkham	Treble	Neil Handley	5
David K. Walklate	2	Reginald J. Stretton	6
Kevin A. Betesta	3	Reginald Wallis	7
William Allsopp	4	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal of Triples.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising London, Wells, York, Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

STANTON-BY-DALE. Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., May 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising London, Wells, York Durham, Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SANDON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Stephen A. Waters	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	4
Anne Edwards	2	Peter M Wilkinson	5
Rosemarie A. Frith	3	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal.

HEMPSTEAD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 27 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods viz.: (1) London, (2) Netherseale, (3) Bourne, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	Peter G Brown	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Joe E G Roast	5
Dennis A. S. Symonds	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 8 lb. in F.

*John F. Oakshott	Treble	Tony Skilton	5
Felicity Hamilton	2	Dennis J. F Oakshott	6
Jill P. Oakshott	3	John C. Davidge	7
Charles W Munday	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Peter J. Munday
* First peal at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

*Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
Gillian Sims	2	*Roy K. Williams	5
†Robert D. Hodges	3	Rev Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Roy K. Williams.

* Fnrst peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First peal attempt as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELSTREE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents with no 65's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in C.

*Marion B. Perry	Treble	John R. Southey	4
Michael D. Frost	2	Katherine S. Hardy	5
John E. Ewer	3	Robert E. Hardy	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a welcome to Martin, a second son for Kathleen and Roger Baldwin. Also a birthday compliment to Patricia Ewer.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Richard G. Crosland ..	5
Stanley Jenner	2	†Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*John Pladdys	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Ann Jenner	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First in the method as conductor.

DOVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

Harold Evans	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Christopher T. Osenton ..	2	Richard Hayes	6
D. Paul Smith	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third. The conductor has now completed the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. John, Deptford.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Paul S. Royds-Jones ..	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	Fred J. Cullum	6
Richard A. J. Bower ..	3	John W Smith	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

SELLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Arthur S. Richards (101)	Treble	Tom Cullingworth (161) ..	5
Bernard F. L. Groves (104)	2	Crawford T. Hillis (105) ..	6
Ian H. Oram (182)	3	Ralph Bird (187)	7
John R. Cooper (152) ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon (147)	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ralph Bird.

Arranged to enable the above ringers to ring a peal together, all having rung peals in 100 or more different towers in Kent. The numbers in brackets denote the number of individual towers.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Patrick K. King	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	4
Peter S. Muchlinski ..	2	Peter F. T. Smith	5
†Simon A. Wigg	3	Martin L Howe	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal. † First in seven methods.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St Mary, Woolwich.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Alan J. Taylor	Treble	Richard J. Bower	4
†Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	Robert J. Coles	5
Audrey R. Alexander ..	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.

* First peal on a working bell. † First of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,624 Yorkshire, 2,432 Cambridge, with 92 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr.

*David Makin-Taylor ..	Treble	Albert Greenhalgh	5
Roy Jolley	2	Bernard Moss	6
John Illingworth	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
R. Keith Lister	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Arranged by N. Smith.

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal First of Spliced Surprise for all the band except ringers of 7 and 8. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

Rung to mark the centenary of the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOSE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents of Shipway's Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	Robert Preston	3
Harold T. Bonshor	2	Charles E. Cooper	4
Owen Homewood	Tenor		

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Maris C. Stephenson ..	Treble	Michael W. Crowder ..	5
Jack Bray	2	†Michael Whiting	6
†Roger Hippesley	3	†Alan H. Bridges	7
Ronald Chafer	4	†Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Jack Bray	5
*Robert Hawtree	2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	6
Richard D. Gibson ..	3	Alan H. Bridges	7
*Roger Hippesley	4	Michael W. Crowder ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal in the method.

MESSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Jack Bray	Treble	Michael Whiting	4
William Bains	2	Septimus Neave	5
Ronald Chafer	3	Michael W Crowder ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

David L. Phillips	Treble	*Jack Alsop	5
Thomas Yeomans	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
J. Arthur Hoare	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Gwyn I Lewis	4	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CADOXTON, Neath.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

David J. Lewis	Treble	Alwyn R. Lewis	4
Harry Boyce	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
William J. Thomas	3	Benjamin Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Ringers of treble fourth and fifth are of three generations.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	J. Keith Ward	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Christopher H. Rogers	7
David E. Rothera	3	William Birmingham	8
William S. Deason	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Jonathan S. N. Porter	5	Frank C Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal of Single Oxford Bob Royal.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	Malcolm Loveday	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Robert Wiggins	6
Margaret Wenban	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Albert C. Wenban	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T Blagrove.

Rung for Whitsuntide and the 70th anniversary of the Middlesex County Association.

HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's College and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Elsie Savory	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	4
Monica Blagrove	2	Robert Wiggins	5
Frank T. Blagrove	3	William S. Deason	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Adams, churchwarden at this church for 40 years.

First peal on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Ron Hughes	5
John K. Smith	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Richard M. Wilson	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard J. Clifton	Treble	†Ron Hughes	5
William J. V. Conduct	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Sheila Parsons	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Norman W. Attaway	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 375th peal. † First of Surprise "inside."

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Day, to the incumbency of Measham.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

William J. V. Conduct	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Frederick K. Wiggin	2	Frank Beech	6
Norman W. Attaway	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*Ron Hughes	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J Ballard	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St Peter ad Vincula.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

T. Felicity Webber	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
David J. Midgley	3	Dennis Latham	7
J. Geoffrey Burton	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

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

Rung to commemorate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to this church this day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Desmond P. Mortlock	Treble	David Heighton	5
Patrick J. Bird	2	*Martin Cubitt	6
*Angela M. Wright	3	*Thomas R Simmons	7
Trevor N. J. Bailey	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal in the method.

BUXTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Norwich Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Desmond P. Mortlock	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 26, 1967 in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford Bob, (2) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

David Cubitt	Treble	George P. Adams	4
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	Martin Cubitt	5
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

WATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise, and one each of Ipswich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Thomas E. Splight	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
*Desmond P. Mortlock	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

* 25th peal for the Norwich Association.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREAT ELLINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., May 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin, St. Simon and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Henry Tooke	3
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Thomas E. Spight	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BESTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman, six six-scores each of Winchenden Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury and four six-scores of St. Simon. Tenor 8 cwt.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	3
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., May 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Henry Tooke	Treble	*Frank C. J. Arnold ..	3
*Thomas E. Spight	2	†Charles H. Blake	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. † First of Plain Bob Doubles and first away from the treble.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Marion Dorothy, daughter of C. H. Blake.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING.—At the Municipal Church of St Laurence.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Frank W. Perrens	7
Patricia E. Hibbert ..	2	Emlyn F. Hancock	8
William Hibbert	3	Ernest J. Gower	9
John W. T. Hibbert ..	4	John H. Napper	10
*Clare F. Dolphin	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Donald G. Clift	6	Roger M. Heyworth ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Ernest W. Eldridge ..	Treble	Marcus P. Barton	5
James R. A. Muller	2	Robert J. Picton	6
Keith D. Waples	3	Rev. Roderick V. Wallis	7
Thomas H. Tocock	4	Brian M. Barker	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Brian M. Barker.
Rung to the glory of God for the ordination as priest of the Rev. R. V. Wallis on May 21st, 1967.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Mnutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th obs.)
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*Ian A. Ross	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
John A. H. Betts	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	Edward R. Venn	7
†Leonard R. Porter	4	Roy H. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

SHIPLAKE, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Robert B. Blond	Treble	*Angela M. Ayres	5
Mary Wells	2	*Harry E. Wells	6
Harold W. Dunsden ..	3	William L. Gilks	7
Frank E. Godden	4	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Kent.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

Frank C. Price	Treble	Joan A. Rance	5
Susanne Sargeant	2	Arthur J. N. Rance	6
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	3	Stanley G. Scott	7
Maurice Ingram	4	Frederick R. Scott ..	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
Rung in memoriam and as a tribute to the life and work of S. George Coles, of Taunton, Somerset, interred this day at the Parish Church of St. John, Staplegrove.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Annette J. List	Treble	Edward D. Patching ..	4
Hilary Osbourne	2	James F. List	5
Susan M. Holden	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to welcome Sir Francis Chichester as he returned to Plymouth.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	John G. Mitchell	4
Barry R. Care	2	Stephen B. Bell	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Maurice F. Edwards ..	Treble	James Crowther	7
John E. Anderson	2	*J. Alan Ainsworth	8
James W. Belshaw	3	Eric N. Harrison	9
Michael Maughan	4	David J. Purnell	10
John C. Eisel	5	John A. Anderson	11
Kenneth Lawson	6	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 250th peal for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond Aldington ..	Treble	James Crowther	5
David J. Purnell	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Michael Maughan	7
John C. Eisel	4	*Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
* 400th peal.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

George E. Fearn	Treble	John E. Anderson	5
Enid Lawson	2	*Maurice F. Edwards ..	6
*Iris Anderson	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Ann Lawson	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Margaret Lawson	Treble	Ann E. Fellows	5
Maurice C. Hughes	2	*Richard C. Stevens ..	6
Ann Lawson	3	†J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Enid Lawson	4	†Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Heather A. Walters	Treble	†Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Robert C. Kippin	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
*Stephen W. Barton	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Rutland. † 50th peal.

DORCHESTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5281 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Richard W Sweet	Treble	Clifford A Barron	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	David P. Hilling	7
Derek S. Beaufoy	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
The "Churchill Peal." Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D

Peter A. Sharp	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jacqueline S. King	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	David J. King	9
Harold Gibson	4	John R. Pratchett	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	R. Roger Savory	11
Michael J. Uphill	6	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	George E. Feirn	6
Paul Raithby	2	Harry Poyner	7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	3	Norman V. Harding	8
Philip Walker	4	Colin W Reed	9
F. Hector Bennett	5	Ernest F Willcox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edgar C Shepherd.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Simon Humphrey	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Peter A. Sharp	7
Edward W. Colley	4	John R Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.
On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.

William L. Exton	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
Thomas G. Goodwin	2	Thomas O. Greasley	5
John C. Shonfeld	3	George A Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
Rung to mark the opening of the Cranmer Group Festival of the Church and the Arts Week, and to welcome the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Nottingham. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in two methods, viz.: One of Kent T.B. and six of Plain. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	Frederick E. Jones	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to Brian and Christine Mills on the birth of a son.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

Frank I. Hairs	Treble	John A. Howard	5
*Caroline V. Harris	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
*R. Jean Osbon	3	Frederick J Cullum	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	Robert Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Tues., May 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: One extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B. Double Oxford C.B., Cambridge, Kent T B., St. Clement's and Plain
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Christopher Starbuck	4
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
John Pladdys	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First of Minor in more than one method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. W. Cawley, father of the former secretary of the Society.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 HUNSLET IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Walter Hunt	5
Mrs. A D. Smith	2	David L. Wilcox	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Philip G. Taylor	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J Parker's 12-part Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Denby P. Murduck	Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd	5
Katherine Maundrell	2	*Howard E. J. Smith	6
Colin J. Butler	3	David J Forder	7
Phillip Murduck	4	Bradley Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Triples and first in the method.

LAVERSTOKE-CUM-FREEFOLK, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Lynette M. Holbrook	Treble	David L. Wilcox	4
Katherine Maundrell	2	Michael S. Holbrook	5
R. Christine Hassell	3	*Howard E. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DODDERHILL, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 60 lb. in E.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Clive M. Smith	5
Ann Lawson	2	Peter D. Warren	6
Kenneth Lawson	3	John C Eisel	7
James Insley	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice F Edwards	Treble	John E. Anderson	5
*Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
*Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth,
* First peal in the method.

HALESOWEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	James Insley	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	James Crowther	6
John C. Eisel	3	Michael Maughan	7
James W. Belshaw	4	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. [illegible] lb. in F sharp.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	John E. Anderson	5
Iris Anderson	2	James Crowther	6
John A. Anderson	3	Michael Maughan	7
George E. Fearn	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Enid Lawson	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Ann Lawson	3	John C. Eisel	7
†Richard C. Stevens	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Edward Jenkins	2	John H Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Richard E. Price	10
*John S. Mason	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
Basil Jones	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 50th different 12-bell tower for a peal. Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Sam Scattergood	Treble	Michael R. Meadows	6
M. Susan Jackson	2	Gerald Penney	7
Richard J. W. Tibbetts	3	J. Henry Fielden	8
John S. Seager	4	Neil Donovan	9
David Nichols	5	Harry Parkes	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons	Treble	David Smith	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	John Potts	6
H. David Holland	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
Rung, after meeting short for Royal, for the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer's sister, and to mark the retirement of Arthur H. Taylor.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Wragby Delight, (2) College Exercise and College T.B., (3) Duke of Norfolk., Norbury T.B., (4) Capel and Sandal T.B., (5) Kingston and Oxford T.B., (6) London Scholars and Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Charles S. Naylor	Treble	Patricia Lockwood	4
Ian North	2	Irvin Slack	5
Alan Newbould	3	Alan Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Miss V. C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	*R. J. Wilsher	5
S. F. Royal	2	*R E. Burbery	6
Miss S. Thexton	3	P. A. Brand	7
*S. K. Thompson	4	C. W. Ottaway	Tenor

Conducted by S. F. Royal.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. E. Burbery.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Mon., April 24, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.
*Susanne Sargeant 1-2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) 3-4
*Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6
* First handbell peal in more than one method.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Fri., May 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant	1-2	Frank C. Price	5-6
*Kenneth R. Davenport	3-4	*Stanley G. Scott	7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First handbell peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Susanne Sargeant.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At 29, Dimbles Hill.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

Lucy Smith	1-2	Clive M. Smith	5-6
Eric E. Speake	3-4	John H. Allen	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John H. Allen.
First peal on eight " in hand " for all except the ringer of 5-6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Leeds Central High School Society)
WAKEFIELD, Yorks.—At Lyndhurst, 5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
The four callings. Tenor size 17 in B flat.
*Lisle Joseph 1-2 | †Robin Brown (cond.) 3-4
*Michael C. Perrins 5-6
Conducted by Robin Brown.
* First peal. † First "in hand." First peal for the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (four methods): M. Hebden 1, R. W. Rice 2, G. Hebden 3, M. Legg 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8. First of four Spliced Triples by all the band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, R. I. Kendrick 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, R. Wilmore 5, P. J. Chambers 6.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus ("in hand"): G. I. Lucas 1—2, K. I. Lucas (aged 8) 3—4. A 12th birthday compliment to Teresa Earl. Also on May 21st, 1,272 Reverse Bob Minimus ("in hand"): A 9th birthday compliment to Janice Manterfield.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on May 17th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: P. J. Devrell 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. J. Orledge 6, G. J. Hawkins 7, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1, 2 and 4.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Patricia A. Winch 1, Dawn V. A. Petts 2, H. J. Payne 3, J. B. Keeler 4, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 5, M. Tong 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hancock 1, N. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, W. Adams (first of Triples) 4, W. Abraham 5, D. Helliwell 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillett 8.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Miles 1, Mrs. D. Bowles 2, F. C. Arnold 3, W. Tyrell 4, F. Pearson 5, C. F. Phillippo (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. Wheatcroft 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, D. J. Reeve 4, D. W. Brooks 5, M. J. Warren (first on eight) 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BURITON, HANTS.—On May 20th, 1,279 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. K. Pocock (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom 2, A. Reeves 3, D. Hughes (150th quarter) 4, B. Walton (50th as cond.) 5, R. Tipper 6. A wedding compliment to Monica Durrant and Roy Stokes.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): I. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, W. Beeching 6.

CHEVERELL MAGNA, WILTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Johnson (first quarter) 1, R. Joy Watkin 2, P. C. Hassan 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett (12) 1, Katharine M. Thorley (11) 2, R. N. Scholes 3, J. Woolley 4, F. Taylor 5, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 6.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On May 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich. Mrs. V. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, Ruth Richardson 3, V. Bottomley (cond.) 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson (first in method) 7, E. Betts 8.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. King (first quarter on eight) 1, A. G. Harrison 2, J. Mowle 3, C. Catchpole 4, P. Sutton 5, A. Cook 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Association (May 1st), also to Canon E. L. Corbell, rector of Diss (May 7th).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On May 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, Stella M. Knight 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, R. A. Partridge 4, Rosemary J. Kemp 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, K. C. Knight 7, B. J. Davis 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, H. A. Nobes 10.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. G. M. Hall 1, Ann R. Munslow 2, A. Clarke 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. Stimson 5, G. M. Hall 6. A farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. Ian Phelps, who is leaving to be the diocesan youth chaplain.

GREAT CHART, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Patricia A. Winch 1, Dawn V. A. Petts 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, H. J. Payne 4, J. B. Keeler 5, W. Epps 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss R. Myllys 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, R. A. Fardon 3, Miss P. A. Copas 4, M. W. Seymour 5, R. K. Russ 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Diana Reeves 1, Phillp Davis (first of Triples) 2, J. Carter 3, Anne Bennett 4, Paul Davis 5, M. Sayers 6, R. Reeves (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. Rung for the baptism of Francis Tristan Vyell.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,320 Minor (two methods): E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda S Powell 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins, and to welcome Alison Mary, daughter of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born May 15th. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bennett (first quarter) 1, 1. Wiltshire 2, R. Rayfield 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. G Harris 1, Jennifer Sharpe 2, Joan Reyner 3, Angela Smart 4, J. P. Ladd (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. Also on May 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Sharpe 1, J. P. Ladd 2, D. P. Elsmore 3, M. W. Brown 4, P. J. Ostley 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 3. Both rung for Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, W. Simmonds 2, Miss v. Stephens 3, R. Blackler 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. Burton 8. Rung for the safe return to Plymouth of Sir Francis Chichester. First in the method for all except ringer of 4.

BARBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 21st, 1,256 Minimus (four methods): Delphine E. L. Holman 1, R W. Sherriff 2, J. K. Foot 3, 1. C. Maycock (cond.) 4. Rung for the ordination of Harold John Weston earlier this day at Peterborough Cathedral.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (17 methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, Amette E. Bradbury 4, A. Turner 5, S. Brooks 6. Most methods by all the band to a quarter.

BASSALEG, MON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Williams (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs M. Bennett 2, P. Bennett 3, A. Bainham 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. P. Aolin 2, C. J. Garlick 3, A. H. Webb 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, J H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS. — On May 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Wellings 1, P. Davies 2, Miss B. Pickering (first of Surprise) 3, Miss E. Timmins 4, R. Dorrington 5, E. Speake (cond.) 6.

BLAENAVON, MON. — 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R J. Hall 1, P. Williams 2, Mrs. M. Bennett 3, P. Chambers 4, A. Bainham 5, J Prytherch 6, P. Bennett 7, D. Phillips (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. I. R. Panton

BOURNEMOUTH.—At 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. L. Claughton 1—2, W J. Perrins 3—4, A. V. Davis (cond.) 5—6, R. N. Marlow 7—8. First quarter Triples "in hand" 1—2 and 3—4. First quarter "in hand" 7—8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, on May 21st, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Peta Ollen (first of Caters) 1, Stella G. Rice (first of Caters "inside") 2, A. W. Bond (cond.) 3, D Nibbs 4, Marion Kemp (first of Caters) 5, A. V. Sheppard 6, Janette R. Kipling 7, R. H. Newton 8, D. P. Snoswell 9, B. Read (first of Caters) 10. In thanks for the safe return to health of Father Walker, and also to celebrate the birth of his grandson.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bateman 1, B. Martin 2, J Collard 3, Mrs. G. Hunt 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Whit Sunday. By St. Ambrose's Sunday service band.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bainbridge (first quarter) 1, M. P. Inskipp 2, Linda M. Groves 3, Jane Foster 4, S. Waters 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Elkerton (first quarter Triples) 1, R. W. Yates (first quarter Triples "inside") 2, G. W. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5, F. Vickers 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, H. Jenkins 8. Rung in honour of Buckingham's first Lady Mayor, Councillor Mrs. D. J. Elkerton, mother of the treble ringer.

CALDICOTT, MON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley Sowerby 1, Adrienne Wheeler 2, Jill Sowerby 3, Barbara Porter 4, I. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, Rev. R. Hallett 6, Beryl Seeley 7, L. Evans 8. First quarter 3, 7, 8. Rung for Confirmation by the Archbishop of Wales, and dedication of new roof.

QUARTER PEALS

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins 1, J. Priest 2, Anne Pickering 3, Patricia Hill 4, P. Privett (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6.

COITY, GLAMORGAN. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Godfrey 1, Christine Brett 2, N. V. Hill 3, G. R. Williams 4, D. J. Godfrey (first as cond.) 5, H. G. Walters 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. First by Sunday service band.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cora Eldridge 1, Janice Penning 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Tocock 4, J. Dieppe 5, J. Muller 6, M Barton (cond.) 7, H. Tocock 8. For Patronal Festival.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Battin 1, Rev. R. Fry 2, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, C. J. A. Brown 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L W. Jewell 8 For Confirmation, at which three local ringers were confirmed.

CRANBROOK, KENT. — On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Candy 1, Margaret J. Grantham 2, A. J. Leeves 3, B. N. Butler 4, M. A. Legg 5, G. N. Benjamin 6, R. Weeks (first of Triples as cond.) 7, J. A. Hemsley 8. First of Triples 5 and 6. First of Triples with local Sunday service ringers on all the working bells. For Confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

CUMNOR, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. White (first quarter) 1, F. Absolam 2, J. R. Mitty 3, B. R. White (cond.) 4, F A. White 5, H. White 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitty, and also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DARLASTON, STAFFS.—On May 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Westwood 1, E. Hough 2, M J Mulvey 3 Miss R. White 4, N. White 5, P. R. Johnson 6, J. P Burton (25th quarter) 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8. Believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells for 20 years.

DEANE, HANTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynette Holbrook 1, A. N. Hoar 2, R C. Wilson 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, D. Reed (cond.) 5, M. Holbrook 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles: R. Parry 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, P. Mounsey 3, Doreen Metcalfe 4, J. Coates 5, B. Birkett 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the Flower Festival. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Hilton 1, P. Mounsey 2, P. Rogers 3, S G. Pick 4. H. Poyner (cond.) 5, R. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled by the King Edward VI Grammar School Society after the funeral of Alderman W. Peatfield, Old Boy and Governor of the school.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Mortimore (first of Triples) 1, P. J. Munday (first in method as cond.) 2, Miss S. Parrott 3, Miss J. Oakshott 4, Miss A. Gibson 5, J. Helder 6, M. Morris 7, K. Burgess 8. A wedding compliment to Linda Ovenden and Robert Setti.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Vincent 1, A. N. Blount 2, G. Gooding 3, A. Howard (cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, P. Vincent 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Ascensiontide.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): P. J. Cranfield (first on working bell) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Anne Trinder 3, Hilary Muirhead 4, A. R. Agg 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6, W F Todd 7, M. Marsden (first quarter) 8.

HUYTON, LANCS. — On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. Robinson 3, J. R. Ridley 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R Birchall (cond.) 6.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N W. Davies (first Bob Minor) 1, C. J. Jones 2, M. Thompson 3, A. C. P. Pugh 4, G Green (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. Rung in honour of the May Queen.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, R. J. Hunt 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On April 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Darby 1, Miss C. I. Neville 2, Miss G. E. Perry 3, Miss E. M. Ottaway 4, F W. Tomlin 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6 Also on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. E. Perry 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, Miss J. Darby 3, Miss C. I. Neville 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, F. W. Tomlin cover.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,500 Spliced Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, B. Butcher 2, K. Butler 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6.

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.—At St. John's Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Woodward (first quarter) 1, Brenda Cooke 2, D. Parsons 3, P. Thomas (first "inside") 4, M. Edwards 5, P. J. Brice (cond.) 6. First "length" ever rung by University of Newcastle Society.

ORMESBY, Middlesbrough, YORKS. — On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Cambridge S.): Enid Lawson 1, Ann Lawson 2, T. Cox 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, P. Wishart 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 21st, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. K. S. Hardy 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Miss J. A. Fellows 4, G. Dodds 5, M. D. Frost 6, G. Penney 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX. — On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Canon G. Thurlow 1, Clair Hudson 2, R. Heazel 3, H. Appleton 4, A. Hudson 5, B. Mann 6, W. Theobold (cond.) 7, A. Palmer 8. The conductor wishes the name of R. W. Leavett to be associated with this quarter peal, which followed the dedication service this day.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Crane 1, N. C. Richards 2, A. W. Smart 3, T. R. Bush (cond.) 4, G. Knight 5, T. V. Lakey 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Ascension Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Gerhardy (first quarter) 1, Leah D. Floyd 2, A. J. Wenden 3, Christine T. Wilkins 4, L. J. Floyd (cond.) 5, S. Mallett 6.

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BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, J. Underwood 2, A. Bailam 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everitt 5, H. Clarke 6, D. Rowlands 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. Rung half-muffled for A. E. Moore, who was conductor of the company for many years.

CHARING, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Page 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, Diana M. Bradford 3, Rev P. T. Robbins 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, J. Anderson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET. — On May 25th, 1,344 Glasgow Surprise Major: R. W. Sweet 1, M. J. Hobbs 2, Diane M. Chapman 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, E. T. Lee 6, A. E. Cox 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Griffiths 1, T. Pritchard 2, Sr. Cornock 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, R. Cornock 5, G. Pratt 6. Rung after the ship's bell from H.M.S. Cranham was presented to Cranham.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Beck 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, G. W. Massey 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, N. G. N. Knee 5, R. J. Baker 6, D. G. Massey (cond.) 7, R. E. Beck 8. A welcome to the Vicar, Rev. Patrick Mitchell, who was inducted on April 14th.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On May 25th, 1,500 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. L. Wise (first quarter attempt) 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, Miss R. Bellaby 3, F. E. Jones 4, G. C. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. Rung before the Confirmation service, and as a welcome to the Bishop of Sherwood.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Morris 1, Miss S. D. Bagenal (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. M. Norris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6, A. J. Davey 7, G. W. Henson 8. A belated welcome to Martin Edward, son of the conductor.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna Cooper 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, S. Waters 3, Claire Hudson 4, Jane Foster 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, A. S. Hudson 7, C. K. Cooper 8. A compliment to the Rev A. D. C. Evans, assistant curate, on his ordination to the priesthood.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK. — On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. E. Whiting (first quarter) 1, M. J. Drury 2, T. Spurling 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Fordham 5, J. E. Fisk 6.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE. — On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tilston 1, Mrs. N. M. Randles 2, G. H. Randles (cond.) 3, D. A. Randles 4, T. S. Randles 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Sewell (first of Triples) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, R. Gee (first "inside") 3, S. G. Ponting 4, T. Skilton (25th quarter) 5, M. J. Kirk 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8. For ordination service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Aldington 1, Mrs. A. Broadhurst (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, P. M. Evans 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, J. N. Lindon 7, S. W. Barton 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, A. Reeves 5, D. Hughes 6, B. Walton 7, D. Hatherly 8. For Confirmation service and Parish Communion.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. M. Dean (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Gratton (first "inside") 2, R. J. Dean (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Welch 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Harrop 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, W. W. Cousins 3, O. P. Claxton 4, R. Newson 5, L. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for Mayoral inauguration.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Celia McArthur (first quarter) 1, Heather McArthur 2, Susan Bostock 3, U. Wildney (cond.) 4, A. Semken 5, M. Downs 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Lattimer (first Minor) 1, S. S. Barratt (first Minor "inside") 2, T. N. Kedge 3, G. M. Cox 4, J. Lightfoot 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Taylor 1, Miss S. Walker 2, T. Newman 3, Mrs. H. Taylor 4, J. Spence 5, H. Read 6, E. Taylor (cond.) 7, T. Stephens 8. A farewell to the ringer of 2.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—On May 28th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Patricia Lockwood 1, A. Newbould 2, Margaret White 3, A. Holliday 4, M. Johnson 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Robinson 7, I. North (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 7th, 1,260 Minor (London S. and Plain Bob): R. A. J. Bower 1, C. P. Starbuck 2, Audrey R. Alexander 3, J. Pladdys 4, R. W. Powell 5, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 6. Also on May 21st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (12 methods): J. Pladdys 1, Audrey R. Alexander 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, T. G. Pett 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, R. R. Churchill 6.

LYNEHAM, WILTS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Hassan 1, Christina Folkes 2, S. Frances Chapman 3, T. Brighton 4, D. J. Jones 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Townsend 1, R. W. Yates 2, G. Orchard 3, H. Stopp 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5, W. H. Yates 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holland.

MANCETTER WARWICKS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Mulvey 1, N. White 2, E. Hough 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 5.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on May 18th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Reynolds 3, Mrs. A. M. Tonge 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, A. Cairns 6, A. G. Keen 7, G. Pye 8, A. Ward (cond.) 9, D. Manby (first quarter) 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Frank Barraclough, Ringing Master at this tower, who was called to higher service on May 14th.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lee 1, J. Creber 2, Miss K. Hine 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Mrs. I. J. Burrough 5, P. W. Ham 6, T. B. Comer (cond.) 7, G. Puddy 8. In memoriam John Hall, and farewell to J. Creber, posted overseas.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Riley 1, Mrs. A. V. Davis 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, W. E. Cheater 6, A. C. Conway 7, R. T. Prime 8. A compliment to Lewis Cobb and Elizabeth, who were married this day at Lymington.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE. — On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Griffiths 1, P. Downer 2, W. Price 3, J. R. Williams (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, P. Shallcross 6. For Evensong, to the Glory of God.

MOREBATH, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): G. Sparkes 1, W. Nurcombe 2, F. Casely 3, H. Purchase 4, E. Quick (cond.) 5, A. Gale 6.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Aston (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Ruth Gay 3, M. Androlia 4, J. Perry (first "inside") 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Burston (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, M. Androlia 4, J. Perry 5, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Carveth 4, Mary Matthews 5, A. F. Burley 6, A. Locke 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Davidson. Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Biscoe.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry (first quarter) 1, V. Bedford (cond.) 2, R. Cassidy 3, A. Knights 4, J. Majoram 5, H. Archer 6. For Confirmation service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diane Hickman 1, Joy Butler 2, K. S. B. Croft 3, B. V. Butler 4, J. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson 7, M. J. Butler (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 4. For Confirmation service. Also on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. S. Croft (first on tower bells) 1, Diane I. Hickman 2, J. S. Croft 3, Joy F. Butler 4, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 5, C. J. Butler 6, M. J. Butler 7, B. V. Butler 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On May 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, I. P. Cox 4, R. L. Coles 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the Sunday service band for the ordination as priest of the Rev. Dudley Goodfield, curate.

WALSOKEN NORFOLK.—1,272 Minor (Kent and Oxford Spliced): Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. Branston 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, I. Bush 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Jane Chapman (first of Cinques) 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, Caroline Cole 4, June Whitcher 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, A. J. Slade 8, I. L. Dear 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. Durrant 11, R. J. Chapman 12.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. E. Fullbrook (first in three methods) 1, Anne Carpenter 2, H. White 3, A. R. Wood 4, J. R. White 5, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to David J. Slater, ordained deacon on Trinity Sunday at Oxford Cathedral.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Lesley Ivey (12, first quarter) 1, K. G. Waller 2, Maureen White 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: J. Wardle 1, M. Cosgrove 2, C. Moxon 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WEST MEON, HANTS — On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, C. F. Hawkins (first quarter) 6, F. W. Sherfield 7, S. Ventham 8. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and Lorraine Stone.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church on May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Darke 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. K. Hamilton 3, Miss A. Steed (first quarter) 4, K. J. Triplow (cond.) 5, M. Ostler 6. For Evensong in Ascensiontide. Also on May 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss A. Steed 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, W. K. Hamilton 3, K. J. Triplow 4, M. Ostler 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Miss R. Hamilton and Roger Wallett. First of T.B. 1 and 2.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCS. — On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Colley 1, T. A. Carrott (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Quickfall 3, D. V. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, E. W. Colley (cond.) 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX. — On May 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Osbon 1, F. L. Hairs 2, R. D. Divall 3, Mrs. R. J. Osbon 4, R. Osbon 5, C. A. Osbon 6, R. N. Harris (cond.) 7, E. H. Parkyns 8. First in method 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung by the Sunday service band.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,328 Plain and Little Bob Minor: B. Vaughan 1, P. Thompson 2, S. Humphrey 3, Vivien Cross 4, D. Culham 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Strong, inducted the previous evening.

YATE, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. H. Shellard 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Miss P. M. Garrigan (first "inside") 3, W. D. Chiles (first quarter) 4, A. I. R. Williams (cond.) 5, B. D. Fletcher (first quarter) 6. Rung as an engagement compliment to Pat Garrigan and David Chiles.

YATTON, SOMERSET. — On May 28th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, S. G. Smith 3, D. Hawkings 4, P. J. England 5, R. Rice 6, W. Rice 7, L. Lawrence 8. First "inside" 2 and 4. A 28th birthday compliment to Mr. Alec Price.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. F. BARRACLOUGH

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Frank Barraclough, Ringing Master at Manchester Cathedral.

Frank was born at Penistone, Yorkshire, in 1908 and was educated at St. John's School and later at Penistone Grammar School. He left school at the age of 16 to commence work at the Penistone Steel Works, where he remained until 1930, when the works closed down. Being out of work, Frank came over the Pennines into Lancashire and found employment as a crane driver at the Irlam Steel Works (now the Lancashire Steel Corporation) and settled down to live in Eccles, where he was married four years later.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, he learned to ring at St. John-the-Baptist's, Penistone, in 1924, where he became a member of the Sunday service band. He also rang his first peal there, Plain Bob Minor, on March 12th, 1927. When Frank came to live in Lancashire he joined the band at St. Mark's, Worsley, and rang there for services until he had an accident at work in 1940, when he had to have his right arm amputated.

After a long illness Frank returned to work at the Irlam Steel Works, being re-employed as a wages clerk, and was later encouraged to take up ringing again by the late John Potter, of Walkden. He then joined the band at Manchester Cathedral, where he rang regularly until he became ill in October of last year. In 1948 he was honoured by the Manchester Branch when he was elected Branch chairman, and in 1963 he was elected Ringing Master at Manchester Cathedral in succession to the late Derek Ogden.

Apart from his interests in ringing, Frank was a member of the Freemasons, and in March of this year he was elected Worshipful Master of the Bridgewater Lodge.

The funeral service was at Eccles Crematorium on Wednesday, May 17th, conducted by Canon F. S. Wright and Canon H. Hodkin (sub-Dean of Manchester). Many friends from the Lancashire Steel Corporation, the Bridgewater Lodge and the Manchester Branch gathered at the Crematorium to pay their final respects to their friend and companion.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled on Whit Sunday. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the following Thursday evening by members of the Cathedral band and some of Frank's closest ringing friends. The method was his favourite—Grandsire Caters.

A. W.

MR. S. GEORGE COLES

It was with regret that at the Central Council meeting in Nottingham the members heard of the passing of Mr. George Coles, of Taunton, Somerset, who died suddenly that morning.

A prominent member of the Wilton (Taunton) band for about 50 years, he took part in many then famous performances and conducted peals of Surprise Minor and Major. Details of his peals, etc., will be available later; in the meantime we join with many in various parts of the country who have sent condolences to his widow and family.

MR. J. H. EDWARDS

The St. Mary's, Salehurst, Robertsbridge, ringers regret to announce the death of Mr. J. H. Edwards at the East Sussex Hospital on Monday, May 22nd. Harry Edwards was 83 years old and had been a ringer at Salehurst for 65 years; he was also a member of the Sussex Association.

On October 20th, 1919, Harry rang the third bell in the first peal, Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) to be rung at Salehurst by an all-Salehurst band; it was his first peal on eight bells.

Harry will be sadly missed by his many friends in the Salehurst belfry and the Sussex Association.

G. W. F. C.

May we hope this picture will serve a good purpose? We see the Rev. Stanley Moore extending a welcome to Bob Fisher (aged 97), of East Meon, when he joined the many noted veterans at their reunion at Bishopsgate on June 20th, 1965. Bob passed away on the following Tuesday and at his funeral service the Vicar emphasised Bob's long service to the Church—83 years as chorister and 73 years as bellringer! This may be a record.

This year the service and reunion will be held at Bishopsgate, London, on June 24th. All veterans are welcome; there will be no need to wait for an invitation. Just send your name to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16.

MR. J. WEAVING

Ringers around the Newbury area of Berkshire will be saddened to learn of the death on May 18th, at the age of 77 years, of James Weaving. He had for many years been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Hampstead Norris, until he and his wife went to live at Welwyn Garden City.

For the past few years James Weaving had been a member of the band at St. Peter's Church, Tewin, where he was able to give his assistance to the band in their many activities. The bells of Tewin Church were rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral.

James was a regular member of the Church of Christ the King, Welwyn Garden City (only one bell), where his body remained throughout Tuesday night. A Requiem Mass was said early the following morning. The funeral took place later that day, May 24th, at which local ringers were represented.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their loss.

D. S. H.

MR. FREDERICK PAGE

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to read of the death of Mr. Frederick Page. Although I knew him personally only during his years in Sussex, his name was a very familiar one through his membership of the fine handbell band at Stockport, who rang many peals during the late '20's and in the'30's under the conductorship of Allen F. Bailey, whom many will remember as one of the famous Leiston family.

I suggest that A. W. B., in his tribute to Mr. Page, has been slightly misled by looking through his peal book. The Pye brothers to whom he refers were not the incomparable William and George R. Pye, both ringers of nearly 2,000 peals, but two policemen of exactly the same names from the Manchester area. This double duplication was even more remarkable than those of the John Freemans, J. H. Fieldens and Margaret Woolleys of today.!—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Four Corbys and four Pipes rang a touch of London Surprise Major at Melton Mowbray.

Letters received, making allegations, that are not accompanied by the name and address of the sender are consigned to the waste-paper basket.

The post of Cupid with the U.B.S.C.R. will be held in abeyance, since the present Cupid leaves at the end of his third year without there being an eligible male to take over!

During the past month Jeffrey Ladd (aged 14), of St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey, has rung his first peal, "inside" to Bob Minor, conducted his first quarter peal, also of Bob Minor, and rung "inside" his first quarter of Surprise.

The organisers of the peal at Shiplake, Oxon, on May 29th, are very appreciative of the help given them by Mr. Alf Street, and hope that the local band's outing, which took place on the same day, was a great success. It is also worthy of note that this was Bill Gilks' first peal for 11 years.

We regret to learn that Mr. Alan R. Pink has been ordered to bed, through heart trouble, by his doctor.

The quarter of Glasgow Surprise Major at Chewton Mendip on May 25th was rung within minutes of the great soccer win at Lisbon. The performance was purely coincidental.

Donald G. Clift, who had a period in hospital earlier this year, was able to take part in a peal at St. Laurence's, Reading, on May 20th, and in doing so has now rung a peal in every county in England and Wales.

British Railways are responsible for the fast peal at St Peter's, Bournemouth, on May 27th (2 hours and 41 minutes on a ton eight). The train, scheduled to arrive at 1.45, arrived at 2.15 from Birmingham. By the time its passengers reached St. Peter's, 3 hours and 5 minutes were left to ring the peal and lower the bells. The tenor was rung in true Birmingham fashion and the bells were down with a quarter of an hour to spare.

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DEATH

RYDER.—On Friday, June 2nd, 1967, T. Colin Ryder, of 19, Belvoir Gardens, Great Gonerby Grantham, for many years sidesman, parish church councillor and captain of ringers at Rotherham Parish Church. 1747

PERSONAL

"If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."—James ii, 26.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PRIME.—The address of Pat and Dick is now 8, Patrington Close, Cowley, Uxbridge, Middlesex. Friends, old and new, always welcome. 1746

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION.

HOLIDAY FLAT in Cornwall, sleep 4–6. Vacancy one week from June 24th, one week July 8th, and after September 23rd. All electric. Panoramic views across Widemouth May. Stratton (8) 3 miles.—Boyle, Longdown. Widemouth, Bude. Tel. Widemouth Bay 353 1744

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MISCELLANEOUS

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX, bells will not be available until further notice. It is hoped to make alternative arrangements for evening ringing on Saturday, June 17th, following the meeting at Wivelsfield. 1729

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE

District Ringing Festival

August 26th—28th, 1967.

Preliminary Notice of Proposed Programme

Saturday (26th).—Ringing Tour (private cars). Tea, Priory Church Hall. Christchurch Priory bells (12) in the evening.

Sunday (27th).—Ringers' Sunday at The Priory. Bells available for service ringing and in the afternoon 2.30–4.30. Preacher at Evensong, Rev. Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

Bank Holiday Monday (28th).—Coach Tour into Dorset if sufficient support. Fare (including lunch) 25s. **Early notice** is invited from probable passengers so that firm arrangements can be made. Please notify Arthur V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 1738

LAVENHAM, Suffolk. — Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 17th. Bells available 2.45 to 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 1672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 1st, 10 a.m. ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m. service in the Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting; 12.45 for 1.15 lunch at Christ Church. Tickets for lunch 9s. Applications for ticket accompanied by remittances and s.a.e. to Mis D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, June 26th.

"CASTLE WEEK" IN CHEPSTOW

Chepstow Castle — 900th Anniversary Celebrations and "Festival of Flowers" in Parish Church June 14th to 17th. Stalls and events in Castle each evening "Son et Lumiere" 10 p.m. each night. Bells (10) 6 p.m.–7 p.m. June 13th–17th. All visiting ringers most welcome. No weekly Wednesday practice. 1707

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Restoration Centenary Festival

June 30th—July 2nd.

Bells available Sat., July 1st, 2–6 p.m. Festival of floral art in church gardens open. Teas available. All welcome. 1526

THE LADIES' GUILD

Annual General Meeting, Sat., July 1st, at Lincoln.

Committee meeting 11 a.m. in Consistory Court. Service 12 noon in Cathedral. Buffet lnnch available in Chapter House. Meeting 2 p.m. in Consistory Court. Dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., Moor Lodge, Branston. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10.45–11.45 a.m. and 2–5.15 p.m.; St. Giles' (8) 2–4 p.m.; St. Peter at Gowts' (6) and St. Botolph's (6) 3–4 p.m.; Waddington (6) 3–4.30 p.m.; Harmston (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; Washingborough (8) 4–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6) 5 p.m.

Names, with cash, please, and s.a.e. for tickets for buffet lunch (4s.) and/or dinner (£1–5–0) to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, by June 22nd. 1670

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringing Festival. June 24th, 1967.

Towers available as follows: Horncastle 10 a.m.–11 a.m.; Old Bolingbroke 10.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m.; Sibsey 11 a.m.–12 noon; Old Leake 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; Leverton 12 noon–1 p.m.; Freiston 12.30 p.m.–1.30 p.m.; Algarkirk 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Sutterton 3 p.m.–4 p.m.; Wigtoft 3.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Swineshead 6 onwards; Coningsby 7–8; Tattershall 8–9.

Cricket match, Swineshead, 2.30. Tea in Swineshead Church Hall for those who notify me by June 19th. — Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1668

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET

Ringers' Service

Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 25th. Ringing from 5.30. Refreshments and ringing after service. Preacher, Rev. R. N. Longridge. Visitors welcome. 1737

ST. MARY'S, MARLBOROUGH,—Practice night now Tuesday, 7.30–8.30. Visitors welcome. 1735

VETERANS' REUNION. — London, June 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Ringing from 2 to 4.15. Names for tea to J. Euston. 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16. 1721

MEETINGS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening practice meeting at the Bell Foundry Tower Loughborough, on Friday, June 16th, at 7 p.m. All welcome.—R. M. W. 1699

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1968

Most ringers will have been aware of our difficulties in producing the 1967 Diary, and to correct matters our binders are asking for the printed sheets much earlier than previously.

To enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of all Association secretaries asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by **July 7th, latest.** Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged

No reminders can be sent this year
W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 1755

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —South and West District.—Evening practice meeting at Bedfont, Friday, June 16th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1708

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Evening meeting, Stoneleigh, June 17th. Bells from 6 p.m. 1724

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Holywell, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: London Surprise and Single Oxford. Names for tea must be sent to the District Secretary. 23, Moyne Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon.—Michael J. Dyer. Dis. Sec. 1703

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4 bells) on Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Handbell ringing 6 p.m.—V. Deane, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District —Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition at Merrow on June 17th. Service at 3 p.m., followed by competition, then tea and meeting. Ringing in evening at West Clandon. Names for tea to Miss H Giddins, 43, Great Goodwin Drive, Merrow, Guildford.—M M. 1733

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Radlett, June 17th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening ringing from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Clouston, Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—K Walpole, Dis. Sec 1671

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Finchley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing till 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby. Dis. Sec. 1663

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, June 17th, at Wilby (8), 6.30–9 p.m.—H.W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 1665

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting. Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at Wivelsfield (6) 3 p.m. followed by service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Ringing will then continue at Burgess Hill from 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Telephone 3442). 1653

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rock (8), near Bewdley, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.. followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 1678

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, June 20th, 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 27th, St Mary-le-Bow; July 4th, St. Andrew's. Holborn; July 11th, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, Sec. 1730

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Wakefield Cathedral (12), Tuesday, June 20th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Plain hunt on 9, 10, 11 and 12, P.B. Royal and Grandsire Cinques. Ringing Master, Mr Wilfrid F. Moreton. All welcome.—M. King, Dis. Sec. 1082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Colerne, Wednesday, June 21st. Bells (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H. Heath. 1719

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting to be held at Hathern (8), Friday evening, June 23rd, 7 p.m. Will be also combined meeting with the Loughborough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. 1649

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Irton (6), June 24th, 7–9 p.m.—R. J. Dean, Branch Sec. 1742

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss E. Jackson, 1, The Square, Rostherne, before Tuesday, June 20th. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 1756

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 1748

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Brancepeth on Saturday, June 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 1715

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1745

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Tytherington, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea **essential** to R. Williams, Brook Farm, Tytherington, Glos, **by Wednesday, June 21st.** —R. H. D. 1750

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lower Slaughter (6) and Upper Slaughter (5), June 24th. Bells available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Service Upper Slaughter 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. (Tel. Stow 350) by June 23rd. 1754

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District Striking Competitioon at Aldershot, Saturday, June 24th. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. (Farnborough 41792.) Normal ringing after tea. 1734

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. and Prize Contest, Penistone, June 24th. Test piece 600 Minor. Names for tea to T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield. 1741

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—A combined practice will be held at Westbury on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 1718

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 24th. at Rostherne (6). Bells 3 p m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Jackson, 1, The Square, Rostherne, Altrincham. — C. Andrew, Dis. Sec 1751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Whalley on Saturday, June 24th. (Please note change of date.) Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after tea. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1760

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting in Leeds on June 24th. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 3–5 p.m., and Christ Church, Armley, 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Plenty of cafes in town centre. 1722

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1967

The A.G.M. will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 1st. Arrangements are as follows:

General meeting in Cathedral House	2.30 p.m.
Service in the Cathedral (including dedication of the Fred Rogers–George Pullinger Memorial by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth)	4.30 p.m.
Tea in Cathedral House	5.15 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth. Tel. 23300.

Ringing Arrangements:

Curdridge (8) and Droxford (4) 10.30–11.30; Shedfield (8), Soberton (8) and Hambledon (6) 11–12; Titchfield (6) and Catherington (6) 11.30–12.30; Havant (8) 12–1; Portsea (8) 12.30–2; Portsmouth Cathedral (10) 12.30–2.30 and after tea.

D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1727

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

Ringing Arrangements:

Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) ..	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6)	12.15 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10)	2.30 p.m.— 3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12)	3.00 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.
..	7.00 p.m.— 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by Saturday, July 1st. **No name, no tea.** 1717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Sharnford, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential to Mr. H. Wood, 68, Leicester Road, Sharnford.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 1725

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Evening meeting at West Wycombe, Saturday, June 24th. Ringing on the eight bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1728

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Weldon on 24th instant. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to R Webster 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, Northants, by 20th. 1711

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch) and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton Mowbray Branch.—Joint meeting at Whissendine (6), Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. No tea. 1716

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Greens Norton, June 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss Betty Mansfield, 3, Duncote, near Towcester, by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 1726

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1623. —The 344th Anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 11.30 a.m. Come for 12-bell ringing. Make own arrangements for lunch. Tea (4s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thursday, 22nd. — L. E. Pitstow. 4, Highfield. Phone 2074. 1739

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Loders, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 1712

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, East Knoyle, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to N. Skelton, 29, Ayleswade Road, Salisbury, by Tuesday, 20th. 1720

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Bolsover (Derbys, 8), Saturday, June 24th. Bells 6–9 p.m. Methods for special practice: St. Clement's College Bob Major and Yorkshire Surprise.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 1723

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.: St. Michael's (6) 3.30–4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.30–4.15. All available together with St. Mary's (8) during the evening after the meeting. No ringing during service, please, which is in the Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at the very latest by June 21st. Tel. Lichfield 4539. Please support business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1706

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Charlwood (6), Saturday June 24th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Gosling, Lyndhurst, Rectory Lane, by June 21st.—K G. Game. Dis. Sec. 1688

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Meeting, East Hoathly, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. Tel. 3515.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1757

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, East Woodhay (6), Saturday, June 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Webb, Church Cottage, North End, near Newbury, by not later than Thursday, June 22nd. Ringing after meeting, Highclere (8). 1752

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch. — Corporate Communion at Wraxall, Sunday, June 25th. Bells available 7 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m., followed by breakfast.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 1667

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District — Meeting at Southam (8), July 1st. Bells 3.15–4.45 and 6–8 p.m. Plenty of tea for all at Southam Church Fete (400 yards from Church on main Leamington Road).—R. W. S. 1705

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ashford-in-the-Water Saturday, July 1st. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Ashford-in-the-Water (new 6) 3.15 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 27th.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbys.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the Striking Competition will be held at Roydon on Saturday, July 1st, commencing at 2.30 prompt. M.C., Mr. K. Wood. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, by Thursday, June 29th, please. 1664

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Burgh-le-Marsh on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Monday, June 26th.—Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1669

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The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Scunthorpe on April 1st was Fred Lacey, and not as submitted.

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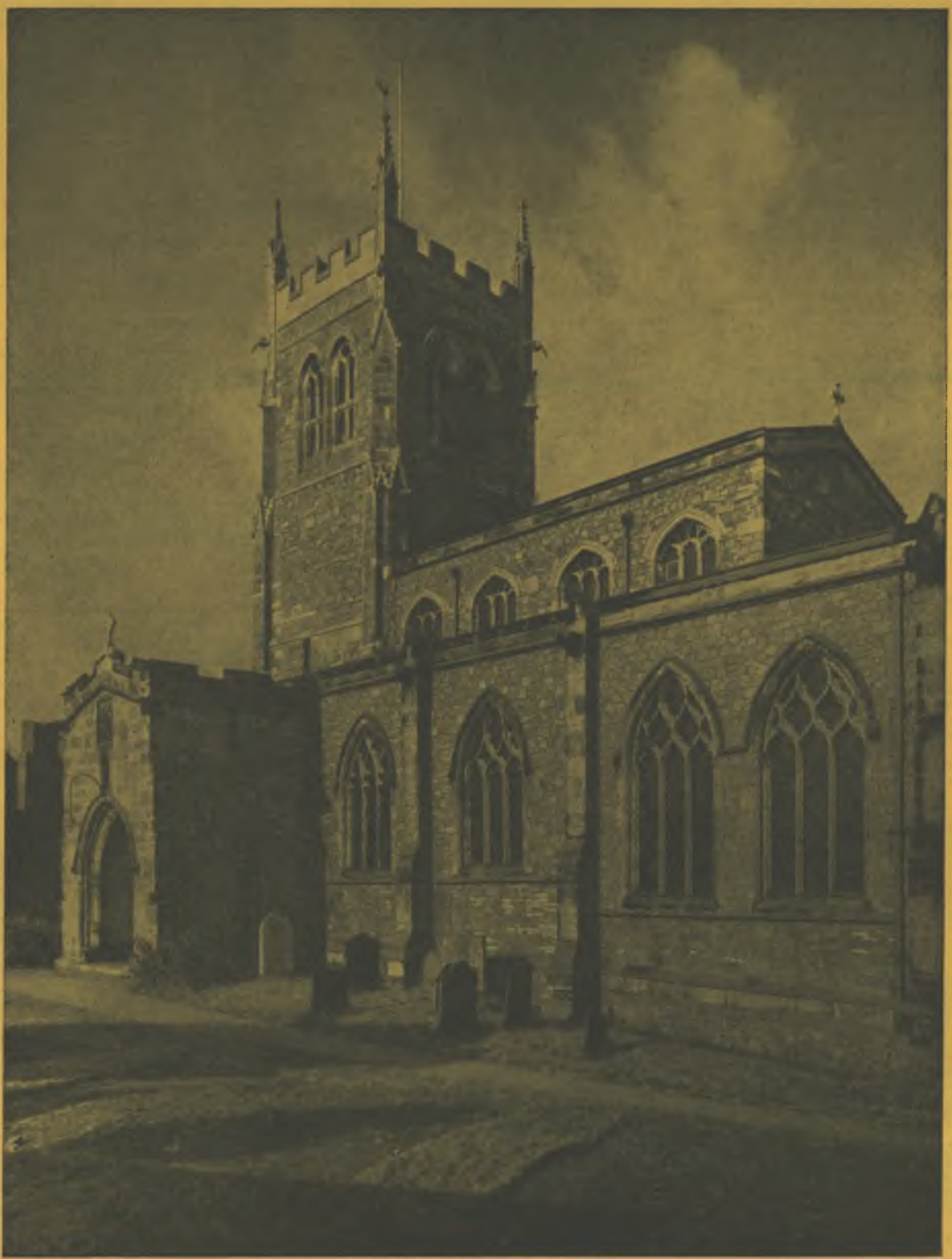

COMMENT

DARE YOU?

THE time is fast approaching when hordes of enthusiastic ringers will invade other towers on their annual outings. The value of these excursions to the individuals taking part will no doubt vary from one person to the next. I suspect, however, that the value to the towers visited is usually nil. Be that as it may, the alternative which I am about to suggest can only appeal to the young ringers for two reasons. Firstly, the time element will preclude those who must earn their daily bread; and secondly it requires that enthusiasm which belongs only to youth.

Dare you, then, accept this challenge—to set out this summer and either teach some ringers for a silent tower or teach a few extra ringers for your own tower? You must, of course, know how to teach basic handling; but in my own tower we have two young people who regularly teach others, so this knowledge ought already to be yours, too! Any venture of this sort would be undertaken on bells with tied clappers and you must at all times act with responsibility, being aware of the injury which could befall the learner and tutor, and also the damage which could be caused to the bell and its fittings.

If you are still keen and interested (as I hope some of you will be) how best to set about it? Should the venture be local, approach the incumbent of the silent tower and your own tower captain. The latter must give his approval before you start teaching more ringers for your local band and it will help if he will back any negotiations you make to teach ringers for a silent tower. In the case of the silent tower the local incumbent can usually find lots of young people who would like to learn the art. There is also the possibility that you may get permission to camp, either in tents or, say, the Church Hall, in some seaside or country village. Should this idea appeal, do get in touch with the local ringing organisations, as a little tact will go a long way.

Having settled the general details, make your "rules" and stick to them. For example, suppose you are working in groups of three to six tutors, decide how many pupils you can control per session (no more than two pupils to one teacher, perhaps), how long each session will last and how many sessions per day. Make these details known at the outset and adhere to them rigidly! Should any cleaning be necessary in the tower where the bells have been rung infrequently, try to inspire the learners to clean it before starting to teach. I am convinced that a well-maintained belfry usually contains a well-maintained band.

Use all the aids to teaching you can muster. Take all your books on ringing as advertisement and be sure to take along "The Ringing World" for your learners to see. Records of bells and tape recordings are invaluable here; if the recording is of good striking, emphasise this, and if the striking is bad or indifferent use it to illustrate where the bad blows are being made and why. The most important thing to let your learners see is enthusiasm and what a joyful task bellringing really can be.

If possible try to follow up the idea by supporting (or leading) practices at the new tower. It will make interesting reading if, when you have tried this venture, you write to "The Ringing World" telling the results of your work. Remember, ten men achieved something on these lines in America and, whilst they had a wealth of experience, they did not perhaps all (figuratively speaking) have that cherished possession, youth.

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OUR PICTURE

SILEBY PARISH CHURCH, LEICESTERSHIRE

By REV. R. J. HUNTING

THE Parish Church of Sileby, Leicestershire, dedicated to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was founded about c. 1150 by Robert Bossu, Eearl of Leicester, who also founded about that time the Augustinian Abbey of Leicester, some six miles from the village.

The church was enlarged to its present massive structure in the next century by its patron, Baron Nicholas de Segrave, who fought by the side of Simon de Montfort at the Battle of Evesham in 1265 and, during the Eighth Crusade, captured Nazareth. Patrons of the church have been distinguished soldiers, statesmen and the Earl Marshal of England. The record of incumbents begins c. 1220.

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Treble: Weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. Diam. 28 in. 1945.

Second: Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. Diam. 30 in. 1945.
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Third: Weight 6¼ cwt. Diam. 33½ in. 1934.
In 1934, £127 was raised to restore the belfry and add another bell. Inscribed "O Prosper Thou our handywork," it was made by John Taylor and Co.

Fourth: Weight (approx.) 10 cwt. Diam. 38 in. 1745.
It is inscribed "In honorem gvlielmi evbriae avcis rebelles Scotos victricibvs armis debellantis 1745." Donated by the villagers after the defeat of the Scots by William Duke of Cumberland.

Fifth: Weight (approx.) 12 cwt. Diam. 40 in. 1590.
The oldest bell in the tower, inscribed "Jesvs be ovr Spede," it was made by George Oldfield of Nottingham at the close of the 16th century.

Sixth: Weight (approx.) 13 cwt. Diam. 41 in. 1622.
It bears the Latin inscription "Celorvm Chrste Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste 1622," that is,
"O Christ the King of Heaven,
Be pleased when this sound in given."

Seventh: Weight (approx.) 18 cwt. Diam. 46 in. 1707–8.
After a century and a half, when the church was served only by curates, the parish gave this bell to mark the return of a Vicar to the church. It is inscribed "Henry Penn made mee, 1707–8."

Tenor: Weight 22 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat. Diam. 50 in. 1622.
This bell has the Latin inscription, "Cvm Sono Si Non Vis Venire Nvnqvam as Precse Cvpies Ire."
"If you are unwilling when to prayer I call,
You are not willing to come at all."
The tenor and the sixth bells were made in 1622 by Hugh Watts of Leicester. Hugh was churchwarden at St. Margaret's in 1615, and Mayor of Leicester in 1633.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Continued

The front row at Nottingham listening to the welcome from the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. F. Roberts). From left to right: R. S. Anderson (convener "The Ringing World" Committee), J. Frank Smallwood (life member), J. W. Cotton (Midland Counties Guild), B. G. Warwick, Shirley Burton and J. M. Jelley (Leicester Diocesan Guild), S. J. Ivin (Oxford University Society), Rev. J. G. W. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Frederick Sharpe (convener Towers and Belfries Committee), W. G. Wilson, H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and A. D. Barker (all London County Association) and E. J. Franklin (Railwaymen's Guild).

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KENT, THE LEADING COUNTY FOR PEAL RINGING

Peals Analysis Committee's Report

THE year 1966 showed an unexpected decrease in the number of peals rung, for, according to our records, tower bell peals are down 183 to 3,039, with handbell peals up by 14, with 287, giving a total of 3,326.

This does **not** include five peals for the Salisbury Guild, rung in July/August and published in "The Ringing World" of March 3rd; nor two peals sent to "The Ringing World" on March 13th, though rung in December. We wonder why there is such a slackness about! Is it that it takes all this time to decide whether they were rung well enough or what?

We do not publish "League" tables, but here is the position attained in the annual list; and it will be noticed that congratulations are due to the Kent County Association for their continued efforts which have brought their reward.

The first ten places are filled as follows:-

	Tower	Handbell	Total
Kent County	172	35	207
Yorkshire Asso.	200	—	200
Oxford D. (1 in 1965)	199	—	200
Chester Guild	150	33	183
Lancashire Asso. ..	160	19	179
Lincoln Guild	116	27	143
Leicester Guild	112	22	134
Bath and Wells	128	—	128
Southwell Guild	116	7	123
Essex Asso.	104	—	104

These ten rang 48.13 per cent of the total.

The analysis breaks down as follows:-

TOWER

	1966	1965	
Maximus	88	89	— 1
Cinques	59	62	— 3
Royal	226	193	+33
Caters	95	104	— 9
Major	1,272	1,363	—91
Triples	184	248	—64
Minor	826½	886	—59½
Doubles	286½	274	+12½
Minimus	2	3	— 1
	3,039	3,222	—183

HANDBELLS

	1966	1965	
Maximus	15	3	+12
Cinques	5	—	+ 5
Royal	38	13	+25
Caters	14	4	+10
Major	125	96	+29
Triples	6	9	— 3
Minor	75	131	—56
Doubles	9	17	— 8
Maximus	—	—	—
	287	273	+14

Outstanding performances must include the magnificent performance of ringing Liverpool tenor single-handed for Maximus by Peter Border; together with the excellent co-operation of the other back-enders; the 3 peals of Stedman Cinques rung simultaneously by the College Youths—organisation as well as ringing strength; the raising of the record number of Minor methods on tower bells by the Essex Association and the Suffolk Guild; the Stedman Cinques record by the St. Martin's Guild; the perfectly marvellous performances of Spliced Surprise Major, under the conductorship of "Tony" Peake; the 24 Surprise Maximus by the Lancashire Association and the nine Surprise Major methods, rung silent and non-conducted by the Yorkshire Association. On handbells we note the wonderful efforts of the band who rang the Spliced Surprise on handbells—a great feat.

We wonder if our friends throughout the Exercise could help in finding out the perpetrators of the many "hoaxes" which are being received by the Editor; if they could then drastically deal with the same, it would give great satisfaction to the other members of the Exercise.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Walter Ayre, in moving the adoption, said in paragraph 2 it should read "nor three peals sent to 'The Ringing World' on March 13th, though rung in December."

Mr. H. Poyner asked how they got half peal of Minor and half Doubles.

Mr. G Dodds inquired whether peals with singles at half-lead and lead-ends had been included.

There was also a question as to the number of hoax peals and also about other ringers in the peal at Liverpool Cathedral mentioned in the report

The convener replied and said he was not going to work out the percentage of Minor and Doubles in the peal. There were no hoax peals as far as he knew. Regarding the Liverpool peal, he had extraordinary sympathy with the man on the eleventh but he admired the lot. He was no decider about peals but enjoyed peals with singles, but they occurred in the front and that was why they were in

Mr. G. Dodds: They could be interpreted as two forms of singles.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead supported Mr. Ayre. In tabulating these and keeping the records there was no opportunity to delve into such fine points.

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Analysis of Peals Rung During 1966

Handbells in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 8, Cinques 7, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 4, Triples 4, Minor 1. Total 30.

A.N.Z.A.B.—Caters 1, Major 2 (5), Minor (1), Doubles 1. Total 10 (6).

Bath and Wells.—Royal 6, Caters 5, Major 47, Triples 7, Minor 34, Doubles 29. Total 128.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 20, Triples 4, Minor 11. Total 38.

Cambridge University.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 3, Major 8, Triples 2, Minor (3), Doubles 1. Total 20 (3).

Chester Guild.—Maximus 4 (7), Cinques 3, Royal 7 (7), Caters 1 (1), Major 65 (15), Triples 8 (1), Minor 40 (2), Doubles 22. Total 183 (33).

Cleveland and N. Yorkshire.—Major 3 (1), Minor (2). Total 6 (3).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland.—Major 2, Minor 1. Total 3.

Coventry Guild.—Cinques (3), Royal 1, Caters 3 (2), Major 11, Triples 4, Minor 29 (1), Doubles 9. Total 63 (6).

Derby Diocesan.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 23 (5), Triples 5, Minor 17 (2). Total 58 (7).

Guild of Devonshire.—Maximus 1, Royal 3, Major 9 (1), Triples 5, Minor 7, Doubles 6. Total 32 (1).

Devonshire Association.—Doubles 1.

Dudley and District.—Major 1.

Durham and Newcastle.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 7 (2), Major 12 (8), Minor 6 (2). Total 40 (12).

E. Derby and S. Leicester.—Minor 1.

East Grinstead.—Major 5, Doubles 1. Total 6.

Ely Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 27 (1), Triples 1, Minor 25. Total 56 (1).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 6, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 51, Triples 5, Minor 34, Doubles 1. Total 104.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Maximus 4, Cinques 2, Royal 2 (1), Major 34 (10), Caters 1, Triples 6, Minor 11 (1), Doubles 11. Total 83 (12).

Guildford Diocesan.—Royal 5, Major 18, Triples 3, Minor 6, Doubles 1. Total 33.

Hereford Guild.—Royal 3, Major 4, Triples 1, Minor 8, Doubles 15. Total 31.

Hertford County.—Maximus 2 (3), Royal 4 (6), Caters 1, Major 34 (12), Triples 1, Minor 21 (6). Total 90 (27).

Irish Association.—Major 2 (2), Triples 3 (2), Minor 3 (9), Doubles 1 (2). Total 24 (15).

Kent County.—Maximus (5), Cinques 1 (1), Royal 7 (8), Caters 2 (7), Major 96 (9), Triples 9 (2), Minor 48, Doubles 9 (3). Total 207 (35).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 1, Triples 1. Total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 12, Cinques 1, Royal 9 (1), Caters 3, Major 84 (4), Triples 15, Minor 32 (12), Doubles 4 (2). Total 179 (19).

Leicester Guild.—Maximus 6, Cinques 1, Royal 9 (4), Caters 3 (1), Major 63 (9), Triples 3, Minor 21 (6), Doubles 6 (2). Total 134 (22).

Lincoln Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 4 (3), Caters 2 (2), Major 35 (21), Triples 4, Minor 63 (1), Doubles 3. Total 143 (27).

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Maximus 1, Royal 6, Caters 5, Major 17 (1), Triples 5, Minor 6, Doubles 11. Total 52 (1).

London C.—Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 2, Minor 1. Total 11.

Middlesex C.—Royal 2 (2), Caters 2, Major 35 (3), Triples 3, Minor 6. Total 53 (5).

Midland C.—Royal 15, Caters 3, Major 20, Triples 3, Minor 3, Doubles 2. Total 46.

Police Guild.—Triples 1.

North Staffordshire.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 14, Triples 1, Minor 3. Total 20.

North Wales.—Major 4, Doubles 1. Total 5.

Norwich Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 29, Triples 4, Minor 38 (5) Doubles 6. Total 89 (5).

Oxford Guild.—Maximus 3, Royal 10, Caters 8, Major 90—includes 1 in 1965, Triples 16, Minor 47, Doubles 25, Minimus 1. Total 200.

Oxford Society.—Caters 3, Triples 2. Total 5.

Oxford University.—Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 1. Total 5.

Peterborough Guild.—Royal 18, Caters 2, Major 33 (1), Triples 1, Minor 31, Doubles 9. Total 95 (1).

St. David's Guild.—Major 5, Minor 4. Total 9.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 28, Cinques 7 (1), Royal 24, Major 21 (1), Triples 2, Minor 1. Total 85 (2).

Scottish Association.—Major 1.

Sheffield and District.—Royal 1.

Salisbury Guild.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 6, Minor 13 (2), Doubles 8. Total 48 (2).

Shropshire Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major 7, Minor 2, Doubles 4. Total 16.

Sherwood Youths.—Major 2, Minor 2. Total 4.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Major 19, Minor 1. Total 26.

S. Derby and N. Leicester.—Nil.

Southwell Guild.—Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Royal 6, Caters 4, Major 20 (2), Triples 6, Minor 43 (5), Doubles 34. Total 123 (7).

Staffordshire Archdeaconry.—Maximus 2, Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 12, Triples 5, Minor 14, Doubles 5. Total 42.

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 17, Triples 1, Minor 32, Doubles 10, Minimus 1. Total 73.

Surrey Association.—Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 9, Doubles 1. Total 31.

Sussex County.—Royal 3, Caters 4 (1), Major 35, Triples 14, Minor 17, Doubles 11. Total 85 (1).

Swansea and Brecon.—Major 1 (6), Minor 6. Total 13 (6).

Truro Guild.—Caters 1, Major 1, Triples 2, Minor 6, Doubles 2. Total 12.

Universities Association.—Cinques 1, Major (1), Minor 4 (1). Total 7 (2).

University of Bristol.—Cinques 1, Caters 3, Major 3, Minor 4. Total 11.

University of London.—Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 1, Minor 9. Total 14.

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Cinques 4, Royal 10, Caters 3, Major 22, Triples 6, Minor 17, Doubles 17. Total 79.

Worcester & Districts.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 40, Triples 4 (1), Minor 5 (2), Doubles 2. Total 62 (3).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 5, Cinques 6, Royal 19, Caters 3, Major 96, Triples 5, Minor 53, Doubles 13. Total 200.

Other Societies, etc.—Cinques 1, Royal 3 (4), Major 32 (7), Triples 2, Minor 30½ (12), Doubles 4. Total 96 (23).

Tower 3,039. Handbells 287. Grand total 3,326.

A peal of Doubles in 27 methods—5,319 changes—rung for the Southwell Guild is not acceptable, as it does not comply with the rules.

Methods in which 10 or more peals were rung:—

Maximus.—Cambridge 51, Plain Bob 18.

Cinques.—Stedman 56.

Royal.—Cambridge 68, Plain Bob 61, Yorkshire 35, London 28.

Caters.—Grandsire 57, Stedman 46.

Major—Spliced Surprise.—Over 15 methods 29, Ditto 8 methods 19, Ditto 6 methods 15, Ditto 4 methods 41, Ditto 3 methods 13, Bristol 67, Cambridge 105, Glasgow 21, Lincolnshire 47, London 97, Pudsey 25, Rutland 61, Superlative 24, Yorkshire 178, Kent T.B. 31, Double Norwich 58, Plain Bob 294, Little Bob 11.

Triples.—Grandsire 93, Plain Bob 20, Stedman 59.

Minor.—Over 30 methods 17, 15-30 methods 19, 14 methods 15, 9 methods 12, 8 methods 15, 7 methods 179, 6 methods 26, 5 methods 44, 4 methods 59, 3 methods 65, 2 methods 50, 1 method 363½.

Doubles.—Over 42 methods 13, 31-42 methods 11, 15-30 methods 18, 14 methods 13, 11 methods 15, 7 methods 21, 6 methods 10, 4 methods 19, 3 methods 22, 2 methods 25, 1 method 89½.

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K. W. H. Felstead.
H. Roper.

THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

THE committee has had no work to carry out on publications of compositions.

The convener was assigned the task of examining the books and papers of the late Mr. Albert J. Pitman. He has looked through all of them and found that much of the material is disappointingly of little value, though his figures provided some insight into the methods by which Mr. Pitman worked on Spliced Surprise Major. A large part consisted of largely disconnected jottings, and illustrated the very many types of composition in which he was interested, ranging from Spliced Doubles to Surprise Maximus.

Scattered throughout the books were found worked-out sets of false lead-ends between various Surprise Major methods. It was surprising to note that Mr. Pitman apparently had not realised that he could have almost halved his work by reversing such tables; for instance, a whole page of figures on "Pudsey Against Yorkshire" is followed a few pages later by "Yorkshire Against Pudsey." Despite the fact that the convener prefers to use false course-ends rather than false lead-heads, he was pleased to find correlation between his and Mr. Pitman's figures in all the popular methods used for splicing.

As these useful figures are so scattered in amongst others not so valuable, one possibility might be for them to be abstracted; the books number about 20 in all.

The committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the work which Mr. Pitman had done for the Central Council since he became a member of the Peals Collection Committee. Whenever work was in progress on a new collection he was always very willing to undertake a large part of the proving of any kind of composition, and, together with Mr. W. Barton, shared almost the whole of the proof of the collection of Stedman Caters and Cinques published in 1961. As regards Surprise Major, his compositions, particularly the "all the work" peals of Spliced, will stand for ever as a fitting memorial to an unassuming genius.

Signed) W. E. Critchley (Convener),
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Sprotborough,
Doncaster.

Mr. W. E. Critchley moved the adoption.

Mr T. Roderick asked why Mr. Pitman was not aware of reversed tables.

Mr. Critchley said he went on the paper work he had done.

Mr. C. K. Lewis commented that it was nothing against Mr. Pitman and he might have been aware of it. He had written down both so he might or might not have known about reversing tables.

The report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Mr. C. K. Lewis said he had nothing to present.

The president: So no one will second it!

LATE NOTICE

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting

at

SAWBRIDGEWORTH

on

SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1967

Harlow Common (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Sawbridgeworth at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 6.30–8 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, July 6th. 1801

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Mr. Simon Humphrey gives notice of an attempt for 19,936 Yorkshire Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 1st starting at 9 a.m. Composition next week.

Methods Committee to Investigate Half Lead Spliced

Mr. Ian H. Oram gave notice of the following proposed amendment of decision:—

"Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced,' provided the methods are joined in the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e. the 'leads' in treble-dominated methods, the 'divisions' in the case of Stedman, Duffield and the like). In addition, where a peal qualifies as 'Spliced' under the above definition, methods may also be joined at the half-lead, provided that where this is done only one of any group of methods differing only in the places made at the half-lead or the lead end may be used in any one composition."

Moving the motion, Mr. Oram said first of all why was such an amendment necessary? The present rule required that a peal which contained more than one method should be called Spliced. When the original rule was made, no half-lead splice was known.

In the new rule they wanted to retain the requirement that methods be joined in fundamental units. If methods were only allowed to change at the lead-end it would disqualify Kent and Oxford. If they accepted calls at half-leads, why not methods?

Mr. Stanley Jenner (Kent County Association) seconded and said they ought to look at it from a commonsense point of view and not be bogged down with technical details. Spliced was called spliced because that was what actually happened.

The President: We are advised by our legal adviser that it is competent for the Council to consider this although it is not on the agenda paper.

The Council agreed to continue the discussion.

Mr. N. Chaddock suggested that if they called it half-spliced it would solve the problem.

Mr. B. Threlfall: It seems to me that the main object of this motion is to allow a peal already rung to be recognised.

Mr. Oram: So far as I am concerned a peal has been rung. It was published as a peal of Surprise Major. What they wanted was for it to be recognised as Spliced Surprise Major. The 5,000 changes were rung properly.

Mr. W. F. Moreton: I think there is no doubt that the peal can be accepted as it stands. The only question is wether the word "spliced" can be used.

Mr. E. W. Critchley commented that in this peal, of which he was filled with admiration—it included half a lead—neither Yorkshire nor Superlative was actually rung.

Mr. P. A. Corby: May we be reminded of the decision of the Council at the 1955 meeting as to what it constitutes as acceptable by the Central Council. At that meeting at Bristol the late Mr. Harold Poole and I proposed and seconded a resolution that any peal where the changes are true would be accepted by the Council as a peal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said in 1955 there were two motions before the Council and he was the person who proposed the motion that they would accept Bob Triples and any other method that the Council would accept as a true peal.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said no one was suggesting that this peal should not be counted as a peal. What the motion proposed to do —and they had been going off at a tangent— was to alter the definition of a peal of spliced.

Mr. N J. Diserens said so long as a true peal was rung it stood, but half a lead of one method made it a different method. They ought to go away and think about it.

Mrs. Staniforth proposed that the motion be referred to the Methods Committee, and Canon Felstead seconded.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove: The Methods Committee is in the happy position of having nothing to do with peal ringing. Don't refer it to the Methods Committee.

Mr R. J. Anderson said it was a question of whether it was spliced or a new method. He supported Mrs. Staniforth's proposal.

Mr. C. K. Lewis remarked that this was not something new but as old as the hills. Snowdon's book, back in 1890, had something of the Yorkshire Court that was now being called Spliced Shipway's Court. He suggested that the people who proposed the motion should look into their histories and look backwards. There was a lot in "The Ringing Worlds" of 1936, 1937 and 1938 about spliced. He had sympathy with those who rang the peal as he knew of it long before it came into "The Ringing World." He would advise them to think of another name than spliced. They were worshipping at the spliced shrine and thought of it as the acme. It was much harder to ring a peal when the conductor did not remind one every 32 changes of what he proposed.

Mr. N. Bagworth: Surely with a change every half-lead they created a new method. Why not call it "Miscellaneous Surprise"?

The amendment referring the motion to the next year was carried with only seven voting Methods Committee with a request to report against.

Records Committee's List of First Peals in the Method

TOWER BELLS

January
3 5056 Foulness S. Maj., Lincoln.
February
12 5024 Stowe S. Maj., Oxford D.G.
12 5040 Grantham S. Roy., Middlesex.
March
17 5056 Brewood S. Maj., Middlesex.
19 5040 St. James' Bob Roy., Lancashire.
26 5024 Andover S. Maj., Winchester & P.G.
28 5024 Grimsthorpe S. Maj., Lincoln.
30 5120 Illey S. Maj., St. Martin's D.G.
April
16 5056 Boreham S. Maj., Kent.
21 5184 Headstone S. Maj., Middlesex.
May
9 5024 Midhurst S. Maj., Sussex.
10 5088 Ogden C.B.M., Midland.
10 5040 Clyde S. Roy., Lancashire.
12 5120 Oakington S. Maj., Middlesex.
21 5088 Crewkerne S. Maj., Bath and Wells.
June
2 5088 Measham C.B. Major, Midland C.
7 5024 Hove S. Maj., Sussex.
8 5056 Worthing S. Maj., Sussex.
11 5040 Hunslet Bob Roy., Yorkshire.
27 5056 Milford S. Maj., Cumberland Youths.
July
3 5040 Abbotswood S. Roy., Guildford.
August
4 5040 Hunslet Bob Trip., Yorkshire.
7 5184 Lewes S. Maj., Sussex.
8 5152 Dorking S. Maj., Sussex.
29 5040 Single Oxford B. Cat., Middlesex.
September
10 5024 Trent S. Maj., Derby.
17 5056 Higher Walton S. Maj., Bath & Wells.
17 5056 Orkney S. Maj., Surrey.
22 5024 Erewash S. Maj., Derby.
24 5088 Greybury S. Maj., Kent.
29 5184 Mapperley S. Maj., Derby.
October
24 5088 Githeslepe S. Maj., Oxford D.G.
30 5040 Staverton S. Roy., Peterborough.
November
5 5040 Richmond B. Roy., Oxford D.G.
12 5088 Eckington S. Maj., Derby.
25 5184 Wycombe S. Maj., Oxford D.G.
27 5002 Rothersthorpe S. Roy., Peterborough.
December
10 5088 Tonbridge S. Maj., Kent.

HANDBELLS

March
6 5040 Albanian S. Roy., Leicester.
15 5040 Ashbourne C. B. M., A.N.Z.A.B.
May
2 5120 25 Spliced S. Maj., Hertford.
24 5040 3 Spliced S. Roy., Hertford.
June
13 5000 4 Spliced S. Roy., Hertford.
August
8 5120 5 Spliced S Roy., Hertford.
September
20 5000 6 Spliced S. Roy., Hertford.
November
1 5152 Wembley S. Maj., Hertford.

SPLICED SURPRISE (TOWER BELLS)

January
23 5280 6 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work) Silent, Cumberland Youths.
February
20 5280 7 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work) Silent, Cumberland Youths.
May
15 5280 8 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work) Silent, Cumberland Youths.
21 5088 64 Spliced Maj., Gloucester and B.
22 5472 9 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work) Silent, Yorkshire.
June
18 5088 70 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester and B
August
6 5080 80 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester and B.
October
1 5080 85 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester and B.
16 5080 100 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester & B.
November
5 5080 110 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester & B.
19 5152 16 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work), Lancashire
20 5080 120 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester & B.
December
11 5152 19 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work). Lancashire.
17 5080 135 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester & B.
17 5040 24 Spliced S. Maj., Lancashire.
28 5152 21 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work), Lancashire.
31 5152 23 Spliced S. Maj. (all the work), Lancashire.
31 5080 150 Spliced S. Maj., Gloucester & B.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

May
25 6048 Glasgow S. Maj., Worcestershire.
November
12 15699 Stedman Cinques, St. Martin's Guild.
December
24 10032 Plain Bob Maximus (handbells), Chester.

Two Twinlock binders have been bought, and have been gold-blocked "In Memoriam Edith Fletcher" These hold the papers typed by both Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall. Work is proceeding to complete the records back to 1715.

Records of Minor methods rung to full peals, or included in peals, are now being compiled, and the committee would be grateful for any details or claims, especially before 1940.

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D. E. Sibson.
C. A. Wratten.

Mr. F. T. Blagrove, in moving the report, said Mr. Derek Sibson was keeping the records up to date. Cyril Wratten was trying to get a complete list of Minor methods rung and hoped to go on to Doubles.

Mr. D. E. Sibson, seconding, said Basing Surprise Major was found to be false and was not included in the records.

Mr. J. A. Ainsworth (St. Martin's Guild) asked if the committee considered compiling records of peals of record lengths.

Mr Blagrove replied that they were not aware that it was considered to be part of the Records Committee work

The report was adopted and later in the proceedings Mr. J. A. Ainsworth was elected to the committee.

(Appendix to follow)

The Literature and Press Committee's Review

IT is right that the impact of bell ringing on the public should cause us concern, whether that impact be favourable or such as to arouse antagonism. Three instances quoted during the year strike us as worthy of serious thought. In July "The Hertfordshire Advertiser" publicised a complaint from tennis players at Radlett, who declared that the ringing of bells near their courts marred their games. The Vicar was able to assert that the ringing was at reasonable times and of reasonable length. In August, Mr. S. F Stapleton, living at Norton, Herts, succeeded in getting the rateable value of his house reduced on the grounds that the neighbouring ring of bells constituted a nuisance. Subsequent correspondence in "The Pictorial" seemed to show that the cause of complaint was exaggerated, but it should be noted that the Hitchin Valuation Committee was sufficiently impressed to agree to a reduction of £16 a year.

A more curious, and perhaps significant, case arose at Newton-le-Willows, Lancs, in September, when Mr. P. Marriott sought an injunction against the Vicar to restrain him from allowing the bells of the local church to be rung for a practice meeting. Important papers like "The Times" and "The Guardian" gave considerable publicity to the matter, and the Noise Abatement Act was freely quoted in the discussions that followed A letter in "The Church Times" from Mr. Vernon Bottomley pointed out that Mr. Marriott's interpretation of the law in relation to church bells was in error. Our secretary added that the Central Council is able and ready to supply expert advice on sound problems and difficulties arising from noisy bells. The inference to be drawn from this paragraph (and the previous one) would seem to be that there is nowadays a greater need than formerly for care in the choosing of times for ringing and for restraint in the exercising of the privileges we get.

"The Norwich Churchman" provided during the year three challenging articles—"Who Says that Church Bells are a Nuisance?"; "Bells—True and False"; and "Action Not Words in the Belfry." The first two, by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, gave respectively a lively defence of ringers and their art and a warning to the lay world on the falseness and sham of imitation bells. The third article, by Giles Hunt, emphasised the Christian fellowship arising from the work of church bell ringing. It would be impossible to exaggerate the importance of these three articles, addressed as they are chiefly to non-ringers.

The year 1867 was marked by the unification of Canada, and the centennial celebrations bring us to the very interesting reminder of the link between Canada and the Irish missionaries of long ago. At the request of Canada the New Year ringing in many Irish churches was associated with the rejoicings across the Atlantic, and the occasion received wide publicity in the Irish Press.

POPULAR ARTICLES

The popular articles that came our way during the year were on the whole very well done. "The Nottingham Guardian" gave a substantial account of the Beeston handbell ringers and emphasised the work of Miss I. B. Thompson over a period of 40 years. "Ruston News" published an anonymous contribution on bell casting and tuning, and "The Southern Evening Echo" in a very pleasant, if conventional, essay entitled "Ringing Out for Rejoicing" heralded the approach of Christmas. Olive Nelson's "Swinging Bell Ringing" in "The Cambridge News" was based on a visit and interview with Mr. Brian Threlfall at Harston Parish Church, and gave us an example of sensible reporting Ann Gardner in the magazine of the National Cathedral School, Washington, wrote exuberantly of her enslavement to bell ringing and of the joy of achievement. A very unusual contribution to our literature was found in the Russian magazine "Ogonek and translated and presented to us by "C. A. W." It tells of the old bell at Cape Khersones, Sevastopol, and how it was stolen by the French in 1864 and restored to the Russians in 1913.

In January, 1966, "In Britain" presented a well-illustrated article by John Camp. It gave a survey of bell ringing for popular reading, and was accompanied by a fine photograph of Boston Stump and an excellent picture of the ringers at Newdigate, Surrey. From Liverpool "The Childwall Mail" gave us a lively account of the Childwall band and a stimulating picture of Mr. Michael Dodd and his young people at handbell practice.

The visit of Mr. Richard Dirksen of Washington to this country in the summer aroused more than ordinary interest. The peal of Caters he rang with Mr. Chaddock at Rotherham was noted in "The Star, Sheffield," and America's interest in ringing attracted the notice of the larger national Press. "The Daily Telegraph" gave prominence to Mr. Dirksen's visit and commented on the U.S. Servicemen learning to ring in Suffolk. "The Daily Mail" published a photograph of the transatlantic learners with Mr. Bedford at Aldeburgh, and quoted from a letter from Miss Ann Gardner of the Cathedral School, Washington.

It is a pity that the rather hoary theme of ringing as a dying art should have crept into the article in the "Express and Star" in relation to ringing at Darlaston Parish Church. The report deals fairly with the current difficulties in maintaining bands of ringers, but it is clear that the reporter has seized on the wrong emphasis. As Mr. Bennett of Claverley pointed out by letter, ringing at the native town of the famous John Carter is active and flourishing.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Among the new publications of the year we have had a fresh edition—"A Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods" and "A Collection of Surprise Compositions" by Mr C A. Wratten, both books now in the Central Council list of publications. To supplement these Mr. H. Chant's "Method Splicing Minor Methods" appeared in the summer. In the middle of the year there came also Mr. York-Bramble's "Method Structure in Change Ringing," a massive and searching work, and one which must (as Canon Thurlow said) be studied seriously. Mr. Frederick Sharpe continues to add to his long list of County books, and "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire" has been followed surprisingly quickly by "The Church Bells of Herefordshire."

Two new quarterlies made their appearance —"Bells and Bellringing," which is devoted mainly to the historical side of the bells, and "The Sentinel," a news sheet published by the Ely Diocesan Guild. We have referred here only to new publications. but it must be remembered that the various local quarterlies play an important part in the life of the Exercise and among the non-ringing public. Our thanks are due to those whose patience and persistence produce thse journals year by year.

In response to a request for material from overseas, we have noted the comprehensive history published in November about the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, New Zealand. The author, Patricia Ward, has fully covered the life of the Society in fine detail. On the front page of the 326-page "The Seattle Times" there was a Yule card in the form of handbell ringers dressed in Dickensian garb. The ringers were from St. John's Evangelical Church (Lutheran). The bells of the Benedictine Westminster Abbey, British Columbia, are mentioned in the publication "Beautiful British Columbia." It says that visitors are welcome and that change ringing is to be heard on the ten bells daily.

Edgar C Shepherd (convener),
46, Manor Gardens,
Warminster, Wilts.
Fred E. Dukes.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd moved and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded and the report was adopted.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THE Guild of Devonshire Ringers held its annual general meeting at Buckfastleigh on May 27th, when upwards of 90 members attended, this being the first time that a county meeting has been held in this area.

Eleven towers were open for ringing and the service was held in the chancel at Buckfast Abbey, this being conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, the captain of the Abbey ringers, who, in the course of an eloquent address, warmly welcomed the visitors and hoped that they would come again. The lesson was read by Mr D. J. Roberts, the general secretary.

After a buffet tea in the Buckfastleigh Town Hall, the business meeting followed. There had been a loss of five members by death during the past year, including Mr. T. G. Myers, of Plymouth, and the meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

As the reports were still in the hands of the printers the secretary's and treasurer's reports were taken as read.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews; secretary, Mr. D. J. Roberts; treasurer, Capt. G. J. L. Read; auditor, Mr. J. W. Perkins; peal secretary, Mr. W. Simmonds; adviser on church bells, Rev. J. G. M. Scott. The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr. A. L. Bennett, and there were five nominations for one vacancy on the Central Council. On a show of hands Mr. D. R. Bould was elected.

Arrangements for a joint meeting with the Devon Association at Exeter Cathedral in aid of the funds of the Cathedral Restoration were left in the hands of Mr. B. E. Bartlett and the general secretary.

For the annual meeting in 1968, the meeting agreed with the general committee's recommendation that it be at Bideford, with Torquay as a second choice.

A suggested memorial to the late Mr. T. G. Myers was discussed, and a small committee consisting of Messrs. R. A. Southwood, N. Mallett, G. J. L. Read and D. J. Roberts was appointed to look into the matter.

New members elected were five from Newton St. Cyres, 20 from St. Luke's College, Exeter, and two non-resident members from Australia.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast, Father Paulinus, Father Sebastian for the arrangements at Buckfast Abbey, to the general secretary for his services.

A. L. B.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Trouble over Annual Report Cost

The 82nd annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on May 13th. Once again a full robed choir was provided by ringers for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Newman. The Archdeacon of Hastings, the Ven. Guy Mayfield, also attended.

Mr. T. Barlow catered for the tea held in Christ Church Hall, which was attended by a company of 140, and help came from ringers at St. Saviour's and Christ Church. The Archdeacon and Vicar and the Rev. W. Greenfield of Willingdon were welcomed as guests and the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) thanked those who had arranged the tea, and the Eastern Division Committee for the meeting.

The Master presided at the meeting and before the business started a silent tribute was paid respecting George Pullinger of Willingdon and Hampshire and K. Snelling of Cuckfield.

In his report the Master mentioned that two trebles had been added at Lodsworth, and Midhurst bells had been rehung. Two ringers' services had been held, at Willingdon and Danehill, and had been well supported. Striking competitions had been held at Burgess Hill and Thakeham. Mrs. Elsie Hairs had now relinquished the office of hon. secretary of the Northern Division. They recorded with deep appreciation the good work she and Mr. Frank Hairs had done for the Association.

The treasurer reported a slightly better position than last year, subscriptions were approximately £60 down, due to the first year of individual subscriptions, and some peal fees were outstanding at the year end. (Note new rule: Peal fees should be sent to the peal secretary with the full information, and not to the treasurer.)

33 FIRST PEALS

The peal secretary reported 86 peals for the year, including 29 of Surprise, five of Caters and three of Royal. (Midhurst, Hove, Worthing, Lewes and Dorking Surprise were the first peals in the method.) Thirty-three members rang their first peals. Full details appear in the report.

The hon. general secretary in his report said there was a lack of ringers in some areas; they should go out of their own towers, find out what was wanted and ask ringers to come and help.

The Divisional secretaries' reports, which appear in the annual report, were adopted en bloc.

Twenty-seven new members were elected from Eastbourne, Danehill, Slaugham, Henfield, Upper Beeding, Shoreham and Steyning; also four non-resident life members.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The president and vice-presidents were elected en bloc. Mrs. Stella Knight suggested the Archdeacon of Lewes be approached for election as a vice-president. The Master, treasurer, general secretary, peal secretary and hon. trustees were re-elected. Messrs. D. Smith and G. Francis were elected auditors, the retiring auditors, Messrs. A. Bond and A. Riddington were thanked by the Master for their valuable services to the Association over a number of years.

The new form of service has been accepted by the Bishop of Chichester. Estimates for printing, with hard covers, had been received (£15–£17). It was agreed to use the present duplicated sheets until the Association could afford to reprint with hard covers.

It has been agreed to hold an Association dinner in Brighton on October 28th. Mr. A. V. Sheppard is trying to obtain the Dome; details will be given in the near future.

A grant of £25 will be made to Midhurst for bell restoration. Mr. Charlton thanked the Association for the generous gift and for the help given by Mr. R. Wake and family in teaching the band change ringing.

Very little headway has been made towards a ringing course at Lodge Hill. Divisional secretaries were asked to bring this up at their next Divisional quarterly meeting and send their decisions to either W. L. Weller or George Frances, who are endeavouring to make the arrangements.

ANNUAL REPORT

The following resolution had been sent in by the Western Division: "The members of the Western Division view with concern the cost of producing the annual report and feel that every effort should be made to reduce the cost and stimulate additional revenue from sales and advertising"

The treasurer (Mr. W. Weller) offered to have the report printed by his firm but pointed out that it would not be up to the present standard but the cost would be about half.

The general secretary pointed out the snags in such an arrangement. Numerous suggestions were made and the general secretary, in reply to a question, said the economic price of producing the report was 15s. a rope.

The report is to be discussed at the committee meeting in October and findings sent to the Divisional secretaries before their annual Divisional meetings in February.

"THE RINGING WORLD"

Mr. A. V. Sheppard asked whether members were satisfied with the "new look" "Ringing World." It was agreed that the Association was gratified with the results so far achieved.

Finally came more complaints about the present report, mostly printer's errors, and that only members who had paid their 1966 subscriptions were listed. (This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

Harefield (the only tower in its area where cows graze across the churchyard wall) was the venue for the June Saturday meeting of the District. All tastes in six-bell ringing were satisfied before adjourning to the Church Hall for an excellent tea prepared by members of the local band and their wives.

At the business meeting which followed, the possibility of holding bi-monthly Surprise Royal practices was discussed and it was agreed that if suitable arrangements could be made they should be tried Mr. A. R. Hale, of Harefield, was elected a member, and Mr. S. George, a churchwarden at Harefield, was made an honorary member. The election of Miss Pauline Walters of Harlington, at a practice meeting, was confirmed. The secretary reported on the continued success of the evening practice meetings and of the Surprise Major practices and on 10 bells (including the first on the bells at Harefield and the first since 1953 at Heston) and 18 quarter peals rung in the District during the first five months of the year.

A larger gathering at Ruislip in the evening found the bells rather tricky because of the poor "go" and the long draught, and in consequence justice was not done to them.

OBITUARY

MR. SYDNEY GEORGE COLES

With the passing, on May 30th, at the age of 76, of Mr George Coles, of Taunton, the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its most outstanding ringers; his leadership and guidance in the Branch will long be remembered.

He was taught to handle a bell and became a member of the Wilton band in 1913, which he so faithfully served for the whole of his ringing career—some 54 years. He was a "safe" ringer, an excellent striker, and the example he set to others in his Sunday service ringing, and to Branch support, was something that every ringer should strive to attain.

During his life as a ringer he must have taken part in more than 100 peals, and many of these were of the more advanced methods ever to have been rung in this part of the country. He was a vice-chairman of the Taunton Branch and representative to the Diocesan Association, and from 1945 to 1959 he was a Central Council representative. Upon his retirement from this office he was elected a life member of the Bath and Wells Association.

The funeral service was held at Staplegrove on June 3rd, when in the large congregation ringers were present from all parts of the Diocese, and immediately following the committal a quarter peal, with the bells half-muffled, was rung. He would not wish us to mourn him but we can appreciate his life as a dedication of how a ringer's life can be lived.

A. H. R.

MR. J. H. COX

Mr. J H. Cox, who died after a short illness on May 31st, aged 80, had been ringing for approximately 50 years—first at Cradley Parish Church, Worcs, then from 1930 he was honorary secretary of the Halesowen Parish Church bellringers. He was a regular attender for both Sunday service ringing and practice until 1962, when he had to forgo ringing owing to illness.

"Joe" Cox was always helpful to anyone with whom he came into contact. He was a just man and set us a fine example of Christianity—a life of devotion to others. May we endeavour to follow his example.

He had recorded for the Worcestershire Association 25 peals, three of which he conducted.

The funeral service was on June 3rd and the bells of Halesowen Parish Church were rung half-muffled. Amongst those present were: W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master) and B. C. Ashford (secretary), representing the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, also F. V. Nicholls, C. W. Cooper and R. Smith (Stourbridge), H. J. Shuck (Cradley) and members from Halesowen.

MR. G. W. JOHNSON

While a quarter peal was in progress at Hilgay Church, Norfolk Mr. George William Johnson died at Kelling Hospital. For over 60 years he had been a ringer at this church and he was also a chorister for many years.

George was a regular Sunday service ringer and could always be relied upon to attend practice nights and also the monthly District meetings. He had also rung a few peals. Interested in most sports, bowls was his favourite and he had recently been playing for the Hilgay Bowls Club. He was a member of the Downham Branch of the British Legion, having seen service in World War I. On the day of the funeral a half-muffled quarter peal was rung by those who practised with him each Monday night.

E. H. M.

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Letters to the Editor

SAFETY IN THE BELL TOWER

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wilson's list on "Accidents in the Belfry" (page 374) is fairly comprehensive and I would like to reinforce his advice by additional suggestions. First I would like to quote from my own notes on "Learning and Teaching Bell Control":

"**Safety Measures.**—Reference has already been made to safety precautions for the pupil's safety. Never take **anything** for granted and always keep a careful control over the proceedings. When not in use (at bell control practice), bells which are up should be set at backstroke.

Control of electric light switches and the existence of an emergency light is important, since failure could lead to a nasty accident. There should always be more than one electric light in a ringing room. If necessary, fit a two-way adaptor. Young people are impulsive, and accidents not connected with the actual swinging of the bell should be guarded against (care about ladders, steps, trap doors, etc.).

Never ring a bell **fully up** with a coil round the hand. Display warnings when bells are up. Regard a bell as being up, unless sure, one way or the other. When ringing from a box do not let the toes protrude over the edge of the box Care must also be taken of the bells and fittings by precautions regarding clock hammers, chimes, etc."

Other points worth mentioning are: When ringing is taking place, **and at all times**, young children should be in the physical care of some responsible person(s) in the ringing room who are not themselves taking part in the ringing.

The bell chamber should be kept locked. Normally, a tutor should be an adult. When watching a swinging bell, not only should the watcher be safe from the bell rope but also from a flying clapper in case of breakage, i.e. stand out of line of its swing.

Regarding Mr. Jackson's reference to the Central Council issuing certificates of competence to tutors (page 376), perhaps the Council could debate this next year if there is time after "The Ringing World" debate. Perhaps it would be more useful to ensure that a bold notice is displayed in every ringing room, setting out the precautions to be observed for the safety of all concerned. This could be done by an inset in "The Ringing World." Copies could also be sent out by the librarian with publications purchased and the cost met from the Clement Glenn bequest, with a footnote asking the recipient to ensure that a copy was pinned up securely in his own tower and any visited. Incumbents of churches with bells should also be made aware of their indirect responsibility in the matter —Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

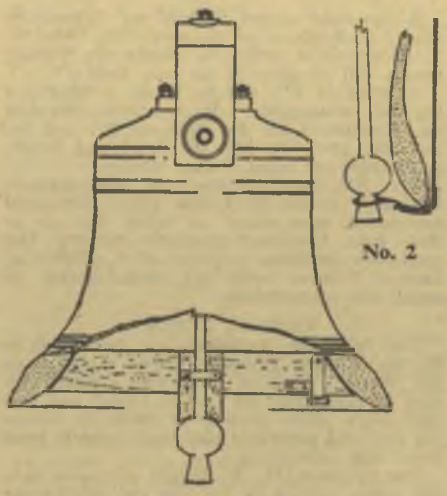
Rotherham.

A SERVICE WHEN THE BELLS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RUNG

Dear Sir,— The Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, is well known for its record of peal ringing. Yet on Trinity Sunday, when the Bishop was ordaining deacons and priests to the sacred ministry, the bells were silent. Surely at this, one of the most important of the Church's services, the bells should have been ringing out to summon the faithful to witness this important service. Is not this a glaring example of wrong priorities? In our coachload of worshippers at this service we had seven bellringers and could easily have brought the other five to make up a band. We might not have been able to ring a peal but at least we should have been able to summon the faithful to God's house to witness the ordination of His deacons and priests.—Yours faithfully,

JOAN M. COLEY.

The Vicarage,
Rowley Regis.



No. 2

Launton No. 1

WASHINGTON'S SILENCERS

Dear Sir,—I am happy to supply the information called for by Mr. Savory in his letter published on May 19th.

These silencers and another simpler type were devised by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who has had the No. 1 pattern in use at Launton for 33 years. This is the pattern we supplied at Washington, and the appended sketch illustrates the principle.

A normal clapper stay is fitted with a miniature clapper at **one** end, and the back stop can be adjusted to vary the volume. This "clapperette" strikes the bell at each stroke, and even allows of raising and lowering in peal.

The No. 2 pattern uses the full size clapper, which is held captive one side by a piece of light rope looped round the flight, protected over the lip by a piece of leather, and tied up to the headstock. The width of the gap between the ball and the bell varies the volume.—Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS HUGHES

London, E.

HALF-LEAD PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that I misread the heading to the peal at Frindsbury—I'd bet its defenders enjoyed replying! But they need not be on the defensive on my account as I had no intention of denigration. I shall certainly look forward to the debate on the motion concerning this topic at the Central Council meeting, though there is not really a great deal to discuss—either one is for or against the principle involved.

At the risk of incurring further wrath, an alternative idea occurred to me before I "rushed into print" for a second time: can the composer claim that the leads which are joined at the half-lead are indeed two methods, or are they neither method? The definition of a method, amongst other requisites, states that each division (or sub-division in the case of principles such as Stedman) must reverse true to itself, and reversion is defined so that all places counted from the beginning of the lead or division should correspond with places counted from the end of the lead or division upwards. Unless this definition is revised, it might be argued therefore that a half-lead of Yorkshire joined with a half-lead of Superlative can be given neither name—perhaps it is a pity that the term "hybrid" has already been used in another sense.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Sprotborough, Yorks.

THE DEATH WATCH—BE WATCHFUL BUT NOT ALARMED

Dear Sir,—We feel that Mr. Amos' article about the death watch beetle may have caused perhaps undue alarm in the minds of some of your ringers.

What is important is that if any church member sees the signs of deathwatch, which may be the little beetle, its tiny bun-shaped pellets, which are the excreted wood particles of the grubs which do the damage, or the one-eighth inch almost perfectly round flight holes, which the beetles make when they emerge, they should inform a member of the Parochial Church Council, the Vicar or one of the churchwardens. They can then call in the necessary timber experts to examine the whole of the timbers of the fabric.

The death watch beetle is slow in its work, great beams will and do stand centuries of the borings of the grubs. Only if overlong neglected could there be any possibility of structural collapse of timber, and such collapse will only take place after decades of woodworm attack.

By all means be watchful; go up with a torch and check over the old beams in the bell chamber as Mr. Amos suggests. But don't be alarmed.

Be watchful, bellringers, but go on ringing.—Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL FRY.
Rentokil Public Relations.

"SEMI-LEARNERS'" GRIEVANCE

Dear Sir,—As a group of "semi-learners," we feel forced to say that we find the behaviour of some of the more experienced ringers often upsetting They seem to expect us to progress in one jump, from badly-struck Plain Bob to perfect Surprise Major, and this can be very difficult, especially if one comes from a six-bell tower.

Surely they were once learners themselves and felt the need for a little encouragement (which we have found on occasions to be completely lacking). We feel that the displays of temper, with which they treat learners in their first attempts at Surprise Major, do nothing to inspire learners with further confidence.

What makes is worse is the fact that they do not often ring in simpler methods to improve striking; neither do they stand behind progressing learners to help them.

We would like to ask these experienced ringers firstly to be available to less expert ringers who wish to make progress through peals or meetings, and secondly to be a little more helpful and encouraging to the learners, who, after all, are the ones who are to maintain the standards of ringing in the future.—Yours faithfully,

SHIRLEY E. JONES.
JOHN ROYAL.
ANTHONY J. COX.
PAUL EBSWORTH.
DELPHINE E. P. HOLMAN.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1968

Most ringers will have been aware of our difficulties in producing the 1967 Diary, and to correct matters our binders are asking for the printed sheets much earlier than previously.

To enable us to do this we must invite the co-operation of **all** Association secretaries asking them to send lists of officers and dates of A.G.M.'s, dinners, etc., by **July 7th, latest.** Most Associations hold their A.G.M.'s before Whitsun, so the information should be available. If no amendments are notified we will assume that the 1967 lists remain unchanged.

No reminders can be sent this year.
W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Replies, please, to 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, Hants. 1755

LETTERS—Continued

THE U.L.S.C.R. PEAL AT GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—As a member of the band that rang the U.L.S.C.R. peal at Gospel Oak, I feel that Mr. Knight's letter in last week's "Ringing World" calls for comment.

It is gratifying that he should take an interest in our activities in this tower; we and the Vicar were glad to hear the bells again after their long silence. The Vicar especially was "delighted" and gave us a big welcome after the peal. There had been no complaints then (hardly surprising, since the bells are now permanently muffled and are very quiet outside). Indeed, an old lady living near the church opened the window so as to hear them better.

Regarding George Hart and Ruth Foreman, who, Mr. Knight claims, should have been consulted before the peal, neither David Cawley, the secretary of U.L.S.C.R., nor the organiser of the peal had heard of these people, let alone that they were connected with St. Martin's tower. In applying for permission for the ringing for the annual dinner and for the peal they applied direct to the Vicar. It seems strange that he also omitted to consult Mr. Hart, in spite of being "well acquainted" with him.

Meanwhile, Mr. Knight is surely not serious in suggesting that every time a peal is rung in an otherwise "silent" tower the band should feel obliged to ring regularly on Sundays in that tower. We in the University Society have our own towers to ring in on Sundays and must leave Gospel Oak to the residents of N.W.5. One cannot help asking, though perhaps one had better not ask, why these residents should be unable to carry out this task, in view of the new Vicar's extreme willingness that the bells be rung.

Finally, I find it a trifle incredible that "many readers" of "The Ringing World" should be interested in the supposed restoration work carried out in St. Martin's by U.L.S.C.R. Somehow I feel that this subject can have little fascination for the ringing fraternity at large. Whether or not this is so, I am sorry to report that, to my knowledge, no such restoration work has been done or claimed to have been done. We did adjust a few ropes and call attention to two broken stays, indications of the neglect and misuse which the bells have suffered recently.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. HUTCHINSON,
King's College.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

NOTES IN A BELL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Canon Thurlow's letter ("Ringing World," May 26th, 1967), the article by Michael Howard to which he makes reference appeared in Volume 2 of the magazine "Hi-Fi News," Nos. 2 to 6 (July–November, 1957) as a five-part serial. I have a copy of the first four parts (the fifth concerned carillons and I regret now that I did not copy it) which Mr. Rush may like to borrow if he is unable to attain access to the original.

In a cursory perusal I can find no reference to 13 tones of a bell: the maximum considered is 10, although there is a passing note that great bells may have "a dozen or more." Mr. Howard considers in detail the location in the bell of the various vibrations that produce the different tones (called partials), and also shows how the thickness and shape-proportions of the bell can affect the relationship between their actual notes. There is also an interesting "sound spectrum" showing how the first five tones die away at different speeds after the bell has been struck, thus giving a continuously changing harmonic balance between them, which in turn affects what we hear, and additionally a diagram of the carrying power over distance of the first five tones, along with many more technical details concerning nodes of vibration, etc. —Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

St. Albans.

HOAXES

Dear Sir,—Whilst to write hoax letters to "The Ringing World" are very childish actions, they have had the effect of making the paper more interesting, at least to those in the know I think, therefore, that you ought to expose all such letters as soon as you know about them, and it is the duty of every member of the Exercise to assist you in this. I think you ought to know that the letter signed "Walter Knight" was in fact written by a well-known Plain Bob composer and conductor, a man of many pseudonyms.

To associate the name of any particular Society with the recent spate of hoaxes is grossly unfair. In the Society hinted at there are a large number of members who have had nothing to do with any hoax letters and who do not condone such letters. The person(s) concerned with the letters is/are also members of other Societies, and so if one Society is to be held responsible for the actions of its members, then so should the others.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD LAWRENCE.

Lewisham, S.E.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—Might I add my support to those who have recently expressed views that they would like "The Ringing World" to publish forthcoming peal attempts.

I know there is a surprising number of ringers (and, I suspect, non-ringers), who would welcome the chance to hear some good examples of ringing on all numbers of bells, even if this entailed travelling some distance and expense.

In a feature "Forthcoming peal attempts" I suggest the following be the minimum information required: Date and time of start, tower, method, and in addition some idea of who will be participating, i.e. either Association attempting the peal or the name of the conductor, arranger or your correspondent.

Those of us who try to teach learners not only to handle a bell but also to strike properly might find taking these youngsters to hear how it should be done very useful. In addition this would help any tape-recording enthusiasts who might wish to "capture" some worthwhile ringing on a good ring of bells.—Yours faithfully,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Lichfield, Staffs.

SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw the attention of conductors to Cyril Wratten's collection of Surprise compositions and to give a warning. This thoroughly useful publication contains no peals with singles and it is important that conductors should realise that the notes in the collection apply **only** to such compositions. For example, the note: "All 'tenors together' compositions of Yorkshire (Major) are true (to Aldenham)" is **not** true for peals containing singles. Indeed, since the purpose of singles in Yorkshire is largely to give both 56 and 65 course-ends, such compositions are **very likely to be false** to Aldenham, where the middle lead of the course 23465 is false against the middle lead of the plain course. An article on the changes involved in using this type of composition for different methods would be very welcome.

I was very pleased to see Richard G. Crosland's peal of Surprise Major with method changes at the half-leads. Since his first composition on these lines appeared I had looked forward to seeing the one without bobs and singles.

The correspondence it has caused has been an even greater source of pleasure. Mr. Smith has a point, but I think the following equally logical development is a little nearer being a logical conclusion. This is not only irregular but, if the sections are written out in reverse for the next half-lead, following the "convention" that cross-section places are determined by the previous (and not the following) section, then it is unsymmetrical and the 7th makes three blows in 8ths. Would these qualities be acceptable because the conductor has to say something every four changes?—Yours sincerely,

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21436587	Superlative
12463578	
21645387	
26143578	
62413758	Bristol
26147385	
62417835	
26471853	
24678135	London
42761853	
47268135	
74628315	
47263851	Cambridge
42736815	
24378651	
42736851	

J. HENRY FIELDEN.

Halifax.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Mr. Fred Bennett, tower captain at Ossett, Yorks, on his appointment as Mayor of Ossett.

The methods rung in the peal at Hothfield (page 238) were London, York, Bourne, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Descending Tintinhull, Somerset, tower after ringing a peal (page 381), the band found that the lock of the tower door could not be freed and they were trapped inside. Fifteen nerve-racking minutes followed until the lock was finally freed.

Placings in the Salisbury Branch striking competition at Shrewton on May 27th were: Fittleton (Grandsire) 26 faults; Wilton (Grandsire) 35; Broadchalke (Grandsire) 44; Enford (Bob Minor) 48; Sarum St. Thomas' (Grandsire) 51. Judges: Messrs. H. Gummer and D. Bailey.

Lt.-Col. C. F Jerram, who was G.S.O.I. to the old 46th (North Midland) Territorial Division, which included the 139th (Sherwood Foresters) Brigade when it stormed the "unbreakable" Hindenburg line, capturing 4,000 prisoners and 70 guns, sends greetings and peaceful ringing to those who are left and their children.

Mr. Harry P. Thompson, secretary of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, is going abroad for a spell. Mr. William Davidson, 27, Ross Avenue, Dunston, Gateshead, is the new District secretary, and Mr. Alan C. Walker, of 6, Ford Street, Lanchester, will be tower captain at Lanchester.

Found at St. Peter's, Nottingham, after C.C. week-end, one pair lady's white gloves. Apply to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

The wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett is June 13th. It was not that they had forgotten the date, as is suggested by their silver wedding announcement in the issue of June 9th, but a much regretted typographical error.

The meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild at Nutfield on June 10th, which was attended by over 30 members, was memorable for two things—the hospitality of Miss Kempsall in inviting the members to tea at her cottage, and the presentation to the popular secretary, Miss Margaret Ladd, and Mr. Raymond Large of a wedding gift.

Mr. Peter S. Abbott, of Brampton, Hunts, expressing his regret over the fate of the bells of St. Alkmund's, Derby, calls attention to near where he lives there is an excellent four, containing two examples of the beautiful work of Joseph Eayre. This church is to be demolished and a new one built nearer the village. "I wonder if any provision has been made to retain these bells, but I think I can guess the answer."

An extremely good impression was left by one outing of ringers who recently visited Derbyshire. The organiser thoughtfully left a postcard in each tower, thanking those responsible for permitting the visit and use of the bells. A suggestion perhaps for other organisers!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

DISCOVERED AN UNKNOWN FIVE

During his research into the bells of Dorset Mr. C. Dalton found a ring of five steel bells the existence of which even the Vicar was unaware and which had not been listed in "Dove's." It was only with the loan of a long ladder from a farmer that he found it.

The prospect of ringing the bells was conveyed to Mr. G. K. Dodd, who with a party from North Hants set out on June 4th to ring at nine towers en route. The new-found bells are at Toller Whelme, near Beaminster, a village consisting of two houses and a church. Mr. Dodd reports that the bells were cast by Naylors and Vickers in the late 1800's and the tenor appeared to weigh 3 to 4 cwt. The wheels also are of steel and there are no stays or sliders. Each bell is in an independent steel frame and this forms a perfect rope circle.

Ropes were fitted, improvisations made and the bells raised individually. Much practice was needed before perfect rounds were rung on the floor immediately below the bells. The noise was terrific; there was no cotton wool available for ear plugs.

Outside, the bells are a pretty ring although the third and fourth are on one note, rather similar to Ampney Crucis, Glos. The two and a half hours spent here were much enjoyed and a second visit will probably be planned. It has been said that the bells were rung to changes early in the century by a Beaminster band. Can any Beaminster ringer verify this?

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The annual general meeting was held on May 6th in St. Olave's Church Hall, and the following officers were elected: President, David Martin; vice-presidents, John Seagar, Derek Sibson, Alan Thirst; Master, Robin Churchill; secretary, Christopher Starbuck; treasurer, Lawrence Hanney; committee, Audrey Alexander, Graham Elmes and Timothy Pett. All communications should be sent care of the vice-president, Alan Thirst, 15, Clifford Grove, Ashford, Middlesex, who will forward them to the appropriate officer. Proposed amendments to the constitution were accepted by the meeting. Please note, therefore, that all nominations for officers must now be with the committee at least one week before the meeting. C. P. S.

ESSEX TRIBUTE TO FREE CHURCH MINISTER

The six bells of St. Mary Magdalene's, Wethersfield, Essex, were rung half-muffled on June 7th after the funeral of the Congregational minister, the Rev. A. Ray. Mr. Ray must have been one of very few Non-conformist ministers ever to have attended a District meeting of the Essex Association. He was one of those rare people who ever thanked the ringers for their efforts and loved especially to waken to the sound of bells on Christmas mornings.

CONDUCTORS YOU HAVE MET

This competition proved to be more difficult than anticipated. The correct solution was: 1H, 2L, 3E, 4G, 5J, 6I, 7A, 8B, 9D, 10K, 11C, 12F. The best entry was from Miss E. M. Emmett, 1, Blenheim Road, Redland, Bristol, who is awarded the prize of 10s. Other near efforts were from Mrs. H. Chapman, 20, Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke, Hants; Mr. P. D. Dawson-Taylor, 2, Auckland House, Waterloo Road, Sutton, Surrey; Mr. A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro.

MR. E. P. DUFFIELD—A MAYOR

The new Mayor of Colchester is Mr. E. P. Duffield. The occasion was not allowed to pass without a tribute from the bells, a quarter peal being rung at Bures. Our correspondent writes: "In 1950 an idea was born to complete the octave at Bures, but before it could be achieved it was necessary not only to convert the P.C.C. but to educate parishioners into some of the mysteries. Mr. E. P Duffield was one of those whose support was most valuable in obtaining permission for the trebles to be installed."

A CHELTENHAM MEMORIAL

Cheltenham Parish Church now has a permanent reminder of the long service of the late Mr. William Dyer. Before Matins on June 3rd the Rector, Canon H. A. Evan Hopkins, dedicated a carved plaque which reads:

"In memory William Dyer, a ringer at this church for 41 years. Captain of the ringers 1930–1950. Died 20th May, 1965. Aged 80."

In addition to the ringers, the widow, their son, daughter and their families were present, as well as Mr. J. Pouncet, verger, and Miss M. Bliss, chairman, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

This is the third tablet to be placed in the tower, the others being for J. H. Philott, 1876-1926, and W. T. Pates, 1873-1936.

BATTERSEA RINGERS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS

Not only did everyone arrive, but everyone arrived on time! On that unprecedented note Battersea ringers set out for Sussex on May 20th.

South Harting Church (6) in its fine setting, was much enjoyed and the unusual experience of ringing at the foot of the chancel delighted many. The effects of ringing immediately after lunch made themselves felt at Chichester Cathedral, but on the fine ring at Arundel (8) the ringing was consistently good. After a saunter round the town and tea we headed over the Downs to Pulborough. Though our ringing was not too bad, it provoked a severe storm and we hurried to Reigate along flooded roads. The climax here was a quite respectable half-course of Cambridge Royal.

Our grateful thanks to the towers for their help. R. J. C.

A KENT RESTORATION

Bredgar, Kent, bells were taken to Whitechapel in March, where three of them were cast in 1579, 1692 and 1842 (the other two having been cast by John Wilnar of Borden in 1620 and 1634), and recently a dozen parishioners saw two new trebles being cast from the metal of the old tenor of 1842. It was a thrilling sight! They also saw and heard the four old bells which have been tuned to form the back four of a ring of six in the key of G.

"We hope to have them all back and hung in a new frame some time in the autumn," writes the Vicar, the Rev. Stanley N. Evans. The restoration will cost over £2,000, towards which £1,560 has either been given or promised. A special effort was a fair on June 10th.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Ottery St. Mary, Devon, Cambridge Surprise Major, Saturday, July 8th, 9.30 p.m. approx.

MRS. BARNETT'S FIRST TOWER BELL PEAL

The very large circle of friends of Olive and Teddy Barnett will have read with great pleasure of Olive's first peal on tower bells, this being, incidentally, her 25th peal. The story behind this peal will be of interest and perhaps of encouragement to many.

Although she learned to handle a bell towards the end of the war and first attempted a tower bell peal about 20 years ago, Olive had no great liking for ringing on tower bells, although she was, of course, a very competent performer on handbells, on which she has rung several peals. About five years ago she joined us at our practices in London and such has been her persistence and determination to reach the standard set that it is now commonplace to see her striking her bell in perfect rhythm with the others in methods as difficult as Glasgow, Yeading and the like. A particular point is that these complex methods rung at practice are always learned by Olive with meticulous care.

It has given many of us a great deal of pleasure to see this peal achieved. We look forward, following the accomplishment of this milestone of the first tower bell peal, to many others in the complex methods she rings so well. D. B.

MEMORIAL TO MR. E. H. STONELEY

Many branches of public life were represented at the Boys' Club, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, when a memorial plaque was unveiled to the memory of Edwin Harry Stoneley, one of the county's outstanding personalities in many walks of life, not the least as a bellringer, being a member of the old Wednesday afternoon band formed in 1923 by Charles Draper and Maurice Swinfield of Burton-on-Trent. His peal total is thought to be between 550 and 600.

About 200 people squeezed into the Club, which was founded by Harry and run solely by him for several years. Speakers paid tribute to the various talents of this remarkable man, including Tom Belton, who spoke of his abilities as a bellringer.

Between the speeches, entertainment was provided by the school choir and orchestra and the Earl Shilton handbell ringers.

Harry's miniature handbells were produced, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by George Newton, Mrs. Jill Staniforth (president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild), Alfred Ballard and Tom Belton.

It was an evening of reminiscing and we came away feeling we had many reasons for being thankful for the life of Edwin Harry Stoneley. T. C. B.

BELLS A LEGEND IN MIDLANDS

The first quarter of Major for more than 20 years was rung at Darlaston on May 11th. The condition of the little rung bells has been something of a legend in the Midlands. Chris Bainham regarded the tenor as the most difficult he had rung to a quarter. It is hoped that the bells will soon receive attention but in the meantime the ring is available for any courageous souls who are prepared for hard work.

ANOTHER LANCASHIRE 10-BELL TOWER

St. James', Accrington, is in the process of having a ring of ten. The headstocks of treble, second and third have been taken to the foundry. Ringing is reduced to the back five until late August, when St. James' will become a 10-bell tower.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in D flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Thomas J. Southam	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Derek Butterworth	8
Frederick R. Scott	3	David J. Purnell	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Martin C. Faulkes	5	Edward Jenkins	11
J. Colin Ashworth	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling
The conductor's 250th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, St Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Christine J. Mitchell	Treble	†David C. Hawkins	4
*Alan C. Perry	2	George J. Hawkins	5
*Harold L. Parfrey	3	*Peter J. Devrell	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. † First in seven Minor methods "inside." First in seven Minor methods as conductor.
The conductor's 100th peal for the Association.

WILTON, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four methods/variations, 40 extents, viz.: 2 Stedman, 12 Plain Bob, 11 April Day, 13 120's and two 240's Grandsire: 18 different callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt

Raymond F Arscott	Treble	Brenda M. Binder	4
Marian J. Beale	2	*Brian Vine	5
*Frank Matravers	3	Raymond B. Cullen	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First in four methods/variations.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. George Coles, ringer at the above tower for over 50 years and a representative for the above Association on the Central Council; interred earlier this day at Staplegrove Churchyard.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
LONG STANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*R. S. Bradley (Clare)	Treble	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
G. H. Jones (St. John's)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	4	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal.
Rung in memoriam Lord Tedder, formerly Chancellor of the University, who died this day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Leon A. Perry	Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	*John R. Scott	5
John E. Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. First in seven Minor methods as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
NEWTON ABBOT.—At the Church of All Saints, Highweek.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	*John N. Longridge	5
*Merryn Hutchings	2	*D. Roy Bould	6
*Clive G. Bryant	3	Frederick Wreford	7
Martin F. Lock	4	Norman Hallett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Norman Mallett
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Sir Francis Chichester on his safe return to Devon.

WHITCHURCH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. Frederick Myers	Treble	Robert A. Southwood	4
Wilfred C. Boucher	2	George E. Mudge	5
John C. Mitchelmore	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
First peal on the bells

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HILGAY, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

John S. Rank	Treble	*Sidney J. Woodcock	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey M. Brewin	3	Stuart Brown	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Jane-Anne and Geoffrey Pearson on the birth of a third son, Robert.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS Mary & Michael.
On Tues., June 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

John S. Rank	Treble	*Sidney J. Woodcock	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Stuart Brown	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of seven spliced.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Albert Wiffen	Treble	†Jennifer M. Syder	5
*Jennifer M. Millbank	2	John A. Warner	6
Robert J. Lindsell	3	Frank Roper	7
Cecil J. Barker	4	Alan R. Syder	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Alan R. Syder.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First in the method.
Rung as part of Braintree Carnival celebrations.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Christopher W. Ottaway	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Caroline R. F. Cole	2	*Michael J. Uphill	6
Alan R. Patterson	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
*Ian L. Dear	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Lincolnshire
Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Arthur White.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Ian Foster	Treble	*Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Susan Rothera	2	†Peter G. Brown	6
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
*Joe E. G. Roast	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* Have completed the family in the method. † 125th peal and has "competed the circle."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

GREAT BROMLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Stephen D. Humphrey	Treble	John A. Avis	4
Lesley Ward	2	David E. Culham	5
Vivien A. P. Cross	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Vaughan.
First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWYAS HAROLD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 16 of Grandsire Doubles, 12 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 14 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Reginald G. Powell	Treble	Michael V. Powell	4
Peter D. Sell	2	Charles Phillips	5
Leslie H. Colcombe	3	Alfred J. Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Powell.
Rung for the restoration of this church after being dedicated on May 30th, 1967, by the Lord Bishop of Hereford.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, being 960 Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, London, Watford and Wembley, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	*David E. Rothera	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
*Keith J. Walpole	3	*Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Gerald Penney	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of ten spliced.
Rung to mark the birth of a second son, Martin, to Kathleen and Roger Baldwin on May 25th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	*Richard Hayes	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Judith M. Corby	6
Andrew J. Corby	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 50th peal for the Association.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

Robert J. Kite	Treble	James Hedgcock	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Derek J. Carr	5
Patricia A. Winch	3	David W. Grimwood	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Grimwood.
Rung in memoriam John S. Goldsmith, founder of "The Ringing World," who died 25 years ago this day.

IGHTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in A.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	John A. Howard	4
Derek Slater	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
*Ian R. Russell	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., June 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In 33 methods, containing 288 each of Belgrave and Yorkshire, and 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Ashton, Bedford, Belvoir, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Feering, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Manitoba, Newgate, Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Saskatchewan Solihull, Southwark, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wigston and York. Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	†Richard S. Starkie	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Basil Jones	8
Alan McFall	3	Jeffrey Brannan	9
John H. Fielden	4	†Neil D Lomas	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Frederick Shallcross	11
*Derek Butterworth	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged by Neil Bennett. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 300th peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus. First peal of Surprise in 33 methods by all the band and for the Association. This is the greatest number of Maximus methods ever rung to a peal.

DEANSGATE
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SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

David J. Ley	Treble	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	5
Margaret Wright	2	C. L. Digby Munday	6
Michael J. Platt	3	Alan S. Burbidge	7
Christine Andrew	4	Christopher M. Movley	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
First in the method for all except ringers of 2 and 4.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 96 lb. in E.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Dennis Latham	5
Frederick Shallcross	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Margaret Wright	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., June 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*David Forsythe	Treble	*†David Makin-Taylor	5
R. Keith Lister	2	‡Bernard Moss	6
Thomas Hobson	3	David Bennett	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	‡John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. † First peal "inside." ‡ 25th peal together.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three different extents of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tnor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert Moore	Treble	John Bagnall	4
††Joseph Whalley	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
Alan Capstick	3	‡Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First in two methods. † First in two methods on tower bells. ‡ 25th peal together. 25th as conductor. First in two methods as conductor on tower bells
Rung as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Newby, of Kirkby-in-Furness.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Joan Beresford	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Samuel J. Haines	2	R. Brian Mills	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	Alan Cattell	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung to welcome Andrew Brian, son of Brian and Christine Mills. who was born on May 30th.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH. Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Martin Green	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	R. Kingsley Mason	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Garry W. Mason (May 6th) and as a birthday compliment to the conductor (May 8th).

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STONE, Staffordshire.— At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's variation of Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

A. Doreen Edwards ..	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	5
*Raymond W. Balls	2	John R. Scott	6
John E. Brough	3	†Frank R. Morton	7
Eric Young	4	William H. Watkin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Grandsire. † 50th different tower for a peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29¾ cwt.

Shelagh M. Collins	Treble	G. William Critchley ..	6
Rodney H. French	2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	7
Norman V. Harding ..	3	Tony Price	8
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	Philip Mehew	9
W. Eric Critchley	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WILBY, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon and ten of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Henry Tooke	3
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SETDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert ..	Treble	William Birmingham ..	5
William Hibbert	2	†Timothy G. Pett	6
*Ian L. Dear	3	John W. T. Hibbert ..	7
*Andrew J. Slade	4	John R. Ketteringham ..	Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St Matthew.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Harry E. Wells	Treble	William L. Gilks	5
Robert B. Blond	2	Michael Bishop	6
John H. Napper	3	John C. Baldwin	7
Leonard F. Cox	4	Douglas R. Bosley	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Lesley Ann, the daughter of William L. Gilks.

LONG WITTENHAM, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In ten methods: Oxford Bob and Hereward, Double Court, Childwall and Thelwall, Buxton, Pinehurst, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Clive W. Templeton ..	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
Catherine A. Salter ..	2	Melvyn J. Hiller	5
J. Richard Poole	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Minor. First in ten methods by all the band.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Buxton College, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

A. Keith P. Poole	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson ..	4
*Anne M. Carpenter ..	2	J. Richard Poole	5
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3	Melvyn J. Hiller	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal in eight methods.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
COMBE, Oxfordshire. At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Beverley S., (2) Surfleet S., (3 and 4) Cambridge S., (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	J. Paul Coad	4
Stephen F. Royal	2	Philip J. Daniel	5
Richard J. Wilsher	3	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Daniel.
First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., April 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Hugh M. Johnson ..	Treble	Richard J. Danby	5
*Ian R. Nightingale ..	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	6
†Brian Danby	3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	7
†Bridget Bates	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal. † First on eight bells.
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Debra Kay) to Ken and Julie Perkins.

DESBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	†Norman W. Attaway ..	5
J. Edward Cawser	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
*Sheila Parsons	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Beryl E. Cawser	4	Brian S. Chapman ..	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method "inside." † First in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Kelleher, of Braunston, Rutland.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Michael J. Hawkins ..	Treble	William B. Cox	4
Ronald S. Russell	2	Harry Barnes	5
Stephen B. Bell	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., April 22, 1967, in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	James A. D. Woolford ..	5
Joan Beresford	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
*Olive D. Barnett	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal on tower bells and 25th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
URCHFONT, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 URCHFONT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

W. Bertram Kynaston ..	Treble	Maurice A. New	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Peter Bridle	6
Bruce Wakefield	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Rev. Roger Keeley	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to Nicholas William Bowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bowden, born May 31st, 1967.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being four extents of Stedman, eight each of Reverse Canterbury, All Saints', Plain Bob and 14 of Grandsire, including two 240 Morris's. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

T. Arthur Palmer	Treble	George A. Newman	4
Rev. Roger Keeley	2	Frederick J. Read	5
*Colin Wilkins	3	*Colin Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal. First by all in five methods except the ringer of the 2nd.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Heather Jones.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Howard W. Egglestone	7
Peter J. Staniforth	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R Rapley	3	*George W. Pipe	7
*Simon Humphrey	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., June 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent and Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	*S. Geoffrey Pick	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
John A. Coates	3	A. Harry Hawcroft	Tenor

Conducted by Grace Burchnall.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. R. Ashworth (local captain) and Grace and Katherine Burchnall.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	*Brian J. Vaughan	6
Michael J. Howes	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Neil V. Avis	3	Adrian G. Semken	8
*Vivien A. P. Cross	4	*David E. Culham	9
*Lesley Ward	5	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's 10-part. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

*Robert Cassidy	Treble	*Ruth Woodman	5
*Vernon Bedford	2	*Adrian Knights	6
Jack Pilgrim	3	†Peter Bedford	7
*Stephen Bedford	4	*Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples as conductor.
Rung on the occasion of the opening of the 20th Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts, also the new Concert Hall at the Maltings at Snape by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENN, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

*Gillian Bosworth-Smith	Treble	Richard B. Dorrington	5
Elizabeth Timmins	2	Eric E Speake	6
†Christine Slater	3	J. Dennis Holden	7
Philip R. Johnson	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gordon Griffiths, of the local band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., May 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 NEMPNETT BOB CATERS
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	Peter Dawson	6
James S. Webb	2	Ronald H. Dove	7
Christopher A. Moxon	3	*C. Barrie Dove	8
Alan Newbould	4	Robin Brown	9
George Hancock	5	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by R. Brown. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 125th peal as conductor for the Association. First peal in the method.

NEMPNETT BOB CATERS
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ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Elsie Chaddock	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	6
*Richard Tibbetts	2	Norman Chaddock	7
†David Nichols	3	†Stuart Armeson	8
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	John Chaddock	9
John J. L. Gilbert	5	†Neil Donovan	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd (No. 1). Conducted by N. Chaddock.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 50th peal together
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to T. Colin Ryder, former tower captain, who died on June 2nd.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt

David J. Purnell	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Richard Tibbetts	2	Dennis A. Chapman	6
Neil Donovan	3	Ernest Padgett	7
Anne P. Leigh	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In G2, New Court, Trinity College.
On Thurs., June 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	1–2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5–6
C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	3–4	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	7–8

Composed by Alan F. Scholfield. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Tues., May 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F

David Salter	1–2	Alan McFall	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Alan Burbidge	7–8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., June 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Frederick Shallcross	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances M. Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by T. W. Goodyear. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal of Kent and Oxford T.B. Major "in hand" by all the band and for the Association
Rung in memoriam Gladys Winifred Newbury, who died on June 2nd.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LICHFIELD Staffordshire.—At 29, Dimbles Hill.
On Fri., June 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 7 in D.

Lucy Smith	1–2	Clive M. Smith	5–6
Eric E. Speake	3–4	John H. Allen	7–8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John H. Allen.

FOUR QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY
(May 26th)

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.—1,252 Plain and Little Bob Minor: J. R. Poole 1, Heather A. Alford 2, D. R. Baxter 3, J. R. Rowson 4, M. J. Hiller 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6.

MILTON, BERKS.—1,296 combined Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: C. I. Rowson (cond.) 1, L. P. Halling 2, J. R. Rowson 3, D. R. Baxter 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, M. J. Hiller 6. By Abingdon School S.C.R.

ABINGDON, BERKS. — At the Church of St. Helen, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. I. Rowson 1, L. P. Halling 2, Heather A. Alford 3, M. J. Hiller 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, D. R. Baxter 6.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—1,280 Oxford and Little Bob, and Pinehurst and Double Oxford: L. P. Halling 1, J. R. Poole 2, J. R. Rowson 3 A. K. P. Poole 4, M. J. Hiller 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. By Abingdon School S.C.R.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: B. McRae (first quarter) 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, I. Wiltshire 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, Wendy Wallace 6. Also 1,368 Oswald Delight Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. First of "Delight" by all the band.

APPLEFORD, BERKS. — On May 27th, 1,279 Doubles (six methods): Catherine A. Salter 1, C. I. Rowson 2, J. R. Poole 3, A. K. P. Poole 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lonsdale 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Valerie Jones 3, Jane Fransella 4, K. Hughes 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, D. Knewstub 8. First of Grandsire Triples 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor's parents.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET. — On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss S. A. Mayell (first in five methods) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell 3, L. A. England 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. Mr. Williams, on the 60th anniversary of his ordination in St. Albans Abbey, May 26th, 1907.

BECKFORD, WORCS. — On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, I. Goulter 2, F. G. Nurden 3, P. Baker 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, E. T. Newbury 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. W. Newbury, wife of the tenor ringer, interred at Beckford earlier in the day.

BENTHAM, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Doreen Maclean (first quarter) 1, Patricia James (first "inside") 2, Dorothy M. L. Nicholls 3, W. Kenyon 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, J. Whalley 6.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Margaret Holloway (first quarter) 1, L. D. Smith 2, R. H. Roberts 3, Susan V. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6. First quarter by Totton Grammar School R.S.

BURES, SUFFOLK. — On June 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. J. Dingwall (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss E. R. Cansdale 2, D. J. Reeve 3, B. C. Clampin 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, D. W. Brooks 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and with the band's congratulations to Mr. E. P. Duffield, on his recent election as Mayor of Colchester.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET. — On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tudball 1, S. Wyburn (cond.) 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, F. Arscott 4, W. Middleton 5, J. Frost 6. A tribute to J. H. Cridland, a local ringer, whose funeral took place this day.

CASSINGTON, OXON. — On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. R. Venn (cond.) 1, B. Coggins 2, M. J. Turner 3, P. J. Heritage 4, D. Floyd 5, A. Hicks 6.

CHILDREY, BERKS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (33 methods): R. D. Byng 1, Elizabeth M. Barber 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, P. Coad 4, R. H. Jones 5. First in 33 methods for all except tenor ringer.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Purser (first quarter) 1, A. J. Cox 2, F. G. Cook 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 5, B. Evans 6. For Evensong.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. T. E. Creech (first away from cover) 1, Margaret A. Phelan (first "inside") 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, D. H. Netherton 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. For Benedictions.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — On May 28th, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: Anne P. Leigh 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, G. Jackson 3, E. J. Padgett 4, E. Dalingwater 5, F. J. Jackson 6, K. Arthur 7, D. A. Bayles 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXON.—1,280 Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, D. Woodward 2, C. Woodward 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, B. Gray 5, R. Tuckwell 6, C. Holloway 7, F. Absolom 8.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK. — On May 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Kathleen Smart (first quarter) 1, N. Richardson 2, T. Rawlings 3, S. G. Elsey 4, G. Knight 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Kathleen Smart. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Smart 1, B. Crane 2, N. Richardson 3, A. W. Smart 4, S. G. Elsey 5, G. Knight 6, E. H. Mastin (cond., cover) 7. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to N. Richardson.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on June 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: M. J. Uphill 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, J. R. Pratt 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. J. Hampton 6, K. J. Rider 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Taylor 10. For Evensong.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt, on March 19th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): I. Goulter 1, Miss J. Durston 2, H. Hawkins 3, R. Hawkins 4, L. Edwards 5, P. Gould (first as cond.) 6. After the christening of Rachel Gould, daughter of the conductor.

GROBY, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Wright (first attempt) 1, T. Isom 2, P. Forgham 3, J. Spencer 4, Rev. P. Blackman (cond.) 5, Mrs. Wright (first attempt) 6.

GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS, DORSET.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. R. Board 1, Miss M. Lush 2, W. C. Shute 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. E. Woodall 1, M. Irene Ellsmore 2, Winnie Pretty 3, H. J. Shuck 4, L. W. Clissett 5, Molly Tromans 6, T. Greenhall 7, M. L. Lashford 8. Rung in memory of J. H. Cox.

HALLATON, LEICS.—On June 1st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Katharine M. Thorley 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, J. C. Hudson 3, R. Russell 4, S. B. Bell 5, J. Woolley 6. Rung before the Deanery service to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Leicester.

HALSTOCK, DORSET. — On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. R. Board 1, J. W. Marshall 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE. — On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles: R. A. Ley 1, F. R. Evans 2, W. Price 3, T. C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (first in two methods as cond.) 5, M. Williams 6. First in two methods 1, 4, 5 and 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Mayhew 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5, At Matins, on the occasion of Mr. David Cook's ordination as a deacon at Little Ilford.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On June 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: P. N. Felton 1, R. J. Collis 2, June Creak 3, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, I. C. Cooper 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. H. Rogers 9, M. P. Thomas 10.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Pomeroy 1, I. Goulter 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. J. Fowler 4, G. Pomeroy 5, P. Gould (cond.) 6 Rung before Evensong, after the christening of the grandson of Lord Hylton, Lord Lieutenant of the county

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shelagh R. Collins 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, D. Burnett 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to tenor ringer.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Morgan 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Pearman 3, Dr. D. N. Layton 4, R. A. Dearman 5, D. Downing 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, N. Whitehouse 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. D. Saunders, Rev. W. E. J. Lindfield and Mr. E. J. Smith (member of choir for 83 years).

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS. — On June 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Bob Doubles: S. Buck 1, Hilary Knight 2, M. R. Bolton 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. First in method for all except conductor. Rung for anniversary of Queen's coronation.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 1, G. W. Rendell 2, G. W. Rendell 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, F. G. Sandy 5, T. A. Cross (cond.) 6. To mark the retirement of Preb R. T. Beechey, Vicar of Montacute for 33½ years.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Stone (first quarter) 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, J. Mitchell 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

NASH, MON.—1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: R. J. Hall 1, Mrs. A. Pilgrim 2, Mrs. M. Bennett 3, I. Prytherch 4, M. Pilgrim 5, P. Bennett (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 4.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Terry 1, Mrs. R. Wratton 2, Miss E. Todd 3, R. J. Birch 4, L. Mannering (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6, R. A. Birch 7, A. S. Phelips 8.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., U.S.A.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Maly (first quarter) 1—2, Joan Hutchinson 3—4, Alice Dickinson (cond.) 5—6. Rung to celebrate the opening of the Clark Science Center at Smith's College.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Aldate, on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Benstead 1, M. Nargett 2, E. M. Barker 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allsworth (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Archer, and for the christening of Michele Louise, the granddaughter of Mr. R. H. Allsworth.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Chris Nevins (first quarter) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, J. P. Coad 3, P. H. Mackie 4, S. K. Thompson 5, R. E. Burbery (cond.) 6. Rung by the O.U.S.C.R. for morning service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sally Stacey (first quarter) 1, D. Hatherly 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Tipper (100th quarter) 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6, A. Betsworth 7, R. Cross (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. A welcome to the "youth against hunger" walkers after their 20 mile walk from Portsmouth.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Duck 1, M. Bowers 2, E. H. Langley 3, A. Locke 4, W. Sanders 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, R. Curnow 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. Percy Williams, captain of St. Euny tower and churchwarden.

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. King 1, Miss F. Riley 2, Miss F. Stocker (first of Triples) 3, W. Perrin 4, A. Fry 5, J. Claughton 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, L. Perrin 8. Rung as a farewell to J. Claughton, on his leaving for a visit to Canada.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFS.—On May 25th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. Humphreys 1, C. Gall 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, E. Hough 4, J. P. Burton 5, N. White 6, P. R. Johnston 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. First of Major 1 and 2.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS. — On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Mayfield 1, D. Osbourne 2, T. Kirkman 3, A. Newall 4, N. Handley 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, S. Adams 7, A. Simpson 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wood 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Doris G. Dobbie 3, G. Kenward 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, J. E. Clark 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, B. E. Jemmett 8. First of Kent Major for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bentley 1, Miss K. Lynas 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, S. Bendle 4, D. Gray (cond.) 5, H. Baguley 6.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK. — On May 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): D. Rose (aged 14) 1, L. Wright 2, L. Nice 3, R. Rose 4, E. Nice 5, N. Rose (cond.) 6. For the 87th birthday of H. Wright, father of ringer of 2nd.

STROUD, GLOS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Cornock (first quarter) 1, T. Pritchard 2, F. Garland 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, V. Deane 5, R. Ashby (first quarter) 6, R. Cornock 7, A. Howell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of C. H. Aldridge, 20 years people's warden.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On May 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Hallas 1, Ruth Bedford 2, R. Cassidy 3, S. Bedford 4, J. Marjoram (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 2nd, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Gamble 1, P. D. Chapman 2, Miss H. Gamble 3, K. Warner 4, D. Wright 5, E. Holman 6, D. A. Hewitt 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET. — On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Hull 1, L. A. England (first of Stedman) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mayell, on their wedding anniversary, and a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. White.

ASHTON KEYNES, WILTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G Locke 3, R. Huddleston 4, D. Huddleston (cond.) 5. To celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Locke.

ASTON, HERTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Perrin (first of Minor) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Brenda J. Harris 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. D. Trigg 5, M. R. Worthington (first as cond.) 6.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): L. Cooper 1, C. Woodwards 2, B. Gray 3, J. Godman 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, J. Cherrill 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. C. Ward, for many years a ringer at this tower.

BOBBING, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): Miss H. Carter 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. Wraight 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, K. Williamson 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Box 1, G. B. Davis 2, N. M. Parker 3, J. Nibbs 4, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 5, G. A. Carter 6.

BRINKWORTH, WILTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Holroyd (first away from tenor) 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, F. J. Tuck (first "inside") 3, H. E. Blacker 4, B. Evans (cond.) 5, A. Ayres 6. Rung for Evensong, and a compliment to Archdeacon L. C. Cornwell, past Rector of this parish, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Southey 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, C. Cook 3, C. W. Simpson 4, P. Saddleton 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Mrs. E. Norris 8. For Confirmation.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, C. M. Foster 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. Brown 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, K. Taber 8, F. E. Collins 9, I. M. Parry 10.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK. — On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Spiller 1, Janice Spiller (9) 2, A. Mead (11) 3, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 4, W. H. Spiller (first quarter) 5. A compliment to Rev. R. J. Barnard, on completing two years at Clenchwarton.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hohl 1, O. P. Claxton 2, D. G. Adams 3, A. G. Harrison 4, H. B. Fuller 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6, K. S. Hohl 7, B. Gogle 8.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On May 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): M. A. Coleman 1, B. Vickers 2, Mary Coleman 3, J. Knight 4, B. R. Care (cond.) 5, C. Stokes 6.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pillinger 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, D. Tomlins (first as cond.) 3, R. Page (first quarter) 4, P. Screen 5, G. Whalley 6. For the induction of the Rev. Mr. Wood as Vicar.

HAYES, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Smith 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, T. Lewis 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G. Locke 3, B. Huddleston 4, F. Bloomfield 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Vicar, Canon E. C. Davey.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. F. Ross 1, Miss E. Moss (first in method) 2, M. Hawtree 3, R. C. Hawtree 4, R. R. Horton (first as cond.) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. For Evensong.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.—On May 27th, 1,344 Bob Major: Susan Phillips (15) 1, G. Knight 2, P. Thomas (15) 3, D. Gagen (13) 4, E. Cousins 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6, K. Phillips (first "inside") 7, G. Mann 8. First quarter of Bob Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. Also on May 30th, 1,344 Bob Major: G. Titmarsh (first quarter) 1, S. G. Elsey 2, P. Thomas 3, M. Bryan 4, D. Gagen 5, A. Rolfe 6, E. Cousins 7, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George W. Johnson (76), ringer at this church over 60 years, interred this day. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Mead 1, S. G. Elsey 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, V. Bowen 4, W. H. Spiller 5, E. Cousins 6, G. Titmarsh (cover) 7. First of Minor 1 and 5.

HULL, YORKS.—At 2, Cavendish Road, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maris C. Stephenson (first "in hand") 1—2, R. Ducker 3—4, J. Leary (cond.) 5—6. A compliment to J. Leary, on his birthday, also his first quarter

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Moorby 1, J. Null (first quarter) 2, W. Jackson 3, Miss L. Nawes 4, B. Stone 5, Miss A. Bruce 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Goakes 1, A. Palmer 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, D. Feek 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Morning Prayer. A compliment to Rev. Canon R. J. P. Peyton-Burbery, on completing 60 years in the ministry, and for the 18th birthday of Gillian Anderson.

MARSTON, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): R. Byng 1, L. R. Porter 2, G. A. C. Porter 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. For Evensong. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Buck 1, L. R. Porter 2, M. R. Bolton (first in three methods "inside") 3, N. D. Deam 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

MILTON, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Stuart 1, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 2, Tony Binding (first "inside") 3, T. Barnard 4, C. Osenton (cond.) 5, S. Clack 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bradbrook 1, C. W. Ward 2, M. J. Soper 3, A. Price 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, C. King 6, T. Pink 7, W. J. Langley 8. A compliment to the conductor, on the birth of his second son, Michael Huw.

NETHERTON, Dudley, WORCS.—On June 4th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: J. Macefield 1, Miss M. I. Ellsmore 2, J. Durham 3, R. J. Lees 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, R. Edwards 6. For Confirmation.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George's, Jesmond, on June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joy Askew 1, J. Pardoe 2, R. Askew 3, Diane Telfer 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, G. White 6, S. Pardoe 7, P. Martin 8. First in method 1, 3 and 4.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,300 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, K. Sansom 2, J. Huggins 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Joyce 6. For the wedding anniversary of the ringers of 1 and 3.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Pamela A. Lockwood (aged 10) 1, Margaret White 2, Patricia Lockwood (cond.) 3, D. S. Lockwood 4, M. L. Bennett 5, I. Slack 6, M. Johnson 7, E. Robinson 8, I. North 9, M. L. Lockwood 10. Rung as a congratulation to the tower captain, Councillor Fred Bennett, on his appointment as Mayor of Ossett.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, F. Vickers 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Gough 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. Rung for the village feast.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Diane Carter 1, E. Langley 2, J. J. George 3, M. Bowers 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, R. Pengelly 6.

PEMBROKE.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor A. Lingard 1, S. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison (first "inside" and of Minor) 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4 Miss N. M. Rosen 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant (cover) 8.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On May 27th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: G. J. Hemming 1, J. Auwood, jun. 2, Rev. A. Webb 3, I. Lloyd 4, P. Robertson 5, M. Powell 6, A. C. Berry (cond.) 7, D. Beacham 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. Trigg. Also a compliment to Sir Francis Chichester, on his epic voyage.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Jennifer Manger 1, Sylvia Knight 2, B. Johnson 3, E. Clifton 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, F. Huckstepp 6.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAM. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): F. J. Thyer 1, I. John 2, L. Darch 3, W. H. Gray 4, A. Nicholls 5, R. Partridge (first quarter) 6, D. W. Kerley (cond.) 7, G. J. Davies (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the wedding this day of Miss Elizabeth Phillips and Mr. Malcolm Williams, both members of the local band.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Draper 1, Jennifer Tyack 2, Gillian Boyd 3, J. R. Taylor 4, F. Fagg 5, A. Buswell 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, P. Gilliver 8. For the annual service of the Guild of Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On May 20th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss J. Beech 1, F. Beech 2, J. Humphreys (first "inside") 3, J. P. Burton 4, N. White 5, C. Baldham (cond.) 6. First in the methods by all.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—Bells reduced to back five until September. Practices may be irregular. During holiday period some practices and service ringing may be cancelled. Please check before coming.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Phone 33049 (weekends). 1759

ALL SAINTS', HUNTINGTON (York).— Will all intending visitors please note that peal attempts are now limited to one per month. Visitors on tour, etc., are welcome as before. All bookings for the bells to the secretary, A. Colin Banton, 4, Auster Bank Crescent, Tadcaster, York. 1775

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Annual Shield Contest will be held at **Bradfield**, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 8th, in conjunction with the Bradfield Flower Festival, details of which may be obtained from Mr. Plant, Upper Bradfield.

To enter the contest, intending participants must send 10s. entrance fee and, if possible, names of team members, to the Secretary, Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, as soon as possible.

Names for tea **must** be sent to Mrs. Baxter, Castle Laithe, High Bradfield, Sheffield.

This contest is open to any band and will be judged by Mr. H. Chant.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—Removal of existing six bells for recasting and augmenting to eight. No ringing until further notice. — J. E. G. Roast. 1767

DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Saturday, July 1st. To those concerned: Coach will leave Daventry Market Place at 7.45 a.m. prompt.—F. W. Hancock. 1787

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, near Bristol.— Ringers' Day, Saturday, July 1st. The following towers are available: Tytherington, Cromhall, Tortworth (10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.), Iron Acton, Yate, Chipping Sodbury (11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Westerleigh, Coalpit Heath (2 p.m. to 3 p.m.). Frampton Cotterell from 2 p.m. Teas available from 4.30 p.m. Handbell competition at 7 p.m. Barbecue, social evening with male voice choir to follow. Names for tea and barbecue to H. Taysom, 16, Frome View, Frampton Cotterell. 1779

GNOSALL, STAFFORD

Ringers' Service, July 2nd, 6.30 p.m.

Ringing 5.30 p.m.

After the service the St. Lawrence's Junior Handbell Ringers will play a selection of tunes in the schoolroom. Visitors welcome. Refreshments. 1783

ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE

June 25th, 1967.

Ringers' Sunday.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Matins.
6.30 p.m. **Ringers' Family Service.** Preacher: The Rector.

Ringing times:
10.00 a.m. to 10,30 a.m.
5.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

All ringers and friends welcome. 1764

ST. MARY'S, SWANAGE, DORSET

Ringers' Service

Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday, June 25th. Ringing from 5.30. Refreshments and ringing after service. Preacher, Rev. R. N. Longridge. Visitors welcome. 1737

ST PETER'S, HENFIELD, SUSSEX. — Change of secretary. New secretary is: Mr. R. M. Leadley, Moonrakers, Broomfield Road, Henfield Sussex. Telephone Henfield 2985. 1794

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. Est. 1623. —The 344th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (2) available from 11.30 a.m. 12-bell ringing.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 1740

SELSTON, NOTTS.—Rose Festival will be held from Friday, June 30th, to Monday, July 3rd, inclusive. Viewing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The six bells will be available 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st. Unique tower service Sunday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea will be available on Saturday for those notifying Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts, by Thursday previous. 1811

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — St. St. Mary's, Calne, "Flower Festival," July 1st and 2nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome. 1803

UFFINGTON, BERKSHIRE.—Flower Festival, July 7th. 8th, 9th. Ringing parties specially welcome, also ringers. 7th, 8th, 6 p.m.; 9th, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Arrange with Vicar, Uffington Vicarage, Berkshire. 1810

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Summer Tour in Warwickshire, August 30th–September 5th. Those interested please write to Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff, by July 15th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Goole (8), Thursday, June 29th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: (1) Rounds, call changes, plain hunt, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Stedman, (4) Cambridge Surprise Major. Ringing Master, Mr. D. S. Johnson. All welcome.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 1774

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Wick St. Lawrence (5) Saturday, June 24th, 5 p.m. — M. Legg, Branch Sec. 1809

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.— Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss E. Jackson, 1, The Square, Rostherne. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 1756

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Mary's, Oldswinford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after meeting. 1812

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.— Meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1745

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District Striking Competitioon at Aldershot, Saturday, June 24th. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. (Farnborough 41792.) Normal ringing after tea.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Evening meeting at West Wycombe, Saturday, June 24th. Ringing on the eight bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 1728

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Loders, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. All welcome. 1712

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 24th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3.30–4.15; St. Chad's (4) 3.30–4.15. All available together with St. Mary's (8) during the evening after the meeting. No ringing during service, please, which is in the Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lichfiel 4539. Please support business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1706

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Meeting, East Hoathly, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham. Tel. 3515.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 1757

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, WARSOP, NOTTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd. All visitors, especially ringers, will oe welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.

Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7. Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m.

Thurs., June 29th—Patronal Festival. Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m. Viewing and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m.

Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m. Ringing 7–9 p.m.

Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m. Ringing 2 p.m.–9 p.m.

Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.–6 p.m. Services, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion. **Celebrant and preacher the Lord Bishop of Southwell.** 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon. Ringing 3 p.m.–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the Festival.

Local ringers will be in attendance during all published ringing times.

Proceeds will be used towards the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8. 1596

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Heptonstall, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Liquid tea only provided; please bring own food. Practice method: Yorkshire Surprise Major. 1798

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bathampton (6), Saturday, July 1st. Usual arrangements except that tea has been arranged in conjunction with the church fete.—Alan F. Lee. Hon. Sec. 1761

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Martin of Tours', West Coker, Yeovil (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.), July 1st, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker. 1713

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. Payne, 4, Grange Road, Felmersham, Beds, **by June 29th.** 1765

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District — Meeting at Southam (8), July 1st. Bells 3.15–4.45 and 6–8 p.m. Plenty of tea for all at Southam Church Fete (400 yards from Church on main Leamington Road).—R. W. S. 1705

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Mountsorrel (8), Thursday, June 29th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. 1763

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting. Ashford-in-the-Water Saturday, July 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Ashford-in-the-Water (new 6) 3.15 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 27th.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbys.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the Striking Competition will be held at Roydon on Saturday, July 1st commencing at 2.30 prompt. M.C., Mr. K. Wood. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, by Thursday, June 29th, please. 1664

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Half-annual meeting at Blockley (6), 3 p.m.–4 p.m. and Chipping Campden (8) 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m., July 1st. Service and business meeting before and after tea respectively. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Newing, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. as soon as possible. 1777

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Modbury (6) on Saturday, July 1st, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch — Quarterly meeting at Rewe, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Thursday. 1743

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Abbots Langley, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Langleybury, 6.30 p.m. Names to G. R. Fielding, 130, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—G. W. Seaman, Dis Sec. 1804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — **Change of venue.** — **Stevenage** (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells **6 p.m.** Business meeting during evening. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1782

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, on Saturday, July 1st Bells (6) at 3 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham on Saturday, July 1st Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs. 1758

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Arnesby, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Page, St. Peter's Road, Arnesby, Leicester, by June 28th, please.—Ron Hughes. 1773

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Bureh-le-Marsh on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Monday, June 26th.—Mrs. R. Reynolds, 9, Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs. 1665

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Horninglow (6) bells also available 3 to 4 p.m. All welcome. 1799

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Eccleshall on Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whittall, Ivy Mount, High Street, Eccleshall, Staffs, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 1808

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Open Striking Competition will be held at Drayton on July 1st at 2.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Handbell Festival 7 p.m. Changes, tunes, and tape recordings. Visitors welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. Waterson, 21, Cator Road, Drayton, Norwich.—F. C. Goodman.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon (8), Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow. Holy Trinity (8) available 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Jones, 69, Newtown, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. 1769

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD

RINGING AND FLORAL FESTIVAL AT PRITTLEWELL

on July 8th, 9th and 10th

Ringing arrangements for Saturday, July 8th.

	Route 1		**Local Towers**
9.00–10.00	Kelvedon (6), 21–0–13.	11.15–12.15	S. Benfleet (6), 12–0–0.
9.45–10.45	Witham (8), 18–0–0.	12.00– 1.00	Rayleigh (8), 16–0–0.
10.15–11.00	Maldon (8), 13–0–0.	2.00– 3.15	Gt. Wakering (6), 8–1–2.
10.45–11.30	Purleigh (6), 12–0–0.	2.00– 3.15	Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea (8) 25–0–0.
	Route 2		
9.00–10.00	Dunmow (8), 21–1–0.	2.30– 4.00	St. Mary's, Prittlewell (10), 18–2–0. Service at 4 o'clock. Preacher, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
9.45–10.30	Fyfield (6), 7–0–0.		
10.30–11.15	Shenfield (6), 9–0–0.		
10.45–11.30	Hutton (5), 7–0–0.		
	Route 3		
9.00–10.15	Hornchurch (8), 19–3–0.	6.00– 7.00	Thorpe Bay (8), 16–0–0.
10.00–10.45	Orsett (6), 11–0–0.	7.00– 8.30	St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea (6), 10–1–11.
10.15–11.15	Stanford-le-Hope (8), 11–2–0.		
10.45–11.30	Fobbing (8), 11–2–0.		With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.
	Other Towers		
11.15–12.15	Southminster (8), 12–0–0.		
12.30– 1.15	Burnham-on-Crouch (6), 10–0–0.		For chiming only, see Bellfounders' Page next week.

Ringing arrangements for Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

8.45 for 9.30 Service.
10.25 for 11.00 Service.
3.00–4.00 Ringing.
5.30 for 6.30 Evensong and Special Ringers' Service.

All are welcome,

The Floral Festival in St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell — July 8th, 9th and 10th. With flower arrangements by the combined local floral groups will be well worth a visit, so bring your friends and enjoy the festival with us.

Car parking facilities and refreshments with a ringers' tea in the Guildhall after 4 o'clock service on Saturday, July 8th.

Any other information from, and names for tea (early, please), to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

Ringing Arrangements:

Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) ..	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6)	12.15 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10)	2.30 p.m.— 3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12)	3.00 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.
..	7.00 p.m.— 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by Saturday, July 1st. **No name, no tea.** 1717

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Campsall, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Rev. H. Lee, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, before June 28th. 1785

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, July 1st, Sutton Bonington (5) at 3 p.m.; Kingston-on-Soar (6), 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Wood, 30, Main Street, Sutton Bonnington, by June 28th.—S. Adams. 1795

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Wimbledon 2.30–4 p.m. Service at All Saints', Kingston, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall, Ashdown Road Evening ringing at Kingston. Special method: Yorkshire Royal. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W.15. 1784

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–8.30 p.m. After tea Mr. George Jennings will give his second talk on "Grandsire." Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel: E.G. 23815) by Wednesday, June 28th. 1792

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, July 5th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All standard methods.—C. H. Rogers. 1788

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Burstwick (6), Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea available. 1800

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. (Barbecue postponed until later date.) — B. E. J. 1806

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Betts, Redhouse, Fairbourne Road, Harrietsham.—M. L. H. 1781

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Quarterly meeting, July 8th. Bells available: Earl Shilton (8) 9.30 a.m. to 10.15; Stoney Stanton (8) 10.15 to 11; Broughton Astley 11 to 12 noon; Leire (6) 1 p.m to 2 p.m.; Claybrooke (8) 2 to 3 p.m.; Burbage (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Hinckley 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Hinckley 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m in Church Hall. Social evening at the Prince of Wales, Hinckley. Please give this meeting your full support. Names for tea to A. Ballard, 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, July 5th.—A. James Poynor, Hon. Gen Sec. 1797

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 8th now at Usk. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk. Mon. by July 3rd, please. 1749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Cranford (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Special method: Cranford Surprise. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Thrapston Road, by week previous.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—District practice, Galleywood, June 28th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 1814

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting, 1967

The A.G.M. will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 1st. Arrangements are as follows:

General meeting in Cathedral House .. .. 2.30 p.m
Service in the Cathedral (including dedication of the Fred Rogers–George Pullinger Memorial by the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth) .. .. 4.30 p.m.
Tea in Cathedral House .. .. 5.15 p.m.

Names for tea should be sent by Wednesday. June 28th, to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth. Tel. 23300

Ringing Arrangements:

Curdridge (8) and Droxford (4) 10.30–11.30; Shedfield (8), Soberton (8) and Hambledon (6) 11–12; Titchfield (6) and Catherington (6) 11.30–12.30; Havant (8) 12–1; Portsea (8) 12.30–2; Portsmouth Cathedral (10) 12.30–2.30 and after tea.

D. J. Forder. Hon. Gen. Sec. 1727

TUITION TEASERS—No. 4

ROPE FLY-OUT

Q. What is the handling error which causes the rope to fly out in front of the ringer as the sally rises to handstroke? (From the Rabbits' Guild.)

A. To understand easily this "rope-throw" we need a diagram, but in its absence (cost) we may consider an analysis of the complete backstroke, i.e. consider what precedes the "sally rising to handstroke," as you put it. It is, of course, the "sally fall," and this is preceded by the pull-off part of the backstroke, when the rope comes downwards from the highest position attained by the rope's end. The crux of the whole matter is that this downward movement of the rope, from the boss or rope-hole in the ceiling (or guide frame) must be "straight down," or vertical. So that if the learner is (see "Tuition Teasers" Nos. 2 & 3):

(i) Standing correctly in relation to the rope-fall, and

(iii) Pulling correctly with all arm joints flexing,

the sally will pass down then up again, within about three or four inches of the front of the body. There will then be no "fly-out," to use your expression.

But our analysis shows that there are four factors that may, either singly or in varied combination, upset this rope-fall. Three arise from faulty performance or handling error, while the fourth is functional or mechanical. (The remedy is given in each case.)

(1) **Fault.** Stiff arm action, i.e. elbow and wrist joints not flexing.

(2) **Fault.** Shoulders (and therefore arms) brought forward by undue bending movement from the hips. In either case the effect is the same: pull is not vertical close to the body but in an arc of a circle (more or less), out and away from the ringer. (Remedy for these two in "Tuition Teaser" No. 2.)

(3) **Fault.** "Tipping the sally." This is infrequent, but does occur. Pupil is over anxious about catching sally, and too soon releases his upper-hand hold on rope's end (see "Tuition Teaser" No. 3), his opened fingers "tipping the sally" to swing out of its vertical line of travel. Remedy is to retain upper-hand grip to bottom of stroke (straight arms), transferring it to sally when latter has turned from "down" to "up."

(4) **Functional.** The source of the trouble is known as "drawing" of the rope and occurs occasionally, the rope's line of travel being "drawn" out of the vertical, between on the one hand the guide-wheel (or pulley) and boss in the floor of the bell chamber, and, on the other hand, the same in the floor of the room below. This "drawing" of ropes is done to make a satisfactory "rope circle" in the ringing chamber below; but the "drawn" line of travel of the rope tends to continue (after passing through the ringing room ceiling boss) in the direction of the draw. This may be in any direction round the full 360 degrees from the ringer as centre. In circumstances where this malfunctioning is marked, a single boss only will be found to be employed; in what is both the ceiling of the ringing chamber and the floor of the room above it, combined. When, however, there is a separate floor immediately above the ringing chamber ceiling, two bosses are employed, and their vertically spaced setting usually corrects any rope-throw induced by the rope-draw above. In cases where the drawn effect is passed on to the ringer a more or less effective remedy is for him to shift his normal standing position slightly in the direction opposite to the rope-throw, when his normal handling will tend to correct it.

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A Day In London

Arranged by Madge and Peter Ashby, a party of ringers from Barton-le-Cley, Beds, visited London on June 3rd. Mr. Douglas Hughes conducted them around the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, where the ten bells for Wymondham Abbey were among the interesting exhibits.

A picnic lunch in Battersea Park preceded ringing on the new ropes at St. Mary's, Battersea. The next tower, St. Anne's, Highgate, necessitated crossing London. Here after ringing we joined in Evensong, conducted by Father H. Whittingham. An excellent tea was prepared in the Church Hall, Gospel Oak, by Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, and the best ringing of the day was at St. Martin's (6). Home was reached at 11 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The two six-bell towers at Market Weighton and Nunburnholme were made available for the Eastern District annual general meeting on May 20th.

A warm welcome was accorded Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley and companions from Dewsbury and Mr. Stoat from Coventry. Mr. H Walker was also present, being fully recovered from a recent operation.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. Alan Sheppard. Proceedings were rather prolonged due to balloting for the election of D. S. Johnson as the new District Ringing Master and the six committee members: Miss J. Gray (Walkington), Miss Wilkinson (York), Mrs. E. Johnson (Kirk Ella), L. M. Woodhead (Goole) J. Potts (Sherburn) and W. Stoker, Hemingbrough). Five new members were accepted: R. Carey (Holme-on-Spalding Moor), E. Oliver (Walkington), N. Hildred (Huntington), N. Paling (Cottingham) and A. Bridges (student, Holy Trinity, Hull.

Howden was proposed for the August meeting, together with Eastrington. An invitation from Mr. C. Brown to include a visit to the four-bell tower at Bubwith was also accepted.

Southern District

The Southern District annual general meeting was held at Tickhill on May 20th, where Mr. H. Chant organised touches from call changes to Surprise Major. Mr. Geoff Pilkington proposed the vote of thanks to Canon Guy Cook, the Rector, and the ladies for the excellent tea.

At the annual general meeting, with Mr. M. Meadows, vice-president, presiding, Mr. Chant was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. J. Seager, A. Staveley and T. Tarbutt to the Association and District Committee. Messrs. J. J. L. Gilbert, G. Pilkington and R. Sanderson were also appointed to the District Committee. New members elected were the Misses Joyce and Susan Laidlow, Rosaline Eslick, Irene Royston (all of Sprotborough) and Carol Ellison (Whiston).

Further ringing took place at Bawtry and Harworth.

50 YEARS AT LANGPORT

When the Ilchester Branch held its quarterly meeting at Langport on June 3rd over 40 ringers present saw the Master of the Association (the Rev. H. F. Warren) present an illuminated scroll to Mr. H. Westlake to commemorate 50 years of faithful service as a ringer and members of All Saints', Langport, tower. It was the gift of his colleagues.

The company stood in silence to honour the memories of Mr. George Coles of Taunton and Mr. John Hall of Uphill. New members elected were Messrs. J. Stone and Francis (Drayton) and Robin Geard and A. Strickland (Montacute). Thanks were expressed to the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. L. Houldon), who conducted the service, and the ladies who provided a splendid tea.

Ringers were invited by Mr. Gordon Rendell to two events at Montacute—Parish Communion, June 25th. 9.30 a.m., and induction of the Rev. R M. Bevan to the living on July 31st; bells 6–7 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District was fascinated by the tenor counter when a meeting was held at Ebbw Vale on June 3rd. This recorded on a dial every blow of that bell. At the end of the evening calculations were made and it was discovered that the tenor had been struck 3.192 times.

The Rev. W. R. Lewis conducted the service and Mr. Reuben Clench, on behalf of the adults. thanked the ladies for the lovely tea, and Master David Parfrey, aged seven, from a chair, offered thanks for all the children.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mrs. Betty Parfrey presided at the business meeting, when three young members from Chepstow were elected—Patty Williams and Sandra and Anne Mattey.

COMPOSITIONS

5,376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By SIMON HUMPHREY

23456	M	W	H
46352	—		S
53462		—	S
43265	—		
25364	—		S
62354		—	
53624		—	S
64325	—		S
23645		—	S

Twice repeated.

First rung at Earl Shilton on May 31st, 1967. Contains 12 combination courses and 84 roll-ups.

5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by IAN M. HOLLAND

23456	M	1/5	W	H
25426			2	
54326		x		
25346		x	2	2
26543	2	x		2
23645	2	x		2

Twice repeat.

Contains 144 roll-ups.

Rung at Dore on February 13th, 1967, conducted by the composer.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By I. M. HOLLAND

23456	M	1/5th	B	W	H	
54326				2	2	A
25346		x		2	2	A
26543	2	x			2	A
23645	2	x			2	A
52436			—	2	2	
34625	2		—	2		
46325		x				
24365		x		2	2	
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SOME NOTES ON THE FOUNDRY OF BILBIE

By M. G. MESSER

SOMERSET is a county known for its tall and beautiful church towers. It is equally famous for its bells. The number of bell foundries that have existed in the county eclipses that of any other county except Yorkshire. Although none of these foundries lasted long, one family of founders stands out from the rest, namely that of Bilble.

The foundry of the Bilbie family was begun in 1698, when "old Edward Bilbie" (as he styled himself) established the business at the village of Chewstoke, nestling under the Mendip Hills. The foundry flourished so well that later on a branch was opened at Cullompton in Devon. "Old Edward Bilbie" died in 1732, but not before his successor's name occurs, for as early as 1719 we find a Thomas Bilbie mentioned. Thomas seems to have died in 1754 and was succeeded by another Thomas, who is last heard of in 1790. The last owners of the foundry were Abraham Bilbie (1768–1773), William (1775–1790) and James (1793–1814).

The bells of this foundry are many, especially in Somerset itself, where the Bilbies' rivals—the Rudhalls of Gloucester—were almost kept out entirely. The branch at Cullompton lasted until 1813, when it was taken over by William Pannell, who subsequently moxed to Exeter.

The inscriptions on the Bilbie bells are often lengthy and very often amusing. At Cullompton on a bell dated 1746 was cast this inscription:

"Bilbie the Founder. Bush the Hanger.
"Heathfield's the man that rings the tenor."

A rival of the Bilbie family was Evans of Chepstow, who, upon casting the fifth at Backwell, Somerset, put this inscription on the bell:

"Bilby and Boosh may come and see
"What Evans and Nott have done by me."
(Boosh probably refers to Bush.)

Bilbie was not to be outdone, however, for he also had another rival in the form of the Cockey family, the first of whom went by the name of Mordecai. We gather from a bell of Bilbie's cast in 1732 at Dunkerton, Somerset, that the earlier operations of the Cockey family were not very successful:

"Before I was broke I was as good as any
"But when that Cokey casted I near was worth a penny."

At Corston, near Bath, Thomas Bilbie cast a bell which was regarded with suspicion by the locals. Their remarks did not escape the foundry at Chewstoke, and so the churchwardens' accounts for the year 1754 read as follows:

"October 22nd, 1754.—Whereas a suspicion has been conserning ye goodness of ye bell lately cast by Thomas Bilby he doth hereby oblige himself that if ye said bell should be slot or otherwise hurt by faer ringing or towling within one year from ye time it was hung up he will cast ye said bell again without any expenses to ye parish, as Witness my hand.—William Bilbie."

This guarantee it seems had great effect, for immediately following the above statement this receipt occurs:

"October 22nd, 1754.—Received of Mr. John Humfris the sum of seven pounds three shillings in ful for last payment for casting the too Bell for the use of Thomas Bilbie. Received by me—William Bilbie."

OUR PICTURE

ST. MARY'S, PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX

By PETER AND DAVID SLOMAN

"When sweetly rings this bell
From the tower of Prittlewell,
Let Jesus Christ be praised."
1895.

THUS reads the inscription on the fourth bell at Prittlewell, whose beautifully proportioned Perpendicular tower stands overlooking both the estuary and surrounding countryside.

The importance of bells in the tower was shown in 1548, when in order to supply a bell frame, much of the church plate was sold. Subsequently, in 1553, the first five bells were hung in the tower, the tenor bell weighing 25 cwt. These, by 1603, had become unringable and were recast by Richard Holdfield, a Cambridge founder, through a bequest by William Ayliffe, a London merchant. The Holdfield tenor weighed approximately 20 cwt., and was recast in 1682 by John Darbie of Ipswich, by which time its weight was down to some 16¼ cwt. Later the fourth bell fell from its fittings and it was recast in 1772 by Pack and Chapman. In 1806 Thomas Mears added a treble bell to complete the six.

There has never been a lack of keen ringers at Prittlewell. So keen were those in 1840, when Dr. Nolan was the Vicar, that he had considerable difficulty in persuading them to commence ringing at 8 a.m. instead of 5 a.m.! After brandishing a carving knife over their heads, the Vicar eventually besieged the ringers with pistols. This resulted in the imprisonment of one of the ringers and, in turn, an effigy of Dr. Nolan was burned in the parish. Fortunately, today relations with the clergy are less strained!

All the bells except the treble were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1872, and in 1895 they added two more trebles. The tenor at this time weighed 17¼ cwt. The ring as it is today was completed in 1902 by John Warner of London, who added two trebles, recast the tenor (18¼ cwt.) and hung the ten bells in a new frame with new fittings. Details are:

Treble.—26¼ in. 4 cwt.
Second.—28¼ in. 4 cwt. 2 qr.
Third.—28¾ in. 4 cwt. 3 qr.
Fourth.—29¾ in. 5 cwt. 1 qr.
Fifth.—30½ in. 5 cwt. 3 qr.
Sixth.—32½ in. 6 cwt. 3 qr.
Seventh.—35¼ in. 8 cwt. 3 qr.
Eighth.—37½ in. 9 cwt. 3 qr.
Ninth.—42 in. 14 cwt.
Tenor.—47 in. 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

The ten were rung for the first time on May 30th, 1902, to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII, after whom the tenor is named.

The treble proudly proclaims:

"A Royal peal are we
We ring o'er land and sea
From Prittlewell belfry."
1902."

The record peal of 12,740 Bob Royal was rung at St. Mary's in 1950, composed and conducted by Frank Lufkin, the then Master at Prittlewell.

"We are three jolly ringers from Prittlewell tower,
We ring and we ring for hour upon hour" goes the opening lines of a song written at the time.

It was Frank Lufkin who, because of the rather isolated area around Southend, created the Southend and District Guild. The aim of the Guild, which has been going for 17 years, is to help young ringers in the area who are unable to travel the distances necessary to attend other meetings.

The Guild is holding a Ringing and Flower Festival at Prittlewell in July. This will be the last time that the bells will be available before they go to the founders for rehanging and possibly recasting. P. & D. S.

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A New Master for Essex Association

THE 88th annual general meeting of the Essex Association was held on the spring Bank Holiday, May 29th, at Chelmsford.

Probably due to the fine weather, the numbers were well up on last year, approximately 120 members and friends being in attendance. Ringing on the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral preceded the service and a touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Hilary Connop-Price, who also preached an impressive sermon.

The business meeting followed in the Chapter House with the Master, Mr. Robert C. Heazel, in the chair, and after adopting Standing Orders the visitors were welcomed.

MR. F. B. LUFKIN
(The new Master)

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves, commenting on the statement of accounts, said that it had not been a very satisfactory year for the General Fund. The main financial problem was the increase in the cost of printing the annual report. The printer, who up until this year had produced the report, had unfortunately gone out of business, which necessitated the Association having to find a new printer. The running costs of the Association were also continually rising but the subscriptions were remaining stagnant. Mr. J. Chalk observed that it was pleasant to note a reduction in the amount of arrears outstanding compared with last year.

ANNUAL REPORT

With the task of finding a new printer over, Mr. C. K. Cooper, the report editor, was thanked for all his efforts in producing such a splendid report and also for seeing that it was produced in time for the annual meeting. A few suggestions to improve the report were received from various members.

In the annual report, the Master reflected over the last 14 years and noted the many changes in the structure of the Association which formed a direct and continuous line of progress. The members who had retired from honorary offices during the year were thanked for their hard work.

A ringing competition had been held and, for the second year in succession, St. Leonard's, Colchester, gained first place. The Association had once again been requested to assist by ringing each evening at the Cathedral for the Festival Week and, as a result of this, four quarter peals and one peal were successfully completed. Membership had risen by some 29 ringing members, bringing the current ringing membership up to 874. Meetings had been held throughout the Districts regularly with an average of some 35 members at each meeting.

STANDARD OF PEALS MAINTAINED

During 1966, 104 peals had been rung, with 179 members taking part, including 14 first pealers. Worthy of mention were the peals of 116, 136 and 145 Spliced Minor, conducted by Mr. J. E. G. Roast. The South Eastern Division rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus with entirely their own members, and two peals of Cinques had been rung at Waltham Abbey with bands mainly from that tower. The leading peal ringer was Mr. J. L. Towler, who rang 37 peals for the Association, and Miss J. A. Quilter led the ladies by scoring 23 peals.

INCREASED FINANCIAL RESOURCES

It was decided after some discussion that the ringing subscriptions should be raised from 3s. 6d. to 5s. Mr. L. J Clark said that in 1919 the membership cost 1s. 6d. per year, and since that date the cost of living had risen some three to four times and, going by the law of averages, 5s. was not an unreasonable amount to pay in 1967. The subscription for honorary members was also raised to not less than 5s. and the levy on peal ringers was increased from 6d. to 1s. per ringer.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch in the Cathedral Hall, the catering and serving of the lunch being ably carried out by members of the South Eastern Division. It was regretted that the Master's wife could not be present due to an operation in hospital, and the wishes of the meeting were conveyed to Mrs Heazel for a speedy return to health.

The meeting was resumed after lunch with the main business outstanding of the election of honorary officers. Mr. Heazel, to the regret of the Association, did not seek re-election as Master, and Mr. Frank B. Lufkin was elected.

While the votes for Master were being counted, Mr. Heazel looked back over the years since he first came on to the committee of the Essex Association. He praised Sunday service ringers, saying it was a great service to God, the Queen and the country. He thanked the members for all their support in the past and asked that they should support the new Master with the same enthusiasm and vigour.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin then also thanked the members for their support and said that he realised what a great responsibility the job entailed and hoped that he could carry on in the footsteps of Mr Heazel, who had many qualities which he himself did not possess.

The other honorary officers were: Secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; treasurer. P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross. G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P J. Came and D. A. S. Symonds

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Heazel to all those who had been concerned in the arrangements and who had assisted at the meeting

The meeting was then closed and ringing was resumed at towers surrounding Chelmsford until 9 p.m.

P. G. B.

ASHFORD & CANTERBURY DISTRICTS RINGING SCHOOL

The attractive village of Wickhambreaux was the centre for the ringing school organised jointly by the Ashford and Canterbury Districts on May 20th. The 50 pupils with lecturers and instructors were welcomed by the Vicar and the day began with prayers.

The morning lectures took place in the Village Hall, and after a practical session on rope splicing led by Alan Berry the company divided. Donald Niblett explained Bob Doubles and Minor to the majority, whilst Derek Car instructed a select group on conducting and method splicing.

Following the lunch break the towers of the neighbouring villages were put to good use. Rising and lowering was practised at Preston-next-Wingham, while a session on bell control was run at Wingham. The bells at Wickhambreaux were in use, where the theory of the morning was put into practice.

An excellent tea was provided at Wickhambreaux, after which prizes were presented to Lesley Harwood and Ruth Hewson for rope splicing and Keith Butler for the "Name the Tower" competition. The prizes were donated by Mr. John Willis. Bert Luck was warmly greeted after his illness and thanks were expressed to the three incumbents for the use of the bells, to the many instructors and helpers, and particularly to Keith Davies and Alan Berry, whose hard work had made the day so successful.

During the evening Mrs. Betty Robbins explained a little of the mysteries of handbell ringing in an excellent talk with demonstrations and practice for pupils.

BAWTRY RINGERS VISIT EAST YORKS

Although the weather was not too good, Bawtry ringers had an enjoyable day on May 27th, when they visited East Yorkshire. Towers visited in the morning were North Ferriby, Hessle and Kirk Ella. We were in Hull for our packed lunches and returned there for tea at the Manor Cafe. Ringing at Hedon and Withernsea occupied the afternoon with evening ringing at Cottingham, Walkington and Market Weighton.

Our thanks are extended to incumbents and ringers who welcomed us and to Mr. D. V. Stipetic for helping with the tea arrangements.

A. J.

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on July 8th, 9th and 10th

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9.00–10.00 Kelvedon (6), 21–0–13.
9.45–10.45 Witham (8), 18–0–0.
10.15–11.00 Maldon (8), 13–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Purleigh (6), 12–0–0.

Route 2

9.00–10.00 Dunmow (8), 21–1–0.
9.45–10.30 Fyfield (6), 7–0–0
10.30–11.15 Shenfield (6), 9–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Hutton (5), 7–0–0.

Route 3

9.00–10.15 Hornchurch (8), 19–3–0.
10.00–10.45 Orsett (6), 11–0–0.
10.15–11.15 Stanford-le-Hope (8), 11–2–0.
10.45–11.30 Fobbing (8), 11–2–0.

Other Towers

11.15–12.15 Southminster (8), 12–0–0.
12.30– 1.15 Burnham-on-Crouch (6), 10–0–0.

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11.15–12.15 S. Benfleet (6), 12–0–0.
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6.00– 7.00 Thorpe Bay (8), 16–0–0.
7.00– 8.30 St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea (6), 10–1–11.

With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.

Ringing arrangements for Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

8.45 for 9.30 Service.
10.25 for 11.00 Service.
3.00–4.00 Ringing.
5.30 for 6.30 Evensong and Special Ringers' Service.

All are welcome,

The Floral Festival in St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell — July 8th, 9th and 10th. With flower arrangements by the combined local floral groups will be well worth a visit, so bring your friends and enjoy the festival with us.

Car parking facilities and refreshments with a ringers' tea in the Guildhall after 4 o'clock service on Saturday, July 8th.

Any other information from, and names for tea (early, please), to G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

CLECKHEATON BELLS RING AGAIN

DURING the past few months much effort has been expended teaching a band for Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, and clearing the belfry and ringing room of the accumulation of years of neglect and also reducing the sound output from the belfry This labour reached fruition on Sunday, June 11th, when many of the new ringers rang their bells "open" for the first time for the occasion of the civic service, the new Mayor having been a ringer at Cleckheaton when the bells were last rung regularly, some seven or eight years ago.

The idea was born when the Vicar of Cleckheaton, the Rev. G. M. Rider, wrote to Mr. V. Bottomley asking whether he knew anyone who would teach a band for his church. Vernon asked his ringers at Dewsbury, whose own ringing experience varied from six months to three years, if they would like to take this on as a band The enthusiasm of the Dewsbury ringers was such that within a week or two of that first letter 15 recruits poured into Dewsbury tower to see ringing in action. It was arranged that the party be split into two groups. the first group to have silent practice from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m. on Sundays. All the handling was taught on Dewsbury bells, the local band taking off the clapper stays for service ringing at 5.45 p.m. The intervening hour was spent "polishing" some new Dewsbury ringers who had been ringing for about a month!

When the first group were handling alone their practice took place from 4.15 to 5.40 p.m., whilst the second group learned to handle from 2.45 to 4.15 p.m. With so many tutors progress was made quite quickly and after about ten lessons many were attempting "silent" rounds.

Meanwhile Vernon Bottomley and Wilfrid Moreton had examined the bells and found that there were a few minor repairs needed and a lot of cleaning and painting required (in addition to the sound-proofing). In due course a joiner effected the boarding up of the louvres, the Vicar, some of his bellringing recruits and the usual hard-working helpers who always rally in such circumstances, cleaned and painted the frame and ringing chamber, and Mr. Moreton did the repairs and advised generally.

The civic service was now the target towards which all efforts were directed. On the previous Wednesday work was found to be in a sufficiently advanced state for a silent practice to be held at Cleckheaton. This enabled the local band to get the "feel" of the bells and also to take the stretch out of the newly-washed ropes.

Sunday, June 11th, dawned fine and sunny. At 2 p.m some two dozen ringers gathered in the ringing room which was built to accommodate about a dozen in comfort. At this stage only four of the Cleckheaton ringers had rung "open"; however, bands took it in turn to ring rounds with two or three Cleckheaton ringers in each "touch," the bands then being made up by the Dewsbury ringers and Wilfrid Moreton. The ringing went as well as could be expected and many of the parishioners remarked how nice to hear the bells again. Mrs. Rider then provided a marvellous tea on the Vicarage lawn.

All the ringing will be "open" now at Cleckheaton, and the Dewsbury ringers will continue to teach and help their new friends as long as they require assistance.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a gratifying preponderance of younger ringers when the Marlborough Branch held at meeting at Pewsey on May 27th. Canon F. Browne, a former Rector of Marlborough, conducted the service, Mr. F. Read supervised the ringing and Mr. Wakefield and helpers provided the tea. Six towers in the Branch were represented.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A New President

OVER 60 members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the North Wales Association held at Dolgellau on June 3rd. There was ringing in the afternoon before the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Elwern Thomas, who gave a very appropriate address on bells.

The company then retired to the Church Hall for tea and the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans.

An apology for absence was received from the president, Archdeacon D. E. M. Glynne Jones, who requested the secretary to convey his best wishes to the members and also wondered whether he should continue as president now that he was residing in Montgomeryshire and "off the beat" covered by the Association.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall, and adopted as correct. A credit balance of £34 3s. 1d. was considered satisfactory.

The Rev. A. L Cooke, M.A., Vicar of Hope, was elected as the new president of the Association. Three new vice-presidents were also elected—the Revs. J. Ivor Rees, Vicar of Llangollen; J. Ll. Jones, Vicar of Wrexham; and J. Elwern Thomas. All other officers were re-elected.

Machynlleth was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 2nd, and the annual meeting in 1968 at Hope on June 15th.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock, Central Council representative, presented her report of the C.C. meeting at Nottingham, and was congratulated by the chairman for a very interesting and lucid account of the meeting.

Under any other business the Ringing Master spoke of the success of the recent day school held at Llangollen under the tuition of Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, and suggested a similar course be arranged for ringers in the Bangor Diocese Portmadoc was chosen as the possible venue.

Mr. D. H. B. Millward proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies and Dolgellau ringers for a most enjoyable tea and for their hospitality.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Three Veterans Honoured

THE annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on June 10th, with representatives from ten towers being present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hywel Jones, the lessons read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the address given by the Bishop of St. David's (Dr. John Richards).

In his address the Bishop asked if we had ever thought, when ringing, that bells were what the Church should be like, each an integral part of the whole and all in harmony one with another. After the service an excellent tea was provided in the Church House by the ladies of the parish.

The Bishop presided at the business meeting and the Master appealed to all towers to have a recruiting campaign to ensure that the bells will be rung for many years to come.

A new venture for the Guild was the first annual report in the form of a four-page leaflet (editor Mr. D. P. Griffiths), which contained a variety of items of interest to members, the accounts for the year and the Ringing Master's report. He said he had little to add to this except to appeal for more quarters to be rung to encourage the youngsters and to express his grateful thanks to Mr. W. G. Thomas, of Tenby, for conducting the peal of Bob Major rung in Pembroke on December 31st.

The treasurer was pleased to report a ringing membership of 130. All the officers were re-elected for a further term of office.

It was unanimously agreed that the three oldest founder-members—Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby), Mr. R. Scudamore (Llandeilo) and Mr. W. Williams (Carmarthen)— be made life ringing members for their long and faithful service to the Guild. Mr. Jenkins suitably responded.

A notice of motion to alter the competition rules to include rising and falling was defeated.

Ringing was then resumed until 8.30 p.m.

B. M. R.

Guildford Guild Summer Festival

June 3rd was a fortunate choice for the date—a gloriously sunny day in the early summer for a drive through some of the most beautiful country in West Surrey and ringing on very pleasant bells.

The start was made in Guildford, with Stoke (6), Holy Trinity (8) and St. Mary's (8, recently available again after major restoration work on this ancient church). The Cathedral bells were unfortunately not available owing to a male voice choir festival, neither were Albury bells, where repairs to the fabric of the church are in progress, so the next stop was at Shere (8). There was a delay here as the local captain had omitted to leave either key or instructions; however, all managed to enjoy a ring and a look round this interesting old church—St. James'.

Then over the hills and through leafy lanes of the unspoilt Hurtwood to Ewhurst (8). After the lunch-break came Wonersh (another fine 8, another old church in a beautiful setting, once a gentleman's park), then Bramley (6, with a small ringing room) and, along still narrower lanes, to Hascombe (5, tenor 3¼ cwt., and just about elbow room!) Here unfortunately the tenor stay was found broken, and there are no local ringers.

More country roads to Dunsfold (a heavier 6, with a long draught, rung from the nave); and so to Chiddingfold, where the church fete was taking place. After an hour's ringing we had tea at the fete and then the festival service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. W. Knight. (What happened to half the ringers? The attendance at the service was disappointingly small, after the secretary had told the Rector we might expect 80 or more!) As for those who were a bit sceptical of village fete teas and preferred to bring their own—they missed the best we have had for a long time, as much as we could eat and drink, and all for eighteenpence, in aid of the church funds.

The evening ringing continued with Haslemere (10), Witley (8), Godalming (8) and finally Shalford (8) and St. Nicolas', Guildford (10) until 9 o'clock.

A good number of visitors joined in for part of the day—from Brighton, Warwickshire, South Wales, Mr. Burles from Barrow-in-Furness, who was holidaying in the south, and Angela Newing's party, who were having a reunion in this area for the day.

Y. L. E.

LINCOLN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

A Branch meeting was held at the quaint little town of Glanford Brigg on May 20th. The Parish Church is somewhat unusual, the tower being at the east end and constituting the main entrance. Older ringers claim that Brigg at one time possessed a ring of eight bells, but nowadays the tower houses a good six (tenor 8½ cwt.).

The usual order of Lincoln Guild ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar of Wintringham and afterwards a cafe provided an excellent tea. At the short business meeting tribute was paid to the local ringers for making all the necessary arrangements for this successful meeting.

T. A. G.

STRIKING CONTESTS

Thatcham's Day of Triumph

April 29th was a fine spring day, and Middleton Stoney, near Bicester, was an ideal place for the Oxford Guild striking contest, set as it is in a park, access being gained through an impressive gateway.

There were five teams in the semi-final—St. Mary's, Reading (Reading Branch), Hurst (Sonning Deanery Branch), Thatcham (Newbury Branch), Eynsham (Witney and Woodstock Branch) and Banbury (Banbury Branch). Bill Parker, from Sandhurst, was the judge.

After ringing, we all went to Launton, where the results were to be announced after tea. Here we met the other semi-finalists, who had been ringing at Brill. Competing there were Hughenden (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), East Hagbourne (North Berks Branch), Headington (Oxford City Branch) Aston Clinton (Chiltern Branch) and Stony Stratford (North Bucks Branch). The judge was the Master of the Guild, Canon C. Elliot Wigg.

Bill Parker gave his assessment of each team, commenting on the fact that all the teams had rung Doubles. The faults were: St. Mary's, Reading, 55 faults, Hurst 51, Thatcham 46, Eynsham 65, and Banbury 93. In the other semi-final all the teams rang Grandsire Doubles with the exception of Hughenden, who rang Cambridge Minor. The faults announced by the Master were: Hughenden 8, East Hagbourne 7, Aston Clinton 32½, Headington 17, and Stony Stratford 44. The teams that would be ringing in the final were East Hagbourne, Hughenden, Thatcham and Hurst.

COMMEMORATING WATERLOO

Before the teams moved over to the church Mr. Sharpe gave an interesting account of why Launton has such an unusual entrance to the ringing chamber. The 5ft. by 2ft. door is about 25 ft. up on the north wall of the tower, access being by a nearly vertical iron ladder. The reason for this entrance dates back to the beginning of the last century, when the Rector's son distinguished himself at the Battle of Waterloo. Every year on the anniversary of this battle he would celebrate with a barrel of beer in the belfry. When his father died, in 1837, the new Rector decided this must stop and adopted this means of access to the ringing chamber to prevent it.

We moved off to the church and drew for ringing order. Hughenden were drawn first and ascended the ladder to the belfry. Some impeccable rounds were followed by a 240 of Cambridge Minor rung in the usual Hughenden fashion—very well. They made no mistakes and only had a few barely perceptible changes of rhythm, thus setting a very high standard for the rest of the teams to follow.

Second to ring were Hurst, and it seemed to me that their ringing held an air of tention. There were no mistakes and only a few hesitances and changes of rhythm could be detected. Our band was the next to ring, and as we mounted the ladder I could feel the air of tension. We were welcomed by Cyril Kinch, who was acting as Ringing Master I draw a discreet veil over our performance, save to say that I thought it was quite good.

We were followed by East Hagbourne, who rang a very good 240 of Grandsire Doubles. Another good touch though not, in my opinion, good enough to beat Hughenden.

Canon Wigg announced the results in the church as follows: Thatcham 15 faults, Hughenden 16¼, East Hagbourne 35, and Hurst 35.

We had won! Delighted looks were exchanged by our ringers as Canon Wigg went on to say that the standard of ringing had been very high by all the teams, some of the striking by the first two teams being amongst the best he had ever heard.

Ringing then continued at Launton till later that evening, so ending the 1967 Oxford Diocesan Guild ringing contest. W. B.

The Home of the Lightest Ring.—This house at Stoulton, Worcestershire, houses the lightest ring in the world—a six with a tenor of 107 lb. The bells are hung in the Jacobean-like room to the left of the house, writes Mr. P. Amos, who submitted this picture.

WEST DOWN AGAIN DEVON CHAMPIONS

West Down kept up their unequalled bell-ringing record when they retained possession of the Ross Shield at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe, on Saturday, June 10th. There was a good attendance from all over Devon, and in lovely sunshine they were able to sit in the churchyard and listen for five hours to the ten teams in the competition.

Uncle Bill from West Down was there to give his lads a pep talk before starting.

Let the treble start the race,
Let the tenor set the pace,
Let the second set the space.

In 15 years of this county championship West Down have now won the trophy nine times, taking runners-up place on the other six occasions. Down St. Mary were awarded the Shelley Cup for second place. Last year this trophy was won by Talaton.

Placings: West Down 15½ faults, Down St. Mary 19, Swymbridge 23½, Plymstock 25, West Alvington 33½, Kenn 34½. East Portlemouth 47, Kentisbeare 47½, Talaton 49½, Stoke Gabriel 61. L. W.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Over 70 members and friends were present when the Final of the Association's sixth annual ringing contest was held at Horsley on June 10th.

The results were: 1 Derby Cathedral 251 points, 2 Old Whittington 247, 3 St. Peter's, Derby 245, 4 Bolsover 238, 5 North Wingfield 219, 6 Sandiacre 217, 7 Sawley 215, 8 Breadsall 213, and 9 Baslow 211.

Following the presentation of the Horsley Cup to the Cathedral team for the second year in succession by its donor, Mr. J. Else, the proceedings were concluded by Mr. G. Halls proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, the judges, local company and ladies for providing the tea. M. P. P.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH

According to the judges, Messrs. F. Sharpe and Arthur Reed, the ringing was of a high standard at the Bristol City Branch striking competition at St. Mark's, Bristol, on June 3rd. The test was 240 changes either of Plain Bob Minor or Grandsire Doubles. Each of the six teams rang Grandsire. The results were announced after tea in University Hall: Stoke Bishop 9 faults, St. Michael's (University) 12, SS. Philip and Jacob 14, Cathedral 21, St. Ambrose's A 30½, St. Ambrose's B 43, Winning team: A J. D. Bentley 1, Mrs. E. Oxenham 2, J. G. Rose 3, S. Bendle 4, P. M. J. Gray 5, H. H. Baguley 6. A tape recording of the entry was played to the assembly by Mr. E. F. Hancock, who was the witness in the tower.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Twelve teams entered for the Suffolk Guild striking competition held at St. Leonard's, Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, on May 6th, about 120 members attending. The test piece was 240 changes of Minor and the judges were Mr. Frank Lufkin and Miss Hilda Snowden. Placings were: 1 Central District 42 faults, 2 South East 43, 3 South East (Bramford) 62, South East (Sproughton) 62, 5 North East (Aldeburgh) 92, North West (Ixworth) 92, 7 North West (Great Barton) 94, 8 South East (Henley) 109, 9 North East (Beccles 116, North West (Rougham) 116, 11 Central (Barking) 163, 12 South East (Offton) 201.

The Hubert Mitson Shield was presented to Leslie Brett, as conductor of the winning team. Votes of thanks were expressed by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. W. Pipe) for the exxcellent arrangements and the hard work put in by Robin and Janet Rogers and the young bands from Great Barton and Horringer.

A shortened form of evening prayer was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Price-Jones) and a suitable address given by the Rural Dean. The splendid homemade tea was much enjoyed.

THE TAYLOR SHIELD

Nine teams took part in the fourth annual striking competition of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. Denis' Church, Silk Willoughby, on June 17th.

The judges, Messrs Jack Bray and George Feirn, in their comments made three main points:

(1) More time spent in ringing rounds before going into changes would help teams to settle into rhythm.

(2) Get a learner to lead well and he is halfway to being a good ringer.

(3) That Plain Bob, from the judges' point of view, is a good method; as we all carry the sound of it in our minds it is much easier to hear mistakes.

Results were: Barrowby (Plain Bob) 25 faults, Grantham "A" (Plain Bob) 29, Bourne (Norwich) 37, Folkingham (Plain Bob) 41, Stamford (Cambridge Surprise) 52, Silk Willoughby (Plain Bob) 54, Horbling (call changes) 72, Grantham "C" 215, Grantham "B" retired.

The winning team was: H. L. Squires 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, R. W. Morant (cond.) 3, W. H. Dale 4, V. P Evans 5, T. A. Relf 6.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods) F. Avery 1, D. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, H. Churchill 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, R. B. Cullen 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. S. George Coles, ringer at St. George's, Wilton, for over 50 years, by the St. George's band, assisted by H. Churchill from Trull.

Letters to the Editor

ANOTHER LEFT-HANDER

Dear Sir, — Like most ringers who are naturally left-handed, I ring with the tail-end in my left hand, and I was surprised to read Mrs. Jacqueline King's comment that this doesn't always work with left-handed children because it seems to me the most logical thing to do. Indeed I have often wondered why right-handed people, generally speaking, do not do the opposite. Perhaps Mrs. King is right in supposing that it is because "right hand on top" usually affords a learner a clearer view of the bell he is following.

Incidentally, I was glad to learn we are on the increase. Our value was recognised in Biblical times; the Book of Judges, iii, 15-23, records how "a man left-handed" was used to murder somebody. And though we may be a nuisance on the cricket field, we save a lot of moving about round a shove-ha'penny board!—Yours sincerely

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

QUARTERS AT NEWCASTLE

Dear Sir — While congratulating the ringers of the first quarter peal rung by the University of Newcastle Society, I should like it to be noted that four quarter peals were rung by the King's College, Newcastle, Guild of Change Ringers in 1959 and 1960 before King's College became the University of Newcastle. Three were rung at St. George's, Jesmond (Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Doubles) and one at St. Mary's, Gateshead. In the first quarter peal no less than four of the ringers scored their own personal first quarter. Congratulations and best wishes to the new University of Newcastle Society. I look forward to reading about their first peal.—Yours sincerely,

NICHOLAS WEBB.

Wakefield Cathedral.

BASING SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the composition used to the first peal to be rung of Basing Surprise Major, conducted by myself at All Saints', Basingstoke, on April 16th, 1966, is false to this method. The composition, a 5,088 by the late E. W. Tipler, was published in "The Ringing World" on May 20th, 1966 (page 336).

I have personally expressed my regret to the other members of the band and we hope to ring a true peal in the method in the near future. I now apologise to the peal recorders of the Central Council and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

ST. AUSTELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest that the eight bells at St. Austell, Cornwall, have been "rehung and overhauled by E. C. L. P. and Co." and therefore saved the parish the task of raising £700.

May I, with all due respect, ask who will be responsible should the St Austell people require the bells recasting.

Will E. C. L. P. and Co.'s managing director be one of the first to pick up a shovel (spade down here!) and dig in the churchyard in a "do-it-yourself" bell casting experiment?

Perhaps if this occurs he will let me know so that we can watch him.—Yours truly,

VICTOR M. DAWSON.

Calverley, Yorks.

FAST PEAL AT ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Whilst I do not doubt that the recent peal of Rutland rung at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, in 2 hours and 41 minutes was a good one., well knowing the calibre of the three back-bell ringers, I would have preferred that the 15 minutes they had to spare at the end could have been added on to the time of the peal. A peal at this speed on this particular ring of bells may give the bands with less experienced back-enders wrong ideas. As a well-known Cheshire ringer once said, "Take it steadier and let the harmonics get clear!"—Yours sincerely,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

SOUND CONTROL

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Kinton's letter (June 16th), we did this at Talland, Cornwall, in 1914. Louvres on the Venetian blind system worked by a lever to the ringing chamber.

It has advantages: (i) They can be completely closed against rain and sound, (ii) opened down for normal ringing, or (iii) opened up to send sound to a distance in fine weather.

I don't know what has happened to them since, but I would not recommend the idea except when there is certainty of proper upkeep. As can well be imagined, without this guarantee a bit of rust would soon put paid to it!—Yours sincerely,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Cornwall.

"A COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS"

Dear Sir,—Some time ago you were good enough to publish a list of corrections to the above Collection. One or two more have subsequently been drawn to my attention and a Corrigenda sheet is included with all copies of the book now being sold by the Central Council.

I would, however, be grateful if you could spare the space to print the following corrections for the benefit of those who bought their copies of the Collection directly from me:—

a. Delete (3) against Blackburn (p. 7), Harleston (p. 9), Quenby (p. 11) and Rothley (p 12).

b. Delete (7) against Branston (p. 7) and Kibworth (p. 10).

c. Page 13, Note 3: alter 79 to 77.

d. P. 18, peal 17: delete bob H in next to last course.

e. P. 34, peal 112: amend footnote to read "For c.p.s."

f. P. 35, peal 119: delete last 2W and add 2H to last course.

g. P 51: add "54263 2M. 2W. 2H. LBWWWWWBL" between 54326 and 62345 in a, b and c.

h. P. 53: i and j each have 5,376 changes, not 5,280.

Of the above, d is omitted from the C.C. Corrigenda sheet. My most sincere apologies are due to the Leicester Guild band who recently discovered this misprint the hard way, after having rung the best part of a peal of Huntingdon.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

DERBY'S CHURCH PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—A remark by B. P. Morris in a letter published in the issue of June 2nd shows a misunderstanding of the problem of pastoral reorganisation in Derby.

His suggestions that a recent incumbent was responsible for the breaking up of the band at St. Andrew's, Derby, and of the parish generally, could not be further from the truth. The incumbent referred to in fact did a great deal of good work in the parish, both among the residents and in extending his ministry to the nearby railway works.

Like other parishes within the town, it has lost most of its resident population to the new housing estates, but has a very large number coming to work within it. The Church has thus quite a problem of reorganisation to face, having many large town churches with small congregations, many of whom do not live in the parish anyway. The Church in Derby is facing up to this problem, if a trifle late, with courage and realism, and the Diocesan Pastoral Committee has recommended some quite drastic changes.

The Derby Diocesan Association, itself a progressive organisation, should accept with a little more realism the fact that a lot of fabric including some fine rings of bells will become redundant, and that it may be a very difficult job to rehouse them anywhere. In exerting its influence the Association should realise that bells may not come very high on a P.C.C.'s list of priorities. But for the Association to permit an official to print unfounded derogatory remarks about an incumbent above its name is not going to help its case one little bit.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. ASTRIDGE.

Spondon, Derby

"ST. UNY DOUBLES"

Dear Sir,—Mr. Geoffrey Dodds in his letter (June 2nd) makes the point that this method was originally published in Stedman's "Campanologia" of 1677. Not having access to this book, this fact was not known to the local ringing fraternity until Mr. Dodds' letter was published.

As he states, Stedman Doubles was originally rung in this manner and, according to the late Jasper W Snowdon ("Standard Methods in the Art of Change Ringing," 1916 edition):—

"As certain of my readers may visit towers in which Stedman's Doubles are rung with a different single to the one which I have just described, I would here observe that several writers have fallen into error in their descriptions of the single on this number of bells.

"Although two bells are reversed by the single, they explain, it is not done in the customary and most symmetrical manner."

We can therefore assume fairly safely that the two forms of single were in use in the latter part of the 19th century. The modern one was presumably introduced in Troyte's time (say, 1850).

It would obviously confuse matters to retain the name of Stedman for this method, although it is as the method was originally composed. As Lelant ringers have taken the initiative, it seems best to call it "St. Uny Doubles."—Yours sincerely,

ROY HART.

Redruth.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

THE BELLS OF INVERARAY

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see a peal of London was rung at Inveraray on May 6th. I should like to congratulate the band.

This poses the question of how many more peals will be rung there before decay finally calls "Stand." I feel it is sad that bands can be trained and enthusiasm engendered overseas, but yet when a ring of ten is hung on Loch Fyne-side the future of the bells is neglected. To the best of my knowledge there has been no Sunday service ringing since the bells were hung. The Scottish Association cannot even claim their first peal of Royal on these bells; it was rung instead on handbells in August, 1936, at Kilmory Knap, Argyll, the method being Plain Bob.

Oh, to hear the music of Stedman across that stretch of water! I have an awful feeling that, together with a host of others, I shall never ring or hear these bells.

The Exercise must have a duty to see that these bells do not end up in the scrap yard. They are there for a purpose and that purpose should be carried out.—Yours sincerely,

J. N. C. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

MEMORIAL PROPOSED TO THE LATE TOM MYERS

Dear Sir,—At the recent annual general meeting of the Devon Guild, discussion arose regarding the raising of some form of memorial to the late Thomas George Myers of Plymouth.

It was felt that as Tom Myers was well known to many ringers throughout the country they may well wish to associate themselves with such a memorial, and we would like, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to extend an invitation to any who wish, to send their contribution to the secretary of the South West Branch of the Devon Guild at the address below. All contributions will be acknowledged and the fund will close on August 31st.

The form the memorial is to take will be decided after the closing date of the fund; it will, however, be something of a practical nature that can be used in St. Andrew's, Plymouth, either in the church or tower.

We feel sure the response will be such to provide a fitting memorial to one who laboured unceasingly to the benefit of the Exercise during a lifetime of ringing.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROBERTS, General Secretary
G J L. READ, General Treasurer.
N. MALLETT,
Exeter Branch Ringing Master
R A. SOUTHWOOD,
S.W. Branch Secretary,
St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close,
Plympton, Plymouth, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The spring meeting of the Northern District was held at Great Bardfield, where the eight bells were rung to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening. The service was taken by the Rev. B. Endicott, Vicar of Great Saling, and in his address he urged ringers to remember their duty to ring well and not to make a noise only.

At the business meeting, held in the Town Hall, six new probationers from Great Easton were elected R. T

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The weather favoured us again, and the Taunton Branch meeting at Creech St. Michael on June 10th was held in glorious sunshine. About 35 members and friends were present and attended the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. J. Jones. Our very grateful thanks were given to the local ladies who provided a splendid tea.

The subsequent meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-president. At the outset Mr. A. H. Reed spoke of the loss sustained in the recent death of Mr. George Coles, who had been an outstanding personality in the Branch and in the Guild over many years. Starting his ringing career at Wilton in 1913, always a staunch churchman and Sunday service ringer, Mr. Coles became in time a Branch representative on the General Committee, a vice-president of the Taunton Branch, and in 1945 for 14 years one of the Guild's representatives on the C.C His fellow ringers at Wilton remember with special gratitude his great efforts which culminated in the addition of two new trebles to the ring of six in that tower

Ten new members were elected from the towers of Holy Trinity, Taunton, Creech St. Michael, Bishop's Lydeard and Trull. The next meeting was arranged for September 9th at Lyng and Dunster. An excellent programme for the Branch outing to East Devon on July 8th was circulated, and early notice was given of the ringers' dinner to be held this year in Taunton on October 28th at the County Hotel. Mr. Keith Beale promised to produce plans for a striking competition at the next meeting.

An enthusiastic reception was given to Mr. R. Arscott and his band of handbell ringers, who delighted us with their varied repertoire.

M. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Forty-two ringers, representing 12 towers within the Branch, as well as visitors from other Branches and from Somerset and Berkshire, met at Buckhorn Weston on June 10th. The Rector, the Rev. H. B. Snelgrove, extended a warm welcome, greeting members on arrival and opening the ringing with prayer; in his address later he told how much joy was given by ringers to people around, lifting up their hearts in gladness and praise. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, Branch chairman, who gave the address Afterwards an ample tea was served in the nearby hall by ringers' wives and members of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting 13 new members were elected, six from Childe Okeford, five from Compton Abbas and two from Lillington. Congratulations were extended to John Knight and Martin Corry on ringing their first peals, and to the Okeford Fitzpaine band on ringing a quarter peal of Surprise—the first tower in the Branch to achieve this. Mr. G. Dennis was particularly thanked for his untiring help to beginners in the Branch. Mr. Ralph spoke with regret of the fact that the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R N. Longridge, who until recently was North Dorset Branch secretary, would be moving shortly to a parish just outside the Branch boundary Warm appreciation was expressed of his help in the past and a confident hope that he would still be an active member of the Branch, even though a non-resident one.

After the meeting, ringing continued at Buckhorn Weston and also at Kington Magna

M. M. G

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION HOLD A DAY SCHOOL

Thirty-four ringers from six towers attended a day school, the first organised by the Association, held at Llangollen on May 27th under the tuition of Mr. C, Kenneth Lewis.

A talk on instruction of beginners and correct bell handling was followed by the basic composition of four- and five-bell methods and the theory of transposition. Recordings of different bells and methods were also heard.

Tower work started with a demonstration of teaching bell handling to a complete beginner, who was able to control his bell by the end of the session. All ringers took part in rounds and dodging practice and, under the supervision of Mr. F Evans call changes and Grandsire Doubles, while the more experienced were being instructed in conducting. This was illustrated by reference to a quarter peal of Bob Major and followed by practical application on the tower bells.

Mr. F. Evans, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr. Lewis for giving up his time, and the Vicar, headmaster and Llangollen ringers for their hospitality. W. C.

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CHILVERS COTON BELLRINGERS' FESTIVAL

At Evensong on June 4th, All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, resounded to music by Handel, Bach, Brahms and Tchaikovsky, the Prayer of the Bedford Ringers (1668) and a composition arranged for Gloucester Cathedral chimes rung on a selection of 70 handbells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe and his band from Launton, Bicester. The occasion was the local bellringers' festival. Mrs. Peter Dodds, wife of the honorary secretary, joined the team, of which she was a member when living in Launton, although two and a half years had elapsed since practising with them.

Mr. Sharpe's sermon was much appreciated by the large congregation. The lessons were read by Messrs A. H. Beamish (captain) and G A. Bell, and at the close of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the set of handbells bequeathed to the church by the late Mr V. Nash. The ringers were: Mrs. M. E. Wood 1-2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3-4 A. H Beamish 5-6, G. A. Bell 7-8. Tenor size 19 in A flat

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TOURS AND OUTINGS PAGE

"A-RINGING WE WILL GO"

Four cars laden with "tower hungry" students emerged from Culham College on May 10th for an afternoon's ringing in Berkshire and Wiltshire.

After collecting three visitors from Abingdon we made our way to the first tower at East Hendred. After the initial difficulties of weight, draught and new ropes, the ringing soon settled down and the afternoon started with the Society's favourite method, Plain Bob. The intention was to ring a new method in each tower and this was carried out during the afternoon.

Uffington, with its fine central, octagonal tower, came next. The ringing was going well until one of our members decided that she would like to fly. With a quick flip of the wrist she caught the rope around her foot and ascended horizontally. After finding out that we were not made to fly she came down to earth at great speed. Luckily no damage was done, and by way of celebration we rang some Uffington Doubles.

Southrepps came round at Ashbury; at Stratton St. Margaret we managed some good Grandsire Triples. The best ringing of the day was undoubtedly the course of Plain Bob Major that greeted the shoppers at Highworth.

We were surprised when driving through Broad Blunsdon to see bell wheels fencing a garden. Our inquiry elicited the fact that they were from Thorverton in Devon. London Minor sounded well here and the day concluded with Cambridge Minor at Purton.

M. J. H.

BALDOCK GUILD'S OUTING

A 6.40 a.m. start was necessary for the Baldock Guild's annual outing into Derbyshire on June 10th. The advantages of the M.1 enabled a coffee break a coffee break at Ripley, where good use was made of the eight bells in the somewhat cramped belfry. A short journey through beautiful countryside brought us to perhaps the best bells of the day at Ashover, which were beyond our wildest expectations.

Five miles of bottom gear slogging took us to Matlock for lunch and we then went over the border into Staffordshire to Alton. The easy-handled bells proved to be a great help to the many learners with us. At Uttoxeter we felt that the spire helped the tone of the beautiful eight both in and out of the tower. A happy choice was Meeting Point Restaurant for tea. The last tower was St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, where Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were accomplished together with Cambridge and Yorkshire Major. Baldock was reached at 11.45 and our thanks must go to incumbents and, of course, to the organiser.

J. K. O.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL OUTING

On May 20th ringers from Manchester Cathedral and St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, with friends, embarked on their annual outing —the venue being Worcester.

The first tower visited was Pershore Abbey. Few were deterred by the somewhat difficult climb and the unusual ringing cage (one of the most enthusiastic being the oldest member of the party, who is nearly 80). Various methods were rung successfully before the party, glad to be on "terra firma" once again, set out for Hallow. In spite of the easy-going bells the striking left a little to be desired.

The highlight of the day was Worcester Cathedral, and the party were taken on a conducted tour of the building before ringing on the magnificent twelve. Methods rung here included Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters.

The ringing gave us all a good appetite and a most enjoyable meal was eaten before setting off on the homeward journey via Droitwich, where we stopped to ring on the superb eight at Dodderhill.

Our thanks to Betty Ormrod and Alan Ward for organising such a successful excursion.

J. E. M. M., A. G. K.

TAM, THE PONY, CAME TOO

Eight members of the Intwood ringing band set out on a mammoth tour of the neighbouring towers on May 27th. We were Peter Bowers, Ursula Stubbings, Jane Worthington, Marilyn Clark, Eileen Snoad and Susanna Pole from Keswick Hall College of Education, and Keith Wheeldon and Neville Burgess from Wroxham.

It was a bicycle tour as our funds had diminished to shillings and pence, although Jane was mounted more comfortably on her pony, Tam. Our first tower was at Ketteringham, where we had an enjoyable 40 minutes' ringing before going on to Tasburgh. The bells had not been rung since last autumn and were a little difficult to ring. We had our lunch here and Tam took a lively interest in the ceremony!

From Tasburgh we went to Tharston, from Tharston to Saxlingham. I do not know what the bells were like as I was riding the pony then and got caught up in a maze of fields and arrived too late. However, I did arrive in time for a marvellous and most welcome tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett. They invited all eight of us into their house and made us feel thoroughly at home and I would like to thank them here once again on behalf of all of us.

Our next tower was at Shotesham, but as we were behind schedule we did not have time to ring there but went straight on to Brooke, where we were made very welcome. The six bells were perhaps the most beautiful we rang that day. The last tower was at Bergh Apton, and here we had a good ring to finish off the tour, even though No. 2 had no stay.

It was tremendous fun and a well worthwhile outing, not without humorous moments, either, as when one of our party misjudged a corner and cycled full tilt into a large ditch of nettles, leaving only a pair of feet showing to mark the spot! The pony enjoyed the trip, too, but she left us at Shotesham to make for home.

S. P.

CORSTON, BATH

Mr. D. J. King, of Chepstow, organised the summer outing of Corston, Bath, ringers into Monmouthshire on May 20th. Towers visited were Caldicot, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Caerleon, Usk, Blaenavon, Abergavenny and Chepstow. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cinques, and at Abergavenny Cambridge Royal was rung by five members from Frome's outing and one from the Corston party.

LONDON.—At. St. John's, Deptford, on May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Taylor 1, Miss J. Spurgeon 2, J. H. Lott 3, J. W. Bull 4, G. W. Shanks 5, M. R. Wycherley (cond.) 6.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR

THE annual tour was held during the Easter vacation, from Wednesday, March 29th, to April 5th, in the Wye Valley area. The party was centred at Abergavenny and daily excursions were made to neighbouring towers. Transport was provided in grand style by a 40-seater luxury coach, despite our only numbering 15.

Ringing commenced on the Thursday with visits to Usk (8), Chepstow (10), Caldicot (8), Newport (8), Caerleon (8) and Llanfrechfa (8). A few comments were made regarding the stature of the local ringers, since we invariably found that the ropes were too long, even for the average size members of the party. A handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung the same evening for the Universities Association.

The next day took us to Llangattock-vibon-Avel (6), Monmouth (8), Newland (6), Lydney (8) and Tidenham (6). The highlight of the day's ringing was at Lydney, where, to the best of my memory, Cambridge, Bristol, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire were spliced. Here we were joined for the afternoon by the peal secretary of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Partington. On returning to Abergavenny, eight of the party had a hurried meal and rushed off immediately to ring a peal of Rutland at Blaenavon.

Saturday's ringing was at Skenfrith (6), Llangarron (6), Goodrich (6), Ruardean (8), Weston-under-Penyard (6), Ross-on-Wye (8) and Bridstow (8). Some of the more interesting methods rung were Union Bob, St. Martin's Bob, and London, Norwich and Hull Surprise.

On Sunday morning we were invited to attend the service ringing at Abergavenny. We had been told many times already on the tour that we would enjoy these bells and indeed we were not disappointed. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung for the Universities Association at Llanfigan that afternoon.

We rang again at Abergavenny on Monday morning before setting out via Llangattock (8), (a different one) to Bedwellty (8), Ebbw Vale (8), Merthyr Tydfil (8), Aberdare (8) and Pentre (8). We had been told that we were lucky to get the bells at Merthyr Tydfil as the church is due for demolition. However, this hardly excuses our Master breaking a rope before we left. We understand that Liverpool University's subsequent ring was not inconvenienced by this.

The last day took us to the Cardiff area, and the towers visited were Machen (8), Rumney (6), Marshfield (8), St. Mellon's (6), Caerphilly (8) and Cardiff (10). Rumney is the home tower of Mary Pryor, who came on the tour, and we were provided with an excellent tea at the home of her parents, to whom we are most grateful. The day's ringing was extended by our attending Llandaff Cathedral practice—a very satisfactory way to end the tour, though we owe apologies to the local band for not warning them of our visit.

It only remains to thank Mr. James R. White for his excellent organisation of the tour and his unending patience with the rest of us.

R. M. C.

LEEDS RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE

Organised by Mr. Irvin Slack, Leeds and neighbourhood ringers had an enjoyable tour into Lincolnshire on May 20th. Ringing started on the fine six at Brant Broughton, and after lunch at Heckington came the never-ending staircase as the famous Boston Stump was climbed. Touches of Caters and Royal were rung here with Miss Patricia Lockwood as Ringing Master. Tea and a walk along the promenade at Cleethorpes was enjoyed before going on to the last tower, at Barrow-on-Humber, where Mr. Alan Clifton was Ringing Master. On the journey home the Mayor of Ossett (Councillor F. Bennett) thanked the organiser, and cheers of appreciation echoed round the coach.

5,009 STEDMAN CINQUES

By M. V. CHILCOTT

2314567890E

32165478E90 1s, 2, 6, 7, 15s, 19.
134256 "X"

321564 7, 8, 9, 10, 11s, 13, 14, 15, 16.
134265 "X"

31426587E90 2s, 13s, 15, 16.
134265 16s.

321564879E0 7, 10s, 18, 19.
1342658709E "X" adding a bob at 1 in the first course.

For "X," call one, or any combination of two or three of the following six blocks:—

		6	7	9	18	19	
A.	321654						
	243156		—			—	
	423156		S				
	214653		—		—	—	
	132456		—			—	a
	312456		S				
	134256	2a					
B.	321654						
	243156		—			—	
	241356			S	—		
	432651		—		—	—	
	314256		—			—	b
	312456			S	—		
	134256	2b					
C.	321654						
	243156		—			—	
	213456				S		
	142653		—		—	—	
	431256		—			—	c
	421356			S			
	134256	2c					
D.	321654						
	243156		—			—	
	342156	—				S	
	413652		—		—	—	
	124356		—			—	d
	421356	—				S	
	134256	2d					
E.	321654						
	234156		S			—	
	412356	—			—	—	
	134652		—		—	—	
	312456		S			—	e
	243156	—			—	—	
	134256	2e					
F.	321654						
	123456	—				—	
	213456		S				
	142653		—		—	—	
	241356	—				—	f
	421356		S				
	134256	2f					

First rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Saturday, March 18th, 1967.

1,264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By P. C. WRIGHT

23456	W	5	B	I	M	R
23465	—	—	S	1		—
23654			1			—
235746				1		—
23546		—	1		—	
23564	—	—	S	1		—
237546	—			2		—
234756	—		2			—
23645	—			2		—
23456			1			—

Note: S Before = 3rds by tenor.
2B in 7th course to be called as 2 singles.

COMPOSITIONS

5,000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By ROBERT B. SMITH

234567890	W	D	M	H	
423567089		x		—	
62354			S		
52364	S				
34256	S		S	—	
64235	S		S		
34265	S			4	"A"
54236	S		S		
32456	S			S	
432569807		5x		—	
42356					"A"
342567890		x		—	
23456					"A" with bob for single Home in last course.

4 = S.B.S.B.

As rung on handbells at Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive, Marple, on April 8th, 1967.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by Richard J. PARKER

W	M	H
		S
		—
		—
		S
	S	
—		
—		
S	—	—
—		
S		
—		
S	—	—
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—		—
		—

Repeat, substituting two S's at Wrong for bracketed calls.

First rung at the Students' Union, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on November 2nd, 1966, conducted by Graham C. Paul.

5,184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By EDWARD W. MARTIN

23456	W	5	4	M	H
45236	—				—
24653	—			—	
26354	—	—	—	2	
35264	—				—
24536	S			S	—
53246	—				—
23645				—	

Repeat five times, omitting single "M" in 3rd and last parts.

Contains the extent of 2 in 2nds and 4ths at alternative c.e.'s.

5,004 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

(Cam or Granta Variation)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

234567890ET	M	B	W	H	
34256				2	
53246789T0E		x	1		
46325	1		2	2	"A"
43265			1	2	
64235			1		
35426	T		2	2	
42356			1	1	
532467890ET		4/1	2	2	

23456 "A" omitting last Home.

3-4 course between Middle and Wrong throughout 5 and 6 in 6ths place only.

As rung at Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Marple. on April 11th, 1967.

5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By R. BARNES

23456	W	M	H
42356			—
52346	5/4	—	(5)
36245		—	(5)
42365	—		(5)
35264		—	(5)
62354	—		(5)
32456		—	
54326	—		(5)
43625		—	(3)
64235	—		(4)
54236		—	(2)
45236			(3)
23456	—		—

(5) = B B S B B
(4) = B B S B
(3) = B B S
(2) = B S

BELFRY GOSSIP

Correction.—Canberra is on Lake Burley Griffin and not Birley Griffith as inadvertently published on page 410.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, ringers invaded "the black North" for their annual outing and rang standard methods on the difficult Lurgan ring and the easy-going Hillsborough eight. The party lunched picnic style on the shores of Lough Neagh.

We hear that the Vicar of All Saints' Church, Huntington, Yorks, has been inundated with complaints following a peal being rung between the hours of 5.30 and 7.30 a.m. The outcome is a limitation on peal attempts to one a month.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. Eddie Buck missed the annual outing of the Baldock Guild into Derbyshire on June 10th. This was the first time for many years that he had been unable to be present. The company send him their best wishes.

The peal at Silsoe, Beds, on June 6th, was rung by five members of the Elstow Abbey band assisted by a former ringer. The conductor writes: "We are proud of the performance as it included three first peals. The same band had two more firsts and a first 'inside' in a quarter the following Sunday. Most of these firsts' are still at school."

Corrigendum.—The peal at Pencombe, Herefordshire (page 397) was rung on Saturday, May 20th, and not as published.

Mr. Frederick J. Sage writes regarding the article "150 Peals at St. Mary's, Putney" (May 12th issue) that one of the peals should have been credited to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and not the Devonshire Association.

Three different peals of Surprise Roval were scored during the week-end of June 17th–18th in Suffolk. David P. Hilling conducted Superlative, Robert C. Kippin London and D. John Hunt Cambridge.

The marriage of Richard Dirksen, Bell Master at Washington Cathedral, to Elizabeth Sither on June 12th was honoured by the University of London Society with a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 30 methods at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane.

After three years in Rutland as headmaster of Lyddington Primary School, J. Martin Thorley has been appointed headmaster of Laxfield Primary School in Suffolk and will be leaving Rutland at the end of the year. His wife, Paddy, is secretary of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Guild, and their two daughters are keen ringers, the elder (aged 11) having several quarter peals to her credit.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CENTRAL COUNCIL CONCLUDES

The concluding item on the agenda at the Central Council meeting at Nottingham was the votes of thanks.

The president moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Sherwood, Canon Feaves, Canon Inglis and Canon Perkins. He also most sincerely thanked the officers of the Southwell Guild, particularly Mick Exton, the hon. secretary, on whose shoulders much of the work fell, David Clarke and Harry Poyner and David Stainsby and all steeplekeepers.

Mr E A. Barnett: May I say briefly that we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley for the way they have come through the ordeal of their first Council meeting.

Mr. Bottomley: It it easy with such a president.

Mr. Anderson thanked the president.

THE CIVIC RECEPTION

The civic reception which followed the Council meeting was held in the magnificent Council House. The Lord Mayor (Coun. A. F. Roberts) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Roberts) received the guests, and during the reception chatted freely with them. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, in light vein, expressed the Council's thanks for the hospitality so generously provided.

Later that evening the officers of the Council were entertained to dinner by the officers of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and District secretaries. Proceedings were informal in character but the opportunity was taken of expressing to Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mr W. L. Exton and their team the grateful thanks of the assembly to the Southwell Guild and the happy memories all would take away from Nottingham.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

There were two errors in the published list of attendances at Nottingham. Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, hon. member, was present, and the third representative of the Surrey Association should read A. Streeter

ADMITTED TO YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT NINE

At the Western District meeting of the Yorkshire Association on June 10th, nine-year-old John Ineson of the Dewsbury Parish Church belfry was elected a member of the Association, having rung his qualifying touch of 720 changes some two weeks previously. John is believed to be the youngest member to have qualified in this way on tower bells. He has recently been occupied, with others of the Dewsbury band, in teaching some ringers for Cleckheaton Parish Church, the bells of which have been silent for lack of ringers for many years.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

At the annual general meeting held on May 6th Mr. D F. Moore was re-elected Master of the Society. Also elected were Miss J. E. Lethbridge, secretary; Mr. J. R Coope, treasurer; and Mr. H. Dobbin, committee member.

The following dates were confirmed for 1968: A.G.M., Saturday, May 4th; annual tour (possibly in Somerset), April 17th–20th; annual dinner, Saturday, February 24th. After the formal proceedings a very lively flat warming party was held by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hatfield. F. D. K.

ARTHUR C. WHITE

Mr. Arthur C. White celebrated his 89th birthday on June 11th by taking part in a quarter peal rung that day at Loughton, Essex. As an additional compliment, a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung on June 10th.

He learned to ring as a boy at Terling, Essex, and came to Loughton some 40 years ago. His first peal was rung at the grand age of 75. On Boxing Day, 1962, Loughton ringers were pleased to ring a quarter peal marking Mr. and Mrs. White's diamond wedding day.

His regular attendance over many years has been much appreciated by the band of St. John's, who look forward to his continuing support. F. W. T.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO, CHUM?

Proceedings at the East Grinstead and District Guild meeting at Nutfield on June 10th were interrupted by a gentleman who insisted that the bells be silenced as his daughter was studying for her "A" levels opposite the church:

GROTON BOYS HERE

Ten Groton boys, accompanied by Mr. Russell Young, arrived at London Airport on Friday, June 16th, and the same evening were ringing at Guildford Cathedral. Saturday was spent ringing in villages of the Berkshire Vale and on Sunday morning they attended St. Paul's Cathedral, London, to admire the Stedman Cinques. They later rang for Evensong at St. Clement Danes' and at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

From Monday to Wednesday they were at Stoke Poges and attended the Hillingdon practice. They they went to Suffolk, making their headquarters at Woodbridge. Mr. G. W. Pipe had arranged this side of the programme, and Mr. Frank Price the other, including being present at the Oxford Festival.

EAST BERGHOLT

At a flower festival at East Bergholt Church, the bells were being rung in their unique way After the ringing had finished, the cage was overrun by visitors eager to peer into the pits, tap the bells and ask questions. The following is a typical conversation which took place between a ringer and a visitor:—

Visitor: "How do you ring these bells No, don't tell me, I think you pull those ropes over there." (Indicating the chiming apparatus used when the bells are lowered during the winter.)

Ringer: "No, we stand by the bells."

Visitor: "Go on! You're having me on! You pull on those ropes, I've seen them do it at our church."

Ringer: "No, we stand by the bells and swing them round."

Visitor: "I think you're leading me up the garden path. You might stand by the bells, but you hit them with your (pause while he has a quick glance round) head, or something."

Ringer smiles, and Visitor, still not sure: "Where were these bells cast?"

Ringer: "I reckon they were most likely cast in the churchyard."

Visitor: "Oh, of local iron, I expect!"

With this I hurried away. D. J. D.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, LEIGH-ON-SEA

The clock and bells at this church are a replica of those at the famous Catholic shrine at Lourdes and chime the "Ave Maria" at each hour. The bells (tenor 25 cwt.) were cast at Annecy in France, the largest bell foundry in Europe, and installation began on the very day in 1926 on which Parliament repealed an Act of 1559 forbidding the ringing of bells from Catholic churches.

The eight bells are an octave in F. Although hung for ringing, advice was given that they should not be rung for ten years until the tower had settled down on its foundations. Although this period has now passed, the bells are still rung from a keyboard of eight enormous ivory-topped keys. Touches of Major are rung every Sunday and feast day; hymns and even Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" have been successfully essayed.

The tower will be open for visiting ringers from 2 to 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 8th, and demonstration touches will be performed between these times by Mr. Mann, the local carillonneur.

ASSERTING CHURCHMANSHIP

"The St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich News of the Diocese" leads off its June issue about Suffolk's bellringers. Mr. G. W. Pipe's annual report as Master is quoted:—

"Neither must we be slow in asserting our churchmanship. It is high time that this nonsense of assuming that ringers just ring and then go to the pub opposite was dispelled."

"I am very proud of the fact that 75 per cent of our young bands are communicant members of the Church."

BELLS IN COLLEGE RAG

At the recent Norwich Rag Day the best decorated float from Keswick College of Education was provided by the bellringers. Netball posts had been borrowed from the P.E. department to support the bell ropes, and students stood by the ropes giving an impression of activity. Some 16 handbells on a frame were also a part of the decoration.

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1967.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
In 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford Kent T.B., Cambridge S., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt.

*Jennifer E. Pearce ..	Treble	†Ronald J. Snack	4
†C. Barrie Dove	2	Robin Brown	5
‡Simon P. D. Burnett ..	3	Ronald R. Warford ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* Has now "circled the tower" twice. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in seven methods and has now "circled the tower."

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
In 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods, viz.: Grandsire, Cambridge and Ebor, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Thelwall, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Childwall, Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
Robin Brown	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The first peal in 11 Minor methods by all the band. The fastest peal on the bells.

ALDBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
In 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 15 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2–27) two extents each of Elford, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Shareshill, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, Austrey, St. Paul, St Leonard, St. Martin, Ryton, 28–42 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ronald R. Warford	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Susan Mitchell	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Robin Brown	3	Jennifer E. Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KIRBY HILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
In 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S. Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	4
Ronald J. Snack	2	Robin Brown	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	John Petts	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

The fastest peal on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Antony R. Kench	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Alan F. Thirst	2	George E. Thoday	7
Alan R. Patterson	3	Frank E. Darby	8
Robert E. J. Dennis ..	4	George W. Pipe	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of London Royal on the bells.

Rung as a 34th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell. Tenor 24 cwt 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE CARY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 CASTLE CARY SURPRISE MAJOR

David Rennolds	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Howard Palmer	6
Martin Green	3	D. John Hunt	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

CASTLE CARY SURPRISE MAJOR
—38—14—56—16—12—1458—34—58. 2nds (426).

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SILSOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Tues., June 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents using four different callings.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*Alan D. Morgan	Treble	†S. Robert Huckle	4
†Susan Y. Fowkes	2	Robert F. Law	5
Robert L. Piron	3	Martyn J. Marriott ..	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal attempt. † First peal.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

Martin Green	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	Howard Palmer	6
*Trevor Newlands	3	D. John Hunt	7
David Rennolds	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

OLVESTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., June 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	Treble	*Edward G. Mould	5
*Mandi McCallion	2	Patrick J Bird	6
*Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
David Heighton	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THORNBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

Mandi McCallion	Treble	Edward G. Mould	5
David Heighton	2	John T. Parsons	6
Elizabeth M. Emmett ..	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Gillian M. Brearley	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.

Rung for the birth of a son, Nicholas William, to Elisabeth and Richard Bowden.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., June 11, 1967 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Gillian M. Brearley ..	Treble	Edward G. Mould	5
Mandi McCallion	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
*Elizabeth M. Emmett ..	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Michael G. R. Zobel ..	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 9, 1967 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Phillip A. Beckett	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J Midgley	6
Felicity T. Webber	3	Roy Worrall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench Conducted by Dennis Latham.

First in the method as conductor.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

R. John Burrell	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	5
*A. Doreen Edwards ..	3	Leon A. Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Ian F. Garvie	Treble	Hubert G. Summers ..	5
*Caroline Mackie	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
John W. T. Taylor ..	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Clare F. Dolphin	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., June 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 120, 134 and 135 Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*Arthur F. Hall	Treble	Burley P. Morris	4
T. Felicity Webber ..	2	Melvyn A. Rose	5
Clive A. Thrower	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Susan E. Thompson.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews ..	Treble	Edward B. Smith	5
*Heather McArthur	2	Ernest W. Pye	6
Neville F Whittell	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
Edward E. Davey	4	William E. E. Pye	Tenor

Composed by James Lockwood. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal in the method.

STISTED, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's in 15 methods as follows: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Cape! T.B., (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	*Frank B. Lufkin	5
John Avis	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 500th peal as conductor.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2) London, (3) Netherseale, (4) Bourne, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard J. Harrison ..	Treble	Ian R. Panton	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Last peal on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Roy H. Jones	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford ..	4
Elizabeth M Barber ..	2	David Floyd	5
J. Paul Coad	3	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.
First peal in three methods as conductor.
Rung for the official birthday of H.M. the Queen and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

Harry Johnson	Treble	Dennis Jaine	4
Peter D. Sell	2	*Fred Reynolds	5
Gillian Sims	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Michael Hart.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of the treble ringer.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 77, 78, 79, 80, 86, 87, 89. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	Richard C. Underwood ..	4
Rev. Michael Hart	2	Peter D. Sell	5
Gillian Sims	3	Marcus C W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal in the method by all the band

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Eric Edmondson	6
Keith J. Walpole	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
Ian S. Dear	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy
First peal of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Norwich, Bourne, Netherseale and Cambridge.
Tenor 14¼ cwt

Edwin J. Upton	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First of seven Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DARTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 CREDITON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
D. Paul Smith	2	*Tony Lewis	6
Ralph Bird	3	Thomas Cullingworth ..	7
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 150th peal. 100th peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Ralph Bird has now "circled the tower." First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

SEAL CHART Kent.—At the Church of St Lawrence.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Jennifer L Quaife	Treble	*Tony Lewis	4
Ian H. Oram	2	*John Pladdys	5
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	Treble	James Blackburn	5
James E. Burles	2	Kevin M. Price	6
John Bagnall	3	Alan Capstick	7
Geoffrey Tembey	4	Nicholas M. Newby ..	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Jane Metcalfe and Nicholas M. Newby jun., married at Pennington Church the previous Tuesday.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) London and Wells, (4) Bourne, (5) York and Durham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder ..	Treble	Robert C. Hawtree ..	4
*Michael W. Crowder ..	2	†Geoffrey W. Randall ..	5
Jack Bray	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 200th peal. † 100th on tower bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Claudia A. Critchley ..	6
Joan Beresford	3	Alick Cutler	7
Roger W. Smith	4	G. William Critchley ..	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the inauguration of the Association.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Dennis Brock	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers ..	5
Monica Blagrove	2	William S. Deason	6
Robert Wiggins	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Douglas M. Boniface ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Arthur T. King. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Middlesex County Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	Andrew J. Slade	5
Ian L. Dear	2	David E. Rothera	6
Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	3	Keith J. Walpole	7
Caroline R. F. Cole ..	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
First peal of Watford by all the band.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*William John V. Conduct	6
*John K. Smith	3	*Richard M. Wilson ..	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick C. Gunton ..	Treble	†Roger E. Peckham ..	5
*Stephen F. High	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Graham C. Paul	7
James R. White	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.
On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Janet Dagley	2	Desmond P. Mortlock ..	6
Angela M. Wright	3	H. William Barrett	7
William A. Theobald ..	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Rung on the conductor's birthday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Roger E. Peckham	Treble	Winston S. Girling	4
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	2	Stephen F. High	5
Diane Toone	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Girling on the birth of a son.

(The Colegate Society)
DRAYTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 85 lb. in B.

Desmond P. Mortlock ..	Treble	†Janet Dagley	4
Martin Cubitt	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	5
*Barbara M. Payne	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods, being one extent each of: (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Norwich, (4) London and Wells (432 London, 288 Wells), (5) Beverley and Surfleet (384 Beverley, 336 Surfleet), (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*Sara K. D. Woolley ..	Treble	†Ronald J. Snack	4
Walter Ayre	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	‡Anthony K. Fortin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* 25th peal. † Most Surprise to a peal. ‡ Now "circled the tower" and is the first of the band to do so.
Rung on St. Alban's Day.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

G. Robert Mordaunt ..	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert	6
Norman H. Leslie	2	Brian R. White	7
Edward R. Venn	3	John E. Camp	8
Dennis A. Leslie	4	Francis A. White	9
Peter J. Heritage	5	Roger M. Heyworth ..	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by G. Robert Mordaunt.
First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARKTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being eight extents each of St Simon, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 18 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Leonard Toseland	Treble	*Jean M. Aldwinckle ..	3
Hilary Knight	2	*Christopher N. Stephenson	4
Burley P. Morris		Tenor	

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.
* First peal in four methods. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung by past and present members of the Sunday service band to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the augmentation, re-hanging and rededication of the bells.

BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 16 methods/variations, being two extents each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Leonard, Old, St. Columb and Dedworth, three extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington and April Day, and four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Roger N. Scholes	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	3
J. Charles Hudson	2	J. Martin Thorley	4
Stephen B. Bell		Tenor	

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Scholes.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 23 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Peter Bridle	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Edward R. Venn	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROADWINDSOR, Dorset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Brian Tither	Treble	H. Dennis W. Bishop	4
Edna G. Pannell	2	Arthur J. Scott	5
John Davis	3	Jesse Davis	Tenor

Conducted by H. Dennis W. Bishop.
Rung to the glory of God for the common life services in the Beaminster Deanery.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

John A. Roden	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Cyril Griffiths	2	Charles W. F. Eyre	6
George L. Roobottom	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
E. Marion Key	4	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 7th on their 27th wedding anniversary.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John Evangelist.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Alan D Steel	Treble	Harold Dowler	6
Felicity T. Webber	2	Gerald Parsons	7
Norman Sherratt	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Hilary F. Pardoe	4	Paul J. Atkins	9
Dennis Latham	5	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Mrs Winifred Lockwood	Treble	*E. James Lockwood	4
Robert E. Lester	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Roger L. K. Whittell	3	Maurice J. Rose	Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Winifred Lockwood.
* First in seven methods "inside." First peal as conductor.
Rung as a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lester. Also a 21st birthday compliment to David J Derrick. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 20 lb in G.

John R. Ketteridge	Treble	John Southey	5
Alan R. Millidge	2	David E. Rothera	6
Ian L. Dear	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
Rung to mark the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Surrey Association of Change Ringers. Fastest peal on the bells.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	John R. Ketteringham	5
*Maureen Carruthers	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Audrey R. Alexander	3	Kenneth Warner	7
*Norman F. Edwards	4	Allan R. Millidge	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Derek Slater	Treble	†David D. Smith	5
Valerie Howard	2	John Howard	6
*Charlotte M. Harris	3	†Colin Osbon	7
†R. Jean Osbon	4	Ernest J. Ladd	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Lynn Warner.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., May 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 36 cwt.

Alan Sharples	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies	7
F. John Nelson	2	John E Camp	8
Philip Crossthwaite	3	Neil D. Lomas	9
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Martin C. Faulkes	10
Dennis Latham	5	John H. Fielden	11
Charles A. S. Webb	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Kathleen M Higgins	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Neil Donovan	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Gibson Jackson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Gibson Jackson	2	Michael R. Meadows	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Richard E. Price	7
David Nichols	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*J. Elisabeth Exwood	Treble	†Geoffrey Cooper	4
†Alice M. Baldwin	2	Michael G. Dodson	5
*Lesley C. Essen	3	John Robinson	Tenor

Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John M. Roberts	Treble	*John Prytherch	5
Marie D. Simnett	2	*Geoffrey W. Stevens	6
John F. I. Turney	3	Rev. Geoffrey Stickland	7
Frances Fairbank	4	Christopher Bainham	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher Bainham.
* First peal. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLUNSDON, Wiltshire.—At Thorverton, Sams Lane,
On Thurs., June 15, 1967 in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 1,632 Plain Bob, 1,440 Little Bob, 480 each of St. Clement's and College Bob 3P4 Crayford Little Court, 288 Reverse Bob, 192 Double Bob, and 48 each of Fulbeck and Hackington Tenor size 15 in C.

E. William Ford	1-2	*Anthony R. Peake	5-6
Brian Bladon	3-4	W. Bertram Kynaston	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 250th peal for the Association. The greatest number of Plain Major methods to a peal by all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Christopher W. Woolley	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
John R. Mayne	3-4	*Gerald Penney	7-8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

RECORDS COMMITTEE—Continued from page 463.

Wycombe	25-11-66	High Wycombe	30C
Yatton		Rung in Spliced	6C

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

Abbotswood	3-7-66	St Nicolas. Guildford	87C
Clyde	10-5-66	Ashton-under-Lyne	88C
Grantham	12-2-66	Hillingdon	89C
Rothersthorpe	27-11-66	Daventry	91C
Staverton	30-10-66	Daventry	90C

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APPENDIX C

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of the year 1966.

1.—NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

A.—Surprise Major Methods

1C Grimsthorpe (j) —34—1458—56—16—14—38—56—7.
2C Chippenham (f) —36—14—1258—16—12—58—36.12.3.
3C Calne (f) —36—14—1258—16—12—58.12.36.12.3.
4C Chard (b) —36—14—1258—16—14—58—16.34.7.
5C Grendon (b) —36—14—1258—16—14—58.16—16.7.
6C Yatton (f) —36—14—1258—36—14—38.14—12.5.
7C Lambourn (f) —36—14—58—16—14—1258—16—3.
8C Stratton (b) —36—14—58—36—14—38.56—36.7.
9C Axminster (b) —38—14—12—16—14—58—16—5.
10C Ashburton (b) —38—14—12—16—14—58—16.34.5.
11C Cheddar (b) —38—14—12—38—12—58—16.34.7.
12C Kettering (b) —38—14—12—38—12—58.16—16.7.
13C Malmesbury (f) —38—14—1258—16—12—38—34—3.
14C Eckington (f) —38—14—1258—36—14—38.56—36.1.
15C Crewkerne (f) —38—14—56—16—12—1458—12—5.
16C Greybury (f) —38—14—56—16—12—1458—34—5.
17C Foulness (l) —38—14—56—16—12—58—14—5.
18C Liskeard (f) —38—14—56—16—12—58.14—12.5.
19C Urchfont (f) —38—14—56—16—34—58.14—34.5.
20C Erewas (e) —38—14—58—16—12—1258—34—1.
21C Githeslepe (b) —38—14—58—16—14—1258.36.12.56.7.
22C Trent (a) —38—14—58—16—14—3458—16—5.
23C Ruardean (f) —38—14—58—16—14—38.56—36.1.
24C Lydney (b) —38—14—58—16—14—58.12—36.7.
25C Stowe (e) —38—14—58—16—34—1258—12—1.
26C Mapperley (e) —38—14—58—16—34—3458—34—1.
27C Worthing (d) —38—14—58—16—34—38—12—5.
28C Dorking (d) —38—14—58—16—34—38—34—5.
29C Milford (d) —38—14—58—16—34—58—1236—3.
30C Wycombe (d) —38—14—58—36—12—38—16—3.
31C Portishead (b) —38—14—58—36—34—38.16—16.7.
32C Street (f) —38—14—58—36.14—14.38—12.34.1.
33C Stow (f) —38—14—58—36 14—14.58.12.36.14.3.
34C Midhurst (e) —38—14.58—12.36.14—34.58.12—14.3.
35C Tonbridge (mx) —38—1456—56—38—14—38—16—5.
36C Marshfield (f) —38—16—12—36—34—38—16—3.
37C Ipplepen (f) —38—16—56—36—12—1238—14—5.
38C Ilfracombe (f) —38—16—56—36—34—58.14.36—3.
39C Launceston (b) —38—16—56—38—14—38—1456—7.
40C Lundy (b) —38—16—56—38—14—38.14—12.7.
41C Tiverton (b) —38—16—56—38—34—58.16—16.7.
42C Corston (f) —56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36—3.
43C Mickleton (f) —56—14—12—38—14—58.14.36.12.3.
44C Colerne (e) —56—14—56—36—14—1258—34—1.
45C Bitton (f) —56—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.7.
46C Drayton (f) —56—14—56—36—34—58—12—7.
47C Dawlish (f) —56—14—56—36—34—58.14—14.7.
48C Banwell (f) —56—14—56—36.14—14.58.14—14.7.
49C Hove (h) —56—14—56—38—14—58.36—36.1.
50C Brislington (f) —56—14—56—38.14—14.58.14—14.5.
51C Thornbury (f) —56—14—58—38—34—58.12.36—5.
52C Drogheda (mx) —56—14.56—58.36—14—1458—14—1.
53C Seaton (f) —56—16—58—16—14—58—34.12.5.
54C Sidbury (f) —56—16—58—16—14—58.14—14.5.
55C Redruth (f) —56—16—58—36—14—1458—34—5.
56C Tetbury (b) —58—14—12—38—12—38—16.34.5.
57C Twerton (b) —58—14—12—38—12—38.12.36.14.5.
58C Wedmore (f) —58—14—12—38—14—58.14.36—5.
59C Andover (c) —58—14—58—16—12—38—16—7.
60C Headstone (d) —58—14.56.12—36.12—14.38.16—16.7.
61C Lewes (l) —58—14.58—12.38.12—14.58.14—12.5.
62C Boreham (d) —58—14.58—56.38.14—14.38.14—14.3.
63C Benson (mx) —58—14.58—58.36—12—58—34—1.
64C Hungerford (b) —58—16—12—16—14—58—1236—5.
65C Wootton (f) —58—16—12—36—14—58.14.36—3.
66C Westbury (f) —58—16—12—38—34—38—12—3.
67C Northam (f) —58—16—12.58.36—12—58—36.12.7.
68C Northleach (f) —58—16—12.58.36—12—58.12.36.12.7.
69C Appledore (b) —58—16—58—36—14—38—34.56.7.
70C Oakington (mx) 34—38.16—56—36.14—34.58—34—1.
71C Brewood (d) 36—56.14.58—58.36.14—14.38.14—16.5.
72C Prestbury (f) 38—36.14—12—36.14—14.38—36—1.
73C Revelstoke (f) 38—38.14—12—36.12.34—1258—16—1.
74C Leckhampton (f) 38—38.14—12—38—14—58—16—1.
75C Illey (b) 38—38.14—12—38.14—14.58.14.56.14.3.
76C Blagdon (f) 38—38.16—58—16—14—58—16.34.7.
77C Bideford (f) 38—38.16—58—16—34—58.36—16.7.
78C Shrivenham (f) 38—38.16—58—16.34—14.38—14.36.7.
79C Dursley (f) 38—38.16—58—16.34—14.58.16—12.7.
80C Henbury (f) 38—58.14—12—38—14—1258.36.12.36.1.
81C Wraxall (f) 38—58.14—12—38—34.12.38—36.14.5.
82C Clanfield (f) 38—58.14—58—38.14—14.38.14.36—7.
83C Exminster (f) 38—58.16—12—36—14—38.56.14.36.5.
84C Olveston (mx) 56—56.14—58—36.14—34.58.14—12.3.
85C Faringdon (lx) 56—56.14.56—56.38—14—1258.34—14.5.
86C Whalley (f) 58—58.14—58—16—34—38.56—16.5.

B.—Surprise Royal Methods

87C Abbotswood (a) —30—14—70—18—12—30—14—50—16—5.
88C Clyde (mx) 36—56.14.50—50.36—14—30.16—16.30.16—16.3.
89C Grantham (f) 30—50.14—50—30.14—14.50.14—36.70—14—7.
90C Staverton (mx) 56—56.14—50—36—14—50.14—14.30—34—1.
91C Rothersthorpe (a) 50—50.14—50—30—14—50—14—50—14—5

2.—TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

A.—Surprise Major Methods

Method	Date	Place	No.
Andover	26–3–66	Andover	59C
Appledore		Rung in Spliced	69C
Ashburton		Rung in Spliced	10C
Axminster		Rung in Spliced	9C
Banwell		Rung in Spliced	48C
Benson		Rung in Spliced	63C
Bideford		Rung in Spliced	77C
Bitton		Rung in Spliced	45C
Blagdon		Rung in Spliced	76C
Boreham	16–4–66	New Romney	62C
Brewood	17–3–66	Willesden	71C
Brislington		Rung in Spliced	50C
Calne		Rung in Spliced	3C
Chard		Rung in Spliced	4C
Cheddar		Rung in Spliced	11C
Chippenham		Rung in Spliced	2C
Clanfield		Rung in Spliced	82C
Colerne		Rung in Spliced	44C
Corston		Rung in Spliced	42C
Crewkerne	21–5–66	Crewkerne	15C
Dawlish		Rung in Spliced	47C
Dorking	8–8–66	Dorking	28C
Drayton		Rung in Spliced	46C
Drogheda		Rung in Spliced	52C
Dursley		Rung in Spliced	79C
Eckington	12–11–66	Eckington	14C
Erewash	22–9–66	Ilkeston	20C
Exminster		Rung in Spliced	83C
Faringdon		Rung in Spliced	85C
Foulness	3–1–66	Spalding	17C
Githeslepe	24–10–66	Islip	21C
Grendon		Rung in Spliced	5C
Greybury	24–9–66	Edenbridge	16C
Grimsthorpe	28–3–66	Edenham	1C
Headstone	21–4–66	Willesden	60C
Henbury		Rung in Spliced	80C
Higher Walton	17–9–66	West Coker	9A
Hove	7–6–66	Rusper	49C
Hungerford		Rung in Spliced	64C
Ilfracombe		Rung in Spliced	38C
Illey	30–3–66	Edgbaston	75C
Ipplepen		Rung in Spliced	37C
Kettering		Rung in Spliced	12C
Lambourn		Rung in Spliced	7C
Launceston		Rung in Spliced	39C
Leckhampton		Rung in Spliced	74C
Lewes	7–8–66	Lower Beeding	61C
Liskeard		Rung in Spliced	18C
Lundy		Rung in Spliced	40C
Lydney		Rung in Spliced	24C
Malmesbury		Rung in Spliced	13C
Mapperley	29–9–66	West Hallam	26C
Marshfield		Rung in Spliced	36C
Mickleton		Rung in Spliced	43C
Midhurst	9–5–66	Easebourne	34C
Milford	27–6–66	Holy Trinity, Guildford	29C
Northam		Rung in Spliced	67C
Northleach		Rung in Spliced	68C
Oakington	12–5–66	Willesden	70C
Olveston		Rung in Spliced	84C
Orkney	17–9–66	Putney	66
Portishead		Rung in Spliced	31C
Prestbury		Rung in Spliced	72C
Redruth		Rung in Spliced	55C
Revelstoke		Rung in Spliced	73C
Ruardean		Rung in Spliced	23C
Seaton		Rung in Spliced	53C
Shrivenham		Rung in Spliced	78C
Sidbury		Rung in Spliced	54C
Stow		Rung in Spliced	33C
Stowe	12–2–66	Buckingham	25C
Stratton		Rung in Spliced	8C
Street		Rung in Spliced	32C
Tetbury		Rung in Spliced	56C
Thornbury		Rung in Spliced	51C
Tiverton		Rung in Spliced	41C
Tonbridge	10–12–66	Tonbridge	35C
Trent	10–9–66	Sawley	22C
Twerton		Rung in Spliced	57C
Urchfont		Rung in Spliced	19C
Wedmore		Rung in Spliced	58C
Westbury		Rung in Spliced	66C
Whalley		Rung in Spliced	86C
Wootton		Rung in Spliced	65C
Worthing	8–6–66	Heene, Worthing	27C
Wraxall		Rung in Spliced	81C

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ABINGDON, BERKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Rowson 1—2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3—4, A. K. Poole 5—6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss E. M. Emmett 2, R. Parker 3, A. J. Alderman 4, A. W. Knight 5, F. H. Mills 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gibbs (first quarter) 1, Diana Hayns 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. Laver 4, G. Bromley 5, T. Skelton 6, J. Hayns (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Harris 1, Margaret Coombs 2, D. R. McLean 3, Caroline Stewart 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, J. G. Hallett 6. 25th together 1 and 5. Rung by N.U.S.C.R. to mark the opening of the new Parish Hall.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Robertson 1, Monica Martin 2, A. Herrmann 3, J. A. Martin 4, W. Wilson (first as cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): J. Wilson 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson (first in two methods) 3, Pamela Warren 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Robertson 6. Rung on the first wedding anniversary of John and Monica Martin.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS. —On April 23rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, A. Richardson 4, E. S. White 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Spurgeon 1, Miss H. Maltman 2, R. Suckling 3, M. R. Wycherley 4, A. F. Udall 5, J. W. Bull 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BOSBURY, HEREFS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Lane 1, H. J. Hill 2, J. Foster 3, C. W. Nutt (cond.) 4, H. Goodchap 5, G. Gwynne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. J. Howe.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): F. Price 1, D. Matkin 2, R. Pike 3, M. Bazeley 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the funeral of John French, a faithful servant at St. Peter's.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,272 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: Mary Christian 1, S. Christian 2, R. Southgate 3, M. Whittell 4, A. Munnings 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Miss P. Bond, A. Munnings and D. J. Derrick (21st birthday).

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Diserens 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Emma Franklin, laid to rest this day.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Margaret C. Woolley 1, J. Woolley 2, J. C. Hudson 3, R. Russell 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Diana E. Cullen 1, P. Payne (first "inside") 2, T. J. Wellen 3, M. D. Fuller (cond 660) 4, J. H. Payton (cond. 600) 5, S. M Sharp (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Ratcliffe (first of treble) 1, J. Vickery 2, Ann Whaley 3, C. T. Lamb 4, R. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, E. Carter (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and to honour the Bishop of Durham's first visit since his enthronement.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Patricia M. Thomas 1, Jean M Weddell 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, W. J. L. Groom 4, Alana J. Thomas 5, A. Charles 6, A. W. Thomas 7, D. R. Powell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. G. Blick, tower captain and a ringer at Holy Cross for 50 years.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on June 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Dowse 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, D. Cox (first of Major) 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, Miss J. Cooke 5, F. Hodgson 6, P. Tocock 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Baron (first quarter) 1, Ruth Newman (first "inside") 2, Mrs. L. Wiggins 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, J. Newman 6. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Newman (first away from tenor) 1, Ruth Newman 2, Mrs. L. Wiggins 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, Mrs. B Buckell (first quarter) 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. F. C. T. and Mrs. Lancaster.

QUARTER PEALS

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, Miss S. M. Corry 2, M. J. Corry 3, R. H. S. Jeans (first "inside") 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. G. Bleathman 6.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guest 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, J. Seager 3, G. R. Hiner 4, D. Holland 5, A. Friskney 6, B. Holland (cond.) 7, T. W. Senior 8. For the wedding of Mr. B. Thorpe and Miss A. M. Smith.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. S. Wood 1, A. D. Norman (first "inside") 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, Miss S. Y. Fowkes 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, T. W. Robinson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

FECKENHAM, WORCS. — On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Jones 1, Mrs. J. Newton 2, Angela Styler 3, R. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, M. Leek 6. For Evensong. Also on June 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newton (first of Major) 1, E. Styler 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, P. Robertson 4, R. Hunt (first of Major) 5, L. Mills 6, J. Perkins 7, M. V. White (cond.) 8.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK. — On June 9th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: A. E. Manning 1, T. Spurling 2, M. J. Drury 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. J. Ellis 5, B. E. Whiting 6. First quarter in the method for all.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wetherall (first quarter) 1, J. Gosnell 2, S. Piper 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, E. West (first "inside") 5, A. H. Kemp 6, G. Waters 7, P. Harrison 8. Bells 1 and 2 in front.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Wilson 1, P. W. Brown 2, C. R. P. Broughton 3, J. P. O. Barry (first "inside") 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, H. H. Brown 6.

HOLKHAM PARK, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,680 Minor (three methods): Rev. P. N. Bond 1, R. E. Peckham 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. J. Brock 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, S. F. High 6. A peal attempt called round.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rule 1, W. Chandler 2, L. Lilley 3, D. Lilley 4, L. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Lilley (cond.) 7, C. Rule 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Forbes, cremated this day.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Newby 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, J. Hughes 3, Miss E. Metcalfe 4, O. Geere 5, N. W. Newby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Jane Metcalfe and Nicholas M. Newby, jun., married at Pennington Church this day.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS. — On June 11th, 1,320 Minor (three methods): J. Anscombe 1, W. Hargreaves 2, A. Bennett 3, M. Holmes 4, W. Sykes 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6. To celebrate the engagement of Kenneth Davison and Gillian Whitehouse, members of the local band.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. B. Reed 1, Carol Thompson (first "inside") 2, H. P. Thompson 3, J. Stephenson 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Ann Whaley 6. For Evensong.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Harvey (first quarter attempt) 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. C. Clark 3, H. G. Westlake 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, H. Wetherell 6. For morning service, and as a tribute to Herbert G Westlake, on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at this church.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, D. Johnston (first "inside") 3, C. Curtis 4, F. Hunt 5, L. G. Pryke 6, E. Cracknell 7, C. Poulson 8. For Evensong.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. W. Collins 1, R. K. Williams (cond.) 2, L. J. Walters 3, K. J. Tyler 4, J. Ward 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung prior to the dedication of the crystal cross by the Bishop of Hereford. Also belated birthday compliments to Rosemary Collins, Lorna Gallaher and Hubert Davies.

LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Spurgeon 1, Miss V. E. Dupre 2, R. L. Jones 3, G. W. Shanks 4, F. Howson 5, M. R. Wycherley 6, A. F. Udall (cond.) 7, J. H. Lott 8. Rung for Ascension Day and Confirmation service.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. White 1, F. W. Tomlin 2, Miss C. Neville 3, K. S. Gardiner 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, J. P. Ottaway 8. Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to Arthur C. White.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, A. W. Sage 2, F. J. Sage (cond.) 3, L. Marker 4, T. J. Thorne 5, W. Broom 6. Rung for the safe return of Sir Francis Chichester.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Irene Everitt 1, Marilyn J. Chidwick 2, Mrs. F. A. Mitchell 3, Wendy Austin 4, Jennifer M. L. Wood 5, Doris E. Colgate 6, N J. Chesson (cond.) 7, J. Jackson 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mrs. F. A. Mitchell, who is moving to Shoreham, Sussex.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 8 covering): W Care 1, M. E. Care 3, B. R. Care 4, T. Deacon 5, C. Stephenson 6, C. Wagstaff 7, H. de la Haye Davies 8. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on June 11th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Barber 1, Vanessa Rodrigues 2, P. M. Bradford 3, P. H. Mackie 4, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 5, J. P. Coad 6. For Matins, by O.U.S.C.R.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Hall (first of Triples) 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper (first of Triples "inside") 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Waller 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth 8. For Evensong.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. I. Foskett 1, H. Miles 2, S. W. Fossey 3, S. Foskett 4, J. J. George 5, R. W. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

POCKLINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 17th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): S. P. D. Burnett (first as cond.) 1—2, J. L. Birdsall (first quarter) 3, M. F. Brook (first quarter) 4, J. R. Whittaker (first quarter) 5—6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Saggers 1, I. Goacher 2, K. Dallison 3, Mrs M. Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, H. Comber 6, G. A. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Goacher 1, K. Dallison 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, A. Streeter 6, G. A. West (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Mary Dallison.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dadswell 1, F. Lambert 2, L. Jarvis 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, A. Smith 5, A. Hoad 6, T. W Edwards 7, G. W. Coman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. H. Edwards, a ringer at this church for 65 years.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mead (first quarter) 1, K. Laver 2, L McCreadie 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, H. F. Creed 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Laver, on the birth of a daughter, Amanda Jayne.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on June 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Smith 1, P. J. Brown 2, J. Warr 3, R. Smith 4, W. H. Cooper 5, G. Westwood 6, R. Edwards 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam Joseph H Cox, of Halesowen.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Smith 1, J. W. Rea 2, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 3, E. J. Adams (first quarter) 4, A. R. Millidge 5, J. R. Pratt 6, A. S. Bishop 7, G. Smith (first quarter) 8. Rung prior to the annual service of the Streatham Council of Churches.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Sawtell 1, S. Christian 2, D. Derrick 3, R. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. Southgate 5. Rung on the anniversary of the first Bank Holiday, 1871.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. M. Corry 1, Mrs. A. Tambling 2, M. J. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, H. Doel 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Andrew 1, R. C. Kersey 2, C. Mutton 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. Sangwin 7, R. B. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for the arrival home of Sir Francis Chichester.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Houghton 1, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 2, Janet Hohl 3, W. W. Cousins 4, W. Houghton 5, R. Newson 6, C. Cousins 7, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rev. J. E. Burridge, upon preeferment to Ham, Surrey.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan J. Percy 1, Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, C. Brettell 4, Rosemary Earl 5, Robert W. R. Percy 6, Janet M. Percy (first of Major as cond.) 7, Betty Percy 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4.

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HARRISON—SCRUBY. — The marriage will take place between John Harrison and Anne Scruby in the Lady Chapel, Guildford Cathedral, on July 8th, at 2. Ringing friends welcome for ringing and at the service. Married address: 65, Langborough Road, Wokingham, Berks. 1834

PERSONAL

"Thou God seest me; for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?" —Genesis xvi, 13.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

RICHARDS.—The address of Arthur S. Richards is now: 52, Kevington Drive, Marlings Park, Chislehurst, Kent. Telephone Orpington (MM) 25139. (Connection with West Wickham Church being maintained.) 1849

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PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER.— Stuzzi-Magnette, Two-speed, incorporating all the facilities of a mains model. In perfect running order, with microphone, spare leads and carrying case. £25 o.n.o. — Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill, Bedford. 1793

PUBLICATIONS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, — 1966 Annual Report, containing 53 compositions, available at 5s. each from: A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 1796

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE." Vol. I, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s 10d.; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 1795

MISCELLANEOUS

ACCRINGTON, LANCS.—Bells reduced to back five until September. Practices may be irregular. During holiday period some practices and service ringing may be cancelled. Please check before coming.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Phone 33049 (weekends). 1759

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

In aid of Everton Church Building Fund. Friday, June 30th, to Sunday, July 2nd, 1967. All ringers and friends are invited to view the floral displays and to ring the bells (8).

Viewing times: Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bells available: Saturday, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.; 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and before and after Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Local ringers will be in attendance.

Refreshments available during viewing hours. 1818

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice meeting of the above at Bridekirk on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea. 1845

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—2nd and 4th Mondays **every month.** Branch practices: St. John's (6) 6.30–7.45 (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob only); Christ Church (10) 8–9 (Caters and Surprise Royal). 1851

GUILDFORD.—There will be no practice at Guildford Cathedral on Friday, June 30th, 1967. 1852

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Advanced practice at Dorking on Monday, July 3rd, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. M.

HEADCORN, KENT.—No ringing practice July 6th. Our ringers will be at the dress rehearsal for the Methodists' Pageant to be performed July 7th, 7 p.m., and July 8th, 6.30 p.m.—R. J. V. 1768

ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1967.

Viewing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day except during services on Sunday.
Ringing: Sat., July 15, 4.30–7.30 p.m.
Sun., July 16, 9.15–10.00 a.m.
5.45–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments and parking available. All visitors, especially ringers, welcome.

No weekly practice on Wed., July 12th.

ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS', KIDDERMINSTER

FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967
July 7th to 10th inclusive.
Open from 10 a.m. daily.
Flower Displays by Midland Floral Artists.

Saturday

Opening of Restored Chantry by Sir Tatton Brinton M.P., at 3 p.m.
Ringing 2 p.m.–3 p.m., 3.30 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m.

Sunday

Annual Festival of Friends of St. Mary. Preacher 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. the Venerable S. F. Linsley, Archdeacon of Cleveland.
Ringing 10.15 a.m.–11 a.m. and 5.45–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available every day. Parties catered for by arrangement. 1828

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 3rd, 7 p.m. 1844

ST. MARGARET'S, ASPLEY LANE, NOTTINGHAM

Festival of Flowers and "Old Nottingham" Exhibition.

July 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th.
Tower open for ringing: Saturday, July 15th, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. or by arrangement; Sunday, 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Refreshments available.
All ringers and visitors welcome. 1856

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 1st, 10 a.m. ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m. service in the Cathedral; 12 noon business meeting; 12.45 for 1.15 lunch at Christ Church. Tickets for lunch 9s. Applications for ticket accompanied by remittances and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon Berks.

PAKEFIELD, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—Practice night changed from Friday to Thursday as from June 15th.—P. Kindred. 1753

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS

Restoration Centenary Festival
June 30th—July 2nd.

Bells available Sat., July 1st, 2–6 p.m. Festival of floral art in church gardens open. Teas available. All welcome. 1526

SELSTON, NOTTS.—Rose Festival will be held from Friday, June 30th, to Monday, July 3rd, inclusive. Viewing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The six bells will be available 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1st. Unique tower service Sunday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea will be available on Saturday for those notifying Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The outing is postponed until August. There will be no meeting on July 1st. 1837

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—**Oswy Street Cup** will be rung for at Ordsall on October 14th. Write for rules to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. This is an open contest with a test piece of 360 changes. 1826

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), Saturday, July 1st, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 1841

SURPRISE MAJOR RINGERS REQUIRED for Derbyshire Peal Tour from August 12th–19th. Anyone interested please write at once, giving full details of capabilities to G. E. Bonham, 34, Bedford Street, St. Neots, Huntingdon. 1817

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, PENARTH, Glam.—Officers for 1967: President, Rev. Norman Griffiths, Rector; Chairman, Norman Jones; tower captain, Jack Palmer; assistant tower captain, Mrs. Yvonne Apsitis; Tower Master, Jack Garrett; honorary secretary and treasurer, Derek A. Herbert. All communications, please, to Honorary Secretary, 100, Lavernock Road, Penarth, Glam. 1822

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX

Visiting bands of ringers welcomed at any time by arrangement, particularly on their outings. Practice night Thursday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.—Apply to R. W. Leavett, Hope Bungalow, Tollesbury. 1816

WESTHAM, SUSSEX. — During weeks commencing July 2nd and July 9th, practice will be on Fridays. Afterwards Mondays as usual. Also, new tower secretary: Mrs. C. M. Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 1835

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Holford (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service (Corporate Communion) 4.15. Names for tea, please.—J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford. Holford 345. 1731

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the Striking Competition will be held at Roydon on Saturday, July 1st. commencing at 2.30 prompt. M.C., Mr. K. Wood. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. G. Blake, Hamlet House. Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, please. 1664

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Half-annual meeting at Blockley (6), 3 p.m.–4 p.m. and Chipping Campden (8) 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m., July 1st. Service and business meeting before and after tea respectively. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Newing, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos, as soon as possible. 1777

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—There will be a practice meeting at Modbury (6) on Saturday, July 1st, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch — Quarterly meeting at Rewe, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 1743

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Abbots Langley, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Langleybury, 6.30 p.m. Names to G. R. Fielding, 130, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—G. W. Seaman, Dis Sec. 1804

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — **Change of venue. — Stevenage** (8), Saturday, July 1st. Bells **6 p.m.** Business meeting during evening. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1782

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Copt Oak (6), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. (Please be at church at 5 p.m. for tea, as tea is in Markfield.)—R. M. W. 1863

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Horninglow (6) bells also available 3 to 4 p.m. All welcome. 1799

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Maidwell, Saturday, July 1st. Please bring own tea. Scaldwell available in evening. — J. E. Goddard 1864

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, July 1st, Sutton Bonington (5) at 3 p.m.; Kingston-on-Soar (6). 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Wood, 30, Main Street, Sutton Bonington. — S. Adams. 1795

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Wimbledon 2.30–4 p.m. Service at All Saints', Kingston, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall, Ashdown Road Evening ringing at Kingston. Special method: Yorkshire Royal. Names for tea to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W.15. 1784

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Meeting, Withyham (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–8.30 p.m. After tea Mr. George Jennings will give his second talk on "Grandsire." Names for tea to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815). 1792

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, July 5th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All standard methods.—C. H. Rogers. 1788

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney & Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Northleigh, Friday, July 7th, 7 to 9 p.m. 1820

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Withers, 2, Leigh Villas, Leigh-on-Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Potton (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Usual arrangements. A good tea promised. Everyone made welcome. —K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 1853

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm (8, 29¾ cwt.) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Grappenhall bells available in the evening. Names for tea are essential and should be sent to Mrs. E. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, by Wednesday July 5th.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 1859

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester, Chester, not later than Monday, July 3rd 1815

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 1865

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District and Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting at Baslow Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Old Brampton (6) 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—G. Richardson, M. Phipps, Secs. 1838

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Hever, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. (Barbecue postponed until later date.) — B. E. J. 1806

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8.30. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise and Spliced Plain and Little Bob. 1854

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Guilden Morden (6) and Litlington (6), Saturday, July 8th. Guilden Morden 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1857

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at The Leigh, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. Poulton, Highfield, The Leigh, Gloucester, by July 5th. —L. C. Prosser, Hon. Sec. 1819

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting at South Marston on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 1855

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Dursley on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, July 4th. 1860

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 1846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Harrietsham (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service .30 p.m Names for tea to Mr. J. Betts, Redhouse, Fairbourne Road, Harrietsham.—M. L. H. 1781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements (suitable cafe nearby).—G. Cheetham. 1805

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Quarterly meeting, July 8th. Bells available: Earl Shilton (8) 9.30 a.m. to 10.15; Stoney Stanton (8) 10.15 to 11; Broughton Astley 11 to 12 noon; Leire (6) 1 p.m to 2 p.m.; Claybrooke (8) 2 to 3 p.m.; Burbage (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; Hinckley 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service Hinckley 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m in Church Hall. Social evening at the Prince of Wales, Hinckley. Please give this meeting your full support. Names for tea to A. Ballard. 128, Leicester Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, July 5th.—A. James Povnor, Hon. Gen Sec. 1797

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting on July 8th now at Usk. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Lionel Jones, Heathfield, Monmouth Road, Usk, Mon. by July 3rd, please 1749

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly meeting for Western Deaneries at Dereham on Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own picnic tea.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 2.30. Tea, Worton Village Hall Ringing, Great Tew, 6.45 approx. Names to B. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. F. Lewington, Waven, Bucklebury, Reading. **Branch dinner and social, September 30th, 1967.** 1843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, 5th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby, by Monday previous. 1850

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Wadenhoe on July 8th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering, by Tuesday previous.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch —Meeting at Cranford (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Special method: Cranford Surprise. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Newell, 19, Thrapston Road, by week previous.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 8th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea by July 5th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1827

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts. — Meeting at Bawtry, July 8th. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, 42, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry, Doncaster, by previous Wednesday. 1825

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. Ringing meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute. Meeting follows. Will as many members as possible attend meeting, as there is an important item to discuss. Names for tea, **please,** to Mr. R. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, July 5th. 1836

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing St. Nicolas', North Stoneham (10), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Linda Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, by July 6th. 1824

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Diocesan Festival at Stratton, July 8th. Guild office with address at 4.30, followed by tea. Towers open: Stratton (8), Kilkhampton (8), Bridgerule (8), Poughill (6), Marhamchurch (6), Launcells (6). All bells available 2–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea to H. Trewin, 29, Broadclose Hill, Bude. (Phone Bude 2513). —A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1821

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells will be available at Wellesbourne, Sherborne, Snitterfield and Hatton from 2 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Business meeting to follow. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells will be available in the evening up to 8.30. Free tea in St. Nicholas' Church Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 1813

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. E. Pellett, 32, Brattle, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent, by Thursday, July 13th.—A. P. S. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss J. Lacey, 22 Drakes Close, Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District).—Joint meeting at Great Yarmouth on July 15th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15; preacher Rev. P. N. Bond. Tea 5 p.m in St. James' Hall, Admiralty Road. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Spandler, 10, Seafield Close, Kings Road, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925), by Wednesday, July 12th certain, please.—N. P. J. C. and T. N. J. B. 1802

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, July 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 1847

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Details of tea arrangements next week.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1848

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

Ringing Arrangements:

Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) ..	11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6)	2.15 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10)	2.30 p.m.— 3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12)	3.00 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.
..	7.00 p.m — 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F Beddow, 7. Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by Saturday, July 1st. **No name, no tea.** 1717

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Wed., June 28th, to Sun., July 2nd All visitors, especially ringers, will be welcome to the ancient and beautiful Parish Church of Warsop during the Flower and Patronal Festival.

Wed., June 28th.—Opening service 7 Viewing and ringing until 9 p.m

Thurs., June 29th—Patronal Festival Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. Viewing 2.30–7.15 p.m Viewing and ringing 8.30–9.30 p.m

Fri., June 30th.—Viewing 2.30–9 p.m Ringing 7–9 p.m.

Sat., July 1st.—Viewing 10.30 a.m.–9 p.m Ringing 2 p.m.–9 p.m

Sun., July 2nd.—Viewing 3 p.m.–6 p.m Services, 8 a.m Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion. **Celebrant and preacher the Lord Bishop of Southwell.** 6.30 p.m. Evensong and sermon Ringing 3 p.m.–6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the Festival. Local ringers will be in attendance during all published ringing times. Proceeds will be used towards the augmentation of the bells from 6 to 8. 1596

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Committee meeting 11 a.m. in Consistory Court. Service 12 noon in Cathedral Buffet lunch available in Chapter House. Meeting 2 p.m. in Consistory Court Dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m., Moor Lodge. Branston Bells available: Cathedral (12) 10.45–11.45 a.m. and 2–5.15 p.m.; St Giles' (8) 2–4 p.m.; St. Peter at Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) 3–4 p.m.; Waddington (6) 3–4.30 p.m.; Harmston (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; Washingborough (8) 4–5.30 p.m.; Branston (6) 5 p.m

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GNOSALL, STAFFORD

Ringers' Service, July 2nd, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m.

After the service the St. Lawrence's Junior Handbell Ringers will play a selection of tunes in the schoolroom. Visitors welcome. Refreshments. 1783

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on

SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1967

Harlow Common (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Sawbridgeworth at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 6.30–8 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, July 6th. 1801

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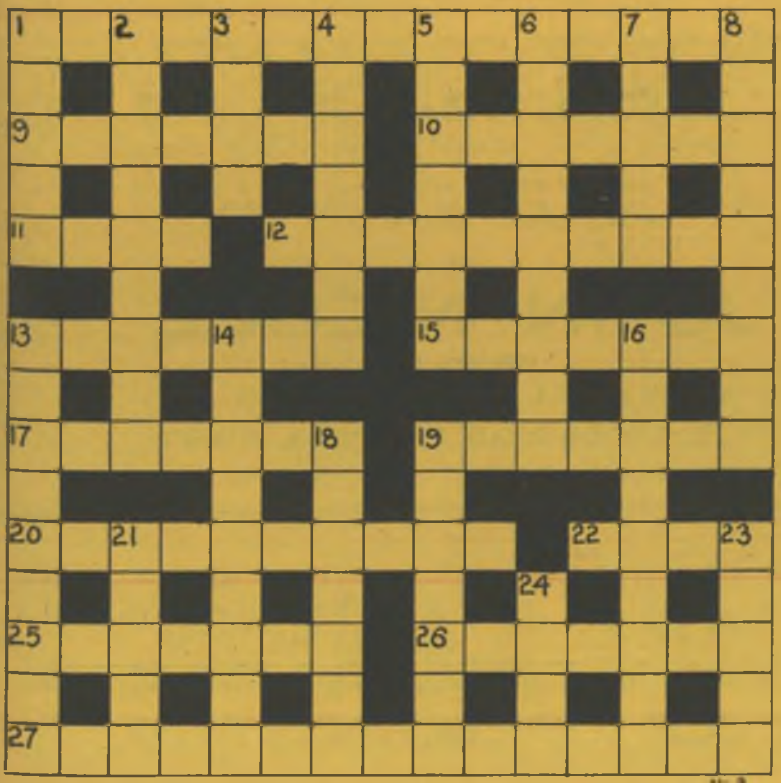

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Boils stirrups for this item in the ringer's repertoire (7, 8)
9. Rescinds an act (7)
10. Knock h out of this to get a call (7)
11. Grand prefix would make father methodical (4)
12. Perhaps the long length man does this afterwards (10)
13. He came out of mad nest to give us a popular 6 d. (7)
15. Do this with treble bob hunting and you will make it plain! (7)
17. Makes confident (7)
19. This flask could make me short (7)
20. Upset tight man on spot for Central Council meeting (10)
22. A working bell is hardly this (4)
25. Cupidity—but not the Bristol University Guild brand! (7)
26. Breathes in (7)
27. Retains acrobatic equipment—as every good ringer should! (5, 1, 5, 4)

DOWN

1. Unwelcome visitors in most belfries (5)
2. They bring things in from abroad (9)
3. The answer to this is hard (4)
4. Strangely he's the eleventh in some teams (4, 3)
5. Sudden rise or increase (7)
6. See 13 across (9)
7. Mass of cast metal (5)
8. Services rendered—but not in the mornings (9)
13. Tank and basin are combined at Whitechapel (9)
14. Kills (9)
16. A mill road could produce this S. American creature (9)
18. Hint—and not just for beginners (7)
19. Ring after tea and you will get this (7)
21. Cater for this change (5)
23. Eschew evil and do good: seek peace and — it (Ps. 34) (5)
24. Firing usually produces this (4)

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QUARTER PEALS

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On May 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Armstead 1, D. Sanderson 2, Miss L. Wilson 3, Miss J. Lawson (first "inside") 4, C. Pearson (first of Major) 5, P. Ogden 6, W. Pugh 7, M. Platt (first as cond.) 8. Rung for the Saddleworth U.D.C. civic service, and to mark the beginning of the Saddleworth Festival of the Arts.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, V. Green 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. F. Edwards 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, R. J. Cann 7, E. J. Cole 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH MYMMS, MIDDX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara M. Goodspeed 1, Thelma West 2, Corinna Smith 3, M. White 4, G. Sillis 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. S. Hopwood (first on treble) 1, W. R. Gliks 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick (first in three methods) 4, I. H. Trueman 5, T. Matcham 6.

STONE, WORCS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, J. Barker 2, Miss F. Salter 3, Miss S. Buckley 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. Pugh 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

UPHAM, HANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Stubbington (15, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, D. J. White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. J. Stubbington 6. Rung before Evensong.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Turner 1, Miss J. A. Grant (first "inside") 2, N. Carter 3, Miss C. Etherton 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. A. Grant 1, Miss J. Turner 2, Miss C. Lomas 3, Miss C. Etherton 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, N. Carter 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 25th, 1,320 T.B. Minor (Kingston and L.S. Pleasure): R. Spencer 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, B. Richards 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, G. Challons 5, F. Cooke 6. Rung for the first celebrations of Communion of the Rev. F. G. Green, and the Feast of Corpus Christi.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: P. Martin (first quarter) 1, S. Gay 2, L. W. Skinner 3, M. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First in method 2 and 4.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Jane Slough 1, Annette Rutuszianiak 2, A. Smith 3, M. White 4, Gillian Brearley 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6.

WHETSTONE, LEICS.—On May 22nd, 1,500 Doubles (three methods): K. G. Grewcock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. I. V. Brown 2, B. C. Law 3, R. A. Cobley 4, W. J. Kinchin (cond.) 5, H. Needham 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Roger Spence, a ringer at this church, who died on May 16th.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: B. Johnson (first of Treble Bob on treble) 1, S. Knight (first "inside") 2, R. Gower 3, P. Richardson 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

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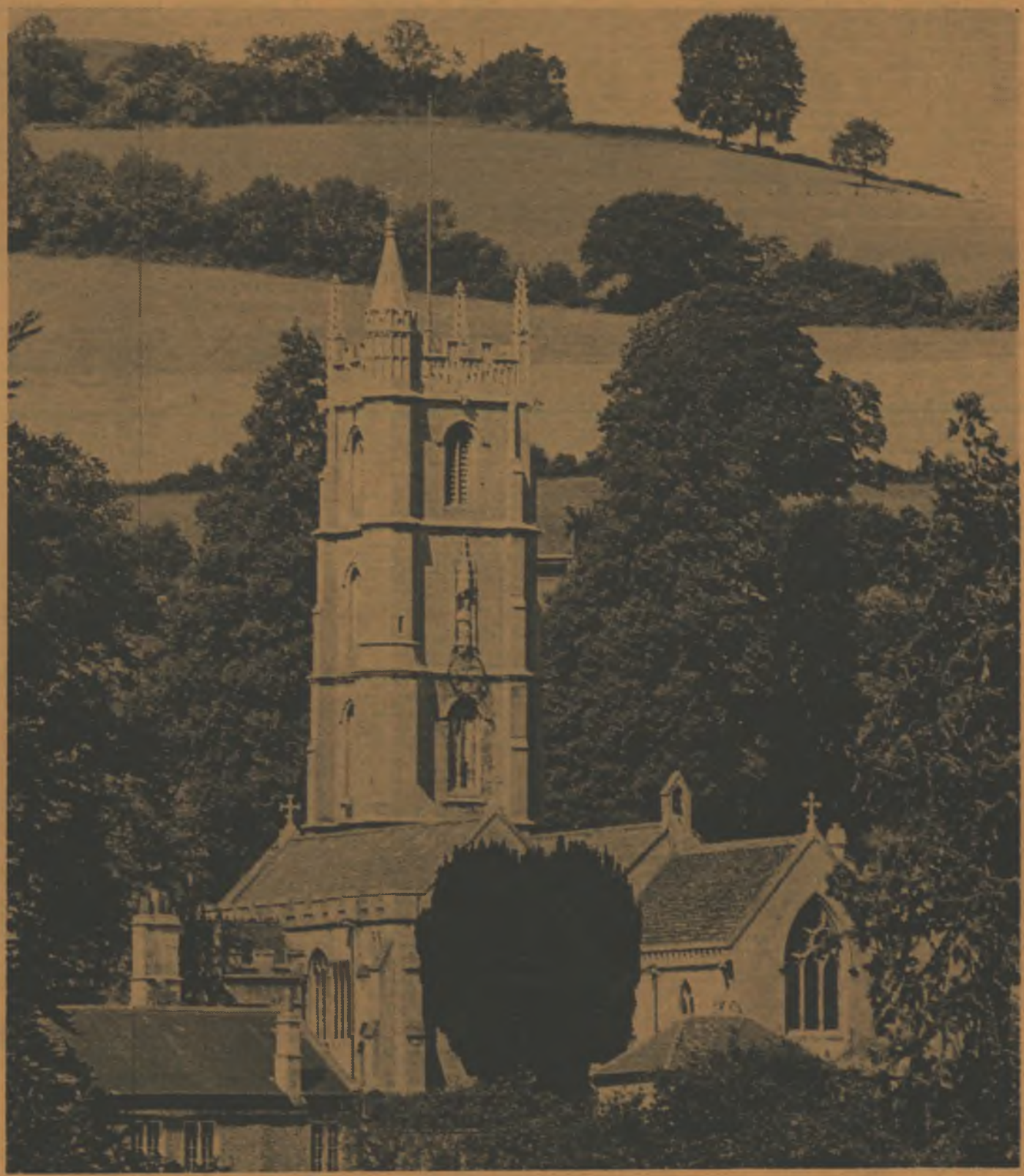

THE PROFESSOR DISCUSSES . . .

THE TASK OF A RINGING MASTER

THE Professor and I were discussing, as we were wont, many ringing subjects, and eventually the conversation channeled into the problems that beset a Ringing Master at a District meeting.

"As I see it," said the Professor, "the Ringing Master's main difficulty is to reconcile the two extremes that are likely to be present at the meeting, i.e., the complete beginner and the experienced expert. If both these go away satisfied, without listeners inside or outside the tower having had to suffer unduly, then I think the Ringing Master will have justified his existence."

"Do you think that such an accomplishment is within the bounds of human possibility?"

"It all depends on what ringers expect from a District meeting, the trouble being that quite often they all expect different things, from the novice who can barely handle a bell who wants his rounds and call changes to the expert who clamours for Spliced Surprise."

"Shouldn't it be possible to meet everybody's demands?"

"In theory, yes; in practice it is not always possible. Let us take a specific example which is fairly common. Along comes a charming young lady wearing a mini-skirt and a disarming smile, who asks the Ringing Master if she can have some Plain Bob Major. Alternatively, the head ringer or someone else from her own tower, who wants her to gain experience on bells other than her own, asks on her behalf. So that he won't buy a pig in a poke the Ringing Master asks a few discreet questions in order to determine the capabilities of the applicant, and accordingly receives a variety of replies, e.g.:

(a) She has rung the treble to a course of Bob Minor.

(b) She has rung the treble to a course of Bob Major.

(c) She has rung a course of Bob Major on the 2nd with Jim Thompson standing at her elbow and shouting in her ear.

(d) She has rung three leads on the 4th bell and has memorised the figures for half of the fourth lead.

(e) She is not bad 'inside' on Grandsire Triples, and can ring the 2nd for as long as you like, bobs an' all, providing you keep her in the hunt.

And so on and so on. Now, as Ringing Master, what should I do?"

"Simple," I replied innocently. "At the first convenient opportunity you ask for Bob Major, see that your charming young lady receives the bell she wants, ask her sponsor or some proficient ringer to stand behind her to guide her (or offer to do so yourself), select the most experienced of the participating ringers and ask him to call a short touch, and," I concluded triumphantly, "sit down and relax!"

"Spoken like a man!" said the Professor dryly. "That's theory! In practice things don't work out like that. The first thing that happens when Plain Bob Major is announced is that all aspiring Plain Bobbers grab the nearest rope, either of their own volition or urged on by their sponsors. You, recognising that the touch is not likely to get beyond the first half-lead, are left with several courses of action:

1. You ask all those grabbers whom you know are sub-standard to stand down, and replace them with labourers who are worthy of their hire. This device is not popular with those who have to stand down so you placate them by promising that you will have them in 'one at a time' in order that they have a fair chance. Realising that in order to do this you will have to spend the rest of the meeting ringing Plain Bob you fall back on to!

2. You decide to have the learners in two (or three) at a time and reorganise the team accordingly. Just after the touch has started and you are congratulating yourself on reducing the time spent on Plain Bob by half (or a third), you realise that in the general reshuffle your charming young lady with the disarming smile has been excluded and is now standing disconsolately in a corner.

"You could, of course, have retained your original plan and had all the learners in together, whereupon several things could have happened —."

"Yes, yes," I said hastily, knowing full well what could have happened. "One of the difficulties is, I think, being able to tell what a person is capable of ringing. These youngsters sprout so quickly and where meetings are held quarterly it may be three, six or even twelve months before the Ringing Master sees certain faces again, by which time not only has he forgotten what they could do but is in some cases unaware of their progress."

"Some ringers," I said, diverting the conversation, "maintain that a ringing meeting should not be a practice meeting and that only first class ringing and striking should be tolerated. What do you think to that?"

"Of course, good striking should be the ultimate aim of all ringers whether beginners or not, but to insist on ringing up to contest standards to the exclusion of everything else is, at a ringing meeting, neither feasible nor possible: indeed I am not sure that it is desirable because it would mean that certain ringers would never have a pull! It is a good thing to have at intervals throughout the meeting a first class band that can produce some good striking as this not only raises the level of the average standard but also serves to set an example, worthy of emulation, to the younger end. Contrary to some opinions, there are very few so-called experts who are not prepared to 'muck in' with the less advanced ringers. The old idea of the ringer who had his touch of Spliced Surprise and then disappeared is now almost extinct. There may be an occasional one or two here and there, but most of them are as willing to join in rounds or call changes if their help is wanted as they are to demonstrate their superlative abilities in other directions."

We further discussed various aspects of the problem until the early hours, but lack of space again prevents me placing all the Professor's views and opinions before the Exercise.

Finally the Professor asked me: "You yourself have been Ringing Master for quite a long time; what do you think of the job?"

"I quite enjoy it."

I didn't quite catch his comment as he was closing the door on me, but it sounded suspiciously like: "Fools rush in!"

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LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK. — On June 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Ambrose 1, F. Poulson 2, David J. Reeve 3, Miss E. Cansdale 4, T. Chinery 5, G. W. Bloomfield 6, Dennis J. Reeve (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert.

OUR PICTURE

BATHEASTON TRIUMPHANT

With a Ring of Eight

THE earliest record of the church at Batheaston is a charter of 1136, whereby possession of it was confirmed to the Bishop of Bath by Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury.

At the time of the Norman Conquest two estates at Batheaston were in the hands of the Church and the King respectively, and it is probable that the foundation dates from Saxon times.

Of an early church nothing remains. The oldest part of the present building is the 94ft. western tower of four stages, a fine if not outstanding example of the splendid towers of Somerset. It dates probably from the first half of the 15th century.

The building of the north and south aisles, and the rebuilding of the chancel in the 19th century provided a seemly edifice, encasing, as it were, the old nave, of which only the sepulchral slabs in the floor reveal the antiquity.

TROUBLE WITH THE FOURTH

The churchwardens' accounts, which date from 1667, provide an enthralling record of endless bits of bell maintenance and repair—new wheels were frequently required!—and small payments to the ringers on Gunpowder Day, May 29th, and occasions of national rejoicing. From these accounts it can be deduced that there were five bells until 1824, when a new treble was added. "Mr. Rudhall's bill" for casting this bell and recasting the (then) fourth and tenor came to £103.

There had been trouble before with that fourth bell, for at a vestry in 1726 "it was unanimously agreed on by all yt were presen yt ye fourth Bell wch is crackd shd be new cast or mended wth all convenient speed," and £18 was paid for "New Casting the Fourth Bell and all other Expense concerning the same." Before the end of the century it was cracked again, and reported each year at the visitation, with nothing done until the restoration of 1824. Of this, an amusing account by an old parishioner survives in the parish magazine for 1899.

> "My father he wor a ringer for 60 years. Them bells was rung fust time for his weddin. Why, there used to be only fower bells and a cracken one, and my father, he used to rottle this 'un during the service becos he wanted to make the parish get a new 'un. And so they did. . . This bell was then the fifth, now the seventh.

The second and third bells of the old six, dated 1634, were cast by John Lott, of Warminster. The fourth, a grand old veteran, is one of a small group of early London bells, cast by William Revel about 1350.

The bells were hung high in the tower, with resultant sway, and bad "go." Since a very nearly disastrous fire a few years ago charred the oak frame, movement was even worse. Ringing was tough, striking difficult, teaching a challenge and a heartbreak, but the bells rang twice every Sunday the standard method, Bob Doubles (known locally as "Batheaston Doubles"!). However, deterioration was painfully evident and prospects were bleak.

At the church meeting in March, 1966, Julian Newman, the Ringing Master, reported the very unsatisfactory state of the bells and urged a major restoration. The Vicar, Prebendary R. A. Evans, replied that he would be delighted to see the bells put into good order, but that any scheme would have to find entirely new money, as the church had nothing to spare after paying its current expenses and giving the customary amount outside the parish.

INTEREST-FREE LOAN

Soon came the offer of an interest-free loan of £3,000, to be repaid over seven years, and a gift of two trebles, the offer to remain open only for three months. The P.C.C. decided to take up the challenge, and it was agreed that only if two-thirds of the cost were given or promised before the closing date could the offer be accepted.

Then followed a period of enthusiastic, indeed, dedicated activity. It was hoped that enough seven-year covenants, on which income tax could be reclaimed, could be obtained to form the backbone of the fund Batheaston is not a rich village, but it was possible to choose about 60 parishioners—church members and others likely to be sympathetic—who could reasonably be expected to give a covenant. The appeal set out the need, the offer and the urgency, and asked for any contributions, but especially for covenants. The cry "If only we could obtain 60 covenants of £5!" proved very effective and may have been decisive.

The appeal was quickly followed up by a visit—senior ringers and a few church members did the work—and the springs of generosity were well and truly released, for the result exceeded the most daring hope. Came the last day, and 35 covenants were promised, most of them for £5; there were two gifts of £100 each, one of £50, sundry smaller sums, and an offer to pay for the two trebles by a covenanted gift, thereby adding a very substantial sum to the fund. There was no doubt of the answer—Batheaston bells could be restored and augmented in confidence that the sum of at least £4,500 (including the cost of the trebles) could be raised without laying a devastating burden of debt on the parish.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

So far, so good, so very good. A somewhat simpler appeal was then delivered to every house in the parish, about a thousand in all, and visits made as before—no mean task. The response was: a few curses on bells and everything to do with them, a good many sixpences and other small coin, some generous gifts and more precious covenants. "Once for all" giving at this stage added £215, plus promises of annual contributions amounting to £33.

There are now 48 covenants (including that for the new trebles) of total value £329, an additional £232 of income tax to be repaid—£561 annually for seven years. Donations brought £620 in all; in addition, the Bath and Wells Association made a generous gift of £50. Nearly 3 000 Christmas cards showing the church tower (cover) were sold at a profit of £32 (and reached exiled Batheastonians the world over). Kind supporters in the village held a whist drive, which made £10. Finally, the ringers exploited the mystery of the weight of Batheaston tenor in a guessing competition—another £12.

To summarise: if all, or most of the covenanters survive for seven years the goal is in sight. We know we have been lucky, very lucky, and have received great generosity from many people. This account is given in some detail to draw attention to a plan of campaign the seeking of covenants especially, which may interest others facing a major restoration.

"HARROWING OF HELL"

Five bells went to the foundry for retuning in November, the brave old fourth, now hung above the others as clock bell and for chiming, keeping a lone vigil in the tower. On January 30th, 35 parishioners and ringing friends journeyed to Loughborough to see the casting of the trebles and the new sixth. The experience will remain a vivid memory of excitement and delight: the diabolical grin worn by the Vicar as he poked and stirred at the sixth is photographically preserved for posterity, and irreverently known as the Harrowing of Hell.

The eight bells are hung in a cast iron frame, ten feet below the old level—space just and only just sufficed to pack them in. On June 4th the voice of the old fourth called Batheaston to church for the dedication, and rededication by the Bishop of Bath and Wells after the Family Communion. There was a large congregation, and a gratifying assemblage (at 9 o'clock!) of ringers, among whom was John Gilbert, secretary of the Association The Bishop said the dedicatory prayers and charged the churchwardens with the care of the bells at the tower arch, and his subsequent visit to the ringing chamber was much appreciated by the ringers.

After the traditional rounds, a course of Bob Triples was rung by local ringers, and if it was not impeccable, well, most of the band are inexperienced, and the few opportunities for practice were with clappers tied. There was ringing then for all-comers until Matins, and throughout the afternoon, some of it very good, with general agreement that the tone of the ring is excellent and the "go" of the bells incomparably better. Among the many who rang were Jesse Hallett, the only survivor of the band which rang the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Doubles in 1907, who, in spite of severe arthritis, climbed 36 rather steep steps for the first time in many years in order to ring, and enjoyed himself enormously; and Horace Taylor, whose service as Master, with his father's, together covered 53 years to 1950

It was indeed a great day for Batheaston ringers. As the hour for Evensong approached and the visitors gradually drifted away, eight of them remained, cheerfully ringing—better than in the morning, as the bells became more familiar—just Bob Triples, but full of ambition and hope for the future.

INSCRIPTION ON BELLS

Treble.—I speak for truth. Sursum Corda. John Taylor Loughborough. 1967. Weight: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in F.

Second.—I speak for charity. Cantate Domino. John Taylor, Loughborough 1967. Weight: 5 cwt 10 lb in E.

Third.—John Rudhall fecit 1824. Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Fourth.—Anno Domini 1634 A.T. I.G. W. I.L. (Anthony Townsend, John Gay, Churchwardens, John Lott.) Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Fifth.—Anno Domini 1634. A.T. I.G. W. I.L Weight: 8 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Sixth.—To God be the glory. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1967. Weight: 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in A.

Seventh.—John Rudhall fecit 1824 George Melsom Ambe Emerson. Churchwardens. Weight: 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Tenor.—John Rudhall fecit 1824. George Melsom Ambe Emerson. Churchwardens. Weight: 13 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

The mediæval bell (old fourth).—Virginis Egregie Vocor Campana Marie.

5,056 AQUITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

By W E. CRITCHLEY

23456	B	W	M	H
42635		—	—	3
63425		—		—
32654	X			
36524		—		2
62345	X			
34625		—		—
23645		—		
62534		—	—	3
24536			—	2
32546		—		3
43526		—		
52436		—		—
35426		—		
23456		—		3

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S HELPING HAND SCHEME

A BUSY and profitable half day was spent at Burnham and Stoke Poges on June 10th, where ringing at both towers catered for everyone, from those in the very elementary stages of learning to those in the advanced tages. Before and after the tower bell ringing the Association's set of handbells was put to good use. The handbells had a particular significance because they were just back from renovation in first-class style by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry; thus these very musical handbells, which were basically of high quality, are now in really excellent condition.

The invitation to the beautiful locations of Burnham and Stoke Poges originated from Mr A. D. Barker, who reminded us that it was nearly half a century since the Association had been there for an official meeting.

HELP TO WEAK TOWERS DISCUSSED

Although the business meeting was kept as short and brisk as possible, considerable objective discussion took place and the Standing Committee were left with a very clear impression of the way in which its activities should be directed in the months to come. From three separate and distinct sources came the urge for vigorous action to be taken to help those towers where the local company could benefit from additional competent support.

The Master (Mr H. W. Rogers) suggested that this could well be done if two main requirements were fulfilled:

(1). That the officers should be informed where and when help was required and that in fact it would be welcomed

(2). That individunal ringers would volunteer and form a nucleus of, say, a dozen strong, from which parties of three or more could be assigned to particular towers or groups of towers.

Naturally most of the officers and leading members were already doing this work, at least in their own towers, and as some recompense for the additional work the Master offered to arrange the occasional evening peal at suitable towers from this nucleus. Requests for and offers of help should be sent to H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, or by contact with any of the other Association officers.

Additionally, Association officers promised to provide instruction to ringers who visited them at: Chelsea or Isleworth on Friday evenings; Ealing, Christ Church, on Tuesday evenings; and Kensington, St. Mary Abbot's, on Thursday evenings.

"RINGING WORLD" LETTER

An anonymous letter had appeared in the current issue of "The Ringing World" principally on this subject, and the Master spoke appreciatively of the spirit which engendered this, but regretted the untrue twists which it contained, and chose to ignore these aspects of it. He naturally hoped that the writer and those associated with him would assist in the foregoing projected exercise. Why, however, should a writer hide his identity in among the eight and a half million people who can legitimately sign themselves "Londoner"?

Among the routine business which took place were the elections of Ronald Suckling, Miss Diane Mullins, Mrs. M. J. Foskett, Mrs. Sybil Aldridge and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swift.

TONBRIDGE RINGERS' WEDDING

TONBRIDGE Parish Church was decorated with flowers and the choir and bellringers were in their respective places on June 17th for the wedding of Mr. Raymond A. Large and Miss Margaret A. Ladd. The bride who wore a long dress of white kafka and lace (jonquils design) with bracelet-length bell-shaped sleeves and long train of lace falling from a high waist line, was given away by her father, Mr. Ernest J. Ladd. Her three-tier veil was held in place by a crown of pearls, and she carried a spray of orange roses and stephanotis.

The very inspiring service was conducted by Canon T. F. C Bewes, who during his short address to the couple thanked Ray for his work in the tower and in the church. While the register was being signed the choir sang "Rejoice in the Lord alway." The bells were rung before and after the service.

Chief bridesmaid was Miss Sally Cosstick (a very close friend of the bride) arrayed in a full-length dress of orange kafka and carrying mixed white flowers; also in attendance was the three-year-old goddaughter of the bride, Elizabeth Bissenden, in a lemon kafka dress with a Gainsborough basket of mixed white flowers. The best man was Mr. Anthony Rogers.

Over 60 guests were at the reception, which was held at the Rose and Crown, Tonbridge, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the bride and her father and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

The honeymoon is being spent in Sweden, the bride travelling in a turquoise dress, coat and hat trimmed with cream.

The bridegroom is secretary of the Tonbridge Parish Church bellringers, and the bride is secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild, and they received gifts from both.

In honour of the occasion a peal was rung at Edenbridge, but attempts at Tunbridge Wells and at Withyham were not successful.

The bride and bridesmaids' dresses were all made by the bride. Their future address will be: 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent.

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SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton (first on twelve) 4, L. C. Way 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. R. Pratt (first on twelve) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, M. J. Uphill 12. For Nave Evensong.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S 10th ANNUAL OUTING

ALL aboard for Abergavenny on May 20th at 5 a.m.—an unearthly hour, yes, but a bright, promising-looking morning to compensate the party for its valiant early rising. We were a well-assorted coachload—ringers, relatives and friends from Witney, Standlake, Eynsham, Wolvercote and various Oxford City towers. There was even a renegade from the O.U.S who'd got in somehow!

The weather became progressively less promising as the coach neared the Welsh border. On arrival at Abergavenny we stepped out into a comfortless combination of brilliant sun, patchy cloud and biting wind. What a spacious ringing chamber, and what glorious bells! Rounds went round merrily enough; Stedman Caters woudn't go at all; Grandsire proved far more amenable; and we finished up with a rousing touch of Bob Major.

Back to the coach and on to St. Mary's, Brecon. Here we were at the outset a little disturbed by a loud and intermittent thumping from somewhere overhead; the cause, fortunately, was nothing more formidable than an independent-spirited window, and we settled down with easy minds to our rounds, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The next item on the programme was lunch—a delectable meal of roast Welsh lamb at the Bishop's Meadows Restaurant; then on to St. Peter's, Carmarthen. From the coach-park the tower was plain enough to see, but how on earth was one supposed to get at it? By devious routes we eventually gained our objective and were able to enjoy a brief and eventful ring on the pleasant bright-toned eight—the very new ropes posing some interesting handling problems.

At Llanstephan we found a quiet, fast-going eight which seemed to exhibit a marked partiality for Stedman; the blue and gold sallies came in for plenty of admiration. Our last stop for the day was at St. Mary's, Tenby, where a rather weary party, alas, did not do justice to the bells. Rest and refreshment were by now our major requirements; abundant facilities for both were offered by our hotel, beautifully situated by Saundersfoot Bay.

The next morning, after a leisurely Sunday breakfast, we set off for service ringing—first at St. Florence, where we found the handy little six much to our taste, and were delighted to ring with the Vicar and two enthusiastic young members of his band, and then at Tenby, where, ringing with a band which has a formidable reputation for striking, we redeemed ourselves in, notably, some very nice Bob Major. There followed a bracing three-quarters of an hour during which we inspected Tenby in a howling gale. In true British fashion most of us strolled doggedly on the promenade, some even going so far as to venture on to the sand and fraternise with the gulls We returned, frozen and invigorated, to the hotel for an excellent lunch, after which—in a torrential downpour—we set off on the long journey to Llandaff, where we were to ring at the Cathedral. On these easy-going bells we brought our Stedman Caters round in reasonably good style When our official time was up some of us stayed on to ring with the local band for Evensong.

Homeward bound, we stopped at Chepstow to dine; then across the Severn Bridge in the half-light, and on to Tetbury for drinks; and then, amazingly soon, the coach was back in Oxfordshire and farewells were being said.

Sincere thanks are offered to the incumbents, to the ringers who met us, to the hotel staff, to our driver, who got us round and out of so many tight corners with such expertise, and last, but certainly not least, to Norman, the moving spirit. E. M. B.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN

Hethersett was the venue for the meeting of the Northern Branch on June 17th, the eight bells being rung before and after the service to a variety of methods, including rounds to London Major. A demonstration of lowering and raising in peal was given under the able leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M Cubitt.

The service was conducted by the Rev L. R Kingsbury, who emphasised that we as ringers must always bear in mind that the primary use of church bells is to the glory of God.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer spoke of the sudden death of Mr. W. Clover, who, he said, had been a member of the Association since 1910. The president, Mr. F. N. Golden, also paid tribute to Mr. Clover, saying that he had endeared himself to all who knew him. Mr. H. Tooke spoke of his wonderful ringing partnership with Mr. Clover, having rung together in 306 peals. In the month of January, 1938, they had taken part in peals of Kent Treble Bob Major from Minor to Maximus. The president also referred to the death of a former Hethersett ringer Mr. T. C. Crowe. Members stood in silence to their memory.

The Rev. E. G. Squires, Miss R. Sprunt and Miss J. Young, of Drayton, were elected ringing members, the Rev. and Mrs. L. R Kingsbury, Mrs. V. Alborough (Hethersett) honorary members, Miss M. Clarke Miss J Worthington, Miss E Slade (Intwood) probationers. The belfry election of Mr. A Salisbury was ratified.

The chairman thanked the Rev. L. R Kingsbury for conducting the service, Mrs. V Alborough for playing the organ, Mr. R. Lofty and his sister for arrangements made and serving tea, also the ringers' appreciation and thanks to the anonymous donor of an enjoyable tea. C. B

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Marlborough Branch held its June meeting at Aldbourne on June 17th. Due to various causes, the attendance from towers within the Branch was very poor, only one Chisledon, being represented besides the home tower. A compensation was the number of visitors present, who came from Wootton Bassett, Rodbourne Cheney, Trowbridge, Micheldean, Farnham and Chobham.

The Vicar (the Rev P. Chapman) conducted the Guild service and tea was prepared and served on the Vicarage lawn by Mrs. Jones, assisted by Mrs. F. Read and Mrs. G. Newman.

At the business meeting, with Mr. G. Newman in the chair, arrangements were discussed for the Branch outing in September to the Bridgwater area. Subject to permission, the next three monthly meetings will be at Chisledon Overton and Burbage with Milton Lilbourne. The vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman and ringing resumed under the direction of Mr. F. Read, Ringing Master

ST. ALBANS WITHOUT A SECRETARY

Thanks for his services and wishes for good luck in his new job were voiced to Mr Keith Walpole at the St. Albans District meeting at Radlett on June 17th. In consequence of his new employment Mr. Walpole has resigned the office of secretary. Names for an acting secretary are asked for at the next meeting.

Three of the Radlett band were proposed as members — David Major (ringing member), Michael Donnall and Lynn Woodward (probationers).

The presidential office was discussed and the secretary announced that he had prepared a list of dates for forthcoming District activities. Tower details were asked for in connection with the Central Council meeting in 1969.

There were votes of thanks to the ladies for the enjoyable tea, and to the Vicar

Next District meeting: July 15th at St. Michael's and the Abbey, followed in the evening by a barbecue. T. L. W.

ANALYSIS OF QUARTER PEALS RUNG IN 1966

By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

THE following analysis is taken from the quarter peal columns and contains the total number of quarter of each stage in county order, with a summary of the methods rung. These were rung in 1,603 different towers, of which 771 had only one quarter rung. In the Double and Minor stages I have had to generalise as it would be impossible to give the details of quarters rung in more than one method. They were mostly Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob and Another Minor. I have included Stedman Doubles in Other Methods as only 18 were rung.

Lympne (Kent) rang the most quarters with 43. With the exception of four, they were all Doubles up to 10 methods Addington (Surrey) were second with 42 Minor methods, of which only eight were Plain Bob. Of individual performances, the Marple band (Cheshire) rang 9-spliced Surprise Minor. Handbells are not included; a total of 29 was published.

COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1966

	Minimus	Doubles	Minor	Triples	Major	Caters	Royal	Cinques	Maximus	TOTAL
Bedfordshire		14	22	9	8		2			55
Berkshire		23	18	47	10	2			2	102
Bristol		23	15	13	7	1			1	60
Buckinghamshire		22	10	16	5	1				54
Cambridgeshire	1	13	20	8	1					43
Cheshire		19	17	5	11		1			53
Cornwall		28	5	27	10	2				72
Cumberland		2	3	1	1					7
Derbyshire		16	26	4	7					53
Devonshire		33	13	22	2	5	1	1		77
Dorset	1	52	14	11	8					86
Durham		5	6	3	5					19
Essex		39	54	34	33	13	7	4	1	185
Gloucestershire	1	35	16	20	1	3	1	2		79
Hampshire	1	83	39	38	12	10				183
Herefordshire		19	3	3		1	1			27
Hertfordshire		44	45	37	21	3	2			152
Huntingdonshire	4	9	33	1	3					50
Ireland		2	2	2		1				7
Isle of Wight		2	3	1						6
Kent	1	131	76	64	20	11				303
Lancashire		14	25	10	12	1	2	1	1	66
Leicestershire		11	16	11	5	3	2			48
Lincolnshire		9	12	11	9	2	1			44
London		19	23	41	19	26	5	3	2	138
Middlesex		15	14	31	9	4	1			74
Norfolk		10	23	15	12	1	5			66
Northamptonshire		25	26	7	12	2	2			74
Northumberland		2	3	1		1				7
Nottinghamshire	2	39	27	13	4	1	2			88
Overseas	1	10	11	7	6					35
Oxfordshire		31	25	17	6	1		2		82
Rutland	3	3	4							10
Scotland					2					2
Shropshire		9	8	6	3					26
Somerset	3	153	45	45	25	3	1			275
Staffordshire	4	17	22	15	9	4	4			75
Suffolk		30	50	4	15	1	2			102
Surrey		57	85	50	19	15	7	3	1	238
Sussex	1	60	17	36	17	2				133
Wales		52	14	22	5	2	2			97
Warwickshire	4	39	34	22	9	12				120
Westmorland		1	1							2
Wiltshire	1	34	11	19	4	6	1			76
Worcestershire		18	8	14	7	2				49
Yorkshire	1	36	54	7	41	1	3			143
TOTAL	29	1,308	999	770	415	143	55	16	8	3,743

DETAILS OF METHODS

Minimus	29
Grandsire Doubles	442
Plain Bob Doubles	317
Other Methods	61
2 Doubles	183
3 to 6 Doubles	235
7 to 11 Doubles	56
Over 11 Doubles	14
Plain Bob Minor	607
Surprise Minor	121
Kent Minor	53
Other Methods	53
2 Minor Methods	129
Over 2 Methods	36

Grandsire Triples	521
Plain Bob Triples	73
Stedman Triples	154
Other Methods	22
Plain Bob Major	223
Surprise Major	135
Other Methods	57
Grandsire Caters	105
Stedman Caters	34
Other Methods	3
TOTAL	3,743

Plain Bob Royal	38
Surprise Royal	10
Other Methods	8
Grandsire Cinques	6
Stedman Cinques	5
Other Methods	5
Plain Bob Maximus	2
Surprise Maximus	4
Other Methods	2

EDITORIAL NOTE.—Not all quarter peals submitted have been published, through pressure on our space or late presentation, but the number omitted is very small.

LETTERS

Birmingham Cathedral's Bells

DANGER WITH SCAFFOLDING

Dear Sir,—It is unfortunate that an attack should be made upon the ringers of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, without the facts being ascertained.

Your correspondent no doubt noticed the scaffolding around the tower of the Cathedral and had she asked would have been told that the architect had forbidden the bells to be rung while the upper part of the scaffolding around the cupola was still in position. A trial was made three months ago when the scaffolding was first erected, and it was found that the upper section moved to a dangerous extent when the bells were rung. Accordingly, they will not be rung again until this section of scaffolding is removed.

The band at St. Philip's has a very good Sunday service record under the leadership of Mr. G. Fearn, and had it been possible to ring the bells, doubtless your correspondent would have heard the full 12 being rung by Birmingham ringers.—Yours sincerely,

Kingswinford, Staffs. JOHN C. EISEL.

A REGULAR BAND

Dear Sir,—May I reply to the remarks made by Joan M. Coley about Birmingham Cathedral and ringers ("R.W." page 436). There has been no ringing at the Cathedral for the last eight or ten weeks. The dome and cupola have been swathed in scaffolding and we were asked not to ring while repairs were being done to the cupola and cross.

Incidentally, many of our ringers are on the phone. Had the lady cared to ring one of us she could have found out why the bells were silent on Trinity Sunday. There is certainly nothing wrong with **our** priorities. We may be keen peal ringers, but we are also very regular service ringers. Many of us ring at both the Cathedral and St. Martin's on Sundays, when Cinques and Maximus can be heard in the city.—Yours faithfully,

MURIEL REAY.

Northfield, Birmingham.

AN APOLOGY TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, please extend to the members of the St. Martin's (Birmingham) Guild of Bell Ringers my sincere apologies for a very unfortunate mistake made by me in accusing them of failing to ring for the ordination service on Trinity Sunday. I admit that I was too hasty and that I should have made sure of my facts, and I ask them to accept my apologies for any distress caused to the members of the band. I sincerely hope that the bells will soon be usable again.—Yours faithfully,

JOAN M. COLEY.

Rowley Regis.

ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—Many of your readers will have noticed the absence of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, from your peal columns in recent weeks. Some of them may know the reason, but for the many that do not the fact is that the bells have not been rung at since mid-April.

Essential maintenance work upon the Cathedral roof was extended to that of the tower, and scaffolding was erected. There is considerable movement of the upper stages of the tower when the bells are rung, and the engineer in charge, after a demonstration, asked that the bells be not rung while the scaffolding was around the upper stages of the tower, for safety's sake.

This scaffolding is very obvious, and could hardly have escaped the notice of your correspondent. I am accordingly surprised that she wrote her letter without first attempting to find out all the facts, which would not have been very difficult.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

Variety in Doubles

Dear Sir,—In 1964 the publication of the "Doubles Collection" was regarded in this area (and in most parts of the country) as the solution to problems limiting the progress of struggling bands. Too few of our tower captains realise that variety is the only carrot that encourages a band, and that indifferently-struck "Jack-a-Napes Doubles" or "Blunderbus Doubles" are more likely to maintain or increase the attendance of intelligent young people than is a weekly dose of immaculate "Grandsire Doubles."

Of particular interest to the young band in the Fawley area was the section of unnamed methods on page 530 in "The Ringing World," issue No. 2,784. It was determined to provide this "Bob Doubles" band with a specific target named "Fawley Doubles," and for obvious reasons an "All Saints" variation was practised. The encouraging result is that every member of the band is now able to participate in a touch of the method. However, it was with dismay that we found in the 1966 revised collection on page 183, issue No. 2,865, that the name "Sturdy Hill" had been suggested for this method. Perusal of the peal columns of "The Ringing World" published since then (a lengthy task) has yielded no mention of the name "Sturdy Hill," and subsequently a communication to Geoffrey K. Dodd has elicited the reply that there is no objection to our initial name of "Fawley Doubles." Hence a modest quarter peal was accomplished on June 5th, containing two "first quarter peals."

I hope that the Exercise will bear with our little foibles. I can assure everyone that many young ringers in a distant country tower have been encouraged by the above. No doubt there will be a sprinkling of dissenters who will write to suggest that it would have been more progressive to have "bashed" our way through "Cambridge and London." I will anticipate this by saying that a Sunday Doubles band might, given encouragement, "ring" a quarter of Surprise in the future.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK C. JACKSON.

Totton, Hants.

REPLY TO SEMI-LEARNERS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter from five "semi-learners" in the issue of June 23rd. I know none of them, but I do appreciate that they have come upon a very trying stage in their progress.

I neither know nor want to know the people who are the cause of the grievance. Surely these are not names we see regularly in "The Ringing World"?

But to our five friends I offer some advice which I sincerely hope will be of use:—

Firstly, do not be put off—such ringers as these are, happily, in the minority.

Secondly, travel around more. If the tower you go to rings **only** S. Major don't go there if you are not happy on even S. Minor! If there are five of you it should not be difficult to get transport to enable you to find what I would call a good practice tower.

Finally, keep up your homework! All ringing should be by rhythm and hence if your Plain Bob striking is good, providing you know the theory of Surprise, etc., you will be able to strike that too!—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES F. POCOCK.

West Kirby, Wirral.

TRIBUTE TO EXPERIENCED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear that Shirley, John, Anthony, Paul and Delphine (page 436) have only come across experienced ringers who grumble and will not help learners and "semi-learners." All the experienced ringers I myself have met have been only too keen to help in any way that they can. Admittedly, some have shouted as if they were angry, but they very rarely are; it is just their way of helping a struggling beginner through an incomprehensible maze of ropes and numbers. If a learner is given nothing but praise, however bad the ringing, he or she will think "Oh, I'm marvellous. I don't need to improve my ringing. The occasional cross word in the right place helps enormously, though I do agree that too many cross words can be very discouraging.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN RICHARDSON.

Haresfield, Glos.

NOTES (OR TONES) IN A BELL

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Canon Gilbert Thurlow and Mr. Robert Hardy for their letters ("R.W." May 26th, page 358 and June 23rd, page 437), which followed Canon Thurlow's article and my letter.

Recently, on the best authority, I was told that there is really no limit to the number of notes—tones—in a bell. Over forty were found in one bell and then the test was abandoned!—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe.

MORE MARCH HARE MADNESS

Dear Sir,—As you may already be aware, I have a little bell fixed to the top of my hat. Yesterday, in one hour and twenty minutes, I managed to nod my head 5,040 times, and I was wondering if you could let me have a peal-card for this. For your records, the peal was composed and conducted by myself and, owing to membership difficulties, was rung non-association.—Yours faithfully,

"Toyland." NODDY.

TOLLER WHELME

Dear Sir,—Apropos the bells of Toller Whelme, Dorset, Canon Raven, "Church Bells of Dorset," 1904, from "Proceedings—Dorset Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club," page 61, gives: "No. 20: Toller Whelme, St. John. **Four(!)** very small bells placed in the church c. 1870."—Yours sincerely,

Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

The Truth About Gospel Oak

Dear Sir,—I must refute your correspondent Harold Lawrence's sensational exposé (June 23rd), for I am who I say I am, and it was my letter you published concerning the recent peal at Gospel Oak.

I find this Mr. Lawrence's dramatic, defamatory accusation intolerable, and I request an immediate public apology from your correspondent, whoever he may be, and from the publishers of "The Ringing World." As far as I am aware, no attempt was made to contact me prior to the publication of Mr. Lawrence's letter, despite the fact that I am a postal subscriber to your journal, am listed on the St. Pancras N.W.5 electoral roll and am shown as a member of St. Mary's, Hendon, band in the 1965–6 Middlesex Association annual reports.

I have never written to "The Ringing World" hiding behind a pseudonym; and if anyone dares to use my name for a scurrilous purpose I will take such action as is necessary to ensure that there is no similar repetition. Neither has any letter or article submitted by me to "The Ringing World" or any other publication contained deliberately erroneous or misleading information.

Sir, my previous letter, stating what I consider was an irresponsible and ill-advised peal at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, was not a hoax, neither was it a fabrication of falsehoods.

I was invited to join a working party organised by George Hart and Ruth Foreman (who was tower captain at St. Martin's when ringing was discouraged three years ago) to check the bells and fittings prior to the bells being rung at the request of the new Vicar for his induction service. A lot of hard, grimy work was performed by George, Ruth, Dianne Gazeley and myself getting the bells into good ringing order. The ex-Hendon/Finchley ropes were adjusted, all bearings lubricated and loose bolts tightened, besides much cleaning-up. And being mindful of the local residents' opposition which had previously caused the bells to fall silent, we experimented with a number of temporary sound-reducing measures. Our final choice was gaiters of an old motor car inner-tube attached to the clappers with draw-strings and filled with various amounts of corrugated cardboard. We estimated that these would last for the half-hour of ringing prior to the induction service, and for a limited amount of Sunday service ringing afterwards by a team possibly recruited from other towers in the district. This is certainly not a case of the bells being "permanently muffled," as Mr. Hutchinson would have your readers believe in his somewhat pharisaical letter.

To my knowledge there are three active change ringers living within close proximity to St. Martin's; two are in the valiant little band that endeavours to maintain Evensong service ringing on the ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and the eight at St. Anne's, Highgate. I joined Ruth Foreman's band at St. Mary's, Hendon, at a time when it was a predominantly ladies' band, and it was unreasonable to expect young girls to raise and lower the rather heavy-going 16 cwt. tenor for Sunday service ringing. Also, to be quite frank, I had come from Turramurra to England to improve my method ringing, and Hendon offered the greatest need to be fulfilled concomitant with opportunities to ring more advanced methods. So it is unlikely that an "instant" team can be poured into St. Martin's, but other North London towers will undoubtedly provide encouragement to the formation and augmentation of a team there.

Mr. Hutchinson states he "called attention to two broken stays, indications of the neglect and misuse the bells have suffered recently." We checked the fittings after the induction service and found them to be in sound condition. I understand that the only time the bells were raised between then and the ringing of the peal was when the tower was opened for the U.L.S.C.R. annual meeting, so I can only assume that the damage was done then. Moreover, Mr. Hutchinson's ignorance of the situation is illustrated in that it was the stay of the treble and the slider of the second that were fractured. These were removed at the Vicar's request by George Hart: I took them to the Whitechapel Foundry this week, collected them this morning and fitted them this afternoon. I shall be pleased to receive the nett material cost of the new stay and slider, £2 3s. 6d., from the U.L.S.C.R. or those persons responsible.

Sir, I am sorry to have had cause to write a letter such as this, and at such length, but I feel that this subject, having been plunged into a misleading smokescreen of correspondence, should be clarified as soon as possible, and my name redeemed.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER KNIGHT.

Note.—The Editor, in expressing his deep regret, apologises to Mr. Knight for any reflection on his character by the letter signed by Harold Lawrence, which he accepted in good faith. He trusts that the writer will have the courage to apologise publicly.

THE START OF THE BAND

Dear Sir,—As my name has been mentioned in two recent letters concerning the peal at Gospel Oak, I am writing to summarise facts known to me.

Firstly, for Mr. Hutchinson's information, I am Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Hendon.

A few years ago the then incumbent of St. Martin's, the Rev. St. Aubrey, approached the secretary of the Middlesex Association for an instructor for a new band at this tower. Mr. Lock asked me if I would take it on, in addition to Hendon, and I agreed to try. Dr. Neal Smith had done some work on the bells just prior to this, and with some help from the Hendon ringers and others a band was started.

The bells are a pleasant six, but very noisy outside. Many protests were made by local residents, with justification, and practice was restricted to one hour a week, from 7-8, with service ringing on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately most of the learners did not stick, although they were enthusiastic enough at one time to raise most of the sum of nearly £100 required to cover necessary repairs, etc., to the bells. To this sum, the Middlesex Association also made a grant.

Ringing at St. Martin's ceased about three years ago, but in April a new incumbent, coming from the Harrow area, was inducted. George Hart is steeple keeper at Harrow Weald and a District chairman of the Middlesex Association. Prior to the induction of the new Vicar, he and Walter Knight, together with myself and Dianne Gazeley from Hendon, spent two long evenings in St. Martin's belfry, greasing bearings, smoothing sliders and generally "going over" the bells and ropes (these ropes originally coming from the Hendon and Finchley belfries). Walter experimented with sound control, and finally utilised an inner tyre for this purpose. The bells were rung for the induction, to the Vicar's delight, the inner tyre being a great success. When we left the belfry there were no broken stays, but one or two ropes had stretched during the ringing. During this last week, Walter has had repaired the broken stay and slider, reported by the U.L.S.C.R., at his own expense.

I should like to point out that the foregoing are statements of fact, and are made in the hope of avoiding further acrimonious correspondence.—Yours faithfully,

RUTH M. FOREMAN.

Hendon.

GET BACK TO RINGING

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written over the past few weeks about the problem of hoaxes, and I am reluctant to labour what must now be a well-worn topic. However, I hope you will allow me to make a few commonsense remarks.

In the first place, whilst one has to admit the utter childishness of these incidents, their great worry and inconvenience to the Editor, the fact remains that the great majority of ringers take absolutely no notice of these hoaxes; they were mildly amusing at first, but the novelty has worn off a bit now. The most sensible course of action is to ignore hoaxes; forget the whole thing, and allow it to die a natural death. As was pointed out recently, causing a song and dance about the occurrence of these incidents only encourages the hoaxers even more; it gives them the notice and attention they want.

I deplore the mass hysteria over the matter shown both at the Central Council meeting and in the "R.W." recently. In particular, there has been a tendency to associate individuals, or groups of individuals with the outbreak; the evidence is very much to the contrary. One such case was a letter by Walter Knight (a well-known ringer in this area, who has done much restoration work at Gospel Oak and other towers) claimed by a recent "R.W." correspondent to be a hoax, and attributed to a certain party, as far as I could see, without a shred of evidence. This kind of hysteria only worsens matters, encouraging the hoaxers, and raising all kinds of nasty, often ill-founded suspicions in people's minds as to those responsible.

So, **please**, let's forget all about hoaxes, and concern ourselves with the more important business of ringing.—Yours faithfully,

TED SHORT.

London, N.W.5.

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TOURS AND OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S ROUGHAM

THE ringers of St. Mary's, Rougham, chose for their outing this year the county of Somerset (so renowned for its magnificent towers with bells to match) with Yeovil for their base. Friday at 9 a.m. saw a coach-load of 38 leaving Rougham, including ringers from Thetford, Elveden, Barrow and Bramford, and non-ringing friends.

The first stop was to visit the grave of Sir Winston Churchill at Bladon, afterwards ringing at the adjoining town of Woodstock at the gates of Blenheim Palace. On Saturday, May 27th, an early start was made to the tour, and a Yeovil ringer, Mr. Farthing, kindly accompanied us all day as guide and made the journey more interesting with information on local history and personalities.

Our first tower was at Somerton, a town with a history going back to Saxon times and having a fine Warner ring of six. After passing Weary-all Hill, with its legendary association with Joseph of Arimathea and the Glastonbury Thorn, we reached St. Benedict's, Glastonbury (another six with a 13 cwt. tenor, which we noticed were very quiet both inside and outside the tower). The chancel here is noteworthy, having been recently renovated.

West Pennard was the next stop—a charming village with a fine Tudor manor house adjoining the Church of St. Nicholas. The 500-year-old tower is a very fine one and there is a good carved screen, also a fine example of the Royal Arms in freshly painted heraldic colours. The bells are a heavy six with a tenor of 24 cwt.

Onward to Shepton Mallet, a town with a traffic problem at holiday time, where after a satisfying lunch at the Red Lion Hotel, we felt ready to tackle anything. The market cross here is one of the finest in England. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is magnificent with a beautifully-carved oak roof and good fan vaulting inside the base of the tower. The Vicar, who is himself a ringer, informed us with pardonable pride that the tower, dating from 1318, is the prototype for all the best towers in Somerset and the bells are a fine-sounding eight (tenor 25 cwt.).

Our next stop was at the very interesting Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury at Pylle—an old British word meaning a tidal creek. This is the Guild church of the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen, and practically everything, including the electric light fittings and the cross and candlesticks, was made in the village or vicinity. The bells were restored and augmented in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation of our present Queen.

We arrived at Ditcheat in heavy rain but ringing the well-known eight in a well-kept ringing chamber was a pleasant experience. A very welcome tea was taken in the skittle alley of the adjoining Green Tree Inn. This church is remarkable for the amazing record of the Leir family, members of which were successively Rectors of the parish from 1699 to 1891. The grand reading desk was made from their pew as a memorial.

The next tower, at North Cadbury, was one of the highlights of the tour. An avenue of beech trees leads to the 15th century church and the gabled Elizabethan house. The six bells (tenor 19¼ cwt.) cannot be hurried, and a steady beat brings out their majestic tone in all its beauty.

Our last call was at South Cadbury, where Cadbury "Castle" commands a view over half the county and has legendary associations with King Arthur. The next day being Sunday we rang for and attended morning service at Hardington Mandeville, where the late Rector of Rougham, the Rev. Paul Greaves, lies in the churchyard.

A start was made for home after lunch and a tired but happy party arrived at Rougham at 9 p.m. The organisation was admirably carried out by the indefatigable secretary, Leslie Wright, to whom suitable acknowledgment was made. C. W. H.

STOKE POGES

A learner on his first outing is entrusted with the task of writing the report of Stoke Poges ringers' outing on May 13th.

He tells of the scramble so that his wife and children reach the coach on time, and the homage at the grave of Sir Winston Churchill at Bladon. Ringing on the tower bells was not permitted, but an impressive course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

The long, steep ladder access to the ringing chamber at Tackley was a surprise. On leaving, someone found a tearful child at the top of the ladder, too frightened to move—"it had to be one of mine," adds our correspondent. Standard methods were rung at Deddington before proceeding to Great Tew for a picnic lunch and ringing. "My performance marred the Bob Major. This is a tower I must visit again," he adds.

The long, spiral stairs climb was worth it at Burford, where an immaculate touch of Stedman was rung by the elder brethren, but the Double Norwich was not so good. Tea followed here and Mr. A. D. Barker, the Ringing Master for the day, thanked the churchwarden, Mr. Hartley, for his assistance in bringing about the outing..

Evening ringing was at Witney and Eynsham. Next door to the latter church there is a pub. "Through those doors I am no longer a learner. Four members entertained us to tunes on handbells, followed by touches of Stedman and Grandsire. What a lovely end to a perfect day!"

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS

It is now 17 years since Jack Scott first arranged an outing for the St. Giles', Totternhoe, ringers. He has done this without once revisiting a tower.

On May 20th the towers visited were in the Mendip Hills, calling at St. John's, Devizes (a very nice eight of 19½ cwt. in a light and interesting church), on the way.

Our first Somerset tower was St. Gregory's in the pretty village of Beckington. After lunch at Frome, on to Mells (a 26 cwt. eight hung in a fine West Country tower). The back six were raised in peal and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Triples followed.

The 15th century Perpendicular tower at St. Giles', Leigh-on-Mendip, has a ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt.), and a good course of London was rung here. A short ride over the Mendips brought us to Wells and tea at the White Hart Hotel.

A visit to the Cathedral (a superb example of English 13th century Gothic) and the Bishop's Palace was a much appreciated part of the schedule. Reluctantly we left Wells to ring on the musical six at St. Nicholas', Radstock, ending with a course of Norwich Surprise.

Many thanks to Jack Scott for making all arrangements and we hope the next 17 outings will be as enjoyable. J. S.

The peal of 5,056 Plain Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Swansea, on June 10th, was rung for the centenary of the Church of St. James, Swansea.

ST. LUKE'S (CHELSEA) TOUR

THIS year's tour was held in Norfolk and Suffolk, with headquarters in Beccles. We were lucky to have as our organiser Helen Maltman, who, having a good knowledge of the area, was able to provide us with a most varied and interesting selection of towers.

Monday, April 3rd, was our first full day of the tour, with ringing at Thetford, Elvedon, Mildenhall and Ixworth, where a "ladies' touch" of Bob Minor was rung. Tuesday was a poor day weatherwise, but we managed to forget this whilst ringing at Quidenham, Diss (home tower of Mr. Bert Harrison, who joined us for most of the week), and South Lopham. A few members also managed to ring at North Lopham.

Porridge for breakfast on Wednesday worked wonders for "Jafus" and he joined the rest of the company in ringing at Pulham St. Mary (where we were also joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gogle), Lowestoft, Pakefield and Gorleston. Plain and Little Bob Spliced was conquered that day and in the evening the majority of the party went to join the Great Yarmouth ringers at their practice and were delighted to see George Fletcher looking so fit and well.

SHIVERING AT EVERY BLOW

Cotton was our first (and most unusual) tower on Thursday. This is a ground-floor ring with one side of the tower open to the point of the arch. Add to this a cold, rainy day, and the result was a group of overdressed ringers shivering at every blow and ranging in appearance from a Sandeman Port advertisement to "milking time down on the farm." Framsden, Debenham, Eye and Stradbroke were on the programme.

Our first towers on Friday were Redenhall and Fressingfield, where we were joined at lunch by the delightful old Vicar. In the afternoon we rang at Wilby and Worlingworth, where the Vicar joined us in call changes. A ring at Beccles itself was specially arranged for us on Friday evening, and hearty thanks are due here to Mr. Goate, who allowed us to change the time of ringing and who put up with us on two Sundays for service ringing. The most enjoyable ringing here was Jack Phillips' "Breakfast Touch No. 2" of Stedman Caters, composed over a bowl of cornflakes.

And so to Saturday, our final day, with ringing first at Saxlingham Nethergate, where our friends of old, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stimson, Glynis and Janet, joined us. St. John de Sepulchre's, Norwich, gave us our only chance to ring in the city and despite the quietness of the bells, good striking was heard. A magnificent lunch had been prepared for us by Mr. and Mrs. Maltman (Helen's parents) and our gratitude was expressed wholeheartedly to them.

A well thought-out route enabled us to get clear of the city quickly, and from here on the party split into two groups—one attempted a quarter peal at Diss, which unfortunately did not succeed, and the remainder went to Hethersett. Here, with the much appreciated help of the local ringers, our learners were put through their paces.

Saturday night was quiet, as several people were getting ready for an early start home on Sunday—Kate Branson to Edinburgh via Derby, and Jean Weddell to Cardiff. After ringing at Beccles for Matins, the remainder of the party set off for London, arriving in plenty of time to ring at Chelsea for Evensong.

Methods rung during the day included Plain Bob—Minor, Major and Royal; Spliced Plain and Little Bob; Grandsire Doubles Triples and Caters; Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters; Double Court Minor; Kent—Minor, Major and Royal; Oxford—Minor, Major and Royal; Cambridge—Minor and Major; Yorkshire Major; and Double Norwich Major.

Finally, our thanks must go to the incumbents, local ringers, and not least to our hotel manager and his wife and staff at Beccles, who survived looking after us for the week.

M. R. W.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,280 Doubles (seven methods): M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HOPE

A vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. J. Hope, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, died on June 6th, aged 90.

Mr. Hope learned to ring at Fairford in his early teens and saw the local band ringing Double Norwich during his term as captain. He collected the money needed to recast and rehang Fairford bells in 1927 and more recently collected the money needed to rehang Siddington bells while he was living there. He had rung and conducted a number of peals.

On June 9th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to his memory by G. W. Burge 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Mrs. J. Tucker 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 5, F. J. Lewis, jun. 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, R. G. Pearson 8.

MR. G. W. REED

The death has taken place in St. Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall, of George Whitfield Reed at the age of 59. George Reed was born and brought up at Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil and learned to ring on the six bells there, his father being captain at the tower. Later he left for Surrey and was a member of the All Saints', Benhilton, band; he afterwards lived in London.

About eight years ago he moved to Carbis Bay to take over as maintenance manager at the Carrack Gladden Hotel, where he rang as often as duties permitted, but more recently he had been regular at both service and practice ringing. He had taken special delight to help with the training of several young ringers.

The funeral took place at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay, on June 17th, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. The chief mourners were the widow and two daughters. Others present were Mesdames A. S. Roberts and T. Sullivan. Miss M. L. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles and Kevin Lucock and Mr. F. B. Ditcher.

The previous evening, at the usual practice, when the body was resting in the church, touches were rung half-muffled by the local band assisted by Mr. E. H. Langley, and as the funeral cortege left the church the bells were again rung by Jill Temby, Kay Temby, Ruth Scott, Karen Lucock, Susan Copping, John Copping, Kevin Lucock, Mrs. T. Sullivan, Miss M. L. Lidgey and H. Miles. As the coffin was lowered into the grave and the Vicar recited the committal, the background of the half-muffled bells George Reed had grown to love so much gave their last farewell from the hands of several young people he had helped with the early stages of method ringing. May he rest in peace. A. S. R

MR. HAROLD A. ROLES

The ringers of St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, regret to announce the death on June 15th of Mr. Harold A. Roles, captain of St. Thomas's ringers for many years.

Although he had been ill on and off for the last two years he always attended ringing when health permitted. Besides being tower captain he was chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and was at one time a Ringing Master. In other fields he did much work for the Eventide organisation in Salisbury and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral took place on June 19th at St. Thomas's Church, Salisbury, where the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge) read the lesson. The bells were rung before and after the service and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in the evening by members and friends of the local band. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their loss.

THE LADIES GUILD

Devon District

Mrs. H. Boobier (vice-president) presided at the annual general meeting of the Devon District held at South Brent, which followed the Guild form of service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Vesey) and tea at a local hotel. Mrs. P. Pavey and Mrs. G. E. Retter are to serve on the Central Committee, and the other officers were re-elected. Miss C. Maxwell Jones, of Hartley, was elected a member. Diptford bells (another easy-going six) were rung in the evening under the supervision of Mrs. G. E. Retter (Ringing Master).

Future meetings: Newton St. Cyres in August, Stoke Damerel in November (subject to permission).

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Malmesbury on June 10th, when there was a good representation of members and friends. It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs. J. S. King, vice-president for South Wales District, who was invited to chair the meeting which followed the service and tea. Miss Elizabeth Davis (Bath) and Mrs. Gloria Wilshire (Warmley, Bristol) were elected members. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist, Mr. Harold Blacker and Mrs. Billings and her helpers who had prepared tea.

Next practice meeting: Trowbridge, Wednesday, July 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Please see "Ringing World" for confirmation of all dates of future meetings. B. J.

JOINT MEETING AT KILLAMARSH

Despite the somewhat smaller than usual attendance, the joint meeting between the Sheffield and District Society and the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association held at Killamarsh on June 3rd proved to be quite enjoyable with some quite good ringing on the ground-floor six.

After tea, excellently prepared by the local company, the Chesterfield District held a very short meeting, during which Richard Dexter and Steven Clarke (Wingerworth) and Patricia Mason (Staveley) were elected members. Advance notice was also given of the forthcoming District outing to Stratford-on-Avon on August 5th.

M. P. P.

TOTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A modest but none the less encouraging achievement on May 22nd was the completion of a quarter peal at Brockenhurst, Hants, by a band composed entirely of members and ex-members of Totton Grammar School. During the past few years several members of Totton Grammar School have been taught to handle at local towers and many are now able to participate in the weekly quarter peal attempts and in the monthly advanced method practices organised by Mr. J. Hartless, mainly at Lyndhurst.

The result of the former is to introduce many local ringers to multi-Doubles and Spliced Plain Minor ringing, and the letter has underlined the importance of Plain Bob methods saving several ringers initially from the depredations of Grandsire. A by-product of the latter was the introduction of the Lyndhurst captain, Mr. P. East, to change ringing in 1966, and a Fawley band were recently able to ring in his first quarter peal and congratulate him on his striking. The arrival of Mr. I. Trueman and his election as Romsey captain has coincided with an upsurge of enthusiasm amongst the younger members of his tower who have participated in these activities. The future progress of this tower seems assured.

In terms of statistics, over 52 quarter peals have been attempted by bands in these towers since 1966, including two sets of "four-in-a-day." In those successfully brought round 12 have rung their first quarter peal, there are 114 "first in the method," and 20 of "first as conductor." To maintain standards, especially with younger bands, the aim of constant recruitment and instruction has been implemented by the tower captains concerned. Against the successes must be weighed the overwhelming wastage rate. Amongst others, 22 out of 25 Totton Grammar School ringers have been lost from Eling, and seven out of 15 from Fawley, but the achievements and interest of those who remain more than outweight the transitory pangs at the thought of the hours of instruction wasted.

Much credit for the progress of the Grammar School ringers belongs to Mr. L. D. Smith, the tower captain at Fawley, whose cheerful and wholehearted encouragement has the tangible result of an average attendance of 25 at his weekly practice night. Members of Totton Grammar School are now regular Sunday service attenders here. D. C. J.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Next annual meeting of the Lancashire Association will be at Accrington on April 27th.

The economic price of producing the report of the Sussex County Association was not 15s. a rope, as stated in our report of the A.G.M., but 15s. per copy.

Mr. J. Wills, vice-president of the Kent County Association, is in St. Saviour's Hospital, Seabrook, Hythe, Kent. I am sure he would be pleased to hear from his ringing friends, who wish him a speedy recovery.

The band who rang the peal at Coleman's Hatch on June 24th is indebted to Martin Howe, who stood in at very short notice to replace a Kent member whose arrangements got in a haze.

There is a young man called Jack—
And there's but one thing of him I require,
That when I peal a bell,
My name he will spell
With "E, A" not "E, D" in the centyre!

Three generations of the Thorley family rang in a quarter peal of Doubles at Twywell, Northants, on June 27th. Three methods were rung—Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and the band was: Katharine M. Thorley 1, James Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 3, Stephen B. Bell 4, Frank E. Coales 5. Although he rang his first peal 40 years ago, it was the first quarter of Doubles for grandfather on the second.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Long Wittenham was Clive W. Temperton and not as printed.

There was an error in the caption of the Central Council meeting (page 431). In place of Mr. J. M. Jelley should read Mr. James R. Taylor (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association).

We learn that Mr. "Bill" Pitcher, Adelaide, owing to pressure on his time, has given up the editorship of "Ringing Towers." All familiar with this journal will regret his resignation; he has done a wonderful job. "Ringing Towers" will now be produced from Sydney.

An appeal launched by the ringers of Great Glen, Leicester, to buy new bells and repair existing ones has been closed down after objections by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Turner, who said the church had "more urgent needs." The ringers were hoping to raise £1,500, and nearly £500 had already been donated. This, states a newspaper report, is being returned.

Mr. George Foster, late captain at Southwell Minster, who is now living in retirement with his daughter in London, is in Ward F.1, Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill Road, London, S.E.18, having suffered a slight stroke. He is making a fair recovery. The best wishes of all ringers in the Southwell Diocesan Guild are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

COLCHESTER'S MAYOR

In connection with our brief announcement of Alderman E. P. (Ted) Duffield being elected Mayor of Colchester for the ensuing year and, on the same day, elected an alderman of the borough a correspondent sends us the following interesting details of his association with the Exercise:—

A former Master of both the College Youths and the Essex Association, he was until recently a very capable performer on the heavy end, although he is equally at home on any bell. His peals must number several hundred, many of them rung with the famous Pye brothers of Essex and include the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. A large proportion was rung on the higher numbers and he has rung a peal on nearly every 12-bell ring in the country.

A native of Norfolk, where his father and brothers were well-known ringers, he moved to Colchester in 1926 and joined the band at St. Peter's, being leader for many years. In spite of his "three score years and ten," Ted still enjoys ringing when time and his many other activities permit, and still rings a bell to a peal faultlessly.

Another field in which he has reached national prominence is that of croquet playing. Recently he was elected vice-president of the Croquet Association after holding office as chairman and member of the association council On the local scene he has been largely responsible for the development of the Colchester Croquet Club, now one of the strongest in the country.

A member of the borough council for many years, he is particularly interested in education and has been chairman of the education committee in recent years. As a token of esteem and in honour of his election as first citizen of Colchester, seven of his ringing friends joined with "Ted" in ringing a quarter peal of his favourite Major method, Superlative, at St. Peter's on June 18th.

THE AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL

While the official report of the annual festival of the Australian and New Zealand Association held at Ballarat and Bendigo is not yet to hand, we learn that it was a great success and was attended by a company of 60 ringers. Proceedings started on the Saturday with the annual meeting and dinner at Ballarat and on the Sunday and Monday activities were transferred to Bendigo.

At Evensong at St. Paul's, Bendigo, the board, commemorating the peal rung by the Great Adventure II party, was dedicated. This was followed by a progressive dinner, starting from the home of Mr. Bill Robertson, captain of the Bendigo ringers and president of the Victoria Branch of the Association In 20 cars the 60 then descended on the home of John and Monica Collins, who had the assistance of another Guildford Guild ringer, Pam Warren, of Merrow After an hour the cavalcade headed for Travis Wilson's home for sweets and coffee and a social evening.

Monday was the boys' turn with a barbecue at Lake Eppaloch. A tent was provided for the wet canteen, four big gas barbecues cooked the chops and snags (sausages) merrily. Four tables were laden with goodies and another stove provided boiling water for tea and the soup kitchen. This was the first festival held outside a State capital and the "provincials" received warm congratulations upon putting on such a good show.

THREE MONTHS IN THE STATES

Mr. Geoffrey R. Marchant writes that his three months' stay in the States was made all the more enjoyable by very warm welcomes at Washington Cathedral and at Groton School. Rick Dirksen arranged a quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Triples on his first visit but unfortunately this was lost after about 20 minutes' ringing (on the "silenced" bells). Had the attempt been successful it would have been the first of Grandsire Triples for most of the band. Luckily they were able to score a success a few weeks later.

Determined not to miss the chance of ringing on these bell "open," Mr. Marchant flew up from Atlanta on Sunday, April 30th, and this time there were no less than three "foreigners" present—Geoff Davis (Birmingham, now on a three-year university course at Boston), Mr. F. G. Rawson (Windsor, on an extended holiday at Windsor, Connecticut) and himself. Geoff Davis turned the tenor in for a course of Bob Major, the first time the tenor has been turned in "open," we were informed.

At Groton on May 7th Mr. Marchant was welcomed by Mr. Russell Young and rang Stedman Triples on the back eight and call changes on the ten.

An invitation to lunch with the school was gratefully accepted, and then back to Boston for a visit to Advent Church and a quick look at the bells. Unfortunately the offer of money for restoring these bells was never accepted but, in the gloom, the fittings did not appear to be in an extremely bad state. The bells are chimed by ropes attached to the clappers but sound to be a very tuneful ring—has anyone any further details?

U.B.S.C.R. SUMMER REUNION

Fewer non-residents attended the U.B.S.C.R.'s summer reunion in Bristol than for some years. Nevertheless the week-end proved very successful. Peal attempts were introduced for the first time and three peals were scored. The rest of the time was packed with activity. A most enjoyable outing in Monmouthshire in ideal weather was followed by the usual skittles evening, the residents again being thrashed by over 30 pins. At the Corporate Communion on Sunday the Lord Mayor of Bristol found time to celebrate and also joined the visitors at breakfast. It is rumoured that the residents celebrated the disappearance of the Society grandfathers with a riotous farewell party to round off the week-end.

KINGSTON'S GREAT LEAP FORWARD

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, has now fulfilled the hope expressed recently in this column that eight-bell ringing would soon be the norm for Sunday service ringing (after years of six-bell efforts only). Grandsire Triples are now rung regularly on Sundays, and even the imminent departure of two members will not affect this unduly. The reason is Kingston's deliberately aggressive approach to recruitment and training, which has in less than two years doubled membership to over 30 and increased the number of eight-bell ringers from five to eleven.

A new captain, Bernard Stone, will soon take over, with the declared objective of building up to regular ten-bell Sunday ringing in the not too distant future. We wish you well, Bernard!

JUNE 18th, 1967, AT EAST ILSLEY

June 18th is a very historical date, being the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, and this year it was also a big day for the Hibbert family of East Ilsley, being the 90th birthday of Mrs. Florence Sanderson, youngest sister of the late Tom and "Buffer" Hibbert, quite well-known ringers in their day. Mrs. Sanderson is the aunt of Cyril and Marjorie Hibbert, Edward Sneller and Dick Wells, and her erring nephew William, and great-aunt of "Tich" and John Hibbert.

On June 18th a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at her native church by Patricia Hibbert 1, Cyril J. Hibbert 2, Marjorie Hibbert 3, Edward Sneller 4, Eileen Wilson 5, James Wilson 6, John Hibbert (cond.) 7, and Richard Wells 8, six of the band being relatives.

It was a very happy day for Mrs. Sanderson, as she received plenty of good wishes and callers, who drank quaffs of homemade wine and toasted a wonderful young lady of 90. William Hibbert was unfortunately unable to get to Ilsley but would like to be associated with the happy occasion.

A.G.M. AT ST. LUKE'S COLLEGE

The first annual general meeting of the newly-formed St. Luke's College Society, Exeter, took place on June 5th Twelve members attended to elect next year's committee as follows: President, Rev. T G. Grigg (College chaplain); Ringing Master, John N. Longridge; treasurer, Roger Butterworth; secretary, Clive George; tower secretary, Bruce P. Jarvie.

The Master reported that good progress was being made by the learners in bell handling and that he hoped to have a Society band ringing rounds by the end of the term.

Practice meetings: St. Mark's Church, Exeter, on Wednesdays between 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. G. H. B.

MARCH RINGERS LEARN ABOUT BELL FOUNDING

March ringers held a most enjoyable outing to Loughborough and Charnwood Forest on June 3rd. A principal feature was the visit to Messrs. John Taylor's bell foundry, and all departments in the fascinating world of bell founding were inspected. After ringing the campanile bells the ringers had lunch and travelled through very picturesque countryside revealing craggy landscapes and forested hillsides and babbling brooks. They rang at Rothley, Woodhouse Eaves, Barrow-upon-Soar and Wymeswold. At Barrow the local ringers and their wives had prepared a most delicious tea. Thank you, Barrow! And also thanks to Messrs. Taylor's, particularly Mr. Fidler, and ringers and incumbents at the respective churches.

LAVENHAM'S ANNIVERSARY

Thirty ringers representing towers from Norfolk, Essex, Camoridgeshire, Oxford, Lincolnshire and Suffolk attended to keep up the Lavenham annual ringing anniversary, which dates back to 1811, when two treble bells were added to complete the octave in this tower. These anniversaries have only been broken by the two world wars.

Methods rung were Plain, Double Norwich, Kent, Little Bob, Yorkshire Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. M. T. S.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STREET, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*George W. Massey	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*David G. Massey	2	†Raymond E. J. Baker	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
David A. Burt	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal and first in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth A. Ewan	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
*Marie Stephenson	2	Robert Hawtree	5
Peter Church	3	Richard D. Gibson	Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the treble and tenor ringers.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLESMERE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

William F. Gibbons	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
George A. Packer	2	Leon A. Perry	6
Frederick S. Sutton	3	John R. Scott	7
Geoffrey A. Edwards	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt

Colin Shaw	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First of seven Surprise Minor by all.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan.
On Sat., June 24, 1967,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Christine H. Telfer	Treble	James Crowther	5
Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Enid Lawson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	†Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal of Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*Patricia Armitage	Treble	Christopher Holmes	4
†Jean M. Berriman	2	Stephen C. Wells	5
†Colin C. Monson	3	M. Alec Beaumont	Tenor

Conducted by M. Alec Beaumont.
* First peal on tower bells. † First "inside."

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	Stephen C. Wells	5
Jean M. Berriman	2	Peter H. Gardener	6
J. Antony Ellis	3	David J. Marshall	7
Christopher Holmes	4	Malcolm E. Johnson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

Colin C. Monson	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont	4
*Christopher Holmes	2	Malcolm E. Johnson	5
Charlotte A. Bennett	3	Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen C Wells.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Michael M. Hawes	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Sidney J. Woodcock	6
John S Rank	3	John G Gipson	7
David E. Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by E. A Barnett. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
First peal in the method by all.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Vivien A. P Cross	Treble	Michael J. Howes	5
*Philip Thompson	2	Neil V. Avis	6
Robert J. Southgate	3	Brian J. Vaughan	7
Stephen D. Humphrey	4	David E. Culham	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil V. Avis.
* First peal of Major "inside." First of Major as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24,, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being alternate extents of Plain Bob (4) and Double Oxford (3).
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb in C sharp.

Edward C. Turner	Treble	Melvyn J. Hiller	4
Catharine A. Salter	2	A. Keith P Poole	5
J. Richard Poole	3	David R. Baxter	Tenor

Conducted by A. Keith P Poole.
First peal as conductor.
Rung for the wedding of Mr and Mrs. Wheeler, married in Purton Church on this day.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in F.

Jeffrey M Britchford	Treble	Andrew N Stubbs	5
*Michael J. Church	2	David E. Rothera	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	†Tom Page	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Frederick R Scott	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of spliced † First of 8-spliced.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 lb.

*William W. Cox	Treble	G. Henry Ellis	5
*Thomas T Marsden	2	*Cyril W Galbraith	6
†T. Anthony Curtin	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
†Philip M Talbot	4	*Bryan A Brislane	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody
* First peal of Trioles † First peal, first attempt.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of the Dean of Limerick (the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, M.A.) and Mrs. Talbot.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 16, 1967 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 1,184 Bristol, 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Frederick J Cullum	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of 4-spliced.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
*John Pladdys	2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*Tony Lewis	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Ann Jenner	4	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G

*Judith M Corby	Treble	Harold Evans	4
Janet E Blake	2	John A. Howard	5
James B. Cooke	3	*Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* 25th peal together.

LYMPNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 Grandsire,, 3 extents Old Doubles, 3 Clifford's Pleasure, 3 Kennington. 3 April Day, 8 Reverse Canterbury, 6 Southrepps, 8 Plain Bob. 6 Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt

*Judith Brooks	Treble	Robert P Brotherston	4
Rachael J. Sinden	2	Graham Neilson	5
Elizabeth A. Todd	3	Brian Butcher	Tenor

Conducted by Graham Neilson.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb

Philip Wilson	Treble	Jeffrey Simcox	5
John Ascroft	2	Roger Barnes	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	Dennis H McCormick	7
Margaret Crossthwaite	4	David Rigby	Tenor

Conudcted by Dennis H McCormick.
Rung for the christening of Janet Susan McCormick and for the ordination of the curate, the Rev. D. Crook.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

J. Colin Ashworth	Treble	*David V. Hodgson	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Christopher Watson	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
John H. Fielden	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb in D.

Susan Harber	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Susan Rothera	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
David J Llewellyn	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
John G. Gipson	4	Rev Roger O. Fry	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	Tudor P Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, containing 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant	5
*Audrey R Alexander	2	*Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Roger D. Bailey	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Robin R. Churchill	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The Society's 200th peal.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	*Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Alan F. Thirst	2	John Pladdys	7
*Audrey R. Alexander	3	Alan J. Frost	8
Timothy G. Pett	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	9
*Robin R. Churchill	5	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.
On Mon., June 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London, (2) Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn, (3) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden, (4) Beverley Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (7) London and Wells, with 75 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
*Audrey R Alexander	2	†Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Timothy G. Pett	3	Roger D Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of Surprise in more than one method. † Has now "circled the tower" twice.
Rung as a compliment to Richard Dirksen and Elizabeth Sither, who were married on June 12th, 1967, at the National Episcopal Cathedral, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Colin G. Wright	Treble	*Ian L. Dear	5
*Caroline R F Cole	2	David E. Rothera	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
*Andrew J Slade	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Jonathan S. N Porter.
* First peal of London.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Kenneth R Davenport	Treble	Derek Francis	5
G. Richard King	2	A. Leslie Pearson	6
Derrick A. Davenport	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Sydney M Bailey	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Kenneth R. Davenport.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GONVILLE TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
*Mrs. A. J. Smith	2	Walter Hunt	6
*Anthony J. Smith	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Arranged by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method for the Guild
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Anthony K. Fortin	Treble	*Ronald K. Russ	4
Monica Blagrove	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
*Douglas Whitlock	3	†Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Angela Fortin.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Frederick A H. Wilkins	5
William Hibbert	2	Francis A. White	6
Brian R. White	3	John H. Napper	7
Robert Piron	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 25, 1967 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 NOBOTTLE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Colin Sweeney	Treble	Roger W Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman ..	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
Alan J. Frost	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Richard F. B. Speed ..	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Graham C. Paul	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Royal First peal in the method.

NOBOTTLE SURPRISE ROYAL
30—50,14, —12—, 36, 70—14, 58, 16—16, 70, —16—, 90.
2nd place. l.h. 1089674523.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Terry V Deacon	Treble	†Barry R. Care	5
†Frank E. Coales	2	Richard J Cowley	6
Sheila J. Staley	3	Murray A. Coleman ..	7
‡Roger W. Smith	4	George E. Green	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George E. Green.
* First peal of Major † First in the method. ‡ First in the method "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Eady and John Sheldon, local ringers, married at this church earlier in the day.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

Kevan J. Chapman ..	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Christopher J. Groome ..	6
*J. Charles Hudson	3	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	7
Richard J. Cowley	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths)
LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	John W. Blackwood. ..	4
*Ruth A. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	5
†Mary E. Elmes	3	‡Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge. ‡ First on six bells.
Rung on Roger Bailey's 21st birthday with the band's best wishes for many happy years of "scrumpy" drinking.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rosemary Earl	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Alan R. Baldock	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Christine M. Baldock ..	3	Thomas M. Barlow	7
Frederick J. Lambert ..	4	C. Alfred Levett	Tenor

Composed by J. Holt. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
First peal of St. Clement's Triples on the bells and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Plain Bob, 14 Reverse Canterbury and 18 Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb. in B flat.

Neil Handley	Treble	Reginald J. Stretton ..	4
Trevor Kirkman	2	David Oliver	5
Arthur Newell	3	Leslie Butler	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in two methods: One extent Kent T.B. and six extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*Rosemary Bellaby	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Sheila Anthony	3	Frederick E Jones	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Church, of Wollaton

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lbs in G.

Rupert A. Clarke	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	6
George W. Pipe	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
*James R. White	3	Leslie G. Brett	8
Richard J. Parker	4	H. William Barrett	9
Frank B. Lufkin	5	*Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Edward P. Duffield on his being elected Mayor of Colchester.

STRADBROKE, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 2 Version. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

Leslie G. Brett	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	2	Robert C. Kippin	7
Gillian M. Hunt	3	D. John Hunt	8
Michael P. Moreton ..	4	Frederick R. Scott	9
G. William Critchley ..	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Superlative Surprise Royal for the Guild.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Howard W. Egglestone ..	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	7
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	George W. Pipe	8
G. William Critchley ..	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
Frederick R. Scott	5	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lambert.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	G. William Critchley ..	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Frederick R. Scott	7
Michael J. Howes	3	Michael P. Moreton ..	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	D. John Hunt	9
David P. Hilling	5	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Philip N. Tubbs	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. E. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Michael J. Thomas	3	R. Roger Savory	9
Richard C. Stevens	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	10
Stewart F. Kimber	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford ..	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	*Robin R. Churchill ..	5
*Caroline R. F. Cole ..	2	*Andrew J Slade	6
†John R. Ketteringham ..	3	David E. Rothera	7
Alan R. Millidge	4	Ian L. Dear	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Rutland. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CROYDON, Surrey.— At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Var. of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Richard C. Stevens ..	Treble	*Norman G. T. Steere ..	5
*Christine A. Foster ..	2	*Raymond J. Talbot ..	6
*C. Martin Foster	3	Frederick E. Collins ..	7
*Kevin Taber	4	*Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung on the day of the Patronal Festival.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Sussex University Guild)

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Raymond J. Talbot ..	Treble	Terry G. Williams	4
*Marion Kemp	2	*Robert H. Newton	5
†Brian J. Read	3	James M. Hills	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal at first attempt. First of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and the fourth, and also Malcolm Loveday

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., May 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*William Bushell	Treble	Adrian Holliday	4
*Paul Swindale	2	Charles Naylor	5
*Christopher Dolley ..	3	Alan Clifton	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Clifton.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First of Plain Bob Minor by all the band.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, Northants.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations, being 360 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Kennington and April Day, 240 each of Dedworth, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps, and 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	3
Roger N. Scholes	2	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4
		*Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

* 50th peal. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.— At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8
		Herbert M. Heaton	9–10

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 16 methods, comprising 1,312 changes each of Plain Bob and Double Bob, 800 Reverse Bob, 432 Little Bob, 176 each of Lansdowne Little Bob and Crayford Little Court, 160 each of Fulbeck and Cleatham Imperial, 120 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, 96 each of St. Clement's and Crayford College, and 32 each of Ashbourne, Spalding, Warminster and Brooklands College, with 323 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Francis Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 100th peal

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8
		Jack L. Millhouse	9–10

Composed by C. Wallater. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First of Little Bob Royal "in hand."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWKSWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sun., June 4, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

William L. Exton	1–2	Brian M. Buswell	3–4
		R. Brian Mills (cond.) ..	5–6

Rung as a welcome to Andrew Brian, born May 30th, a son for Christine and the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BEKESBOURNE, KENT. — On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Jennifer Monger 2, P. Richardson 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Monger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BENINGTON, HERTS. — On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, M. R. Worthington 2, P. C. Worthington 3, F. J. Robinson 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, D. M. Hamilton 6, K. J. Perrin 7, A. E. Jones 8. A farewell to Mr. F. J. Robinson, leaving the parish after 40 years as chorister and 31 years as a ringer.

CALDICOT, MON.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Bennet 1, P. Bennet (cond.) 2, R. Palframan 3, Rev. R. Hallett 4, P. Williams 5, G. Wilkinson 6, P. Mason 7, D. Phillips 8. A birthday compliment to David Phillips.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 1, N. I. Bridges 2, D. Floyd 3, Miss H. Osborne 4, J. F. List 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM. — On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. L. Philips 1, W. T. Petty 2, A. W. Thomas 3, D. R. Lynn Jones 4, Jean Weddell 5, T Yeomans 6, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 7, D. Walford Davies 8. Rung after a peal attempt, in memory of Harold Blick, captain of this tower and a ringer there for 50 years.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. Starkie (first on eight) 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, T. Holmes 3, D. N. Collins 4, M. H Hodgkinson 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, A. J. Putnam 7, G. Parting 8. For the christening of Andrew T. Holmes.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Cole 1, R. J. Cann (first as cond.) 2, P. L. Grove 3, Pamela Turner 4, W. B. R. Ellender 5, D. Walters 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. L. Long.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Utton 1, T. J. Brock 2, J. I. Margetts 3, M. J. Parker 4, R. W. Bickers 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thorley 1, G. F. Terry 2, D Sheppard 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, R. R. Warford 5, A. Sheppard 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, J. Potts 8. Rung by the Selby and District Society on the occasion of the Joint Council of Yorks Ringing Societies Festival at Halifax.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Wightman (first quarter) 1, P. W. Archer 2, L. P. Brain (first "inside") 3, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 4, L. J. S. Parry 5, R. C. Groom 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Tipler 1, Gerda Baresel 2, Alison Mann 3, B. Bull 4, C. Mew (cond.) 5, Julie Armstrong 6, A. Millidge 7, R. Cooles 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Julie Armstrong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,260 Minor: 720 Single Court, 540 P.B.: D. Rose 1, D. Tamblin 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, and as a compliment to Miss J. Wright, on her 21st birthday and engagement to Christopher Catton.

SADDINGTON, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. J. Haines (cond.) 1, Judy K. Morris 2, E. W. Martin 3, E. G. Slater 4, R. H. Martin 5. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Feerick.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On June 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Enid Hammond 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. J Talbot (cond.) 3, N. P. Morris 4, D. Nibbs 5, T. G. Williams 6, J. Hills 7, R. Newton 8. First quarter on eight bells for the University of Sussex Guild.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Fortin (first quarter) 1, R. J. Snack 2, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 3, D. Whitlock 4, S. E. Darmon 5, C. B. Dove 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. J. Fortin.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Tipler 1, Margaret A. Robinson (first "inside") 2, F. A. Benn 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter 6.

BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON. — On June 11th, 1,330 Plain Bob Triples: D. W. Struckett (cond.) 1, J. M. Steele 2, Anne Rowland 3, Mrs. G. Meyor 4, C. M. Meyor 5, E. C. Steele 6, J R.. Pratt 7, D. M. Bradshaw (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. N. Harrison 1, Miss E. A. Ewan 2, A. T. Taylor 3, J. M. Brook 4, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 5. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 4.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on April 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. C. Sinden 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela A. Court 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon 5, K. I. Davis 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B Johnson (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Linda J. Slade 1, J. W. Collard 2, B. Martin 3, T. Newlands 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, R. W. Sweet 6, F. R. Hussey 7. For St George's Day.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Modwen, on June 13th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Bainham (cond.) 1, C. M. Smith 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, J. Humphreys (first "inside") 4, E. Mough 5, N. White 6. J. Burton 7, P. Johnson 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDX. — On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Moiya Brichford 1, Josephine Pole 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, Doreen Hague 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, C. Venn 6. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. S. Beebee, Rector of Cranford. Also on June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Josephine Pole 2, Moiya Brichford (first "inside") 3, P. Woodgyer 4, G. Brichford (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Kemp 1, Mrs. J. E. G. Roast 2, A. Spurgeon 3, P. J. Came 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Last quarter on the bells before augmentation.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS. — On June 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patsy M. Barnes 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley 3, F. Taylor 4, R. N. Scholes 5, J. Woolley (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 123rd anniversary of Jasper W. Snowdon.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss J. Hobbs 1, Mrs. A. Collins 2, Miss S. Udell 3, P. Phillips 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, H. Bell 6, G. Harris 7, C. Timms 8. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. J. Cordier 1, H. Slade 2, J. Slade 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke 7, G. Goringe 8. A compliment to the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, Rector, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Dorchester.

ELM, CAMBS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Knight 1, B. Crane 2, N. C. Richards 3, A. W Smart 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5, J. Knight 6. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Knight.

ESHER, SURREY. — On June 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Marian Gibbard 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Pamela Bird 3, B. Colcombe 4, C. D. J. Webb 5, P. Henry (first as cond.) 6.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Harris 1, B. Coggins 2, A. Hicks 3, B. J. Coggins 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. Floyd 6. For the christening of the daughter of B. Coggins. Also on May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, B. Coggins 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C Bennett (cond.) 5, B. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr H. Cox.

FRITTENDEN, KENT. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Baker 1, E. Clifton 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. After the dedication of the peal board commemorating the first peal for the Kent County Association.

HESSETT, SUFFOLK.—On June 12th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): D. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, M. Rose 5. Rung half-muffled for the passing of Mr. H. Bullett, an old Hessett ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

HEVER, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Leppard (first quarter) 1, N. S. Butcher 2, M. W. Thompson 3, J. R. Palmer 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, H. W. Evans 6.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 17th, Doubles in four methods: C. Taylor 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furniss 3, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 4, B. Furniss 5, M. Elkington (first quarter) 6. Also on April 24th, Doubles in four methods): D. Goss (first quarter) 1, R. Crocker 2, M. Goss 3, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 4, P. Furniss 5, C. Taylor 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. W. Seymour 1, J. Walters (first quarter) 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, R. Myllys 4, R. F. Prime 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. K. Russ 7, G. W. Hill 8. For Evensong. Also on June 18th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Hill 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 3, J. Sexton 4, R. Myllys 5, P. Copas 6, M. W. Seymour 7, R. K. Russ 8, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 9, W. H. Coles 10. For Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On June 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. H. Youdale 1, F. C. Hobson 2, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 3, R. M. Damerell 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, A. F. Scholfield 6, S. J. Woodcock 7, E. N. Thomas 8, V. Nutton 9, R. Shipp 10. Rung by C.U.G.C.R.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs M. Chapman 1, H. Stacey 2, J R. Taylor 3, C. Mutton 4, Mrs. J. Taylor 5 M. F. D. Burton 6, T. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. C. Kersey 8. A wetting anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs. T. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. B Vince.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Norton 1, E. Baker 2, D. Willis (first attempt) 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. B. Norton and Miss N. Baker.

LEEDS, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Margaret Jones 1, Brenda Davies 2, Sylvia Knight 3, J. Betts 4, H. Deacon 5, F. G. Huckstepp 6 B. Johnson (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8, D. Monger 9, R. A. Swift 10. First of Plain Bob Caters for all except 6.

LLANFRECHFA, MON. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Phillips 1, Marion Bennet 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, J. Prytherch 4, P. Reading 5, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 6, P. Bennet 7, R. Shea 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Geary 1, W. Barwell 2, F. Ward 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First of Minor 3 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. A. Chappell, leaving for Broxtowe, Notts.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. L. Howe 1, I. Russell 2, M. Barden (first as cond.) 3, S. A. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, D. J. Long 6. Also on June 18th, Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Howe 1, P S. Muchlinski 2, Mrs. P. Usborne 3, I. Russell 4, M. Barden 5, S. A. Wigg (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

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MARDEN, KENT.—On April 22nd 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, E. Clifton 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, N. J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Sheppard 1, Jean Vidler 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, G. Grant 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, F. Obbard 8. First of Minor 1 and 2. 7 and 8 covering.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Bramford 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, M. A. Rose 3, C. H. Baker 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, D. Surman 6. For the Lincoln Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to the parish.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. J. D. Isaacs (first quarter) 1, Valerie Williams 2, Judith I. Holmes 3, P. Clewett 4, D. Trueman 5, B E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the glory of God, and to mark the institution of Rev. W. A. Gale to the benefice of Pitsford.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Jennifer Monger 1, Sylvia Knight 2 B. Johnson 3, E. Clifton 4, D. Monger (cond.) 5, F. G. Huckstepp 6.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cook 1, F. Pickering 2, M. Donovan 3, D Burling 4, A. Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6. J. Miner (cover) 7. A wedding compliment to the treble ringer. Also on May 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Donovan 1, J. Miner (first "inside") 2 P. Smalley 3, P. Brookes 4, A. Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, J. Miner 2, P. Brookes 3, D. Burling 4, A Else 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Sears (first quarter) 1, P. T. Dale 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, D M. Hibbert 4, H. A. Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Gander, for many years a ringer here.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Owen 1, F. E. Beddow 2, P. Evans 3, R. H. Newton 4 F. A. H. Cattell 5, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Major C. H. Dean, M.B.E., verger.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods). Maureen White 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Mary White 3, A Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, T White 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dodds 1, Miss T. West 2, Miss C. Smith 3, P. Cuckson 4, G. W. Sillis 5, H. R. Sillis 6. Conducting shared between 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Smith.

STAUNTON, Tewkesbury, GLOS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy V. Cox 1, C. R. Cox 2, L. C. Meadows 3, K. J. Tyler 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, N. J. Little 6.

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST, N. YORKS. — On May 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Lynne I. Clowe (first of Minimus) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, S. P. D. Burnett (cond.) 3, J. L. Birdsall (first tower quarter) 4

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Weedon (first quarter) 1, Jackie Allen 2, Angela Bates 3, A. Griffiths 4, Susan Moore 5, C Sweeney (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, on completion of their course at college.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Miss B. M Boyle 3, B. G. D. Vince 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Sangwin 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Ladd and Ray Large, married the previous day at Tunbridge Wells.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey 1, A. Hulley 2, S. G. Pick 3, L. Wilkinson 4, J. A. Coats 5, A. Jewitt (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Hulley

TRULL, Taunton, SOMERSET. — On June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (10 different callings): A. H. Reed 1, Brenda M. Bindon 2, B. G. Vine 3, J. Baker 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6. Rung to honour the birth of a son to Mrs. Beryl Morris (nee Churchill) and Mr. R. Morris.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — On April 22nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, P. Richardson 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

WORLE, SOMERSET. — On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. Lovell 1, R. Jones 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombes (cond.) 4, J. Lambard 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of the organist and choirmaster, Mr. T. Woods.

COMPOSITIONS

720 IN 27 METHODS
By H. CHANT

	23456	Calverleigh Alliance
	64523	No. 1 Alliance
	32654	Swancombe Alliance
	54263	Crayford Little Bob
	63425	Crayford Little Bob
	25346	Marden Alliance
	46532	No. 4 Alliance
	35264	Little Bob
S.	46235	New Little Bob
	53642	New Little Bob
	24356	New Little Bob
	65423	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	52346	Walsingham Alliance
S.	42635	Wrentham Alliance
	56342	Wilburton Alliance
—	42356	Wilburton Alliance
	63542	No 2 Alliance
	24653	Snodland Alliance
	53462	Hever Alliance
	62345	Marden Alliance
	45236	Crayford Little
	36524	No. 5 Alliance
	25463	Calverleigh Alliance
	34625	Allesley Alliance
	56234	Little Bob
—	34256	Little Bob
	62534	No. 3 Alliance
	43652	Crayford Little
	52364	Crayford Little
	64235	Crayford Little
	35426	Hever Alliance
	26543	No 6 Alliance
	45362	Wilburton Alliance
S.	26345	No 9 Alliance
	54623	New Little Bob
	32456	Walsingham Alliance
	56243	New Little Bob
	34652	New Little Bob
—	42536	Lammas Alliance
	36254	Belvedere Little Bob
	65342	St. Lawrence Little
—	54236	No 10 Alliance
	63452	New Little Bob
—	32564	Fulmer Alliance
	64253	Belvedere Little
	4563	St. Lawrence Little
—	53264	No. 7 Alliance
	46352	No 8 Alliance
	25643	St Lawrence Little
—	54362	New Little Bob
	26453	New Little Bob
	35524	St. Lawrence Little
—	52463	Olney Alliance
	63245	New Little Bob
—	35462	St. Lawrence
	62543	Walsingham Alliance
	43256	Belvedere Little
—	43562	New Little Bob
S.	23645	Little Bob
	56423	Calverleigh Alliance
—	23456	

ORDINARY ALLIANCE

No. 1. 34.16—16—12—5. 2nds 54632.
No. 2 34.16—16—34—5. " "
No 3 34.16—16 34—12.5 " "
No 4. 34.16—16—12—5 6ths 65243.
No. 5. 34.16—16—34—5. " "
No. 6. 34.16—16.34—12.5 " "
No. 7. —16—16.34—14.5 2nds. 65324.
No. 8. —16—36.14—12.5. " "
No. 9. —16—36.14—34.5. " "
No. 10. —16—36—14—5. " "

NEW LITTLE BOB
34.16—14. 2nds. 65324.

A plain lead of each method is included.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Tucked away off the beaten track, the Church of the Holy Rood, Ossington, was ideal for the Newark District's round of the Crawford Cup on May 20th, as a District meeting had never been held there. The light six are not easy to ring and it was to be expected that faults incurred would be high. Mr. and Mrs Frank Bradley judged Newark the winners with 123½ faults, followed by Sutton A team with 131½. The Bishop of Sherwood closed the proceedings with his Blessing, and the Bishop's wife and her helpers were thanked for preparing tea.

5,016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Arranged by Cyril A. WRATTEN

23456	W	M	H	
45236	—		—	PPWDP
24536			—	PHPCD
52436			—	LaPLTLPL
43526	—		—	PLLSDD
54326			—	PRGD
35426			—	DGD
42356	—		—	PLLBDD
63254		—	—	CrDP
26354			—	CrDP
32654			—	CrNL
46253		—	—	DWDP
25463	—		—	PFPCID
42563			—	CrOL
35264		—	—	CrDP
23564			—	LaD

Repeat five times, calling S for first bob H in parts 1 and 4. Ring Cambray for Crayford in three parts and call the fourth course PLLCoL in three parts.

In course 3, T=Tolleshunt D'Arcy in parts 1, 4;
Childwall in parts 2, 5;
Smith in parts 3, 6.

In course 7, B=Blackley in parts 1, 4;
Fishwick in parts 2, 5;
Scholfield in parts 3, 6.

In course 10, N=Nelson in parts 1, 4;
Lesser Wapping in parts 2, 5;
Hudson in parts 3, 6.

In course 13, O=Ogden in parts 1, 4;
Wavertree in parts 2, 5;
Goldhanger in parts 3, 6.

Contains 1,536 Plain Bob (P), 1,440 Double Bob (D), 455 Little Bob (L), 120 each of Cambray and Crayford Little Court (Cr), 96 each of Lansdowne Little Bob (La), Reverse Bob (R), Hackington (H), Canterbury (C), Fulbeck (F) and Cleatham (Cl) Imperial, 48 each of St. Clement's (S) and Crayford College (Co) and 32 each of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Ogden, Childwall, Wavertree, Smith, Goldhanger, Blackley, Lesser Wapping, Scholfield, Nelson, Fishwick and Hudson College; with 329 changes of method.

Rung "in hand" at Cheltenham on May 4th, 1967.

5,040 BOB MAJOR
(Handbells)

Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield.

W	M	H	
—	—	—	A
—	—	—	A
S		S	A
	S		A

Coursing Order

W	M	H	53246
S	—	S	26435
	S		26534
A with S at *			56243
5A			25634
A with S at *			65243
3A			65234
	—	—	63452
—	—		34526
S		—	53246

3–4 course from first Middle to the end.

Contains all the available 5–6 coursing music, 4 courses of 65's and 3 of 56's.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

	287		287				
	2345678		23456789				
	25374968						
—	97285634						
	98762453						
	96847325						
S	43956287		45327968	2s.	5s.		
	45329768		35927468	2s.	5s.		
	42573896		32547698	1.	2s.	3s.	4.
S	78462953						
	76894325						
	79638542						
S	35729468						
—	24385679						
S	86294735						
—	79856324						
—	35729486						
	32547698						

The usual musical touches of Grandsire Caters exploit the Tittum and Handstroke Home positions. Here are two touches of a more unusual type, and both of them present features of interest.

The first one, set out in full, makes use of the pleasant 9768 and 7 9. 68 positions. The second one is a simple variation of the first one, bringing up a fine 7968 lead, and then proceeding very much as the first. The only difference in the two touches, in fact, is in the treatment of 79.

In the first touch it may be noted that at the third single (which brings up 35729468), it 6 and 8 were the other way round we could get rounds at the following lead without any more calls. The block of four calls that follows is necessary in order to reverse 6 and 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at the two five-bell towers at Compton and Meppershall on June 10th. With the newly-elected Ringing Masters doing a fine job, the many varied abilities were catered for at both towers. A fine tea at Meppershall refreshed everyone for the business meeting and ringing in the evening. The District was unanimous in deciding to put its Belfry Repair Fund into the Association's central account, and also accepted their committee's recommendation for the proposed striking competition to be arranged by Miss L. Ellison.

Next meeting Potton July 8th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Normally meetings of the Blackburn Branch are held on the first Saturday of the month, but because of the holidays the date was advanced to June 24th. Whalley was an excellent choice and after starting with Plain Bob more advanced methods were rung with the help of visiting ringers from Preston and Rochdale Branches. On this site it is believed there has been a church for one thousand years: in the sunshine it was very beautiful.

Cups of tea were provided by local ringers, and at the business meeting Mr J. Pilkington, Ringing Master, presided. The Branch outing is to be to North Wales; it was also decided to arrange quarter peals for beginners.

Ringing after was helped along by visitors from Liverpool, Bolton and some new residents in the Branch from Northampton.

A THREAT TO AN OLD FOUR

Writing to express regret at the possible loss of St. Alkmund's bells, Derby, Mr. Peter S. Abbott, of Brampton, Hunts, states: "I do know, near where I live—at St. Andrew's, Woodwalton—there is an excellent four, containing two examples of the beautiful work which Joseph Eayre turned out. In the future this church is to be demolished and a new one nearer the village erected. Has any provision or will any provision be made to retain these bells? I wonder, but I think I can guess the answer."

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BIRTH

VINCE.—On June 28th, 1967, a daughter, Vanessa, born to Penny (nee Stacey) and Brian. 1845

DEATH

UPTON.—On Thursday, June 29th, 1967, William Upton, of Newport, I.W., late Master of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, aged 79 years. 1846

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RICHARDS.—The address of Arthur S. Richards is now: 52, Kevington Drive, Marlings Park, Chislehurst, Kent. Telephone Orpington (MM) 25139. (Connection with West Wickham Church being maintained.) 1849

SCHOFIELD.—The address of Harold, May and Barry is now "Abbey Vista," 1, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. Next to Bell Hotel, opposite the Abbey. Ringing friends, please note, bed and breakfast. 1841

SIMS.—The address of Bernard D. Sims is now 1, Hallards Close, Lawrence Weston, Bristol. 1862

PERSONAL

"For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him speak peace and ensue it."—I St. Peter iii, 10 and 11.

SITUATION WANTED

STUDENT, 17 (ringer), requires work, 2/3 weeks from about August 18th. Anything considered. Accommodation required.—Replies by July 14th, please, to D. Crossland, 145, Alford Road, Edwalton, Nottingham. Telephone Nottingham 232313. 1878

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner-dance will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1967, at Bowdon Assembly Rooms. Particulars later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 1868

ALL HALLOWS', GEDLING NOTTS.

Festival of Flowers, in aid of Restoration Fund,

Friday, July 21st to Sunday July 23rd. All visitors, especially ringers, are welcome to this beautiful old church, which is situated three miles north-east from the centre of Nottingham.

The tower will be open for ringing on Saturday, 22nd, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday service ringing 10 to 10.45 a.m. and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m., also after Evensong.

Refreshments available Friday and Saturday, 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. 1875

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

A Village Festival will be held at BUXTON on Sunday, July 16th, to include ringing during the afternoon—at Buxton (6), Lammas (5), Scottow (6) and Stratton Strawless (6), followed by a Festival Service at Buxton Church at 6.30 p.m. Tea available. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Smithson.

FINDON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Teams of ringers are invited to ring quarters and whole peals, etc., during the Flower Festival,

July 22nd-26th inclusive.

For further details write to:-

M. J. Harmer, 184, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.

ACCRINGTON. LANCS.—Bells reduced to back five until September. Practices may be irregular. During holiday period some practices and service ringing may be cancelled. Please check before coming.—R. Leigh, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington. Phone 33049 (weekends). 1759

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Learners' practice meeting to be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, July 8th, has been cancelled. We hope to hold it joint with the Eastern District on Saturday, July 22nd. 1844

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE. — Ringers' Day, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3-5 and 7-9. Plenty of tea for all at Horbling Church Fair (400 yards from the church). Beginners especially welcome.—G. Spencer. 1856

HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD, KENT

50th Anniversary of Bells Ringers' Service

Sunday, July 16th, 1967, 6.30 p.m. Taken by the Vicar, Rev. R. B. Griffen. Bells from 5.30 p.m. and after service. Visitors welcome. 1849

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—There will be no practice ringing during July and August. Next practice night Thursday, September 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—R. M. Leadley. 1836

SALISBURY FESTIVAL OF ARTS.—Salisbury Cathedral, July 24th, 7.30 p.m. Lecture recital on Campanology by Frederick Sharpe and Launton handbell ringers. 1835

SURPRISE MAJOR RINGERS REQUIRED for Derbyshire Peal Tour from August 12th-19th. Anyone interested please write at once, giving full details of capabilities to G. E. Bonham, 34, Bedford Street, St. Neots, Huntingdon. 1817

BACK NUMBERS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Withers, 2, Leigh Villas, Leigh-on-Mendip.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malpas, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. W. Griffiths, 20, Stanton Drive, Upton-by-Chester, Chester. 1815

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District and Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting at Baslow. Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Old Brampton (6) 7.30-9 p.m. All welcome.—G. Richardson, M. Phipps, Secs. 1838

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8.30. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise and Spliced Plain and Little Bob. 1854

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Guilden Morden (6) and Litlington (6), Saturday. July 8th. Guilden Morden 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Service Litlington, 4.30 p.m. Tea Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Bells 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis Sec. 1857

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea afterwards for those who notify J. F. Soles, 123, Rydens Way, Old Woking. 1876

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting, Tewin (6) on Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to P. Owen, 28, Canon's Meadows, Tewin, Herts. 1859

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 1846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Harrietsham (8). Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at the Roebuck 4.45 p.m. Service 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Betts, Redhouse, Fairbourne Road, Harrietsham.—M. L. H. 1781

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Langdale on Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Birkett, "Braegarth," Elterwater, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1869

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—M. E. D. 1854

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Ringing 2.30. Tea, Worton Village Hall Ringing, Great Tew. 6.45 approx. Names to B. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bucklebury, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. F. Lewington, Waven, Bucklebury, Reading. **Branch dinner and social, September 30th, 1967.** 1843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great Milton, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 8th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—G. E. Fearn, 22, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 1827

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. Ringing meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Institute Meeting follows. Will as many members as possible attend meeting as there is an important item to discuss Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Rogers, 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds. 1836

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Bishopstoke, July 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall followed by business meeting. Evening ringing St. Nicolas', North Stoneham (10), 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Linda Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road Bishopstoke. 1824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon Branch Sec. 1844

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting. Saturday, July 15th. Pylle bells (6) 3 o.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 1879

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells will be available at Wellesbourne, Sherborne, Snitterfield and Hatton from 2 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Business meeting to follow. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells will be available in the evening up to 8.30. Free tea in St. Nicholas' Church Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 1813

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Swanwick (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derbys. Please attend. — E. J. S., Hon. Sec. 1847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) at 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—H Heath. 1838

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Cranham on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to V. M. Deane. 16, Churchill Road. Forest Green. Nailsworth. Glos by Tuesday, July 11th. 1858

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St Albans District. — July 15th, St. Albans. St. Michael's 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Evening ringing. Cathedral 7.30-9 p.m. (barbecue afterwards).—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford District.—Meeting at Woodchurch. Saturday, July 15th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. R. E. Pellett, 32. Brattle, Woodchurch, Ashford. Kent, by Thursday, July 13th.—A P. S. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting. Upchurch, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss J. Lacey. 22 Drakes Close. Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday. please.—T. Barton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 15th Ringing: St. Peter's, Ashton (8) 3–4 p.m.: St. Michael's, Ashton (12) from 4 p.m. and after tea. Service in St Michael's 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, July 12th. — Christine Andrew. 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne. 1857

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch —Meeting at Willingham, Saturday. July 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday Special methods: Primrose Surprise and Stedman Doubles.—Geo L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1842

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 15th. Service at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunbury, 2.30–3.30: St. Mary's, Hampton, 2.30–4; St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4–4.30 and in evening: All Hallows', Twickenham, 7–8.30.—T. J. Lock and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District).—Joint meeting at Great Yarmouth on July 15th Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15; preacher Rev. P. N. Bond. Tea 5 p.m in St. James' Hall, Admiralty Road. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Spandler, 10, Seafield Close, Kings Road, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925), by Wednesday. July 12th certain, please.—N. P. J. C. and T. N J. B. 1802

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on July 15th at 6 p.m. 1851

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Summer meeting, Glinton (6), July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, Sec., 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Tuesday previous 1852

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch — Quarterly meeting, Chitterne, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Codford bells 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 11th. 1834

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 15th. Bells available: Lytchett Matravers 3 p.m., East Morden 3.45. Service 4.30. Wareham 6.30-7.30 p.m. Meeting and cups of tea. Wareham Church Hall, 5.20 p.m. Names for evening barbecue by July 13th to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 1832

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cotgrave, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Notts. 1837

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 15th, Barnby-in-the-Willows. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Jones Barnby, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 1840

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Blithfield, near Rugeley, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1833

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Burstow (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by further ringing. N.B.—These arrangements supersede last week's notice.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 1874

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division & Western Division).—Joint practice meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District) on Saturday, July 15th. Aldrington (6) bells 3.30-5.15 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Shoreham (8) bells 6.30-7.30 p.m. Individual arrangements for tea Ladies' Guild business meeting, Aldrington, 4.30 p.m.—D. L. Hall, Southern Div. Hon. Sec. 1872

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ten bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" ten bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, July 15th, 5.30-7 p.m.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 1870

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting, Blackmoor, July 15th. Bells available 6.30–8 p.m. 1855

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Addingham (6) on Saturday, July 15th, 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Grandsire and Minor up to Cambridge. All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott (Ringing Master). 1860

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Sunbury, Wednesday, July 19th, 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1789

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mrs. Andrews, 2, Elmhurst Road, Dovercourt, Harwich. 1830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Trendell, Robins Croft, Pebmarsh. 1831

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, July 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, Vicarage, Bere Regis, Wareham, by Wednesday previous. 1871

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Hall. 7, Farm View, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, by July 18th, please. 1853

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Sandford on July 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting following. Shobrooke bells available. Crediton 6.30-8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Skinner, Sec. 1829

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

On June 24th the Truro and Penzance Branches met at Probus for a cricket match and the Truro Branch won by eight wickets. Man of the match was undoubtedly Alan Dengler from Constantine, who scored 51 not out as well as capturing the wickets of Penzance's top scorers. A superb tea was served by Barbara Duck, and Probus bells were rung in the evening.

Scores.—Penzance: 79 (T. J. Bell 18, D. Stephens 12, F. M. Bowers (captain) 18).

Truro: 82 for 3 (A. Dengler 51 not out, G. F. Dunstan 27 not out).

Umpires were L. Lobb and the Rev. A. S. Roberts.

FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

Ten teams were entered for the striking competition of Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held on June 24th, on the back six at Aldershot. Mr. F. Darby, Master of the Surrey Association, adjudicated, and in his remarks said: "What I have heard has been by and large very good ringing; methods ranging from London Surprise to Plain Bob Doubles. Competition gives even weak ones a chance." Placings were: Aldershot, 17 faults; Grayshott, 24; Farnborough, 29. Ash and a team of under 16 tied for fourth place, with 32 faults each.

WARMINSTER OUTING

Warminster ringers and friends continued their friendship with Mr C. N. Pearson, one-time headmaster of the Minster School and now living at Haslemere, by their annual outing into Surrey and Sussex. Once again Mr Pearson had planned this happy event and entertained the company to tea at Haslemere.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Catherine met the party at New Alresford (8) and guided them to Cheriton (6). By the lake at Petersfield a picnic lunch had been provided by Mr. and Mrs Norris, and it was with some reluctance that the journey was continued to ring at Hawley and Grayshott and then at Haslemere, where some of the best ringing of the day, including a touch of Grandsire Caters, took place.

Tea was followed by the usual game of cricket, and the last tower was St. Mary's, Easebourne, where a touch of Oxford Bob Triples was exceptionally well struck. Supper was taken at a well remembered spot just east of Stockbridge.

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT GUILD WITH ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RINGING AND FLORAL FESTIVAL AT PRITTLEWELL

on July 8th, 9th and 10th

Ringing arrangements for Saturday, July 8th.

Route 1

9.00–10.00 Kelvedon (6), 21–0–13.
9.45–10.45 Witham (8), 18–0–0.
10.15–11.00 Maldon (8), 13–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Purleigh (6), 12–0–0.

Route 2

9.00–10.00 Dunmow (8), 21–1–0.
9.45–10.30 Fyfield (6), 7–0–0
10.30–11.15 Shenfield (6), 9–0–0.
10.45–11.30 Hutton (5), 7–0–0.

Route 3

9.00–10.15 Hornchurch (8), 19–3–0.
10.00–10.45 Orsett (6), 11–0–0.
10.15–11.15 Stanford-le-Hope (8), 11–2–0.
10.45–11.30 Fobbing (8), 11–2–0.

Other Towers

11.15–12.15 Southminster (8), 12–0–0.
12.30– 1.15 Burnham-on-Crouch (6), 10–0–0

Local Towers

11.15–12.15 S. Benfleet (6), 12–0–0
12.00– 1.00 Rayleigh (8), 16–0–0.
2.00– 3.15 Gt. Wakering (6), 8–1–2.
2.00– 3.15 Our Lady of Lourdes Leigh-on-Sea (8) 25–0–0.
For chiming only, see Bellfounders page.
2.30– 4.00 St. Mary's, Prittlewell (10), 18–2–0. Service at 4 o'clock. Preacher. Canon Gilbert Thurlow M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.
6.00– 7.00 Thorpe Bay (8), 16–0–0
7.00– 8.30 St. Clement's, Leigh-on-Sea (6), 10–1–11.
With Prittlewell open throughout the evening.

Ringing arrangements for Sunday, July 9th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.

8.45 for 9.30 Service.
10.25 for 11.00 Service.
3.00–4.00 Ringing.
5.30 for 6.30 Evensong and Special Ringers Service.

All are welcome,

The Floral Festival in St. Mary's Church, Frittlewell — July 8th, 9th and 10th. With flower arrangements by the combined local floral groups will be well worth a visit, so bring your friends and enjoy the festival with us.

Car parking facilities and refreshments with a ringers' tea in the Guildhall after 4 o'clock service on Saturday, July 8th.

Any other information from, and names for tea (early, please), to G Eve. 8, Crossfield Road. Southend-on-Sea, Essex

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, 1967

Service at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in St. Chad's Hall.

Ringing Arrangements:

Wellington (8), Market Drayton (8) .. 11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m
Hodnet (8), Atcham (6) .. .. 2.15 p.m.— 1.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Shrewsbury (10) .. .. .. 2.30 p.m.— 3.30 p.m.
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (12) .. .. .. 3.00 p.m.— 4.30 p.m.
.. 7.00 p.m.— 8.30 p.m.

Names for tea to F. Beddow, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury. **No name, no tea.**

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting
at
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
on
SATURDAY, JULY 8th, 1967

Harlow Common (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea at Sawbridgeworth at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 6.30–8 p.m.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 1801

ROMSEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 1967.

Viewing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day except during services on Sunday.
Ringing: Sat., July 15, 4.30– 7.30 p.m.
Sun., July 16, 9.15–10.00 a.m.
5.45– 6.30 p.m.

Refreshments and parking available. All visitors. especially ringers, welcome.

No weekly practice on Wed., July 12th.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Annual Shield Contest will be held at **Bradfield**, near Sheffield, on Saturday, July 8th, in conjunction with the Bradfield Flower Festival, details of which may be obtained from Mr. Plant, Upper Bradfield.

To enter the contest, intending participants must send 10s. entrance fee and, if possible, names of team members, to the Secretary, Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, as soon as possible.

Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Baxter, Castle Laithe, High Bradfield. Sheffield.

This contest is open to any band and will be judged by Mr. H. Chant.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Cocks (first quarter) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, I. Wiltshire 3, C. H. Macve 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, Carol Cousins 6. For the church garden party. Also on June 18th, 1,296 Killamarsh T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Wendy Wallace 2, I. Wiltshire 3, R. Rayfield 4, Carol Cousins (cond. and 100th quarter) 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 6.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. Tembey 1, J. E. Buries 2, J. Blackburn 3, J. Bagnall 4, W. Wall 5, K. Price 6, F. H. Crawley 7. To mark the centenary of the grant of borough status to Barrow-in-Furness.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, A. Bridges 4, Major R. Lee (first quarter) 5, Captain D. Wood 6, Captain J. Ellams 7, Mrs. D. Wood 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on June 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, R. G. Beck 2, E. C. Wadman 3, T. Newlands 4, H. D. Mackay 5, P. H. Jones 6, G. W. Massey 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Rung to the memory of S. G. Coles, Taunton, Somerset.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Butler 1, Pamela A. Court 2, E. Clifton 3, L. Mannering 4, P. C. Sinden 5, D. Manger 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Pamela A. Court 1, Sylvia Knight 2, E. Clifton 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, K. I. Davies 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On April 12th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Davies 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, Sylvia Knight 3, F. Verney 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,320 All Saints' and Fawley Doubles: Catherine A. Roberts 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. Allinson 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. H. Redwood (first Doubles) 1, Hilary Knight 2, M. M. Hawes (cond.) 3, J. E. David 4, P. S. Abbott (first in three methods) 5.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Underhill 1, Miss P. Tomsett (first as cond.) 2, R. J. Bushell (first "inside") 3, J. Davey 4, M. Lacey 5, C. Mannerings 6.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Leona Roper (first quarter) 1, Christina Salengre 2, Jackie Quickfall 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, P. W. Gay 5, Sue Gay 6. Rung by the University of Keele Society.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell (first of Minor) 1, A. Rothwell 2, H. C. Clarke 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss S. A. Mayell.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gladys D. Northway (first of Stedman) 1, R. R. Savory 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D. Smith 4, T. Matcham 5, R. Allinson 6, J. Hartless (cond.) 7, J. Hopwood 8. First quarter Stedman Triples 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. E. M. Hills 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first "inside") 2, G. Lucas 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. G. Mayell.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On June 17th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, J. J. George (longest length) 3, A. Locke 4, W. R. Curtis 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt curtailed.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemarie Nicholls 1, Christine Braziel (first "inside") 2, A. C. Freeman 3, F. W. James 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Celia Hirst 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in method 3 and 4.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On May 27th, 1,440 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. Moor (first in two methods) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, N. M. Newby (cond.) 3, J. Blackburn 4, K. M. Price 5, T. F. Metcalfe, 6.

STOWTING, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,272 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Swift 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela A. Court 3, H. Deacon 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

UFFINGTON, BERKS. — On April 22nd, Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Green 1, P. L. Furniss 2, A. H. Green 3, R. J. Crocker 4, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Chapman 1, Glynis Perry 2, Caroline Cole 3, D. E. Cobb 4, R. Durrant 5, R. J. Chapman 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8. For civic service. Also on June 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: Susan Thomas 1, Jane Chapman 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Hawkins 4, Caroline Cole 5, R. J. Chapman 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. K. Russ 8, M. Jefferyes 9, H. Duncan 10, R. Durrant 11, A. J. Slade 12. First by all-local band in method.

WEST TILBURY, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. Blatch 1, G. I. Lucas 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, M. C. Austin 4, Joan Hills 5. A 5th birthday compliment to Sharon Lucas.

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	—	—			—		3572468
—	—			1	—		2345678

336

W	V	F	B	I	M	2345678
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	—	—			—	3572468
—	—			1	—	2345678

208

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By P. C. WRIGHT

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23564					—
23645			—		—
34256			—		
62345	—			—	—
23465		—S		—	
23654			—		—
23546			—		—
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SURREY ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS ITS FOUNDATION 87 YEARS AGO

THIS issue has as its main theme the Surrey Association of Change Ringers and the front page picture is of St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Beddington. This church has an honoured place in peal ringing and many well-known ringers have been associated with the tower, which contains ten bells with a tenor of 18 cwt. 14 lbs. in E flat.

The Surrey news story relates to the historic Church of St. John the Baptist, Croydon, compiled by Richard C. Stevens, its present ringing master, the Society having been formed as for back as 1730, and a peal of Bob Triples was rung in the old church in 1734. On the third page of the cover we give an epic picture of the burning of the old church on January 5th, 1867, and another as it appeared about 1820.

This tower had a long association with the Croydon bell founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who cast the 12 bells in 1937, and the first peal on these bells was in honour of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. To mark the Allies' victory in 1946 the late Cyril Johnston presented a flat six thus providing a middle octave.

The Surrey Association recently expressed its keenness and enthusiasm by an outstanding co-operative act. May 21st was the 87th anniversary of the foundation of the Society and to mark the occasion 19 towers rang quarter peals and there were also two peals. The quarter peals are appended below.

QUARTER PEALS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

QUARTER PEALS RUNG TO MARK THE 87th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS ON MAY 21st, 1880.

ADDINGTON.—1,320 Trinity Sunday Treble Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6.

BATTERSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson 1, R. Jean Henderson (cond.) 2, D. R. Tipler (first "inside") 3, E. E. Dodds 4, F. A. Benn 5, R. L. Jones 6, R. J. Cooles 7, D. J. Carter 8.

BEDDINGTON.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. R. Pratt 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Jennie Brown 3, G. P. Starbuck 4, J. W. Bull 5, D. Jennings 6, R. C. Stevens 7, N. Thompson (cond.) 8, D. C. Brookes 9, Juliet S. Stoy 10.

BENHILTON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Haine 1, Ann Murrells 2, Olga Ling 3, P. W. S. Richardson 4, M. Ling (cond.) 5, H. Lambert 6.

BURSTOW.—1,440 Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles: Janet Sherlock 1, R. Padbury 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Robin Padbury.

CHARLWOOD.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, P. Raine 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

COULSDON.—1,260 Antelope Doubles: E. Earnshaw (first quarter) 1, A. Smith 2, A. Brock 3, D. Little (cond.) 4, D. Atkins 5.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, E. W. Razzell 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, G. H. Humphries 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. D. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, F. E. Collins 9, A. Brown 10.

EGHAM.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Aveyard 1, Joyce Parsons 2, S. Elliott 3, A. D. Flood 4, J. W. Bull 5, C. M. White 6, N. Summerhayes 7, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 3, 5 and 6. First of T.B. Major 1. Believed to be the first of Surprise by an Egham Sunday service band.

EPSOM COMMON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn Harvey (first quarter) 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, W. Parrott (cond.) 4, W. J. Munton 5.

GODSTONE.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Russell 1, D. Putt 2, T. Bird 3, Miss M. Groves 4, F. Dumbrell 5, A. Wood (cond.) 6, A. Starmer 7, A. Putt 8. Rung with 7, 8 behind.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bryony P. H. Moorby (first of Minor) 1, Lesley A. Hawes (first of Minor "inside") 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, J. F. Taylor 4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6.

MERSTHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Hills 1, Christine Foster 2, Nancy Kempsall 3, W. Dunn 4, C. Cook (cond.) 5, A. Millson 6, M. Foster 7, K. Dallison 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind.

NUTFIELD.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks (first quarter) 1, Nancy Kempsall 2, G. Olliver 3, A. Clarke 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. Also rung for Confirmation, and for the christening of Karl David, son of Alan and Freda Streeter.

OUTWOOD.—1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. W. King 1, Carol Gosling 2, E. Brazier 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4.

PUTNEY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ann Mew 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, C. F. Mew 4, L. W. Allen 5, B. J. Bull 6, M. Rose 7, Christine M. Cobb 8.

REDHILL.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Saggers 1, D. D. Atfield 2, I. Goacher 3, Marion Dallison (first of Stedman) 4, K. Dallison (first of Stedman) 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. Also rung for the anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (Rev. S. C. G. Dyer), and for the christening of Karl David, son of Alan and Freda Streeter.

REIGATE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Martin (first quarter away from tenor behind) 1, Angela Hughs (first in method "inside") 2, Jean Hanning 3, W. Inwood 4, A. T. Shelton 5, K. G. Game 6, T. T. Jones (cond.) 7, G. Knipe 8. First quarter by an all local Sunday service band since December, 1957.

WIMBLEDON.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Alison Hughes (first quarter) 1, Lesley Eames 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Caroline Midge 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, M. Burn 6.

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Members attending the Oxford Diocesan Guild Festival on July 1st were pleased to see that Mr. Alan Pink was well enough to attend the service though he did not stay for the meeting.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild have made an offer to purchase for £900 the bells of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, which are a Rudhall six with two additional trebles. Their petition is now before the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Croydon Parish Church—Past and Present

Notes on the history of the Parish Church of Croydon, compiled by the present Ringing Master, Richard C. Stevens.

CROYDON Parish Church, which stands in the old part of the town, will be best known to ringers as the twelve-bell tower of Croydon. This church, which was reconsecrated after a disastrous fire in the 19th century, has a most interesting history and I would like to share some of its past with fellow ringers through these columns.

The first evidence of religious life in Croydon is to be found in an Anglo-Saxon Will dated A.D 960, where reference is made to "Elfsies preostre of Croydon." Although no proof of the existence of a church can be found, it is generally considered unlikely that a priest lived in the town without a building of some nature where he could carry out the duty of his office. This is, however, purely assumption and must only be regarded as such.

IN DOMESDAY BOOK

The first proof of the existence of a church in Croydon is to be found in the Domesday Book, where an entry recorded in A.D. 1086 reads—"iba eccla, here a church." This building in all probability stood on the same site as the present church, a fact of which one can be fairly certain, as had the church been built on any ground other than already consecrated ground, it would have been entered in the register of the Archbishop in whose time it was built. (Canon Law provides that no church shall be consecrated unless it has been previously consumed by fire, or desecrated, or is built on unconsecrated ground.) No such record is to be found in the registers of the Archbishops. Research after the fire in 1867 which destroyed the building erected in the 14th century, showed the transition from the Decorated to the Perpendicular styles with traces of Norman work. Part of it is dated from the time of Archbishop Courtenay (1381–1396), whose arms were formerly carved over the north entrance, and part of it was built and completed in the time of Archbishop Chicheley (1414–1443), whose arms were carved over the west door.

The general picture of the earliest church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is that it stood on low ground, very close to the source of the River Wandle. At this time the church would have been surrounded by water, aspecially as at one time there was a mill near the church. The River Wandle still exists to this day, but is no longer around the Parish Church. Instead it passes through part of Wandle Park (about half a mile away) and flows through to Beddington Park.

This early church was rebuilt in the 14th century in the Early Perpendicular style. It consisted of a nave, three aisles, north and south porches, a chancel and two chantry chapels, a sacristry or vestry and a massive western tower

ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY

It was in this 14th century building that no less than six Archbishops of Canterbury were buried. They are as follows:—

Edmund Grindall	1519—1583
John Whitgift	1530—1604
Gilbert Sheldon	1598—1677
William Wake	1657—1737
John Potter	1674—1747
Thomas Herring	1693—1757

The Old Palace (now a girls' Grammar School) was a residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury, and Croydon to this day is part of the Diocese of Canterbury. The Archdeaconry of Croydon forms an island between the Dioceses of Southwark and Rochester. The Archdeaconry itself was formed in 1930 and prior to that date Croydon was in the Archdeaconry of Maidstone.

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1867

On January 5th, 1867, the Parish Church of Croydon was burnt to a smouldering ruin. Rather than attempt to recreate the scene myself, I have copied the following article which appeared in a "Croydon Advertiser Special—Old and New Croydon Illustrated," published in May, 1894:—

"Saturday, January 5th, 1867, will ever be a memorable night in the history of Croydon. At about a quarter to eleven o'clock, Mr. James Skinner was wending his way home when he observed a light at the north end of the Parish Church, and shortly after, meeting Mr. Kilmaster, the then sexton, mentioned it. As Mr. Kilmaster knew the gas had not been lighted, he at once went to the building and discovered that a beam leading towards the roof had ignited. He raised an alarm, and the Volunteer Fire Brigade speedily set out from their station at the summit of Crown Hill and appeared in a few minutes at the church.

"A heavy snowstorm had covered the water-plugs, and a hose was attached to a plug inside the building as a temporary precaution while the other plugs were discovered. But a grave mistake had been made—someone had blundered. In the excitement and hurry in getting first to the scene of the fire, everyone had forgotten to call the turncock, and 35 minutes elapsed between the 'call' and the first flow of water, the sequel being that with the exception of the tower and the north and south walls, the entire fabric fell prey to the flames, and a victim to brigade mismanagement. The scene was surprisingly grand. Amid a plethora of devastation, a blinding snowstorm, accompanied by a heavy gale of wind, added to the terrors of the night and on every hand the fury of the elements—fire and water, hail and snow, wind and tempest—presented a spectacle that will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

BAFFLED DESCRIPTION

"Showers and sparks mingled with the snowflakes, and made a scene which baffles description. At half past eleven o'clock the roof fell in—an awful sight. Nor were the stained glass windows seen to such advantage as when lighted by fitful gleams from within presenting fantastical and weird devices without. The nave, the aisles, the chancel, the sacristry, the porches and the well-proportioned tower were now in the grip of a relentless master and before midnight the fine peal of bells had been silenced and displaced. Half an hour later the carcase of the west tower and two walls remained to mark what had an hour before been the pride of the town, and the product of a hundred generations.

"The fabric, including the organ and chancel, was insured for £10,800—a sum totally inadequate to cover the financial loss.

"As we have observed, the calamity took place on a Saturday night, and it is not, therefore, surprising to learn that but very few people knew of the disaster until service time on the Sunday, and many singular and some rather incongruous contretemps were experienced. Many who had braved the elements to attend divine service on the Sunday morning—old men and maidens, young men and children, and old ladies in pattens too—trotted along manfully (or womanly) regardless of frost, snow and wind, and only realised the disaster that prevented their intended devotions as they got to the precincts of the ruined edifice.

"Sixty volumes of registers and parish books escaped, but the tithe map and every document relating to tithes perished, save one. Deeds dating from 1277—1644 were destroyed."

And so ended an era of history in Croydon. As mentioned in the "Croydon Advertiser" report, the building, including the organ and chancel, was insured for only £10,800, which was totally inadequate to cover the cost of the loss involved. Yet the people of Croydon set their hearts to the work of rebuilding their Parish Church.

THE NEW PARISH CHURCH

And so it was, exactly three years after the fire that the Bishop of London, Dr. Jackson, came to Croydon to reconsecrate the church which is to be seen today. It was completed upon the old foundations in the same Perpendicular Gothic style under the direction of the late Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., who then lived in Croydon. The eastern end of the building is 18 feet longer than the previous building, and is built of stone from the Ancaster and Godstone quarries, together with blue corsham Casterton stone which is intermixed.

Recent alterations to the church and its surroundings include the laying out of the churchyard as a garden of remembrance in memory of those who lost their lives in the last war, and the building of a new Church Hall. The pinnacles on the battlements of the roof have mostly been removed when it was found that their condition was becoming dangerous, and it was decided not to replace them. Inside the church, the tomb of Archbishop Sheldon has recently been restored to its condition before the fire. During an interregnum after the death of Archdeacon Tonks, who was Vicar of Croydon from 1948 until 1957, the church was cleaned internally and some of the stonework of 100 years ago looked like new once more. And so the life of Croydon Parish Church carries on amongst the people of the town. It is indeed a fine building and the people of the town are proud of their Parish Church. At the present time we have just remembered the fire of 100 years ago (without another fire!), and in three years time we shall be celebrating the centenary of the present building. All that remains for me now is to give a brief history of the tower and bells of the church.

In fact we know a fair amount about the first bells in the tower of the church, although we know nothing of their quality or weight. An entry in the Archiepiscopal Registers of Thomas Arundel, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1395 until 1414, records that "One John-de-Aldermaston, who was buried in ye Church, left by his will, XX sheep for the purchase of a Saunce (Saints) bell."

During the 16th century, it became the custom for Cathedrals to be allowed a ring of seven bells, and parish churches five bells. Croydon Parish Church was thus honoured with the full ring of five bells, evidence of which is to be found in the following entry in an inventory of the boy-King, Edward VI—"There are fyve belles in ye stepel and a Saunce bell."

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CROYDON PARISH CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Later records show that this Society was formed in 1730, and there must have been eight bells in the tower by this time, as we have evidence that a peal of 5,040 Bob Triples was rung in the tower on January 17th, 1734, conducted by Joseph Levens. In 1738 a new octave was hung in the tower by the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor became cracked in 1836 and was recast in that same year by William Mears, the weight being 22 cwt. 3 qr 7 lb. According to all accounts, these bells were highly thought of, as many records indicate a melodious ring of bells.

As recorded in the extract from the "Croydon Advertiser," regarding the fire, these bells were melted and ruined by the intense heat. So a new ring of bells was required for the reconsecration of the church. The new octave was installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Son of Loughborough in 1869. The new tenor weighed 30 cwt. and 21 lb. and was tuned to E flat.

(For pictures and continuation see page 507.)

A New Look at the Ladies' Guild Annual

THIS year at its 55th annual meeting, held at Lincoln on July 1st, the Ladies' Guild took on a "new look," which had a strong accent on the social side. The Lincolnshire District, who were hosts, laid on a wonderful programme which included a service in the Cathedral choir stalls, a buffet luncheon of home made delicacies in the Chapter House, a meeting in the Consistory Court, and a dinner and dance at Moor Lodge, Branston.

This was the third dinner the Guild had held, the last being five years ago for the jubilee. It was a happy moment for the president, Mrs. Jacqueline King, from Chepstow, in welcoming two founder members—Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mrs. Mitchell. For the convenience of those travelling a distance, the Diocesan Hostel, adjoining the Cathedral, had been booked and the 33 beds available were taken.

The service was held in the choir of the Cathedral. More than 100 members and friends were present to be welcomed by the Dean (the Very Rev. Michael Peck). The sermon was given by the Sub-Dean (Canon P. B. G. Binnell), who asked the company to beware of "campanological snobbery." "There is many a village church where the bells are silent. It may be that some of you who can ring bells can make them speak again. Don't despise them. Remember they are the means by which God's people can be called to worship."

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting, held in the Consistory Court in the Cathedral, was the shortest on record, proceedings being limited to 25 minutes. Because of a Confirmation in the Cathedral the meeting had to conclude by 2.30, and while the president was in the position to offer alternative accommodation the members preferred to adhere to the original venue.

Upon the proposal of Mrs. E. A. Barnett, the three retiring officers were re-elected, viz: Mrs. Jacqueline King, president; Miss Doris Coleman, hon. secretary; and Miss Joan Beresford, hon. treasurer. The hon. secretary, however, reminded the meeting that a new president would have to be found next year as the rules limited the period of office to three years. Nominations would have to be submitted four weeks before the annual general meeting.

Presenting the accounts, Miss Beresford said there had been an excess of income over expenditure of £1 16s., compared with a profit of £15 8s. 2d. the previous year. An unfortunate mishap had cost the Devon Branch £9, but this had been met locally by raffles and competitions. The Guild had a balance of £171 13s. 1d.

After the accounts had been adopted, Mrs. Jelley said the Leicester District thought that some of the money invested in the Post Office could be reinvested to produce a higher rate of interest; it could have made all the difference that year between a profit and a loss. It was agreed that Mrs. Slade be approached to make suggestions.

The meeting considered it was not necessary to raise the subscriptions (ringing 2s., under 16 1s., non-ringing life 5s., other life members £2 2s.).

The next annual meeting is to be held at St. Albans on the first Saturday in July. The proposition was made by Miss Valerie Ware, supported by Miss Freda Cannon. The North Western District would be hosts for 1969.

Proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, Mr. P. Marshall and Mr. Jack Millhouse and Mrs. Richardson and her helpers for the excellent buffet. The hon. secretary was also thanked for her services.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lock, Miss Andrews, Miss Earl, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Slade, Miss Wain, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Dobbie, Mrs. Hairs and Mrs. Feirn.

THE DINNER

A company of more than 100 attended the dinner at Moor Lodge, Branston. Speeches were bright and entertaining and an interval was provided by a touch of Stedman Triples rung by Mrs. E. A Barnett, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mrs. P. Staniforth and Miss J. Beresford. The president was in the chair, and the guest of honour was Canon P. B. G. Binnell. Mr. Peter J. Staniforth was the toastmaster.

After the loyal toast had been proposed from the chair, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (vice-president of the Western District) proposed the toast of "The Church." "What do we mean when we think of the Church?" she asked. "I think if we are truly honest and as we are ringers our first thought is 'How many?' and our second 'How heavy?'

"In our more serious moments we are led on to think of how these wonderful bells we are privileged to ring came to be there. Not by accident, but as the result of the love and energies of churchmen and churchwomen through the ages who believed so strongly in what they had found that they wanted to share it with all those who had ears to hear.

"These beautiful buildings stand as a witness to the faith of generations of Christians, and what better example could we have than the faith which enabled men to have the vision to build the magnificent Cathedral here in Lincoln and to continue to maintain it! But these churches are only buildings and whether they are beautiful cathedrals or tin mission huts, should they be destroyed services would go on amongst the ruins and the true Church would rise triumphant.

"The true Church was the people, and whether we are always worthy of our calling is doubtful, but members we are and whether we meet and worship in a church or in the open air in whatever part of the world, whether we are Church of England or any other denomination matters not; we are the Church, and that is the toast I now give you."

Canon Binnell, the Sub-Dean of Lincoln, replied, describing himself as the "toastee." Bellringing, he said, always seemed to be a form of activity of which there were two aspects—the practical and technical of which he knew nothing, and the social and the moral about which he knew something and about which he had learned a lot in the last three-quarters of an hour.

One of the oldest set of ringers' rules was in a little church near Gainsborough and one of them read "If you quarrel in this place you shall not ring in any case." It was a rule to remember in these days. The ringers, however, were such a united body of men, women and children that the Church owed them a great debt of gratitude for the wonderful amount of work they did in reinforcing the ministry. The Church tried to teach that work done to the glory of God was the highest form of human endeavour.

The world would not stop if they stopped ringing; people would still go on making money, but he could not help feeling that, like artists, they did an enormous amount of good, and on behalf of the many thousands of members of the Church he thanked them very much.

Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council and secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, proposed "The Ladies' Guild." He recalled that the previous visit of the Guild to Lincoln was 17 years ago and as a result it was then that his hair started turning grey!

Probably associated with an ancestor of one of their esteemed members was an old bell inscribed "Gill Poole Christened Mee 1620." Around the soundbow was "My candle burns at both ends, it will not last the night, but ah I close and oh my friend it gives a lovely light."

Their Guild had existed for nearly 55 years and at the time of its foundation the following poem was written:

Like a breath of summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden,
Deftly handling of a rope.
Welcome girlhood to our science,
Sunlight sweet our pathway cross,
You can win by the alliance
All the silver from our dross.

FAMOUS LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES

When that poem was written many doubted if women would make good in the belfry, but events had proved otherwise. In Lincolnshire they had Mrs. Richardson, who took part in Great Adventure I and rang in the third peal even rung by a band of ladies. Then there was Mrs. Jack Bray, who rang in the first peal of 100 Minor methods and, after the war, in the first peal of 100 methods "in hand." Later came Betty Brown, who took part in a peal of Surprise Major in 32 methods.

Despite these achievements, the Cathedral band would not have lady ringers and preferred to keep the company all male. In the 1950's they realised that this was wrong and they had a young lady who was equal to Betty Brown and now they had a second lady.

The ladies had established themselves in the ringing Exercise and their organisation had played its part. They found in the Guild (Lincoln) that attendances at meetings were not as they should be and he thought it was time that Guilds should change their outlook. Whatever the pattern might be in the future the male members would wish the Ladies' Guild prosperity in the future.

The president, in reply, thanked Mr. Freeman and said they had enjoyed their "new look" meeting; everything had gone well and their business meeting was over in a record time of 25 minutes. Their thanks were due to Mrs. Richardson and her hard-working band of helpers and Mrs. Staniforth for this "new look."

TWO FOUNDER MEMBERS

Those present were gathered from all quarters of the country—from England and Wales. They had people with them who had covered a distance of 200 miles and some got up at 3 a.m. that day to be with them. Although being in existence for 55 years they were still active and prepared to make changes. They still had 11 Districts and over 400 members. They were fortunate to have with them two founder members—Mrs. Hairs and Mrs. Mitchell, and she sincerely hoped that they would continue to enjoy their membership.

As Mr. Freeman had said, when the Guild was first formed gentlemen were opposed to having ladies in the belfry, and now their best supporters were the gentlemen, who contributed to the attendance at their meetings by exceeding the ladies by three or four to one. They were delighted to have them.

A Vicar of Chepstow wrote in 1887 concerning ringers: "If the greater glory of God is the true motive of the work then it must be crowned with success." The presence of ladies in the belfry had helped to crown that success.

"Let us have a few more lady representatives on the Central Council," implored the president. "There are some things men know more about and some that women can do better."

"The Visitors" were toasted on the call of Mrs. Staniforth, who in particular welcomed Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawson, of Leicester, who

LADIES GUILD—Continued.

were present at Washington for the wedding of Mr. Dirksen and met two of their members—Miss Betsy Proctor and Miss C. Kelsey.

Mr. A. J. Poyner, secretary of the Leicester Guild, replied, and congratulated the ladies on their touch of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral and also the ladies who rang the touch so well at Exeter Cathedral.

A pleasing ceremony concluded the speeches by the president making a presentation to Mrs. Richardson of a box of chocolates.

Thanking the Guild, Mrs. Richardson said she had had support from every member of the District, and to them and her daughter the thanks were due.

The evening concluded with dancing.

THE COMPANY

The president and her husband (Mr. David King) were supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Canon P. G. B. and Mrs. Binnell, Miss D. Colgate, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. Joan Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. Parfrey, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Miss S. Chesterton, Mr. A. J. Poyner and Mrs. B. Jackson.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. R. Percy, the Misses Percy and C. Percy, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. J. C. and Miss Millhouse, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway, Mrs. McGuinness, Mrs. Wayman, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. B. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Poole and Mr. W. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. Chafer, Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Heppenstall.

The Misses G. and K. Burchnall, Mr. and Mrs. Walden, Mrs. R. and Miss Chester, Mrs. B. Chester, Mrs. Retter and Miss A. Retter, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. C. Bird, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Miss M. de Jong, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Noon, Mr. and Mrs. Pavey, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Bennett, the Misses Johnson, Petrie, E. Tutty, M. Chilton, Bull, Lacey, F. Cannon, Edwards, V. Ware, Parfrey and R. Staniforth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

Loder was the tower chosen for the West Dorset Branch meeting on June 24th, when five towers were represented. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. O. L. Willmott. Tea was partaken in the Vicarage, where the kindest of welcomes was given by the Vicar and Mrs. Willmott.

The business meeting followed and in the absence of the chairman the Rev. O. L. Willmott (vice-chairman) presided.

Two new members were elected—Miss Verity Penney (Beaminster) and Frank Goad (Loders). Members stood in a silent tribute to Wilf Paul (Bridport) and Mrs. Mead (Bradpole), who rang in the only all-ladies' quarter peal for the Branch. Later in the evening a band of ringers from Devon rang the bells, in the traditional Devon style, rise—call changes— and fall, which produced some good striking.

Next quarterly meeting: Whitechurch Canonicorum, September 24th. Practice meetings: Melbury Osmond, August 9th; Thorncombe, September 13th; and Halstock, October 11th; all subject to confirmation. J. D.

Teaching a Class Handbell Ringing

In response to an inquiry from someone with no experience of how to introduce tune ringing on handbells to a class of 42 eight-year-olds, Mr. Norman Chaddock makes the following suggestions.

THE FIRST FOUR LESSONS

ASSUMPTIONS

(1) Teacher knows little or no music.
(2) Class is about 40 in number.
(3) Twenty-two bells are available, probably diatonic scale (no sharps or flats). The key does not matter unless other instruments are to accompany the bells. Notes will thus be (up the scale) Doh—through three octaves to top Doh.

Lesson 1.—Select eight pupils and have them face the class. If possible, include any pupils known to have musical experience (recorders, etc.). Train them to ring down the scale, ring-the bell either up or down only. For the beat, count (aloud at first) 1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 2, 3, 4 (not 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8).

Deal suitably with any difficulties in handling and striking the bells. Give larger bells to larger pupils. A pupil may need **both** hands for a big bell.

Repeat the above with a set of eight girls, then with a set of eight boys.

Now choose eight pupils who have not had a go. When they can strike the bells, drill them to produce a tune in the following manner. (The teacher must know the notes of the tune or have previously written them down on a bit of paper in the sequence in which they should be sounded.)

Tell pupils to ring their bell once each time you point to them distinctly. Now do the necessary pointing, possibly aided by the bit of paper on which the sequence has been written down.

By now all have had a go at something and much fun will have ensued. Appetites will have been whetted for the next lesson.

Lesson 2.—Give out all 22 bells, one between two pupils. Count aloud four beats to a bar, 1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 2, 3, 4, and first instruct those with a bell to ring it **on** every first beat. (Disregard the disharmony.) Change bells to other pupils and have them strike on the third beat. Now try half-class ringing bells on the first beat and the other half do hand-claps on the third beat. Develop this further using other beats and variations until sense of rhythm is satisfactory.

Now divide the bells into two sets, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 (numbered down the scale). Each set alone will roughly harmonise. Call one set "Reds" and the other "Blues."

Chalk up music staves (five lines) with bar markings and four beats to a bar on the blackboard Put red "blobs" on some beats and blue "blobs" on others to represent notes. Now count aloud 1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 2, 3, 4 and moving pointer progressively in time along the bars chalked on the blackboard. Instruct pupils to count to themselves **in time** and the "red" set to ring when you point to red "blobs" and the blues to ring when you point to blue "blobs."

Develop this further to more complicated arrangements, letting all pupils take turn.

Now add the leger line for note C to the five-line stave and teach the pupils that each line and each space represents a note, and show how to represent notes C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C (Doh, Ray, Me, Fah, Soh, Lah, Te, Doh) on the staves.

All a pupil needs to know is which line or space represents his particular bell, e.g. pupil with "E" (or note Me) in a tune only watches for notes on the bottom of the five lines.

Now put some notes on the board as before but representing down the scale (Doh, Te, Lah, Soh Fah, Me, Ray, Doh) on beats 1, 2, 3, 4; 1, 2, 3, 4. Now point in sequence and get the pupils playing down the scale. As we have three octaves, three bells will ring simultaneously on each beat. Now try other sequences (Queens, etc.).

Before the next lesson, prepare a blackboard music score of a tune known to children. A little harmony may be included. Use colour to help pupils identify their own notes.

Lesson 3.—Practise the prepared tune, pointing and counting as before All bells may be used by repeating the melody an octave lower or higher. Give all pupils a turn at the tune. Now practise pupils in emphasising first beat and to play loud or soft as required.

Non-playing pupils may perhaps hum softly to retain interest.

At this stage the teacher may have recognised talented pupils and be able to start an after-school group, which could make rapid progress in handbell tune ringing.

Lesson Four.—This may be devoted to:—

(a) A new tune.
(b) Explanation and a little practice in ringing on the half-beat (the "and"), e.g.: 1-**and**-2-3-4, etc.
(c) Practice in other rhythms (1, 2, 3; 1, 2, 3, etc.).
(d) Training in ringing two bells (one in each hand).
(e) Ringing a bell "across" instead of up and down.
(f) Scales on exercises leading to "changes" (five or six or eight beats to a bar).
(g) Practising "introductions," such as ringing down the scale, ending with a chord on top Doh, Soh, Me and bottom Doh.

OBSERVATIONS

Aims of the above lesson include:—

(1) Quick sense of achievement.
(2) Achievement of rhythm and sense of pitch.
(3) Introduction to reading music.
(4) Concentration and co-ordination.

The lessons may be linked with folklore (bells and tunes) and movement.

The help of the music teacher should, if necessary, be sought.

The above material, with additions, could be spread over a greater number of lessons. It may have to be adapted to bells available. It may be possible to mix with other instruments such as recorders, chink bars, melodicas, etc.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The beautiful church at Langar, often called the Cathedral of the Vale, attracted over 40 ringers to the Bingham District meeting on June 10th. Twelve towers were represented, the most at any District meeting this year, despite the long draught to the bells.

The Rev. G. Turner (Holme Pierrepont) conducted the service. Tea was rather crowded in the small village school, and the collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised £2 15s.

Next meeting: Cotgrave, July 15th. Joint meeting with Melton, possibly at Eaton, on August 19th.

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Letters to the Editor

ST. AUSTELL'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—One is tempted to ask exactly what Mr. Dawson is getting at in his letter in the June 30th issue. Is he perhaps suggesting that this is a case of a local firm interfering in the Church's affairs for the sake of publicity, and thereby depriving specialist bell-hangers of what they consider their rightful jobs? If he is, he can hardly be aware of the facts. Messrs. English, Clays, Lovering, Pochin and Co. are by far the largest employers in the St. Austell area, and for generations the majority of worshippers at Holy Trinity Church have been clay workers. Thus there are very close ties, both social and economic, between the clayworks and the parish, for, after all, china-clay has brought trade and employment to an otherwise depressed area; in fact in the Church of St. Stephen-in-Brannell a few miles away, there is a stained glass window dedicated to the clayworkers. What, then, could be more apt than that these already close ties should be strengthened by the generous action of ECLP in overhauling the bells of the Parish Church?

To judge by his remarks, Mr. Dawson also seems to suggest that a cheapjack job was done. However, ECLP have considerable experience of heavy engineering, and if Mr. Dawson had seen some of the machinery they deal with he would soon realise that re-hanging an 18 cwt. eight was child's play to them.

There would hardly be room to recast the bells in the churchyard, but in spite of Mr. Dawson's remarks, Messrs. ECLP would no doubt overcome this with typical Cornish skill and resourcefulness and produce a first-class job!—Yours faithfully,

BOB BUNKER
(of St. Austell stock).

Ruislip, Middlesex.

CASTLE CARY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—This is not the first peal in the method (page 459) notation. The same notation appears on page 463 under the name Greybury rung at Edenbridge on September 24th, 1966.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. THODAY.

Cambridge.

SUPPORT FOR "SEMI-LEARNERS"

Dear Sir,—I would like to associate myself with the letter "Semi-learners' Grievance" (page 436). Some ringers not only expect a learner to jump from Plain to Surprise but what is more they soon tire of giving any more help. Even in trying to teach plain methods the displays of temper met with today were not even dreamt of years ago, and continual shouting disheartens any learner. It is not unusual to see the bells at a meeting used for long touches of spliced, as if in demonstration, and poor learners wander off in disgust, perhaps without a ring.

Bells are expected to be at their disposal for some Surprise peal without any consideration for local bands or learners.

Let us see more friendly welcome for learners any time and the return of quiet words of guidance, and less of shoddy loose ways of ringing, as much can be gained from example as precept.

Take heart then all you semi-learners because to have attained a peal of Surprise is not to have reached the heavens.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. H. RAXTER.

Droitwich.

SEMI-LEARNER'S STORY

Dear Sir,—Re the letter from "Semi-Learners" on June 23rd; I know exactly how they must feel, as I still regard myself as a semi-learner.

I have been in contact with people who as soon as they graduate to ringing "inside" to Grandsire, etc., feel they are beyond the beginner stage and then set about criticising the way other people ring, but are not prepared to impart their wealth of knowledge to the benefit of their own tower. This happens so often in the area where I ring. I must admit that when visiting other towers I have always found most of the ringers very helpful. I do meet the occasional one who believes he is a cut above everyone else, but if asked to call a touch of Grandsire usually says "Sorry, I'm afraid I don't know how to." I usually find that the more elderly ringers with whom I come into contact are most helpful and always prepared to give guidance in my struggle to progress.

I think the most embarrassing moment I have had when visiting a tower is when someone in a very loud voice for all to hear criticises your ringing and then, after you have curled up on the floor, says "You don't mind me telling you, do you?"

Perhaps if the critics would use a little more tact when they have a point to make, they would probably get better response from the learner. As far as our Branch meetings go, we do get quite a good response from all grades of ringers. Sometimes I'll admit the Ringing Master may take advantage of this and call for the more advanced methods instead of encouraging those ringers to stand by a learner. But this is not always their fault, because in ringing, as in many other things, if you don't ask you don't get.

Your correspondents will probably ask themselves whether or not it is worth continuing with their ringing; they must remember that they are doing a service to the Church and ringing to the glory of God, and must be patient and not take any show of temper by the more advanced ringers too much to heart. As long as they feel they are doing their best, then with patience they will win through.

Their point about ringing in Surprise methods after just progressing from badly-struck Plain Bob and the like doesn't really make a lot of sense. Surely if you can only ring badly-struck Plain Bob then the thing to do is to insist that you are not encouraged or forced into ringing Surprise methods until you are sure in your own mind that you are able to ring the simpler methods well. If of course you get pushed into these things and you are not sure of yourself then tell the conductor that you are not sure of the methods and then they have only themselves to blame if you go wrong.—Yours faithfully,

STILL LEARNING.

SILEBY PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw attention to an error in the notes on the bells of Sileby Parish Church (page 430). The date of the fifth bell given as 1590 cannot be correct. George Oldfield, whose mark is on the bell, was in charge of the Nottingham foundry from 1620 to 1680, when he died. — Yours faithfully,

GEORGE A DAWSON.

Nottingham.

SWEEP THE FLOOR TEST

Dear Sir,—While "The Ringing World" provides some very interesting ringing news it also prints its fair share of tripe as well, and one such point lately has been about which hand should or should not be in front. Five of the West Down team are what we call 'left hand afore" and I think I can fairly say that as ringers they are as good as the right-handed men. This "clipping back stroke, "stronger right arms" and "the way ropes are twisted" is about the biggest load of bull ever.

When we have a learner come into the tower the first thing we do is to give him or her the sweeping brush and ask them to sweep the floor, and which hand "afore" they are—that's it. Then we show them how to coil the rope and then to raise the bell and lower it; by doing this the learner finds the weight of the bell, and unfortunate accidents like the one recently reported will be less likely to happen. Surely these people who learn to ring from the set position don't learn to drive a car from the top of the nearest hill in top gear. If bells were meant to be rung from the set position the bell founders would surely hang them that way. —Yours faithfully,

MERVYN PHILLIPS.

West Down North Devon.

WANTS SET CHARGES FOR PEALS AND QUARTERS

Dear Sir,—I look forward to the time when there is a set charge for the insertion of quarter peals and peals. It has always seemed inequitable that there should be any differentiation in this matter. Quarter peals are as often as not rung for some local event or service, generally purposes for which one would suppose the bells are there. Peals, on the other hand, are usually a performance personal to the ringers only.

In my experience, it is the large proportion of "The Ringing World" devoted to the publication of peals that discourages the new non-peal-ringing reader On the other hand, people who ring peals often, it seems to me, consider these reports the most important part of the paper. As this section probably forms the greater part of your readers it would be difficult to depart from the status quo and for this reason to increase the circulation.

You have my sympathy and best wishes!—Yours sincerely,

FRED GOODFELLOW.

Ivet Heath.

SCOPE OF A NEW BOOK

Dear Sir,—The most recent publication of the College of Campanology (late) receives kindly mention in the annual report of the Council's librarian, as seen in the issue of "The Ringing World" dated June 16th, where it is noted as "Method Structure in Change Ringing Part II." Unfortunately this would imply that the work is in two "parts," which is incorrect.

It is, however, the second of a series of nine projected works under the general title of "The Ringers' Manual of Reference," and this sub-title as to the nine parts may have given rise to the misnomer.

We hope this explanation may satisfy intending purchasers of the book on method structure that it is, in fact, complete in itself.—Yours sincerely,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

A GOSPEL OAK DISSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Re the letter by Mr. Hutchinson in the "Ringing World" for June 23rd on the subject of the Gospel Oak peal, may I ask readers to note the following points:

(i) I am no longer secretary of the U.L.S.C.R. and my views should not be taken as those of that Society; even if I was, personal views should not be a reflection of the policy of a Society.

(ii) The fact that I said I had never heard of the gentleman concerned does not mean that I have denied his existence.

(iii) The remark I made was made to Mr. John Pladdys (not Mr. Hutchinson) in a casual vein. As that remark was used in the letter without my permission, and as I wish to dissociate myself with the peal entirely, I ask readers to disregard this section of Mr Hutchinson's letter.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. CAWLEY.

Whitstable.

ROPE FLY-OUT

Dear Sir,—May I make an observation on "Tuition Teasers" No. 4—Rope Flyout?

The main reason is that the hand holding the tail-end is allowed to travel behind the ringer at the end of its backstroke pull (when the hands are at full stretch downwards). This can be avoided simply by ringing with both hands always held in front of the body.

I do not pretend that this is the only cause of rope fly-out—you should see me on practice night!—but it is the main cause.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH J. WALPOLE.

Liverpool.

LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on Simon Humphrey's excellent composition of 5,376 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, which appeared in the June 23rd issue of "The Ringing World." I feel that its simplicity and musical qualities should make it a standard Lincolnshire composition, but it has the slight disadvantage of being longer than the "normal" peal length. I would like to point out that it can be reduced to 5,152 by omitting the first Wrong in each part and omitting the first pair of singles in any one part. It then contains the same number of combination courses with 83 roll-ups and the first part-end is 23564.

I give notice of an attempt for 6,048 Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Gressenhall, Norfolk, on Saturday, July 22nd, starting at 5.30 p.m.—Yours sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Herne Hill, S.E.

HINDENBURG LINE STORMED

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, of the storming of the Hindenburg line by the 46th Division. I was in the 57th Division who, combined with the 52nd Lowland Division and 63rd Naval Division formed the XVII Corps under Lt.-Gen. Sir G. Fergusson.

We attacked this line on August 27th, 1918, on a front 2,000 yards wide, at Hendecourt and Riencourt. At the end of a week of hard fighting we had advanced to Inchy. Our Division took 1,780 prisoners. Our casualties were 73 officers and 1,630 other ranks, killed and wounded. I am still happy to be able to do a little ringing.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM G. LAVERS.

Plympton.

LEARN YOUR METHOD FIRST

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue a group of ringers calling themselves "Semi-Learners" wrote complaining about the treatment they receive at meetings, but have they considered the other side of the argument. Only too often at meetings the ringing is ruined by people catching hold to ring in methods about which they have only vague knowledge. If you are a learner there is no harm in having someone standing behind you to help with the ropesight, but this is all they should be there for. If you do not know the method well enough to ring it without constant prompting, then you should not be ringing it.

This applies even more so to Surprise ringing, for although most prospective Surprise ringers have adequate ropesight, far fewer have a proper knowledge of the method they are ringing. Hasty glances at the blue line, only knowing the start of one bell, and utter confusion when a bob is called are examples of this. To my mind anybody attempting to ring Surprise should first of all learn the method properly, and this means knowing not only the blue line, but all the starts, and consequently the work at a bob. So, "Semi-Learners" first of all learn you methods properly before coming to meetings and then you will find the more expert ringers ready to encourage and help you.—Yours faithfully.

ROBIN COLLIS.

Twickenham.

INCORRECTLY NAMED

Dear Sir,—It seems that the peal of Castle Cary Surprise Major rung at Castle Cary on June 10th (page 459) is incorrectly named and cannot claim to be the first peal in the method A peal in the method was rung at Edenbridge on September 24th, 1966, under the name of Greybury (page 658). In fact Greybury itself appears in the synopsis of new methods rung to peals last year (No. 16C) published in the same issue as this peal at Castle Cary.—Yours sincerely,

PETER H. MACKIE.

Wellesbourne, Warks.

NEW METHODS NAMED

Dear Sir,—In the report of a peal at Barrowby, Lincolnshire, rung on May 4th, 1967, and published on page 382 of "The Ringing World," two methods were designated "A" and "B." Names for these have now been suggested:

Stedman Slow Course with an Old Bob single as the call ("A") is Barrowby.

Coxwell Place ditto ("B") is St. Wulfram.

Also, St. Botolph ditto is Barkston.—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A FRITH.

Grantham.

METHOD NAMES

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the method rung to the peal at Castle Cary and published on page 459 is in fact Greybury Surprise Major and not a new method. It is somewhat ironical that the correct name for it appears in the same issue in Appendix C. While writing, Method 20C in that list should read Erewash.

Incidentally, one of the corrections to Cyril Wratten's collection of Surprise compositions is incorrect in that g. should read "54263 2M. 2W H LBWWWWWBL" and not 2H.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK E. SIBSON.

Putney, London.

HALLOWING OF WYMONDHAM ABBEY'S RING OF TEN

By the REV. J. G. TANSLEY THOMAS

SOME four years ago the task of repointing the great west tower at Wymondham was begun. The tower had to be completely surrounded with scaffolding from the ground to the top. When the work had been commenced very serious cracks were discovered in the fabric of the tower. They were mainly vertical cracks, some of them up to 20 feet in length and showing daylight right through the massive walls. One crack, when cleaned out, was over a foot wide in one place.

This meant that the Church Council had to take expert advice as to what had caused this severe and dangerous cracking. The findings of the three experts, consulted quite separately, was that the most likely cause, and the only one which could be taken seriously, was the fact that when the magnificent new oak frame was put in, in 1902, and the ring increased from five bells to eight, the frame was built much too near the top of the tower. We were therefore instructed that it would be unsafe to ring the bells again until the bell frame could be re-erected at a lower level, at least 15 feet below its original position.

It was decided to put this work in hand, and meanwhile the fabric of the tower was completely restored under the direction of the Abbey architect, Mr. Bernard Feilden, who is also the architect of Norwich Cathedral and York Minster.

Lowering the bell frame meant the provision of a new floor to hold it. This floor is made of reinforced concrete and weighs, together with the ring-beam let into the walls all round, some 52 tons.

Since the bells had to come out of the tower while this work was in progress it was felt the opportunity should be taken to have them tuned at the same time. But it was realised by the Church Council that once the bells were back in the tower there would be no question of them coming out again just for recasting, for several generations. If they were going to be recast, or made into a first-class ring, this was the only opportunity Wymondham would have of doing it for very many years. Consequently the order was placed with the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to recast the eight bells and return them in tip-top condition.

The next phase introduces into the picture the generous offer of the Wymondham and Attleborough Round Table to provide the Abbey with an extra bell, and this was capped by the anonymous offer of another to increase the ring to the perfect number of ten. This last bell has been inscribed with the name of our late Ringing Master for 31 years, William Clover, who held this office from 1936 till 1967, but who died suddenly before the casting of the two extra bells had been carried out. It will be a fitting tribute to his memory and to his devoted and wonderful work as a ringer.

The bells are to be hallowed by the Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, July 29th, at 3 p.m., when Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, will preach.

In all the task will have cost about £20,000 and we are still looking for the last £1,000. The bells will ring out soon again over the ancient town and parish of Wymondham. They will be lovelier than ever before, a witness to the faith there is in us, and they will be a fitting ring for Wymondham's incredibly beautiful Abbey Church, 860 years old this year.

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Anzab Annual Meeting and Festival

THE two Victorian towns of Ballarat and Bendigo were hosts to the sixth ANZAB Festival of Ringing and annual Council meeting on the holiday week-end of June 10th–12th. As Ballarat has the reputation of being one of the coldest towns in Australia everyone came prepared to do a quiet freeze from the feet up, but the weather all over the continent was unseasonably warm and the week-end was fine and mild.

There were 14 ringers from New South Wales and nine from South Australia as well as about 15 who came up from Melbourne. Add to these two itinerant ringers returning to the mainland from Tasmania and two visitors from Canberra. Then, with the local Ballarat ringers you have nearly 50 people to accommodate in two eight-bell towers. Somehow it was done. Starting with a pre- and post-wedding ring at St. Peter's before lunch, the ringing went on during the afternoon, the retiring president, Bill Pitcher, taking half the number at the City Hall while Tom Goodyer supervised the ringing at St. Peter's. In mid-afternoon the two bands switched towers. Although it did not work out quite according to plan, there was a lot of ringing from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

Ringing finished at 5 p.m. and after a brief respite between 50 and 60 ringers sat down to an excellent dinner in Craig's Royal Hotel. Guests at the dinner were Councillor and Mrs. Roff and Fr. and Mrs. Cracknell of St. Peter's. When the meal was finished the annual Council meeting began, chaired by Bill Pitcher. Because of an ambiguity in the present constitution, every chairman has to decide afresh each year whether to confine business to the delegates or to allow other members present to take part as well. The president said he would limit it to the delegates, but soon showed that he was quite prepared to change his mind when events more or less demanded it.

The committee appointed last year to review the constitution could not present a report as one of the members had not replied to the convener's draft. The chairman outlined the various views and then gave Bill Watson the opportunity of expressing in his inimitable way his ideas of how a democratic Society should operate. It was soon obvious that the majority of the members at the meeting were in favour of abolishing the delegate system.

Although supplies of the Association badge are still not yet ready, a discussion on exactly to whom they should be available produced a chairman's dilemma when three motions covering pretty well all contingencies were successively lost. The chairman adjourned the meeting for ten minutes and on resumption threw the question open to the whole assembly. It was quickly apparent that almost everyone was in agreement with the suggestion that the badges should be available to all members of State branches of ANZAB and to any other such persons as the Branch might decide.

THE CANBERRA CARILLON

The president reviewed the correspondence he had had with the Prime Minister and with Canon Thurlow and read out the unanimous resolution of the Central Council supporting the plea that a ring of bells at least be included. This had been transmitted to him by Victor Sheppard. The meeting seemed to think that as much had been done as could be done at this stage and while awaiting developments it was agreed that all members who felt able would approach their local Members of Parliament.

The St. George's, Perth, Restoration Appeal was considered and it was decided to donate $50 from the Association's funds. Neville Gower offered to pass round a hat, which he did the following evening and collected $13 As it appeared almost certain that the St. George's Cathedral bells will not be available next years, the offer of the S.A. Branch to hold the next meeting in Adelaide in June, 1968, was accepted.

REPORTS

Philip Gray's report on the Central Council meeting at Nottingham, with its news of a fierce "Ringing World" debate, was read. The treasurer revealed that the Association's bank balance was higher than last year, and likewise the "Ringing Towers" report showed a profit of $18 against a very small loss last year. The circulation of the journal of 220 copies for May, 1967, was a small advance on that of May, 1966. The president in his report said that he saw encouraging signs for the future in the young bands that were being built up in various centres.

NEW OFFICERS

The elections resulted in Jack Roper, of St. Paul's, Melbourne, becoming the new president—his second term of office. Richard Jolly was re-elected secretary with Phillina Lamphee his assistant, and Ken Minchinton remains the treasurer. Neville Gower, of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, was elected peal secretary, and then came what might have been the crux of the meeting, the election of a new editor of "Ringing Towers" to replace Bill Pitcher, who had held that post for five years but who had intimated that he could no longer carry on. On behalf of the New South Wales Branch, Tom Goodyer announced that Jack Cummins, a former editor of "Ringing Towers" when it was the journal of the N.S.W. Association, was willing to offer himself as editor with the assistance of certain other members of the N.S.W. Branch—and was promptly elected, the president expressing his heartfelt thanks that "Ringing Towers" would go on, and in such capable hands.

CHANGE OF LOCATION

On Sunday morning, while some were ringing for service at St. Peter's, a band with ringers from three States completed a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at the City Hall, rung in honour of the centenary of the "Ballaratt Courier," which newspaper had always been kindly disposed to the local ringers. Some general ringing followed and then everyone piled into motor cars of all descriptions for the 75-odd mile journey to Bendigo. Here the tower at St. Paul's was even more crowded though a great deal of ringing was accomplished, both then and on Monday morning, Grandsire and Stedman, Kent Minor and Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major and Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major being among the repertoire. The highlights of the ringing were a fast but cleanly-struck course of Cambridge, a fine three-course touch of Stedman Triples as a service touch before the 5 p.m. Evensong and a grand course of Superlative which closed the ringing on Monday morning.

That attractive affair, a progressive dinner, occupied the Sunday evening when in turn the Robertsons, the Martins and the Wilsons suffered ravenous hordes to tramp in and out of their houses for the various courses of the meal, the progress from one part of Bendigo to the other taking the form of what must have looked like a fast-moving night funeral without a hearse. There was certainly no solemnity; it was all extremely enjoyable and convivial and finished with a showing of some of Warne Wilson's and Bill Pitcher's ringing films, though Jack Roper had the final say on the piano.

Lunch on Monday took the form of the traditional barbecu held at Lake Eppalock, an irrigation reservoir some miles out of Bendigo. A stream of cars drew up in more or less orderly fashion in a very pleasant setting where the cooks were already turning the chops and snags. No sooner had Bill Watson remarked on the absence of birds when a noisy miner and a number of lorikeets fluttered into the trees, and Tom Goodyer was handing him field glasses and an open copy of "What Bird is That?" Claret or soft drink in hand, a great gathering of ringers filed past the barbecues and side tables and enjoyed a wonderful meal—when they weren't dodging the cameras. It was perhaps the best barbecue we have seen and was a fitting climax to an excellently organised week-end. If they did not remark on it, everyone must have realised what a debt of gratitude the Association owes to Bill Robertson and his fellow workers in Bendigo, and Warne Wilson and Alex Herrmann in their workers in Ballarat.

The meeting slowly broke up during the afternoon as the journeys home began—to Melbourne, Adelaide or Sydney. W.B.F.

OUTINGS

ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL

Taking advantage of the Severn Bridge, ringers and friends of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, spent an enjoyable day in Wales on May 13th. The first tower visited was at Monmouth, reached via the Wye Valley; then came a good 12 cwt. six at Cwmcarvan. Before ringing at Dingestow (5), the Vicar kindly inviting us to have coffee with him at the Vicarage. Tregare (a 10 cwt. ring of five) was the last tower before lunch at the Cross Keys Inn at Usk.

The first tower of the afternoon was at Llangibby, a ground-floor eight, with broken stays on two of the bells. We were met here by Mr. Bill Stoat, of Coventry, and ringing up to Cambridge Major was enjoyed. Tredunnock (6) has another ground-floor ring, also the eight at Llanfrechfa, where the trebles are the only bells that can be heard, as they are hung at a lower level. After tea we sampled the excellent steel bells at Bassaleg and the good eight at All Saints', Newport. Supper was taken at the Greyhound Hotel, Chepstow, and this was followed by handbell ringing. Chepstow was left at 10 p.m. and Bristol reached half an hour later.

ADVENTURE IN SUFFOLK

Another memorable outing for St. Mary's, Peterborough, and many friends took place on May 29th. The round trip of 11 very fine towers in West Suffolk, covering approximately 270 miles, was ably organised by our vice-captain, Mr. Geoff Davis. Earl Soham, Laxfield, Yoxford. Southwold, Blythburgh, Kelsale, Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Woodbridge, Otley and Ashbocking, all with excellent rings, provided us with pleasure well worth the effort of an early start (6.30 a.m.)

First tower on the list was reached at 9 a.m. and, to our great surprise, 14 turned up. By the time we reached the third tower our numbers totalled around 30.

Ringing throughout the day, supervised by Mr. Cowlin (who had broken his Lincolnshire holiday to join us), was good except for Aldeburgh (8), where we could not seem to settle down. Justice was certainly not done to this fine ring.

Our apologies to Ashbocking, our last tower, and only mishap. Treble going! Stay gone!

The end of a tiring but very happy day and home we go. Thank you for making us to welcome, Suffolk, and thanks to all tower captains and incumbents for the use of your bells.

No one told us that the ring at Laxfield was anticlockwise. Ever tried raising in peal backwards? P.A.S.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Accompanied by the Association president (Mr. E. Newnham) the Eastern District had a successful outing into Essex and Suffolk on June 10th.

Ringing started on the easy-going eight at Braintree, followed by Sudbury, with a 26 cwt. tenor, and here the clappers of the seventh and eighth had to be swung over before ringing commenced. At Hadleigh the back bells were hard-going to Kent and Little Bob, but Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were well struck.

After lunch at Ipswich, the 32 cwt. twelve at St Mary-le-Tower were rung to Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus—as well as rounds. Then came Lavenham for Stedman, Kent and tea, followed by the six at Haverhill and Saffron Walden, where more Cinques and Maximus were among methods rung. For this enjoyable day we thank the District secretary, who was responsible for the arrangements.

IT'S WEST DOWN AGAIN

A WEEK before the final of the Devon six-bell contest at Ilfracombe the form seemed far from certain. West Down must always be among the favourites, but in the North Devon round they had been soundly beaten by ten faults by their old rivals. Down St. Mary; and in South Devon some very low marks at Stoke Fleming had made it seem possible that the Ross Shield might go south for the first time in several years. The people in the know, however, never underestimate West Down's capacity for rising to the really important occasion, and they were not wrong. In an afternoon of very fine ringing on the back six of Ilfracombe's excellent bells the top four teams finished as follows: West Down 15¼, Down St. Mary 19, Swymbridge 23, Plymstock 25; West Alvington came fifth.

Down St. Mary ringers said afterwards that they were fairly beaten, mainly through a failure to settle down after the rise; an exceptionally good lower failed to make good the deficit. We have remarked more than once on West Down's uncanny ability to find the pitch of a ring of bells immediately the bells are up; there is no feeling around, a little higher, a little lower, and then at last just right; the bells go straight up to the exact place and away they go, and it was thus at Ilfracombe, where West Down had a slight advantage through being more familiar with the bells than most people.

There was some argument last autumn at the Devon Association of Ringers' annual general meeting about the possibility of allowing six-bell bands to enter for eight-bell competitions. In the course of this, Mervyn Phillips, of West Down, commented that it was a poor job if the eight-bell people were afraid of six-bell bands. Point to his words was heard at Pilton early this month, when he and the West Down band, with one local ringer, making a recording for the Beaford Centre, rang a peal of changes on this heavy eight which would have walked away with the Devon eight-bell contest in 1967 and in a good many other years. Owing to the interference from a gale which was blowing at the time it was not possible to make a good recording of this peal, but your correspondent can vouch for the fact that that lower, which took nearly ten minutes, was the finest on eight bells he had ever herad.

J. G. M. S.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE

Mr. Tom Cooke was re-elected vice-president of the Southern District at the meeting held at Brancepeth—a tower which the District will lose under the proposed reorganisation of he Association's Districts.

Between 25 and 30 ringers attended, and spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening, especially as the weather stayed fine long enough for a picnic tea in the grounds of the Castle (in which St. Brandon's Church stands) to be taken in ideal conditions.

An encouraging number of learners at the meeting had the opportunity to ring rounds and Plain Bob. Other methods rung included Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Surprise Major, including London and Bristol.

TOWER CAPTAIN A BRIDE. — Whitchurch, Hants, has a lady tower captain in Miss Jackie Kemp. Her marriage on June 10th to Mr. Michael Starke was honoured by the band ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering. Above is the band with the bride and bridegroom. (Left to right): Frank Tonge, Jack Wimlett, the bridegroom and bride, Roger Wimlett, Mrs. Dobson, Gilbert Warner, Joyce Sturgess and "Old Bill" Godden.

Such is the personality of Jackie that she was elected captain of the new Whitchurch band within three months of learning to handle a bell. Although she will be living in neighbouring Overton, she intends, on returning from her honeymoon, to continue as the active and energetic captain of Whitchurch for as long as she is wanted.

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OBITUARY

MR. A. W. FROST

With much regret we hear of the passing of Mr. A. W. Frost, of Didsbury, Manchester, at the age of 82. A well-known and highly respected figure in ringing circles throughout Lancashire and Cheshire, he had spent some 60 years in a keen and enthusiastic pursuit of ringing.

He started ringing at St. James', Didsbury, and at Christ Church, West Didsbury, until ringing at these two towers ceased, when he became a regular service ringer at St. Mary's, Cheadle. His absolute devotion to ringing, especially within the ringing chamber, will always be remembered.

The bells at St Mary's Church, Cheadle, were rung half-muffled for a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor to his memory on June 11th by the following: Joan Adlard 1, R. Benson 2, Dorothy Johnson 3, H. Cook 4, S. Livesey 5, A. Cairns (cond.) 6, C Bell cover.

A. C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Twenty-six members attended the N.E. District meeting held on June 17th at the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, Finchley. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to London. Although the start of ringing was delayed by a wedding there was plenty of time for all between 3.45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was taken by the Rev. G. R. Renwick, who gave one of the best addresses heard at a ringers' service for a very long time. Two new ringing members were elected—Mrs. A. R. Sharpe, the new secretary of the Monken Hadley band, and Mr. A. Windridge, of Harrow Weald. The vote of thanks included Mrs. A. Hodson, organist, and Mesdames Taylor, Fuller, Holmes and Holman for providing the tea.

D. T. C. S.

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD

Sussex University Guild held its fourth A.G.M. on the beach at Eastbourne on May 13th and elected the following officers for next year: Master, Robert H. Newton; treasurer, David L. Nibbs; secretary, Peta Allen, c/o Union Office Pigeonholes, Falmer House, Falmer, Brighton. The annual dinner followed at the nearest Chinese restaurant and thence to other social activities.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The time taken in the peal at Bamburgh for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (page 479) was 2 hours and 46 minutes.

Mr. A. Colin Banton asks us to state that the peal of Norwich Surprise Minor at Sutton-on-the-Hill (page 459) was his 50th as conductor.

We learn that Mr. John Willis, vice president of the K.C.A.C.R., has now left St. Saviour's Hospital, Seabrook, and is now resting at his son's home at Tree Tops, 25a, Highfield Avenue, Waterlooville, Portsmouth. He is expected to be back at home in two or three weeks' time.

Miss Vera Robinson, a daughter of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, first Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was present at both the service and luncheon at the Guild Festival on July 1st.

The ringers of the recent peal at Exeter Cathedral are extremely grateful to Norman Mallett for standing in at such extremely short notice. Members of the band would also like to thank Norman for his hospitality over the week-end and also thank the Exeter ringers for their very friendly welcome to all who took part in the peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

FAREWELL TO EASTBOURNE

Since the days when the "tenor king" passed through its portals, Eastbourne College of Education has changed its name, enlarged considerably and restricted its intake to ladies only. From it and from the other training colleges in the town the local towers have been pleased to welcome a sprinkling of trained ringers as they passed through their courses, and in turn many girls have been taught to ring. Apart from the obvious benefit to the Exercise, firm friendships and more than one wedding have resulted.

As the 1964–67 course came to its last few days a farewell party was arranged by the girls at the college. Forty or so ringers from the area consumed cheese snacks and "non-alcoholic" ale. With a preponderance of youth, just a few over-30's (and a little bit!) were to be seen cheating at the games, which had a strong ringing flavour. Handbell ringing included Grandsire Caters, four-in-hand tune ringing and several attempts at "lapping" Maximus.

The ladies, now fully-fledged teachers, depart to fresh fields, and we hope that the social evening so ably arranged by Katey, Brenda, Audrey, Julia and the rest will help them to remember Eastbourne, just as Eastbourne will surely remember them. H. R.

"THE BELLS OF BRITAIN"

Bristol has been selected for the first of a series of long play and extended play gramophone records called "The Bells of Britain" being marketed by Saydisc, of 2, Berkeley Square, Bristol 8.

Featured will be the Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), Bristol Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (10) and St. Mary Redcliffe (12). The record, with a leaflet giving the history of ringing, is priced at 12s. 11d., and will be available this winter. Orders are being taken in advance.

WORSHIPPING THE PEAL

Oh, cannot you see
What ringing will be
If we worship the peal
Above Sunday zeal.

Someone may see fit,
And that will be—it!
They'll bring in a law
With a very long paw.

So watch it, good Gladys,
Don't copy John Pladdys.
Once at Pimlico,
Or down you may go.

Where houses abound,
And noises around,
We need to be fair,
Not hint "We don't care!"

Where bells never heard,
They may spread the word
Of the Spiritual Teacher
If not from a preacher.

So discretion we need
To spread the right "feed."
Such a ring now and again
May raise a right strain.

If we study the Psalms
We need have no qualms
The answers are there,
We need not impair.

P. AMOS.

"A CEREMONY OF BELLS"

During the course of its annual general meeting week at Torrington this year, the Devonshire Association paid a visit to the Beaford Centre, a focus for cultural activity set up in the small village of Beaford last year under the auspices of Dartington Hall to serve a culturally underprivileged area in North Devon.

Part of the programme arranged for the Association by John Lane, the director of the Centre, was an entertainment entitled "A Ceremony of Bells." Illustrated by black-and-white and coloured slides, the programme covered the history, character and use of bells in North Devon. The script was written and spoken by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and the recorded illustrations included ringing by the Down St. Mary and West Down bands from Down St. Mary, Northlew, Ashwater (sixes), Honeychurch (3), East Down (4), North Molton (6) and Pilton (8), and also the Northlew bellinging song sung by Cyril Tawney. Both ringing and recordings were of very high quality, the recordings being made by Eric Levett, of Beaford.

It is proposed to improve this first version of the entertainment by the addition of further recordings and pictures, and to present it to the general public at Beaford and elsewhere during the winter.

COLEGATE SOCIETY, NORWICH

The ringers associated with St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, were again beaten in their annual bowls match against the Tradesman's Arms, Mulbarton, played on June 21st at Mulbarton. But the Society's ability improves on each encounter and the defeats become less severe—the very optimistic might even suppose the Society will one year produce a winning team. We are grateful to Peter Adcock for arranging the fixture and to the players and landlord of the Tradesman's Arms for their hospitality. D. C.

TOLLER WHELME BELLS

Mr. Jesse Davis, hon. secretary of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, writes that the Toller Whelme bells were not an unknown five. Local ringers knew they were there and some 30 years ago one or two did have a "rope"—perhaps for tolling. The church at one time belonged to the owner of a farm. An old Beaminster ringer remembers going there but could not now say whether the bells were chimed or struck by a hammer.

MR. ARTHUR WHITE

Mr. Stanley F. Webb, of Staverton, Daventry, writes sending his congratulations to Mr. Arthur White on his 89th birthday. He had the pleasure of ringing with Arthur on many of the Thursday evening practices at Loughton in the years before the last war. Among the company then enjoying the fine ring at Loughton were "Teddy" Bacon, young Jim and old Jim Ramm and Mr. Perry.

Concluding, he writes. "Many of the old stagers have passed on but I am pleased to know that Arthur is still with us and active in his ringing. I hope he will be able to do so for some years yet."

TUITION TEASERS — No. 5

Q. How soon can the instructor safely let the pupil handle the bell on his own? And what is then the preferred procedure?—"Student-Tutor."

A. Here, as in flying training, the learner is not suddenly to be left in full control. This "going solo" is a point in the training to which the pupil has been carefully advanced; the degree of his control increasing steadily, while that of the instructor diminishes proportionately. This exchange of control, if properly carried out, is almost imperceptible to the learner. It justifies the claim, borne out by experience, that no stay need ever be broken, nor personal injury be suffered, by a normal pupil under instruction.

The secret of this happy state of affairs is often derived intuitively, but can (and should) be taught directly. It is this: In ringing, when the rope is being caught on a rise-stroke—either "hand" or "back"—the pupil must learn to gauge the rate of rise of the rope as it comes up to its point of reversal, i.e. to begin its descent. If the preceding pull-stroke has been too light the consequent rise-stroke will slow down earlier, and the stroke reversal will occur at a lower point in space in front of the ringer. The rope is then to be kept taut (down) from the moment of catching, and a slightly heavier pull given, to maintain the rhythm of the swing. On the other hand, if the previous pull-stroke has been too heavy, the rise-stroke will feel "fast," the "slow-down" will occur later, and the stroke reversal will occur at a higher point in space in front of the ringer. Failure to teach the pupil to detect and check the fault may remove the stay!

An aid to getting the "feel" of bell-movement near the point of reversal is the practice of "balance and set"—one of the many exercises used with success; also pausing "on the balance" just before pull-off. The pupil's early appreciation of the normal rope-speed and reversal point makes for an early "going solo," with no contingent trouble. Of course the instructor's final exchange of control (mentioned above) must be at a compromise between delay (not to be unsafe) and haste (not to lose pupil's interest). The point in time will be gauged by his own "feel" of the pupil's moving rope. This point will have been reached when the 'feel" indicates no need for "braking" any 'overpull." and with perhaps a very occasional light touch on the stay.

As to the second part of the question: As soon as the pupil can safely be left to ring the bell unattended (and while it is still silenced) he must practise "bell-balancing"—another useful exercise. The pupil aims at putting the bell on the balance—both ways—and holding it there for a few seconds, and achieving an 80 per cent. result for, say, ten strokes. This accomplished, he takes the "Following" exercise, i.e. "following" his instructor on an open bell. Then, and not till then, he can stand in, for the first time, with others—for rounds and call changes, including being called to "lead." A. Y.-B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	D. John Hunt	8
Patrick J. Bird	3	John H. Fielden	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Frank D. Mack	10
Norman Mallett	5	Peter Border	11
Richard J. Bowden	6	Rev. Roger O. Fry / Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WITHYPOOL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods: Two extents Reverse Canterbury, five Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G sharp.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	Robert Parker	4
Frederick C. Arscott	2	Keith E. Beale	5
Leslie H. Arscott	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Raymond F. Arscott.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 23 methods, comprising 224 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

David A. Carpenter	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Roger Baldwin	2	Dennis Knox	6
Jennifer M. Taylor	3	Brian Bladon	7
James R. Taylor	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London, with 98 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Norman Sherratt	5
T. Felicity Webber	2	Dennis Latham	6
Harold Dowler	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
*Gerald Parsons	4	David J. Midgley	Tenor

Composed by H. Cashmore. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* 50th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., June 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	†Hugh J. Baker	5
John F. Thorne	2	Derek K. Livesey	6
*Delphine E. L. Holman	3	Terence G. Hill	7
Richard J. Danby	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First "inside." First in the method by all except the conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Hugh J. Baker.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., June 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	5
*Ann Chettle	2	Burley P. Morris	6
Timothy Wylie	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
George H. Paulson	4	Ernest Paulson	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ann M. Smith of the local band, who was prevented by illness from taking part.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Bernard C. Mann	Treble	Robert J. Cooles	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Christopher F. Mew	3	Ian R. Panton	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Julie Armstrong, of Putney, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Alison Mann.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	5
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Edward E. Davey	6
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
†Martin H. Whittell	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

COLNE ENGAINE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues, June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 17 methods, being extents of (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Philip Thompson	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Walter Arnold	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALLENDALE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Michael C. F. Collett	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Peter Pearce	2	Frank Reed	5
Mchael R. Rose	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

TAYNTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Thurs., June 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*William J. Dixon	Treble	D. Kay Adkins	4
*William A. Godwin	2	†Thomas W. Timms	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † 50th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOKE-PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Robert D. Hodges	Treble	*Roy K. Williams	5
Gillian Sims	2	Peter D. Sell	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
David Franklin	4	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood
* First peal of Major First in the method by all the band.
Rung for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5049 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Thomas Cooper	4
Roland Lewis	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
C. William Nutt	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

TARRINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one 2,160 and one extent of Cambridge S. and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Robert D Hodges	Treble	Richard L. Underwood	4
Rev. Michael Hart	2	Peter D. Sell	5
*Roy K. Williams	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Minor in two methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Denise Jaine	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Peter D. Sell	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Dennis Jaine	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 REAL REVERSE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

George W. Debenham	Treble	Christopher Forster	6
Bertram C. Johnson	2	John E. Ewer	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Michael D. Frost	8
A. Rowland Tysoe	4	Thomas J. Southam	9
*Keith J. Walpole	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* 50th peal with the Association. First peal of Royal in the method for the Association and by all the band, with 7ths place bob when treble lies behind.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

QUEX PARK, Birchington, Kent.—At Waterloo Tower.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Bernard F. L. Groves	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	8
Olive D. Tester	3	Andrew J. Corby	9
Marjorie F. Matthews	4	Colin A. Tester	10
Richard Hayes	5	Martin L. Howe	11
Herbert E. Audsley	6	*Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus in the method. First of Surprise Maximus by an all-resident band.

MILTON NEXT GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Philip Jackson	Treble	Brian E. Jemmett	5
Peter D. J. Beal	2	Raymond Finch	6
David Grimwood	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	7
Terence Barton	4	Kenneth Williamson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to Mrs. E. Mitchell, who is leaving the district after having been connected with this church for over 40 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HALLATON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Edward Guy Slater	Treble	*Alastair M. Elliot	4
Philip Bosworth	2	†Laurence Greenhow	5
Arnold S. Goad	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Cambridge Surprise Minor and completing the Cambridge family.

OADBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T. B. and Cambridge Surprise and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb in A flat.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	Edward Guy Slater	4
Judy Morris	2	Dr. Ron W. Adams	5
Samuel J. Haines	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung after the wedding of Miss Margaret Elaine Haslum (local ringer) to Mr. Frederick Palmer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., May 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 52 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Patrick, St. Remigius, Church Gresley, Horsley, St. Cleer, St. Dominica, St. Simon and St. Martin, St. Albans and St. Paul, Eynsham and St Leonard, Elford and Austrey, Cassington and St Peter, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, St. Giles and St. Miles, St. Andrew and St. John, Shareshill and Ryton, St. Thomas and St. Luke, Stedman and Grandsire, Stedman Slow Course and Coxwell Place, Barrowby and St. Wulfram, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough, and three more of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Denis A. Frith	3
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Peter A. Slight	4
Roland W. Morant	Tenor		

Conducted by Denis A. Frith
First peal in 52 Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Beverley Surprise, St. Clement's, Surfleet Surprise, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Harold Barsley	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	R. Arthur Goldsmith	5
*Keith R. Davey	3	*Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by R. Arthur Goldsmith.
* 100th peal together. First peal as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Martin Green	2	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Howard C. Palmer	8
William J. V. Conduct	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
John K. Smith	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

William A. Yates	Treble	Derek P. Jones	5
*Raymond A. Vickers	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	John K. Smith	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	James Linnell	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brook's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Roland Beniston	5
James Linnell	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	William A. Yates	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Martin Green	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	6
*John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	†R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Pudsey Major. † Has now rung 100 peals on these bells.
Rung to celebrate the birth this day of Marion Lesley, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. G. Barry Brown, of Anstey, Leicester.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Arthur W. Haslop	Treble	Peter R. Harris	4
Raymond W. Balls	2	Patrick H. Allen	5
Gerald Parsons	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Frith.
Rung by a band of P.O. engineers to mark the 21 years existence of the G.P.O. Central Training School.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., June 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

H. William Barrett	Treble	David Cubitt	5
George P. Adams	2	Martin Cubitt	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Peter Adcock	7
J. Barry Pickup	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5
Roger D. Bailey	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Timothy G Pett	7
Robin R. Churchill	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger D. Bailey.

DICKLEBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Owen P. Claxton	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
Charles R. Catchpole	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Thomas E. Spight	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
Quickest peal on the bells.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Richard Hunt	4
Henry Tooke	2	*Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Trevor N. J. Bailey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 250th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 lb.

*G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Brian W. Hall	2	Frank Reed	6
Terence J. Hester	3	†William A. Godwin	7
Michael R. Rose	4	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the 21st anniversary of the "Friends of Burford Church."

SPELSBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MUNDEN SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Peter Pearce	Treble	Frank Reed	4
Terence J. Hester	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. C. Sparling

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Mary R. Coleman	Treble	*Richard J. Cowley	5
*Sheila J. Staley	2	Denis G. Pearson	6
Enid Watson	3	Michael J. Staley	7
Geoffrey E. Watson	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Derek Hole as Rector.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	Brian J. Luff	6
Claire M. Hudson	2	John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Peter J. Eves	4	Dennis Beresford	9
Andrew S. Hudson	5	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
James A. D. Woolford	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Richard W. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Olive and Teddy Barnett on the occasion of their silver wedding.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 1, 1967 in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Nicholas J. Davies	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Ann Jenner	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
C. Martin Press	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	James Insley	7
Muriel Reay	2	*Clive M. Smith	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	R. George Morris	9
John R Insley	4	Norman J. Goodman	10
*Maurice F. Edwards	5	John C. Eisel	11
†Raymond Aldington	6	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Cinques. † First on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Thurs., June 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Norman J. Goodman	8
John R. Insley	3	*Philip A. Corby	9
*Andrew J. Corby	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
*Richard A. G. Inglis	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Londinium.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, King's Norton.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.

Muriel Ray	Treble	Frederick G. Beddow	6
James Insley	2	Stephen W. Barton	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	*Eric Spence	8
Raymond Aldington	4	James N. Lindon	9
Clifford A. Barron	5	Ernest F Willcox	Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal on ten bells.
Arranged as a compliment to John N. Lindon on his 50th birthday.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., June 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
John R. Insley	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Goodman on their silver wedding anniversary.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 52 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon and St. Osmund, St. Albans and St. Ambrose, Eynsham and St. Ninian, Elford and St. Felix, Cassington and St. Patrick, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Nicholas and St. Remigius, St. Giles and Church Gresley, St. Andrew and Horsley, Shareshill and St. Cleer, St. Thomas and St. Dominica, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St John, Ryton, St. Luke, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St Columb, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Newborough, Daffodil, Bluebell and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Margaret E. Chilton	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and Plain Bob, four extents each of Kennington, April Day and Seighford.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
*Dereck J. Tysoe	2	H. Geoffrey Wells	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal of Doubles "inside."

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W Harrison	5
W. Gordon Marsh	3	H. Geoffrey Wells	Tenor

Conducted by W. Gordon Marsh.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth Timmins	Treble	*Cyril T. Collins	5
*Angela Bagnall	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Lucy Smith	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
William J. V. Conduct	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

WEST BROMWICH, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. in E flat.

Austin T. Wingate	2	Peter D. Sell	5
Michael V. Powell	3	Richard L. Underwood	6
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4	Rev. Michael Hart	7
*Robert D. Hodges	Treble	Maurice G. Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Baraclough on their 35th wedding anniversary.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Howard Howell	Treble	Neville Holland	4
Frederic R. Wiggin	2	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Edward Fairbrother	3	Ernest Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Carol Parkes, niece of the conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being extents of (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (2) St. Clement's, Childwall, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Vivian A. P. Cross	4
*Philip Thompson	2	David E. Culham	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* Most methods to a peal.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Vernon Bedford	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
*Ruth Bedford	2	Peter Bedford	5
Ruth Woodman	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal "inside."
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to J. W. Fidler, hon. lay reader at this church for ten years, who was killed at the railway crossing on his way to church on Sunday, June 11th, 1967.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLD HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 60 lb. in E.

Raymond Aldington	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Arthur V. Pearson	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
A. Bryan Ellsmore	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford and Sandal T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Christopher A. Moxon	4
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
David S. Johnson	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.— At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., June 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	*Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First handbell peal of Surprise Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Wed., June 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher T. Osenton	1–2	*Trevor A Cross	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8
		Stuart Sandford	9–10

Composed by C. T Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Caters "in hand." First of Caters as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINCOLN.—At 3, Honington Crescent.
On Tues., June 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY—June 24th

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, N. J. Davies 3, P. C. Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson 6, A. S. Berry (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

MEOPHAM, KENT.—1,324 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Davies 1, Sylvia Knight 2, E. Clifton 3, P. C. Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, A. S. Berry 6, N. J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

WROTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, B. Johnson 2, P. C. Sinden 3, H. Deacon 4, Brenda Davies 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. S. Berry 7, E. Clifton 8.

In Memoriam REV. H. V. CHRISTIE, Vicar, Clyst Honiton, 1944-67, Chairman Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1946-67.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, Miss V. Look 3, Miss M. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Broom 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Mack 1, F. Mack (cond.) 2, R. Horder (first "inside") 3, F. Williams 4, H. Crisp 5, G. West 6, D. Wills 7, A. Knight 8.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Pratt 1, M. Board 2, C. Savage 3, J. Quick 4, J. Salway 5, G. West 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, F. Snow 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 25th, 1,320 Surfleet Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all except conductor. For Matins.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Green 1, R. Crooker 2, P. Taylor 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, A. H. Green 5, J. C. Wimlet 6. First of Minor 1, 5 and 6. In honour of the birth the previous week of Wendy Tarrant.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Morton 1, Valerie Jones 2, Jane Fransella 3, Barbara Shaw 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Knewstub 6. Conducting shared by 2, 4 and 5. For Holy Communion on the Feast of St. Barnabas. Also a belated 103rd birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Fulcher, great aunt of the tenor ringer.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Hart 1, Juliet Stoy 2, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 3, F. D. Jennings 4, J. Schofield 5, N. Thomson 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, F. E. Darby 8. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Rose (first of Minor) 1, Catherine N. Harrison 2, J. Birdsall (first quarter) 3, J. M. Brook 4, A. T. Taylor 5, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela Court 3, Rachel Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. Berry (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8. For Confirmation.

BITTON, GLOS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. G. Weeks 1, Gloria M. Wilshire 2, D. M. Smith 3, B. Martin 4, W. Lampard 5, T. Newlands 6, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 7, B. K. Lewis 8.

BRANCEPETH, DURHAM.—On June 11th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. M. Berriman 1, C. A. Bennett 2, J. A. Ellis 3, C. Holmes 4, S. C. Wells 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, D. J. Marshall 7, M. E. Johnson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BRASTED, KENT.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Everest 1, Miss C. Cheeseman 2, R. Everest 3, N. Butcher 4, J. Palmer 5, R. Sherlock (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hammond 1, D. Patten 2, H. Halls 3, A. Leonard 4, D. Hodgson (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Smith 1, J. Southey 2, Janet Murphey 3, D. Laud (cond.) 4, C. W. Simpson 5, S. Laud 6, L. North 7, D. Murphey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

CADOXTON, Neath, GLAM.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): D. J. Lewis 1, H. Boyce 2, W. J. Thomas 3, G. I. Lewis 4, A. R. Lewis (first as cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Pilgrim 1, Marion Bennett 2, T. Yeomans 3, P. Bennett 4, A. McFall 5, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 6, M. J. Pryor 7, C. Aldridge 8. For the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,440 Spliced Plain Minor: A. W. King 1, Carol Gosling 2, E. Brazier 3, P. Raine 4, H. Burton 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. In honour of the Queen's Birthday. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, D. Attwater 2, Carol Gosling 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier (cond.) 5, I. Wickens 6. For Confirmation service.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bryant (first quarter) 1, J. W. Marshall 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Hills 1, H. McKisaock (first "inside") 2, Anne M. Baldwin 3, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 4, K. I. Davis (cond.) 5, R. H. Glover 6. Also on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Mount (first quarter) 1, Dawn Petts 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover 5, Beryl M. Hills (first covering) 6. Conducted by K. I. Davis and R. H. Glover. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joanna Mount 1, Carol C. Bunn 2, Beryl M. Hills 3, A. B. Eldridge 4, R. H. Glover 5, K. I. Davis 6. Conducted by R. H. Glover and K. I. Davis. For Matins.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana E. Cullen 1, J. F. Payne 2, Rosemary Weal 3, R. Cooper 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5, J. W. Hagley 6, M. D. Fuller 7, P. Payne 8. For Evensong.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. C. Catchpole 1, A. G. Harrison 2, J. Mowle 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, R. King 8. In memoriam William Clover and Lewis J. Batley, former ringers at Diss. Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob) tenor covering: Mrs. K. Tebble 1, A. G. Harrison 3, J. Mowle 4, O. P. Claxton 5, A. Cook 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, F. Sutton 8. Immediately after the funeral of Mrs. G. Robinson, wife of Dr. Robinson.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey, on June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Southrepps): J. Nicholas 1, C. W. Temperton 2, R. D. Hutchfield 3, E. C. Turner 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, D. Exon 6. Rung by the Culham College Society for the Flower Festival.

DUBLIN.—At Christ Church Cathedral, on June 25th, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: L. R. Taylor 1, C. J. Reede 2, D. H. T. Taylor 3, C. R. P. Broughton 4, P. W. Brown 5, F. E. Dukes 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, E. C Cathalin 8. After Evensong, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the address.

EALING, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Read 1, P. N. Felton (cond.) 2, T. Aldridge (first in the method 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, H. W. Rogers 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. For Matins.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Andrews 1, P. Denny 2, Mary E. Baker 3, E. G. Stevens (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell 5, G. G. Hawkins 6. For the Church "At Home."

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, Rosemary Collins 2, Wendy V. Cox (first "inside") 3, C. R. Cox 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, L. C. Meadows 6. For Patronal Festival. First quarter on the bells since the recasting of the second.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On June 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Hartley (first quarter) 1, A. D. Norman 2, R S. Wood (first "inside") 3, Susan Fowkes 4, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 5, T. W. Robinson 6. For Silsoe Mothers' Union service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. C. Nutburn (first quarter) 1, N. Skelton 2, J. O. Coleman (first "inside") 3, Rev. A. Clayton 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. Mussell 6. In memoriam Harold A. Roles, former chairman of the Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on June 25th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. R. Pratchett 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, A. R. Millidge 3, Deborah M. Bishop 4, J. R. Pratt 5, A. S. Bishop 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, J. S. N. Porter 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, J. H. Gaze 10. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Adey 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, Miss R. Bellaby 3, G. A. Dawson 4, Miss E. J. Foster (first as cond.) 5, E. Hutchby 6. For the opening of the annual church garden fete.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. S. Whitlam 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kemp 3, R. Newby 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, S. Hope 6. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Reynolds 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kemp 3, R. Newby 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, S. Hope 6. Also on June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. S. Whitlam 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, F. A. Ginns 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, R. Newby 6. First in 11 methods by all the band. All rung by the Sunday service band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, on June 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Felicity Hamilton 1, Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 2, Jill May 3, Sally Parrott 4, Peter Munday 5, C. W. Munday 6, R. Mills 7, D. May 8. For Evensong.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Grove 1, Miss E. French 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, J. M. Steele (cond.) 4, A. R. Jones 5, L. B. J. Hinckley 6. First quarter 2 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

HALSTOCK, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, Mrs. K. Barlow 2, R. J. House 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On June 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Porter 1, J. Davidge 2, Jill Oakshott 3, Sally Parrott 4, R. Mills 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, J. Helder 7, J. Munton 8, M. Elliott 9, P. Munday (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 7 and 9.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnson 1, G. Charlton 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, J. Jeffery 4, E. Packham 5, S. Allen 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For St. Peterstide.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Woodford (first quarter) 1, W. Aley (cond.) 2, J. Aley 3, J. Smith 4, S. Clark 5, E Rochester 6.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Liddell (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, Brenda Jarvis 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. P. Harris 1, I. N. Pett 2, T. R. Harris 3, R. A. Ward 4, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 5.

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—On June 25th, 1,299 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Banton (cond.) 1, S. P. D. Burnett 2, Susan Mitchell 3, Lynne Clowe 4, Susan E. Thompson 5. In memoriam Rt. Rev. Carey Frederick Knyvett, lately Bishop of Selby, who died June 10th, aged 81 years. R.I.P.

HURST, BERKS.—On June 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. H. Smith 1, Mrs. A. J. N. Rance 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, Mrs. M. Sargeant 4, B. C. Castle 5 H. Smith 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, F C. Price (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except the conductor.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, J R. Norris 2, H. W. Brown 3, P. Hepburn 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. H. Tribe 6. First in the method for all the band. For Evensong. Also on June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Brown 1, Sheila A. Harfield 2, P. Hepburn 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6. First of Minor 2 and 3. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Grundy (first quarter) 1, S. S. Barrat 2, Susan Rogers (first "inside") 3, Helen Latimer 4, G. M. Cox (cond.) 5, A. Evans 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Brown (first on two tower bells) 1—2, J. Plant 3, A. Cattell (cond.) 4—5. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. L. Janes 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Miss I. Armstrong 3, S. T. James (first of Royal) 4, N. Bagworth 5, J. Pratt 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Parry 8, R. Bailey 9, J. D. Woolford 10.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, J. W. Lawrance 2, G. Wright 3, E. E. Pickering 4, N. Statham 5, A. Hough 6, G. A. Newton (cond.) 7, R. Proudman 8. A wedding compliment to Carolynn Ann Hall and Anthony Harrison.

MARSTON, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Shipway's Bob Doubles: S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. In memoriam E. J. B. Morton, for many years lay reader and choirmaster.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, H. Cook 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, R. Looker 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Preston, on the birth of a son.

MILNROW, LANCS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. H. Butterworth 1, Miss J. Lawson 2, P. Ogden 3, R. Lawson 4, P. Wood 5, D. Butterworth (cond.) 6.

MILTON, BERKS.—On June 25th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. J. Hiller 1, C. W. Temperton 2, J. Nicholas (first "inside") 3, E. C. Turner 4, K. Fraser 5, N. Hawkes 6. First in method 2 and 4. First quarter 5 and 6. Rung with 5 and 6 covering. For Matins.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. J. Setter 1, T. E. Marks 2, G. W. Rendell 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, G. W Rendell 5, T. A. Cross 6. In memoriam Maj. R. A. Williams, late churchwarden, interred this day.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On June 18th, 1,260 St. Botolph's Doubles: Joan Cheney 1, J G Edgson 2, W. C. Budd 3, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Anne Rigby 6. First in the method by all. For Evensong, and the Patronal Festival of St. Botolph. (Newbold "Wakes" Sunday).

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George, Jesmond, on June 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Joy Askew 1, J. Pardoe 2, G. White 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, S. Pardoe 5, R. Yeates 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

PENYFAI, GLAM.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bryant 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, T. E. Hiddins 5. In memoriam W. Guildford.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Morton 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, D. Knewstub 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on June 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Ayre 1, H. V. Frost 2, Heather Darvill (first "inside") 3, Frances Dodds 4, Thelma Willis 5, C. Forster (cond.) 6, J. D Duggan 7, J. E. Ewer 8, R. W. Darvill 9, G. W. Debenham 10. For Confirmation service.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On June 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Croft 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, A. J. Luxford 3, J. Church 4, A. R. Agg 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Josephine Harris and Michael D. Trigg.

QUARTER PEALS

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, Miss S. Green 3, N. O. Skelton 4, L. A. Page 5, Rev. A. E. Clayton 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. C. Read 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold A Roles.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On May 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Froggatt (first quarter) 1, A. J. Lazzerini (first "inside") 2, R. B. Miles and D. W. F. Lazzerini 3, Doreen Bradley (cond.) 4, F. Bradley 5. Rung by Sunday service band to mark the birth of a son to Christine and Brian Mills.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Gillian B. Smith 1, G. F. Griffiths 2, P. C. Rogers 3, N. White 4, P. R. Johnson (first as cond. in more than one method) 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 11th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Croft 1, Susan Davies 2, Deborah Maggs 3, Mrs. M. Croft 4, Joy Butler 5, T. H. Francis 6, J. Croft 7, C. J. Butler 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, K. S. Croft 10. A wedding compliment to Diane I. Hickman and Brian V. Butler, both members of the local band.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, H. B. Fuller 3, A. W. Foreman 4, D. Boast 5, O. P. Claxton (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 5. To celebrate the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 1, P. J. Heritage 2, W. Clarke 3, A. E. Hicks 4, E. R. Venn 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS. — 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Randford 1, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 2, A. Glazzard 3, S. Abley 4, L. Smith 5, J. Cale 6.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garrod 1, P. Owen 2, H. Shire 3, A. Scars 4, D. Digby (cond.) 5, J. Digby 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jim Weaving, a ringer at this tower.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Morton 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, P. Kimber 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6. Also on June 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, E. S. White 3, F. Bird 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6. A compliment to the Rector of Thorley, the Rev. S. E. F. Robinson, on being appointed the new Rural Dean of Bishop's Stortford.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On June 25th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Bell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. G. Mould 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, D. Voss 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7 W. G. Exell 8. For the annual service of the Gloucestershire branch of the British Red Cross Society.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Katharine M. Thorley 1, James Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley (cond.) 3, S. B. Bell 4, F. E. Coales 5. The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are three generations of the same family.

ULCOMBE, KENT. — On June 22nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Jennifer Manger 1, Brenda Davies 2, N. J. Davies 3, H. Deacon (first in method) 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy V. Cox 1, Rosemary Collins 2, Ann Butcher 3, C. R. Cox 4, R. K. Williams (cond.) 5, L. C. Meadows 6. For Patronal Festival.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK. — On June 8th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Oxford T.B.): H. Folkes 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6. For the Flower Festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. T. Coles 1, D. Hewitt (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 3, P. D. Chapman 4, E. Holman 5, D. Wright 6, J. C. Slater 7, K. Warner 8 C. G. Wright 9, J. Rixon 10.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—On June 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Sarah Scott 1, Elizabeth Proctor 2, Anne Gardner 3, Quilla Roth 4, Diana Wriggins 5, Sarah Irwin 6, Christine Kelsey 7, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 8. First in the method for all.

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Dobson 1, Mrs. J. Sturgess 2, F. Tonge (joint cond.) 3, R. Wimlet 4, J. Wimlet (joint cond.) 5, W. Godden 6, G. Warner 7, S. Sturgess 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Jackie Kemp and Mr. Michael Starke.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. E. Harrison 1, A. J. Mason (first as cond.) 2, J. R. N. Lebon 3, A. J. Pawson 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, H. R. Jacobs 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung by a school band (average age 15) to celebrate the Winchester v Eton cricket match.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Drew 1, A. Hodges (first of Grandsire) 2, F. R. Evans 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, P. Goodhew 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8. A farewell to the treble after completing her teachers' training course at Carrefie College of Education. With her grateful thanks to the Wrexham ringers.

WILLIAM REDDING'S NOTEBOOK

Among the records in St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, is a notebook of a certain William Redding, of Langtoft, near Bourne. Langtoft has now an unringable five.

Dated 1837, this book comprises a collection of Doubles methods, notes on conducting, bellframe layout of some neighbouring churches and a "Dove's Guide" of that generation. How this book came to Grantham, or any further details of Redding, is not known.

The collection of Doubles methods seems fairly complete for that date and includes Dream, Success, Grand Paradox, Jack-on-both-sides, etc. Some are written out in six-scores, to show the calling, as is a 720 of Plain Bob Minor.

Regarding the second half of the book, William Redding must have been a well-travelled man, as it precedes the Ackland-Troyte's "Guide" by some 40 years. First all the 12-bell towers are named, with designation of the church and weight of the tenor, though in neither alphabetical nor weight order. Then come the ten-bell, eight-, six-, five-, four- and three-bell towers. Though the collection could not be complete for towers with less than six bells, it does not appear to be wrong on the higher numbers.

Next comes a county round-up of towers, followed by Ireland, Wales and Scotland. The only tower outside the British Isles mentioned is one of seven bells in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), Russia, with a tenor of 17 cwt.

After this comes a section on bellframe layout of some of the towers in the Bourne area, with founders, plus a few bell inscriptions.

Finally there is a piece about Pinchbeck Church.

PINCHBECK

The following curious bill for work done in the church at Pinchbeck, and for other services, was recently discovered among the parochial records. It appears that some objections had been made to the account, which, however, were overcome by the rhyming powers of the village carpenter, who ultimately obtained payment.

Messrs. Pepper and Gal, Churchwardens.
December 20th, 1769.

Dr. to Thomas Stiles.

Oil for little and great bell T'other three went very well	1s.
To eating and drinking at the Bell For singing Christmas in so well .	12s. 6d.
Paid for leantores, posts and planks Over the grounds of neighbour Franks Drunkards pulled up in their pranks	8s.
Item, cutting and contriving Fourpence nails and sixpence driving	10d.
Laid a plank in Cuckoo Lane Cuckolds never can complain They may go to church and back again	2s.
For a new pulpit, oak the wood As Parson Townsend said it should	£5 5s.
To going to Pepper and to Gall For cash to do the work withall They the pulpit did and priest and all	£1
Total	£6–10–4

When such hot and bitter folks
Pay me for my deals and oaks
I now no more than Joney Noakes.

Thomas Stiles.

Note.—What leantores are in the third verse is not known, but Redding's handwriting is perfectly clear and legible. Another curious thing: Thos. Stiles' arithmetic is not very good!—D. A. Frith.

A CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAY

STRANGE COINCIDENCE . . .

Culworth has an unlucky tower. One day in 1863 the parish clerk, walking beneath the belfry, narrowly escaped with his life when one of the bells, parting company with its fellows, plunged downwards at the horrified man. Years before that occurrence, a gentleman named Elsden had been killed by a falling bell at Culworth Church. This incident had been magnified a little, for it was stated with relish by old inhabitants that the unfortunate victim had his blood scattered over the tower walls! The parish register recalls this accident, which happened on Tuesday of Easter Week, April 10th, 1694. Incidentally, these two accidents occurred on the same day of the same month!

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MARRIAGES

FAYTER—CROSS, PERHAM—CROSS.—The marriages took place at St. Andrew's Church, Chardstock, Devon, on July 1st, 1967, and Jacqueline Anne Cross, elder twin daughter of the late Mr. G. H. Cross and Mrs. M. L. Cross, to Arthur Fayter, and also of her twin sister, Jennifer Margaret Cross, to Terence Perham. 1870

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BORDER.—As from July 10th, the address of Peter and Ruth Border will be: 5, Verdon Place, Barford, Warwick. 1866

COLLINS.—Miss S R. Collins and Mrs. Collins now reside at: 59, Wootton Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norfolk. Telephone (unchanged) King's Lynn 3053. 1875

PEARCE.—After July 10th the address of Miss J. Pearce will be: Flat 18, Kemsley Court, 7, Rathgar Avenue, Ealing, London, W.13. Telephone: 01-567 0571. 1888

PERSONAL

Mr. Sam Scattergood wishes it to be generally known that the Vicar having demanded his resignation as Ringing Master, he has no connection whatever with Chesterfield Parish Church belfry from this month onwards. 1883

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded."—II Chronicles xv, 7.

SITUATION VACANT

VERGER/CARETAKER wanted, Evesham, Worcs. Two churches, bell tower, church hall, Wage £15. Flat possible. Further details: Rev. A. Webb, Church House, Evesham. 1871

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. DUNSTAN'S, CRANBROOK, KENT

Open Day, Saturday, September 23rd, in aid of Bell Restoration Fund.

20 local towers open. Details later. 1904

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

A Village Festival will be held at BUXTON on Sunday, July 16th, to include ringing during the afternoon—at Buxton (6), Lammas (5), Scottow (6) and Stratton Strawless (6), followed by a Festival Service at Buxton Church at 6.30 p.m. Tea available. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Smithson.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A Week-end Course on Bellringing

September 15th, 1967.

at St. Anne's Diocesan House, Pittville Circus, Cheltenham.

Full cost £3 15s., with special reductions for all annual members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

For full details of speakers, programme and costs write as soon as possible to Mrs. M. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham, Glos., enclosing s.a.e.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX

A Festival of Flowers in aid of the Sussex Church Campaign will be held on July 21st–23rd.

Tower open for ringing on Saturday, 22nd, from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 to 9 p.m. All very welcome. Teas 3–5.30. Quarter peal attempts by arrangement on the day. 1901

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford and Hereford Districts.—Combined Ringing Tour, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available: Llanfihangel Rhydeithon 10.30–11.30, Llanhadarnfawr 11–12; Nantmel 11.30–12.30; Builth Wells 12.15–1.30; Bronllys 1.15–2.15; Talgarth 1.45–2.45; Glasbury 2–4; Clifford 6–9; Clyro 6–7; Whitney 6.30–7.30; Bredwardine 7.30–8.30. Service at Glasbury 4. Tea 5 p.m., followed by Clifford District quarterly meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Chillingford, Woodseaves, Eardisley, Hereford, by Wednesday, July 19th. 1869

NOTTINGHAM BLUECOAT SCHOOL

July 16th.

Last Confirmation service of the Old School. All Bluecoat ringers welcome at St. Peter's. Ringing 2.15 p.m. for 3 p.m. service. 1876

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Cricket match (or something like) in Beddington Park, Saturday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. The Master's team of Officers v. The Rest. Picnic tea (refreshments available, too). All welcome to watch. Beddington bells at 6 p.m.—P. M. W. Parrott, Gen. Sec. 1877

WYMONDHAM ABBEY, NORFOLK. — Hallowing of the ten bells by the Bishop of Thetford. Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Preacher, Canon Thurlow, president of the Central Council. Names for tea to Tom Spight, 34, Damgate, Wymondham, Norfolk, by Tuesday, July 25th. 1867

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE. — Ringers' Day, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3–5 and 7–9. Plenty of tea for all at Horbling Church Fair (400 yards from the church). Beginners especially welcome.—G. Spencer. 1856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Grayshott (8), Tuesday, July 18th, 7.45–9 p.m. 1885

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual Tanfield cricket match, Saturday, July 15th. Meet at Tanfield Church 2.30 p.m. for game at Tanfield Moor, Whitley Head. Ringing after tea. Names for tea to Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Church House, Tanfield, Newcastle upon Tyne. 1886

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wedmore (8) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 1887

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Evening meeting at Broad Hinton (6), July 15th. Ringing commences 5.30 p.m. Guild service at 6 p.m.—E. Spearey, Branch Sec. 1889

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield (6), Monday, July 24th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game. Dis. Sec. 1890

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Executive meeting in Framsden Village Hall on Saturday, July 22nd, at 7 p.m.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 1880

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, July 15th, at 7 p.m., and six-bell at Carhampton on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7 p.m. 1863

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas', Warwick. Bells will be available at Wellesbourne, Sherborne, Snitterfield and Hatton from 2 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas' will be available from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service. Business meeting to follow. St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells will be available in the evening up to 8.30. Free tea in St. Nicholas' Church Hall at 5 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, July 12th.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 1813

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St Albans District. — July 15th, St. Albans. St. Michael's 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing, Cathedral 7.30-9 p.m. (barbecue afterwards).—K. Walpole, Dis. Sec. 1839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Lacey, 22 Drakes Close, Upchurch, near Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, N. Kilworth, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 1908

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, July 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Primrose Surprise and Stedman Doubles.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 1842

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting on Saturday, July 15th. Service at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Ringing: St. Mary's, Sunbury, 2.30–3.30; St. Mary's, Hampton, 2.30–4; St. Mary's, Twickenham, 4–4.30 and in evening; All Hallows', Twickenham, 7–8.30.—T. J. Lock and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District).—Joint meeting at Great Yarmouth on July 15th. Bells (12) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15; preacher Rev. P. N. Bond. Tea 5 p.m. in St. James' Hall, Admiralty Road. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Spandler, 10, Seafield Close, Kings Road, Great Yarmouth (Tel. 2925), by Wednesday, July 12th certain, please.—N. P. J. C. and T. N J. B. 1802

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Summer meeting, Glinton (6), July 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, Sec., 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by Tuesday previous. 1852

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cotgrave, July 15th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Notts. 1837

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 15th, Barnby-in-the-Willows Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential by previous Wednesday to Mrs. Jones Barnby. Newark.—B. N. Reed. 1840

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Blithfield, near Rugeley, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 1833

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division & Western Division).—Joint practice meeting with LADIES' GUILD (Sussex District) on Saturday, July 15th. Aldrington (6) bells 3.30-5.15 and 6.30-8.30 p.m. Shoreham (8) bells 6.30-7.30 p.m. Individual arrangements for tea Ladies' Guild business meeting, Aldrington, 4.30 p.m.—D. L. Hall, Southern Div. Hon. Sec 1872

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Addingham (6) on Saturday, July 15th, 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Grandsire and Minor up to Cambridge All welcome. — Maurice Thurmott (Ringing Master). 1860

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District—Ringers' Sunday, July 16th at Carisbrooke. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea available. Service 6.30 p.m. 1864

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, — Southern District.—Practice meeting at South Kirby (6), Monday, July 17th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Call changes, P.B. Doubles and Minor. Ringing Master, Mr. Harold Chant.—M. King, Dis. Sec. 1083

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on July 18th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 18th St. Paul's Cathedral; July 25th St. Michael's, Cornhill; August 1st St. Lawrence Jewry; August 8th St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1881

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Trowbridge, Wednesday, July 19th, 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 1861

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Sunbury, Wednesday, July 19th, 7.45-9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1789

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Cheriton (5), July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Maperton (6 bells) after tea.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset 1862

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, July 22nd, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Dean. Hon. Sec. 1893

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Luton District. — Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at 5. Names, please, to Mrs. Madge Ashby, 4, Bedford Road, Barton-le-Clev. Beds, by 20th. 1813

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Practice meeting, Holy Trinity, Hull (12), Saturday, July 22nd, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Good attendance requested. 1865

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. **Most important:** Names for tea by July 19th. Numbers restricted. — W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1898

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bidston, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 1907

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Joint learners' meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday July 22nd, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidans Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring, County Durham. 1906

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1897

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1905

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mrs. Andrews, 2, Elmhurst Road, Dovercourt, Harwich. 1830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Pebmarsh (6) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Trendell, Robins Croft, Pebmarsh. 1831

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Thorley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Bishop's Stortford. Names for tea to D. H. Kingston, Dis Sec., 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford. 1877

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Bishop's Castle, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, on July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday. 1868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Osborne, 19, Wellfield Road, Culcheth, Warrington 1892

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing on the eight bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, July 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, Vicarage, Bere Regis, Wareham, by Wednesday previous. 1871

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting (Surprise), Whitchurch, July 22nd, 7 p.m. Yorkshire, Superlative and London.—R. H. Newton. 1891

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Helmingham (8), July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m., followed by service. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5. Business meeting in ringing chamber at 5.45. Framsden bells available from 6.30–9. 1879

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Mayfield, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515), as soon as possible, please.—G. M. FitzHugh. 1902

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice will be held at Redruth (St. Euny's, 8) on Saturday, July 22nd, commencing 3 p.m. Please bring your own teas.—Mrs. K. N. Mossop, Sec., The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. Tel: Constantine 259 1882

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. H. C. Hall, 7, Farm View, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey, by July 18th, please. 1853

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Sandford on July 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting following Shobrooke bells available. Crediton 6.30-8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Skinner, Sec. 1829

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bridgerule (8) available in evening. Numbers for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, July 24th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 1894

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, **July 29th** at **Godalming** (please note change). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hagley, Thistledown, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, by Tuesday, 25th. 1867

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Quex Park (12), Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Money with names to Mrs. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutland Gardens, Birchington, not later than July 26th. 1878

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Beddington, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1900

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, July 29th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at The Singing Kettle 5 p.m. Names to R. T. Harrison, 20, Bowmandale, Barton-on-Humber, by July 26th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Light, Brownlow Arms, Hough-on-the-Hill, near Grantham, Lincs, by Monday, July 24th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1814

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE WELLER

The bells of St. Bartholomew's Church, Leigh, Surrey, were rung half-muffled for about half an hour on June 30th in memory of Mr. George Weller, whose funeral had taken place the day before. George was born at Leigh in 1902 and learned to ring there at the age of 11, his father being a member of the local band. Between the wars ringing flourished at Leigh, Alf Bull and others cycling over from Horley to help the locals master change ringing.

George Weller did not often visit other towers but he was a loyal attender at Sunday service and practice ringing at his own church. He was captain and steeplekeeper for some 20 years up to 1953, when he felt that somebody younger should take over. Two largely unsympathetic incumbents and the deterioration of the "go" of the bells (which had never been easy to ring) helped to break up the band a few years later. When ringing was revived and the bells were to some extent overhauled in 1962–63, George gave us encouragement and help as far as his health would allow. He was a gentle man and will long be remembered with affection and gratitude.

It was decided to arrange ordinary ringing rather than a quarter peal attempt so that as many as possible of the Leigh ringers could take part. C. J. N. D.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Timothy G. Pett informs us that the date of the attempt of 6,048 Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Gressenhall, Notts (see page 495), has been changed to Thursday, July 27th, starting at 5.30 p.m.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Florence Coles, wife of Mr. W. H. Coles, has undergone an operation and is in the Kennedy Ward, Hillingdon Hospital. Latest report is that she is making progress.

Found in St. Mary's Church tower, Usk, on Monday, June 25th, 1967, a wallet containing notes. Will the owner please contact Lionel Jones of Heathfield, Usk, Mon.

Found in the belfry at Northowram after the Ringing Festival on June 17th—one Ringer's Notebook and Diary. No name and address inside. Apply W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH—Continued from page 491.

The first peal on these bells was not rung until November 6th, 1879, when Mr. Henry C. Haley conducted a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Many peals were subsequently rung on these bells, but owing to the unsatisfactory "go" it was often found necessary to have two men on the tenor. Many founders tried to improve the faults but their success was limited.

THE NEW TWELVE

In 1936 it was decided to recast the bells and the Taylor octave was dismantled and removed to the Croydon Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The old frame was dismantled and it was decided that this should not be retained.

Croydon Church and Vicarage circa 1820.

The new ring of bells emerged as a ring of twelve with a tenor of 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp. Once more, Croydon Parish Church was the possessor of a fine ring of bells, as many visitors to the belfry will know. For this grand ring a great debt of gratitude is due to Cyril Johnston, whose untiring efforts helped in the provision of the bells. Even after this ring of twelve had been installed, Cyril Johnston presented a flat sixth in 1946 to complete the thirteen ringing bells and to provide a middle octave with a tenor of 15 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp. This bell was given by Cyril Johnston to commemorate the allied victory in 1945.

The first peal on the new twelve was rung on May 12th, 1937, in honour of the Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The first peal on the middle eight was not successfully completed until December 18th, 1965.

With acknowledgments to the "Croydon Advertiser" Group of Newspapers, the head librarian, London Borough of Croydon and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The burning of Croydon Parish Church, 1867, from an original painting by John Nash, in Croydon Public Library.

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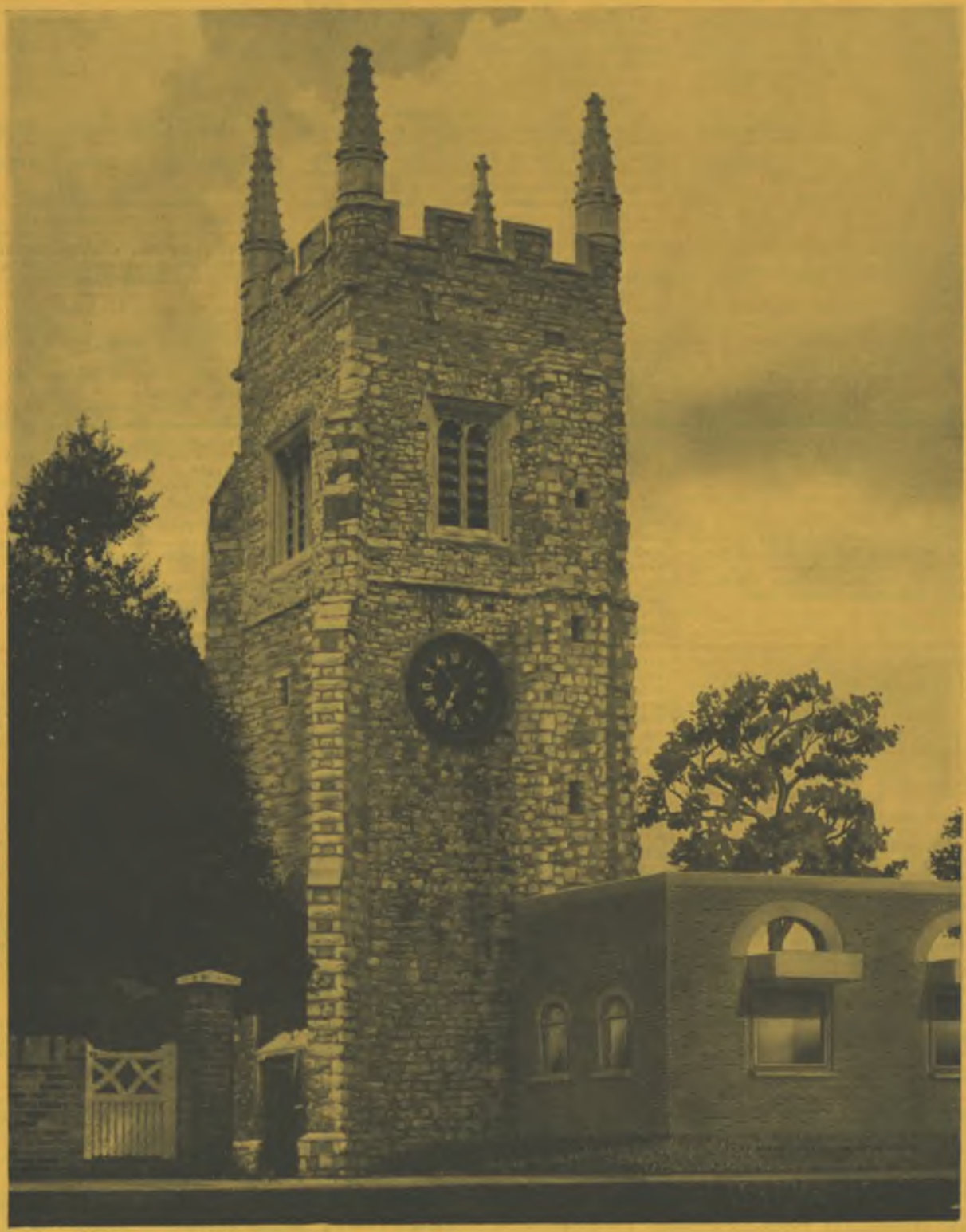

"BEWARE OF CAMPANOLOGICAL SNOBBERY"

A sermon preached by Canon P. B. G. Binnell, Sub-Dean in Lincoln Cathedral, on July 1st to members of the Ladies' Guild from the text "Make a cheerful noise unto God." (Psalm lxvi, 1.)

The percussion of bells is one of the oldest forms of instrumental music and the folklore and social history of a large part of mankind is punctuated by the sound of bells. Sheep bells, ship bells, cow bells, clock bells, school bells and, above all, church bells, have been part of the life of man in this country for centuries and nearly all the poets of the English language have written of them at one time or another. You will remember, for example, Longfellow's lines in "The Wreck of the Hesperus":

"Oh father! I hear the churchbells ring,
O say what may it be?"

Tennyson's "Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky," and Matthew Arnold's "Down swung the sound of a far-off bell." But principally bells are a means of turning men's minds to God—peals for joy, muffled peals and knells for sorrow.

"The praise of God I sing and triumph of the king,
The marriage joys I tell and sound the dead man's knell."

(Thornton Curtis, Lincs, 1761.)

And, above all, ringing for worship:

"I sweetly sounding men do call
To taste of meats that feed the soul."

(Aunsby, Lincs, 1612.)

It is no wonder that, in olden days, Britain was known as "The Ringing Isle."

Two kinds of skilled people are necessary where bells are concerned—founders and ringers, and from both we may learn a similar lesson.

In the bellfounder's craft, a chip, a crack, a tiny error in the composition or quantity of the metal used can ruin the tone of a bell, so he must be meticulous and thorough, dedicated to the discipline of his craft.

But, however good the bell, it is dead if there is no hand to ring it—like the great bell at St. Petersburg, 12 feet in diameter and never even hung.

So we come to you, the ringers, who again must be meticulous and dedicated to the discipline of your craft.

I have long admired the becoming modesty with which even the most expert ringers always speak of "attempting" a peal, and in this "attempt" they observe (especially in change ringing) the greatest precision.

Here, then, is the lesson—all the skills which God has given to us must be used to the utmost of our power, each playing his part humbly but vigorously and enthusiastically, as doing it, not primarily for the natural satisfaction which it brings or even for the edification of men, but for the glory of God.

I venture to bid you always to keep this dedicated and modest attitude to your mystery and to beware of campanological snobbery. There is many a village church where the bells are silent but it may be that some of you can make them speak again. Don't despise them because they are too few to ring changes on or because they are inferior in tone, but always remember that they are a means, in your hands, of sounding God's praises and calling His people to worship.

CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAYS

THE "LOWING" OF A BELL

At Brigstock, an old tradition has it that the third bell, inscribed "John Barton gave me worship to God in Trinitie 1647," had been likened to the lowing of a cow. Barton, a plaintiff, petitioned Sir John Zouch to recover rights of common concerning lands in neighbouring Benefield. Sir John, very displeased, warned Barton that he would be ruined if he persisted in claiming this right. It is said that plaintiff retorted that he would leave a cow which, being pulled by the tail, would low three times a day and be heard all over the common when Sir John and his heirs would have no influence on the matter whatsoever. Brigstock's third bell was installed, "lowing" at 4 a.m., 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

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. . . AND BELLS THAT BLEAT

Whiston Church was built in 1534 by Anthony Catesby According to tradition the cost was so great that he was unable to afford bells for the tower. Not to be outdone by those circumstances, Catesby sold his flock of sheep. Consequently bells were hung. On hearing the chimes, Catesby remarked to his wife: "Hark, do you hear my lambs bleating?"

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RELIABLE TIMEPIECES?

The pretty village of King's Cliff at one time relied to some extent on the 7 or 8 o'clock bell, this being rung each morning supposedly as a summons to scholars of the Free Schools. Other bells were also sounded during the day for the guidance of charcoal-burners, keepers and woodmen, who worked in nearby Rockingham Forest. For some reason these practices were discontinued, but the labourers who relied so much upon the bells protested vehemently and the ancient custom was re-established. One such bell, rung at 4 a.m. for awakening farm labourers, on one occasion was heard at 3 a.m., and the clerk, thoroughly annoyed at his "untimely" mistake, never rang the bell again. Victorians were immensely keen, but this error may have been a Godsend to the clerk and those who were so rudely awakened.

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A MISCHIEVOUS CLAPPER . . .

Oundle's beautiful church almost met with disaster on August 16th, 1868. The belfry and its insulation material caught fire, but fortunately the outbreak was confined and extinguished before serious damage to stonework could materialise. Nevertheless the heat was so great that the bellframe and clock were destroyed. Various people thought that the sawdust became overheated, but others believed the outbreak began accidentally by workmen who had repaired the clapper of the tenor bell, at the same time enjoying a bit of shag. This same clapper parted company from its bell a few years later, but caused no damage on that occasion.

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WAYS AND MEANS

Stoke Albany's old bells were recast in 1790, but not without a great deal of trouble. Two schools of thought prevailed at the time; one that two bells only be recast, the other determined that each of the five bells be introduced to the melting pot. The latter won the day. Persons entered the belfry at night, lifted the undamaged tenor from its frame and let it fall to the floor below. However, the bell withstood this incredibly rough treatment. Nothing daunted, its assailants, armed with sledge-hammers, again entered the church when all was still and broke off the canons. Needless to say, all five bells were recast! T. A. B.

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OUR PICTURE

Isleworth Parish Church (All Saints')

By Harold Rogers

PICTURESQUELY situated on the Middlesex shore of the Thames, the bells send back answering music along the river to the distant bells of Richmond and across Kew Gardens and Old Deer Park. Although the precise history of the Parish Church has become misted and vague with the passing of the centuries, associations of the site on which it stands can be traced back to the Roman invasion. A Compitum or small wayside chapel was the first place of worship erected there about A.D. 80. Since this time the site has been used almost continuously for the purpose of worship. In the Domesday Book reference is made to the Priest of Isleworth and his holding of "three virgates of Land."

The oldest part of the present church is the Perpendicular tower built of Kentish ragstone about A.D. 1400, when the Benefice was the property of the wardens and scholars of Winchester College. Apart from the addition of four pinnacles, the appearance of the tower is now generally as when built. The present window and doorway are of a later date but they follow the general lines of the originals.

In 1679 a lanthorn or cupola, containing a "Saints" bell was erected at the top of the tower. This addition was, however, comparatively short-lived as its removal took place in 1864 and the bell which is still used for the striking of the clock was, until 1949, mounted on iron brackets on the flat roof. This bell is now hung inside the bell chamber.

SOUND CONTROL

An important change, however, took place in 1962 and many churches up and down the country would do well to follow suit. An effective sound control system was installed which allows the sound of the bells to carry over the whole parish and at the same time modulates it in the immediate vicinity, to the extent that a perfectly normal conversation can be conducted comfortably anywhere around the tower. The system consists of:

(a) Blocking up the insides of all louvres with three-inch concrete blocks and rendering in cement and sand. The external dummy louvres still remain.

(b) Constructing on the roof in Western red cedar a nine feet square by five feet high sound lantern with 45 degrees louvres on all sides.

THE BELLS

The earliest reference we have to the original bells is that they were removed from the tower in 1684 and recast into a ring of six by William Eldridge of Chertsey. Then came the removal and recasting of these with the addition of two more in 1767 by Lester and Pack of Whitechapel. These bells were brought to the church on February 11th, 1768, the tenor bell then weighing 18 cwt. 1 qr. Retuning and rehanging in an H section steel frame was then effected by Taylors of Loughborough, the reopening ceremony taking place in 1903. Finally two trebles were added in 1931 by Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Kensington on June 13th, 1931. This left the bells a very musical ring of ten, and only three other towers in South West Middlesex contain this number.

The first recorded peal on the bells was rung in 1768 and consisted of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Major.

Records of 250 complete peals have been traced between this date and January, 1967. A full report on these was published in "The Ringing World" of March 31st, 1967. Nearly half the peals were rung by the London County Association and for some ten years after World War 2 the tower had one of the most proficient local companies of Surprise Royal ringers in the country.

INSCRIPTIONS, SIZES AND WEIGHTS

Treble. — 26 in. diameter circa 4 cwt. Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.) Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. 1931.

Second.—27¼ in. diameter circa 4¼ cwt. Pleni Sunt Coeli et Terra Gloria Tua. (Translation: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.) M. & S. London. 1931.

Third.—29 in. diameter. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. Note E. At proper times our voices we will raise in sounding to our benefactors' praise. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Fourth.—29¾ in. diameter. 6 cwt. 12 lb. Note D. Peace and Good Neighbourhood. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Fifth.—31¼ in. diameter. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. Note C. Musick is Medicine to the Mind. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Sixth.—33¼ in. diameter. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Note B. Intactum Sileo Percute Dulce Cano. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767. (Translation: Untouched I am silent, struck I resound sweetly.)

Seventh.—36¼ in. diameter. 8 cwt. 3 qr. Note A. Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Eighth.—38 in. diameter. 10 cwt. 24 lb. Note G. Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness be sober merry wise and you'll the same possess. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Ninth.— 42 in. diameter. 13 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. Note F. In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Tenor.—46¼ in. diameter. 16 cwt. 24 lb. Note E. These bells were cast by voluntary subscription in the year 1767. John Farnell and John Fuller Church Wardens. To honour both of God and King our voices shall in concert sing. Lester and Pack of London fecit 1767.

Clock bell:—26¼ in. diameter circa 4 cwt. Robt. Akerman & James Campbell Church Wardens. 1774. Pack and Chapman of London fecit.

THE CLOCK

The church clock was installed in 1774 by Messrs. Thwaites of Clerkenwell and, quite apart from its unusual movement, it is strange in that it occupies space around three interior walls of the tower. At the extreme north west corner of the tower hang the weights; the cables from these lead to the north east corner, where the main mechanism is accommodated. From thence shafts and bevels convey the movement around the south east corner to the face and hands which are on the south wall of the tower. Good time is still kept by this original clock, which was completely overhauled by a local firm in 1962.

REBUILDING

The nave and chancel were destroyed wilfully by fire in 1943 and a temporary church inside the walls has been in use ever since. 1967 has, however, seen the start of the rebuilding of a new and exciting church which tones in with the famous old tower and which will form an attractive Christian community centre on this site which dates back to Roman times.

Our front page photograph was taken by Mr. Collis, sen., and prepared for reproduction by Mr. R. F. Summers.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS MEETING ATTENDANCE

A check of the Nottingham attendance roll has revealed that two members who were absent were counted as present because of misuse of the roll. The correct figures are:

		Present	Absent
43	Associations fully represented	108	—
14	" partly "	33	20
5	" not "	—	5
Life members		6	1
Honorary members		18	4
	Grand total	165	30

I am happy to confirm that the attendance was a record one, notwithstanding.

The risk of errors of this nature will be reduced if members will refrain from using the roll to describe the condition or whereabouts of absentees.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

REDUNDANT BELLS

I am compiling a register of redundant bells and I shall be obliged if readers will furnish me with as much information as possible when bells become casualties in this manner. The object is to avoid the destruction of bells and to make information available which may lead to their transfer to new locations.

I shall use "The Ringing World" for publicity when the appropriate occasion arises and I hope I shall be appraised of any events which will affect the contents of the register.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE VETERAN'S REUNION

How many ringers' Guild or Association meetings have you attended, and which was the most pleasant and profitable?

I have attended scores, and the nicest and best was the last—the above, the Veterans', embracing some of our finest composers, conductors and ringers—yes, and some quite ordinary ringers—held in London on June 24th.

Originated and organised by that stalwart, John Euston (St. Margaret's, Westminster), there is always a beautiful servive, usually at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, with a lovely address by the Rector (the Rev. Stanley Moore). And this year as no exception, despite the former's unavoidable absence. The service, which was taken by the Rev. J. Thompset, suffered nothing by comparison and he remembered and prayed for all those "called home."

After a splendid tea—through the generosity of a band who gave their proceeds of a wedding — the meeting, at wich I don't think John Euston misses anyone, either absent or present.

A sincere reference to all, and appreciation of the work done for the Exercise—also including the ladies, especially Mrs. Davis. All stood up to acknowledge the tribute and appreciation due, and be fully recognised.

Greetings and good wishes were conveyed from Ernest Weatherby (96), formerly of Market Drayton (Shropshire), now in California, Dr. Harry O. Whipple and his wife Marjory, both well known to some of the Veterans, also the Railwaymen's Guild.

The Rev. J. Thompset, in moving a vote of thanks, said John Euston had mentioned all but one—and that was himself, who did this tremendous amount of work of love, not only for the Veterans but for everyone with whom he came in contact.

Due tribute was also paid to our "Ringing World" and all those who were doing all possible to improve it.

The average age of those present was 75¼.

"OWD BAT-ER."

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

Reflections on Fellowship—Officers Re-elected—257 New Members and ten from Groton—St. Peter-in-the-East Bells—Guild's Offer to Purchase—Hoax Letters: the Rash of Irresponsibility.

THERE was, as always, a large attendance at the Summer Festival and annual general meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held on the first Saturday in July at Christ Church, which began with a service in the Cathedral at 11. The Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service, Mr. Fredk Sharpe read the lesson and a choir of ringers led the singing.

The Rev. S. A. C. Dickens (Vicar of Hughenden) preached, taking as his text a verse from the lesson, "Only the man who loves his brother dwells in light." (I John, v, 10.) He spoke of the very real fellowship among ringers, both in the encouragement of our learners and as a flame passing from tower to tower. Our fellowship brought out another fellowship, more ancient and most holy, founded by Our Lord in Galilee and perpetuated in the Holy Communion, which also devolves upon the doing of something together. The fellowship of the Church was and is intended to welcome in the stranger; but that is what the Church lacks today, very few churches are filled, the Gospel may be preached but it is not lived. From the practical point of view—ringers have a fellowship. Could it not be further beautified by the acceptance of the Saviour's invitation to the feast He provides with the words: "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood ye have no part in me." Couldn't all ringers attend and receive the Blessed Sacrament to know more deeply the mystery of His love?

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting followed in the Chapter House. The Master took the chair, supported by the Deputy Master, Mr. Fredk. Sharpe, the hon. general secretary, Miss M. L. Cross, the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker, the hon. librarian, the Rev. E. B. Wood, and the assistant secretary, Miss D. Pollard.

The minutes of the last autumn meeting, held at Wantage in October, 1966, were read and confirmed. Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Buckingham, Messrs. Kinch, Pink, White, F. Price, T. W. White and others.

The officers' reports incorporated in the annual report, were adopted without discussion, as were the audited accounts, with best thanks to Mr. Barker for a wonderful year's work.

Canon Wigg, the only nominee for the office of Master, was re-elected with acclamation. All the other officers were also re-elected. The appointment of Mr. W. Hunt, Mr. H. Oglesby and Mr. J. Baldwin as stewards was ratified, and Mr. Hunt thanked the members on their behalf, making a plea that Branch secretaries should give them advance warning of meetings so that they could try to attend.

A grant of £50 was voted for Warfield, where rehanging and other work had been carried out at a cost of £658. Lambourn was still trying to get the money for necessary restoration and the meeting endorsed the General Committee's recommendation that the period for paying the grant voted to them should be extended to three years.

TEN MEMBERS FROM GROTON

The election of 257 new members was ratified. Mr. Barker proposed and Mr. Price (sen.) seconded ten new members from Groton School. This was carried with applause and each one was individually called up to receive the certificate of membership from the Master, with a handshake and a personal word of welcome.

The autumn general meeting is arranged for Reading on October 1st, but in 1968 there will have to be a change to the third Saturday in October, when it is hoped the meeting will be held at Bletchley. No amendment being offered to the recommendation of the General Committee, the annual subscription remains at 3s. 6d. for 1968.

GUILD'S OFFER TO PURCHASE A RING OF SIX

The secretary reported on the position of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford. The bells (a Rudhall six with two additional trebles) are to come out, and have been advertised for sale. The Guild officers at once went into action, with much help from Mr. Alan Pink and the Diocesan Board of Trustees. A petition is now before the Chancellor of the Diocese for the purchase of the bells by the Diocesan Guild at a cost of approximately £900, to be placed in due course in a tower in the Diocese. The trebles might possibly be given or sold separately, but the trustees have made a proviso that the Rudhall ring of six shall be kept intact. They are often mentioned in old minute books, and a number of peals have been rung on them. The Bishop is delighted with the idea that these bells should be in the care of the Guild. The only other problem at present is to find a suitable safe place of storage.

Mr. W. G. Wilson then made a point he thought the Editor of "The Ringing World" would have made, appealing to every member to do his best to stop the "hoax" letters because of which "the truth of the records of our Exercise is becoming more and more suspect. Those who write such letters are known (for what would there be in getting such a letter printed if one did not have a laugh about it with a few friends?) and if every ringer frowns on this practice, then it will stop. This kind of thing is a symptom of growing irresponsibility in the world in general—we are sure ringers will not want to have any part in it." An officer added that the committee would be asked to consider what action the Guild should take in regard to one of the hoaxers who is a member.

A collection taken at the meeting benefited the Restoration Fund by £8 15s.

THE LUNCHEON

The business concluded, the company moved to the Hall for luncheon. Following the loyal toast, Mr. W. G. Wilson proposed "The Church and State." Referring to the sermon they had heard he would like to say how much some laymen were interested in the growth of the ecumenical movement. "I think ringers, in spite of our many differences, are far more ecumenical than many branches of the Church e.g. in Ireland, where Church and State are divided, there is only one Association of ringers for Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland, in Northern Ireland and in Eire. Longfellow spoke of bells as 'the voice of the Church'—we are glad of the privilege of making that voice heard and thank the Church for the opportunity."

The Rev. A. C. Sparling, Vicar of Spelsbury and Chadlington and Rural Dean of Chipping Norton, replied, also speaking of the strong band of fellowship between ringers. The fine thing about the bellringing community, he said, is that they do their service joyfully, and he prayed that their efforts might be richly blessed.

Miss Catherine Salter, a member of the John Mason School, Abingdon, then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," in particular Ronald Dove, Mr. and Mrs. Woolley and Christopher, the Archdeacon of Oxford, Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the first Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson (who was present both at the service and the luncheon), and not least, members of "our overseas branch," Mr. Russell Young and members of Groton School; she hoped they would go back to America with many happy memories.

Mr. Peter Bundy, of Groton, replied in a humorous speech, letting us into some of the secrets of the "overseas branch"—"we talk in the tower—and it is good fun. We have a knack of memorising our courses—which is not done— and finally, we are awfully good at breaking stays!" They had made a lot of friends and they wanted to thank everybody who had helped them and made their visit so pleasant—mentioning particularly Mr. Arthur Barker, with whom they had spent three days at Stoke Poges, and Mr. Frank Price, who had got them to the point where two had rung a peal.

The Deputy Master then proposed votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter, the preacher and the organist, Mr. Philip Walker, and his assistants for arranging the ringing, the team of choirboys from Winslow, Miss Daphne Pollard for organising the luncheon, the Master, and the one who always does the most in any organisation, the honorary secretary.

As members dispersed, Mr. Fredk. Sharpe took a party into Tom Tower to see Big Tom, and from 3 till 8 p.m. 23 towers in the city and neighbouring villages were open for ringing.

REORGANISATION IN THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Both the Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) referred to the question of the reorganisation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in their reports presented at the Guild Festival.

Canon Wigg wrote: "The probability of the division of the Oxford Diocese in the not far distant future has led responsible people in the Guild to begin making tentative contures about the shape of things to come with regard to the future organisation of the Guild itself.

"Proposals of a very fundamental and progressive nature were put forward at the Branch secretaries' meeting in October. It was, for example, suggested that the Branches might become autonomous bodies, each sending representatives to form some kind of diocesan council of ringers. A less radical proposition envisaged a reduction in the size of the General Committee and endowing it with power to implement its own recommendations.

"I believe that all thinking persons would agree that our present system of conducting business leaves room for improvement. Much time at the business meeting at Christ Church is occupied with debating over again matters which have already been discussed in detail at the general committee meeting. Some of us think that this time could be better employed in getting to know each other in a more informal social atmosphere. Fellowship should surely be one of the main objects of the Guild, and the annual festival should provide a setting for fostering this spirit of fellowship.

REASSESSMENT OF AIMS

"In general I believe that the time is ripe for a reassessment of the aims and objects of our beloved Guild and some clear thinking on the part of every member about what we are really trying to accomplish. As in the Church of England as a whole, so also in such internal organisations as our Guild of Church Bell Ringers, the wind of change is beginning to be felt. This wind of change may well represent one manifestation of the working

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of the Holy Spirit of God, leading us on to new ways of service to Him and His Church."

Mr. F. Sharpe made this comment: "It came as a great surprise to me to hear at the informal meeting of the Branch secretaries that someone advocated the splitting of our Guild into a number of smaller organisations. No agenda is issued for these informal meetings and it is not possible to give carefully considered opinions without weighing up the situation. I said little on that occasion but the more I think of it the more I consider it would be unwise, particularly at the present time.

LOYALTY TO BISHOP

"In these days one constantly hears of amalgamations and mergers of companies, and the modern trend is to unite to form larger units. With the greater ease and facilities for travel today, ringers visit far more towers than their predecessors. Even in those towers where ringers take little interest in the affairs of those in other parts of the Diocese, I feel we should endeavour to encourage them to widen their own outlook beyond the boundaries of their own Branch.

'We owe the utmost loyalty to our Church and to our Diocese as a unit. Our Diocesan Bishop is the president of our Guild, and I feel we should endeavour to keep our territorial organisations to coincide with the boundaries of his diocese while it remtins as at present. . . . I strongly appeal to our members not to be hasty in dividing our Guild before we learn how the Diocese is to be reorganised. This is not the time to create divisions of our own."

The hon. general secretary (Miss Marie R. Cross) in her recent report said two other suggestions will be discussed by the General Committee in March. One concerns the revision of rules in the light of present day thought, and the other concerns the application for grants and the method in which they should be made.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

The membership figures for 1966 (with those for 1965 in brackets) were: Life 31 (29), honorary 62 (63), ringing 1,791 (1,750). Total 1,884 (1,831).

The hon. gen. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,062 13s. 4d., of which £1,747 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £71 11s was contributed by 57 Parochial Church Councils. Grants were paid to Lane End, Easthampstead, Wingrave and Northmoor. The St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, Fund now stood at £232 9s. 4d., but was not included in general Guild funds

LEEDS RINGERS DOWN ON THE FARM

Leeds Parish Church outing on June 3rd entailed a journey of over 300 miles but the utmost use of the motorways and a coach driver who is not afraid to put his foot down brought Oxfordshire within the bounds of possibility.

The main attractions were ringing at Banbury Parish Church followed by an attempt to ring on Mr. Jarvis's miniature ten at Balscott. Some of us like to imagine we rang rounds—once—but even if we didn't it was good fun and we did so enjoy watching Mr. Jarvis's double-handed catch and let go style of ringing.

Bloxham's noble eight compensated for the loss of King's Sutton although the refusal here did savour of discrimination seeing that an Association meeting of longer duration had been allowed there earlier in the year.

Other towers visited were Tuxford and Deddington, where we followed the South Croydon ringers on similar bent.

Altogether it was a very successful outing. A member remarked: "If we spent half the time travelling we could spend twice as long ringing." A point to be considered. R. H. D.

The Bingham District Handbell Ringers

Left to right: W. L. (Mick) Exton, (What ton), R. Brian Mills (Shelford) and J. David Clarke (Whatton).
[Photo by kind permission of the "Newark Advertiser."

The Bingham District Handbell Ringers, three of whom are pictured above, ringing tunes at a recent garden party organised by the Balderton Scouts, were formed some four or five years ago by John Bennett. The object was to provide some information in the art of ringing to the general public by lectures and demonstrations in conjunction with the Rural Communities Council and the Education Committee.

The original band consisted of John and Barbara Bennett, David Clarke and Mick Exton with occasional help from other ringers, John giving the lectures. On the departure of John and Barbara to the Middle East, Brian Buswell and Peter Humphrey were added, Mick Exton taking over the lecturing. Later Brian Mills was added, and Peter Humphrey has since departed to Scotland, leaving the above three with the addition of Brian Buswell.

The bells are a set of 12 by Warners, with a tenor size 17 in A, and were presented to the Whatton ringers by Mr. F. J. March on December 16th, 1913. This was at a time when Whatton bells were rehung and augmented to six, and over the past three years over £100 has been raised with them towards the present restoration and future augmentation.

It is an unwritten rule that no tune ringing demonstration is ever given without a display of change ringing, and on several occasions a request is received for more change ringing.

WILLIE.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch held its monthly practice meeting at St. Martin of Tours, West Coker, on July 1st, when between 25 and 30 ringers attended in spite of various counter attractions—over 12 towers in the Deanery being represented.

Ringing on this good-going musical eight (tenor 12 cwt.) was under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. E. Turner) and the Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. H. Gaylard) and included rounds, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Stedman.

The Branch is grateful to the Rector, the Rev. L. Bailey, and the tower captain, Mr. L. Guppy, for a very pleasant evening.

Next practice: Montacute (6, 23 cwt.), August 5th, 7–9 p.m. Also ringing at this same tower for the induction service of the new Vicar, July 31st, 6 p.m.

CALL CHANGE NEWS

Plympton St. Mary's Record

At the annual ringing festival of the Plympton Deanery on July 1st, held on the back six of St. Maurice's Church, Plympton, all three shields were won by Plympton St. Mary.

Senior Section for Deanery Shield (rise, ring 60 changes on 3rd and lower in not less than 15 minutes): 1 Plympton St. Mary "A" 15 faults, 2 Plymstock "A" 18¼, 3 Yealmpton 32, 4 Plymstock "B" 45.

Section II for the Canon Younge Shield (same conditions as for Senior Section): 1 Plympton St. Mary 35½, 2 Plymstock "B" 43½, 3 Eggbuckland "B" 45½, 4 Modbury 47½, 5 Eggbuckland "A" 53, 6 Shaugh Prior 58, 7 Ermington 60.

Learners' Section for the Ermington Shield (eight minutes rounds with bells up): 1 Plympton St. Mary 11¼, 2 Modbury 14, 3 Eggbuckland 26, 4 Plymstock 36½, 5 Modbury 52½.

Plymstock "A" have held this shield for several years and set a very high standard of striking. The shields and certificates were presented by the Rector (the Rev. Kenneth Newing). A service preceded the ringing, and tea was provided by the ladies.

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Letters to the Editor

5.30 a.m. PEAL CONDEMNED

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the ringers of the peal mentioned in the "Belfry Gossip" column of the issue No. 2,932 of June 30th.

How anyone could be so stupid and inconsiderate as to ring a peal from 5.30 to 7.30 a.m. I do not know. They deserve all the criticism they get. In my opinion when they ask for permission to ring in future they should be refused. Why should incumbents leave themselves open to attack by their parishioners by allowing peal ringing by this peal-mad inconsiderate band?—Yours faithfully.

G. RICHARDSON.

Dewsbury.

JUSTIFIABLE COMPLAINTS

Dear Sir,—In "Belfry Gossip" (page 457) I read that a peal was rung between 5.30 and 7.30 a.m. at Huntington, Yorks. Having heard these bells, it is not surprising that complaints have been received, and why not? Who wants to be wakened up so early in the morning? After all, non-ringers in our population do need sleep!

Whose fault? The Vicar's for giving permission, or the ringers who rang so early? Quite frankly, it is the ringers who are at fault for lacking ideas of commonsense. Such a ridiculous act can only lead to a worsening relationship between ringers and the general public. Personally, I do not object to peals, having rung some myself, providing the peals are rung with due consideration to those who have to listen. In this case no consideration was given and, quite frankly, as a fellow Yorkshire ringer, I feel ashamed that such an act has been committed in Yorkshire.

Perhaps one of the band can write to "The Ringing World" giving their justification for ringing a peal at such a stupid time in a tower where there is a large nearby population. I do not think they will be able to find one just reason other than pure greed and ignorance.—Yours faithfully,

M. KING.

Rotherham.

NOT THE FIRST IN METHOD

Dear Sir,—The peal of New Durham Surprise Major rung by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Darlington, is not the first peal in the method on tower bells.

A peal of 5,152 New Durham Surprise Major was rung at Bulwell, Nottinghamshire, on Saturday, September 28th, 1963, by members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, conducted by Harry Poyner.—Yours faithfully,

BERYL N. REED.

Balderton, Newark, Notts.

SOMEBODY WAS MISSING?

Dear Sir,—Yet another noteworthy performance is recorded with the publishing of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Evesham on May 6th, 1967.

But surely you, sir, have missed an important footnote, for was this not the first peal on the bells rung by an all visiting band?—Yours faithfully,

D. A. WOOLLEY.

Wythall, Worcs.

INVERARAY'S PLIGHT

Dear Sir,—I can see no reason why Mr. Hooton (June 30th) should not ring or listen to the bells at Inveraray at any time in the foreseeable future, providing that he makes arrangements for nine other ringers to be there at the same time as he is.

The tower, which with the bells was the only part of a grandiose scheme to rebuild the church to be carried out (immediately after the First World War, I believe), was not as well built as it might have been and has suffered from the climate; but its only serious troubles at present are a collapsed window arch in the west wall and the decayed wooden floor of the ringing chamber. The bells, frame and fittings, all by Taylor in 1920, are in first class order but lack ropes and even the chiming apparatus is not operational.

If and when the present ringing floor collapses it will still be possible—for those who can stand the noise and who are prepared to do something about the loose metal bosses—to ring the bells from the concrete floor above.

Glorious as the bells are (in spite of highly unfavourable acoustics), Inveraray is scarcely among the most suitable of places to have a ring of ten bells with a 41¼ cwt. tenor! It seems most unlikely that there can ever be any regular Sunday service ringing there until a ringer who is keen enough to train a local band goes to live in Inveraray. (Population 511; nearest ringing towers Glasgow (58 miles) and Paisley (55 miles via ferry).—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know if Mr. Hooton has any suggestions to make regarding the ringing of Inveraray bells. The last sentence of his letter an page 455 seems to mean that the bells should be rung for Sunday services. By whom? I doubt if the congregation of All Saints' Church, Inveraray, numbers more than 50 people. Does Mr Hooton suggest that they could provide a band for a ring of ten bells with a 41¼ cwt tenor? The population of the town itself is not many more than 500.

Can any of your readers say why such heavy bells were hung at Inveraray in the first place? It was surely obvious that there would be little prospect of ever having a local band.—Yours faithfully,

E. BOUMPHREY.

Carnforth, Lancs.

MORE FROM TOYLAND

Dear Sir,—I refer to a letter from Noddy in "The Ringing World" of July 7th. As custodian of law and order in Toyland, I must write to state that your journal has once again been afflicted with a hoax. Noddy is too overcome with grief to write himself and has instructed me to expose the imposter claiming to have rung a peal on Nobby's bell: the first peal has yet to be rung. Indeed, the imposter has chosen an unfortunate time to spring the hoax since Noddy's hat has been silent for the last month while his bell is with the founders (Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough) for the installation of a new clapper. I hope this will not cause too much inconvenience to those responsible for the keeping of records.—Yours faithfully,

Mr. PLODD (Constable).

"Toyland."

BELLS "POSITIVELY SHRIEK"

Dear Sir,—May I add a little to Geoff Dodd's account of our escapade at Toller Whelme, Dorset?

The belfry is indeed inaccessible without a 30-ft. ladder—this was kindly brought to the church for us by Mr. Haynes who, when I first called, was the sole inhabitant of Toller Whelme! The present Rector of Corscombe (Rev. J. W. H. Stileman) had realised that there were bells of some sort at his other church but knew nothing about them and needed no persuasion to join Mr. Haynes and myself on the ladder, when we first went up the tower last summer.

The bells were cast by Vickers, Sons and Co., Ltd., in 1866-8. The tenor is 26 inches in diameter and its strike note is about B flat. I wouldn't like to hazard a guess at its weight but three of us had no difficulty in inverting it by hand on my first visit.

The chief problem in trying to ring these bells is the small size of the wheels which makes the bells very difficult to control and all too easy to overthrow. The front bells double-clapper and the noise inside the tower is, of course, quite hideous. The bells have the wildest of harmonics and positively shriek.

Mr. Haynes was with us for the whole of the time that we were there and his enthusiasm and energy were tremendous—we were all very grateful to him for his help. I think it was Mr. J. T. Barrett, of Beaminster, who said that he had once been to Toller Whelme with a party to ring, but I don't think that anything was said about changes.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK PAGE

Dear Sir,—I noticed with regret the reference on page 425 to the death of Mr. Frederick Page and would like to support the opinion of his ability as a handbell ringer. I heard quite a few of the handbell peals in which he rang at 23, Greek Street, Stockport, which ranged from eight to twelve bells, when he was happy at any part of the circle.

Whilst it is difficult to compare various peals, the Stedman Cinques he rang in were beautifully struck throughout, and I seem to remember a visit by Messrs. G. F. Swann and Morris J. Morris of Birmingham when I listened to a peal in that method, but cannot remember if Fred Page was in it—perhaps Peter Laflin may know.

In conclusion, may I congratulate those who ring handbell peals at the present time and respectfully suggest, especially to the younger members, that if they have the time and aptitude to maintain it, then keep it going, as a lapse may show that in later years it is not possible to find the previous ability.—Yours truly,

ERNEST BENNETT.

Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers I write to thank you, the editor of "The Ringing World," and your staff for all the help and assistance given to my Guild and myself in connection with the recent meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Nothing was considered too much trouble and nothing too trivial, and the coverage of the meeting has proved most interesting and informative.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON,

Hon. Gen. Sec.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued.

UNAUTHORISED RINGING

Dear Sir,—I regret the need to ask for publication of this letter. On July 5th I received a letter from Canon Noott complaining that on Sunday, as he arrived at Compton Abdale Church Glos, for Evensong, he found a group of six men ringing the bells without his permission.

The bells are not now rung at Compton Abdale as they are not safe. They had found the key to the ringing chamber, and when told that the bells were not safe replied they were only chiming them. Some damage has been found to have been done to the wheel of the tenor. None of the ringers stayed for the service.

I hope that those who did this will be good enough to write to Canon Noott and apologise. Such behaviour can only do harm to the Exercise, and had the identity of the ringers been known to me I would have informed the Association or Guild to which they belong.

We have a rule which could be invoked to deal with matters such as this. I hope never to be called on to use it, but would certainly do so to keep the good name of the Exercise if need be.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE,
Hon. Secretary,
Gloucester and Bristol Assn.

Note.—We hope that "tower grabbing" of this character will not occur again. An offence under Common Law has been committed; it could even be an indictable offence.—Ed.

ST. AUSTELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—For the life of me I cannot see the point of Mr. Victor M. Dawson's letter in your issue of June 30th.

Do you think Mr. Dawson would be so kind as to write in plain English and to the point just what he tries to imply? Yorkshiremen are noted for calling a spade a spade, so perhaps other ringers like myself who are not so well educated can get the gist of his letter without having to try to read between the lines. I notice with interest that he says he will stand by and watch if anyone was doing any digging. I wonder if this is usually the case with Mr. Dawson?—Yours sincerely,

JOE THORNLEY.

Farnworth, Lancs.

LEFT v. RIGHT

Dear Sir,—Further to the correspondence with regard to the rope-end grip (left versus right) may I put forward my method of determining the beginner's "natural" choice of grip, which I believe—as do some of your other correspondents—is the most important factor in this affair.

I determine this as soon as beginners are introduced to the belfry so that they shall not have come under any other influences. I try to make it as unexpected as possible so that their reactions are perfectly natural and I simply say to them, "Reach up as **high** as you can on that rope with **both** hands and give a good **hard** pull." The bell is, of course, down, and the beginner is, in fact, reaching up on the sally with both hands. However, all that is necessary to note is which hand is uppermost and the "natural" arrangement of the hands for a **vertical** pull is thus determined. In my experience, normally right-handed persons have the right hand on top and vice versa, but exceptions do sometimes occur.—Yours truly,

DAVID BEACHAM.

Hallow Worcester.

How Frome Tackles the Learner Problem

By EUNICE D. OVEREND

MANY different ways of teaching learners must have been devised to overcome local conditions. Our particular difficulty at Frome is that the bells are heavy (tenor 30 cwt.) and not the easiest to ring. If one waits for youngsters to become strong enough to manage them other interests have already filled their evenings, while the keen 11- to 12-year-olds find even the treble and second a struggle. The co-operation of neighbouring villages with lighter sixes is the answer to this, both in lending their bells (suitably muffled with slices of old car tyres) and in sharing their practices, through which both sides benefit.

Here we teach rising and falling right from the beginning. A group of learners needing individual attention can be kept safely and usefully occupied, if the bells are muffled, in pulling the bells up until the sally starts to bob, and down again, discovering the feel of bells of various weights below balance, the lengthening and shortening of rope, keeping it tight, and managing coils. Most can pull up a bell at backstroke at the second or third lesson and single-handed by the time they can ring rounds.

The advantage of this is that if they inadvertently let a bell down a bit they can shorten rope and pull it up again without getting a fright. Later they follow another bell up and down, learning to listen and keep an even pace, then take the middle place of three, learning to hear the bell behind as well as the one in front and to discover the practical results of pulling and checking—very difficult to sort out when first tried with all the bells going down in peal together.

CALL CHANGES

Rounds lead on to call changes called Cornish-style as they will be met on holiday, and "crosses and queens," which are used sometimes locally. This teaches leading, changing places neatly and the beginnings of good striking. Soon the two leading bells can make seconds over each other or snap, while the third decides which to follow, or 4 and 5 can dodge, the aim being for each ringer to learn a new manœuvre each week, the name, the feeling of the action and the line—an alphabet for future methods. The brighter sparks won't take long to reach Kent turns on the front or Stedman dodging behind.

Beginning plain hunt (from three bells to six) is the only time when bells may be followed by numbers—for how is a beginner to manage without? We have ropesight to pick out the right bell, can hear our place and feel our height, and we know the first lead of Plain Bob. They must use the figures to get first the feeling and ropesight and then rhythm and good striking.

With all this going on at the village practice the seemingly interminable waits for a turn on our own treble—inevitably with all the others to be catered for—can be made more bearable. Bells can be recognised (with a little prompting) to be leading or lying, snapping or dodging, making thirds or coursing each other to lead. The treble can be heard hunting up and down, or the ear tuned to Major. Sometimes a visitor with a peculiar style turns up to demonstrate that it is best to learn a way which will cope with all bells. Pencils and paper are there for those who can prick out changes to show those who can't, and so the eye, ear and mind are trained for future method ringing.

START WITH GRANDSIRE

As, because of the weight of our bells, it is unlikely that we shall have a Major band for Sunday ringing, we begin with Grandsire Doubles and the treble to Triples, each step accompanied by its line and different callings to prevent learning the bells by heart. There is no harm, however, in learning how to transpose the bells to know the first two at each lead of Triples—two less to choose from when ropesight is not yet very good, and useful towards later conducting. Grandsire is rung at all local towers, whereas Plain Bob is not, so as soon as it is mastered, independent visiting can be encouraged.

The six-bell practice progresses, with luck, to various Doubles methods and Plain Bob Minor, with everyone taking turns to conduct. Beyond this enthusiasts from different towers must get together either on each other's practice nights or at special practices, moving around the area. Here we have three-weekly practices. Minor one week, Surprise Major with the neighbouring Salisbury Guild the next, and the third week free for quarter peals. So there is a ladder from learner to Surprise conductor at each stage he can meet, ring with and learn from those more advanced, and as ringers move on other leaders and organisers emerge to keep things going.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

July 8th was a beautiful sunny day for the Biggleswade District meeting, which was held at Potton. Unfortunately only 24 people sat down to an excellent tea prepared by the ringers' mothers. After a short business meeting handbells and tower bells were rung, Mr. A. W. Smith, the District Ringing Master, capably looking after all tastes and capabilities. The evening attendance grew to over 40, but it was rather sad to note the lack of support from District members.

Next meeting: Haynes, August 12, evening only. L. E.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

It would be hard to find a more pleasant place in the Canterbury area than Hernhill, where the District's striking contest was held. Away from the roar of traffic on the main coastal roads on either side of the village, outside the well-kept church and churchyard there is a village green, where ringers could relax after their labours or to try and soothe their nerves before going up into the belfry. Unfortunately only three teams entered.

Mr. Nicholas Davies, from Ashford, was the adjudicator and he gave his report after tea in the Village Hall prepared by the Mothers' Union. He awarded first place to St. Dunstan's, a very short head in front of the holders, Whitstable, with Petham (who had a bad patch in the middle of their touch) third. The cup was presented to the captain of the winning team (Mr. D. C. Chatfield) together with a certificate to hang in the tower, by Mrs. E. C. Streatfield-James, wife of the Vicar.

The hope was expressed that next year more teams would enter, and we felt that the contest should be plugged hard during the coming months at the District meetings. B. J. L.

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DOWN UNDER NEWS

SYDNEY BOYS' 2,000 MILE TOUR

FRIDAY evening, May 12th, was the climax of some eight months' patient waiting and saving of wedding money, for outside No. 3 platform at Central Railway Station in Sydney gathered a group of six excited young Sydney ringers for the beginning of a ringing tour to Melbourne and Adelaide.

Four of the boys, Ray Stanton, Keith Hendry, Craig Herbert and John Simmons, were ringers from St. Paul's, Burwood, and two brothers, Phillip and David Brown, were from St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, and were the nucleus of the band to ring the first under-16 quarter peal in Australia earlier in the year. Accompanying the boys were Pam Gough, Judy Barr, John Brown and Ross Bampton (captain of St. Paul's, Burwood).

Finally at 8.10 p.m. after endless farewells to parents, brothers and sisters, our train, the "Spirit of Progress," pulled out of Sydney Station to begin a 2,000 mile journey to Adelaide and back, which was fully to occupy every minute of our time for the next eight days. Although an air-conditioned train and equipped with reclining seats designed for sleeping, this pastime was rather out of the question, with excitement running particularly high amongst the ringers, especially with a well-equipped buffet car on the train, serving food and cups of coffee at all hours of the night.

Next morning we were met at Melbourne by Jack Roper and a group of ringers from St. Paul's Cathedral. After the customary introductions we were soon on our way to the Y.M.C.A. Youth Hostel, where eight members of the party were to stay the next two nights—the two girls being at a private hotel nearby!!

FIRST ON 12

By 11 a.m. all had gathered in St. Paul's bell tower to begin a very pleasant afternoon's ringing with the local band, and apart from a brief lunch break at the traditional "Classic" restaurant opposite the Cathedral, the bells were rarely silent during the day. The boys made good use of the opportunity to ring on the only 12 in Australia, although plain hunt on 12 was the greatest achievement. However, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were the order of the day with the occasional successful plain course of Caters which surprised us all!! That evening saw the group at Luna Park, near St. Kilda, with a few of the more adventurous types enjoying rides on the big dipper, the river caves and dodgem cars to mention a few of the activities.

Sunday morning greeted us with the customary Melbourne rain but, not to be dampened, we were soon at the Cathedral, this time to ring for the 11 a.m. service which we were to attend, and being a liturgical welcome to the Primate of Australia, we were honoured to witness a Cathedral service in its full splendour. Lunch, again at the "Classic," and then we were on our way to St. Patrick's Cathedral to ring on the rather difficult eight with a unique reverse circle. Forty minutes in this tower proved sufficient time, Grandsire Triples being the most ambitious method attempted! Then it was back to St. Paul's Cathedral for afternoon tea and more ringing until Evensong. By Sunday evening the effects of but little sleep were beginning to show, and early to bed was the programme for all.

AT BALLARAT

Following a morning of sightseeing around Melbourne, destination Ballarat was the order of the day, and by 1.30 p.m. we were on the train enjoying a fast journey to the inland city, to be met on arrival by a group of local ringers led by Warne Wilson. For the next three hours we undertook a pressure-packed sightseeing tour of Ballarat and were soon convinced that we saw more of the City of Ballarat in three hours than the average tourist sees in three days. Following dinner at a small restaurant, we commenced some interesting ringing on the eight at the City Hall until 8 p.m., to be stopped by a meeting of the City Council, but not before attempting to let the bells down in peal!! Ringing then continued at the neighbouring tower of St. Peter's Church, where some very brisk plain courses of Bob Major were enjoyed. Following a delicious supper at Warne Wilson's home, we suddenly found ourselves in Ballarat Railway Station waiting for the "Overland" train to take us to Adelaide.

RAIL BREAKDOWN

The "Overland" was due in Adelaide at 9 next morning, but two and a half hours later we duly arrived, having spent the lost time in the Adelaide hills roaming the countryside, enjoying the pleasant early morning sunshine whilst the railway authorities attempted to make running repairs to the diesel locomotive. However, by lunchtime we had settled into our rooms at the Grosvenor Hotel and, being rather a warm day, we visited the seaside suburb of Glenelg to enable the boys to prove that the weather was ideal for swimming.

Tuesday evening, one of the highlights of the tour was practice night at St. Peter's Cathedral, where we enjoyed some very good ringing on the second heaviest eight in the world, followed by a delightful supper at Mary Devonshire's home and a quick visit to Windy Point to view the lights of Adelaide.

SAMPLING IN THE WINE CELLAR

Wednesday was to be the non-ringing highlight of the tour, a day at the Barossa Valley, some 50 miles north of Adelaide, where most of Australia's wine is produced. We of course visited a vinery and lunch was served in a wine cellar at Seppeltsfield amid endless barrels and bottles of every conceivable type of wine, and the boys took great delight in sampling the various wines with their lunch. Fortunately parents were over 1,000 miles away in Sydney!!

Ringing that evening at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, was again enjoyed by the Sydney visitors ringing with the local band on their pleasant-sounding six, as was the supper which followed at the home of Phillippa Lamphee.

The next day was to be our first non-ringing day since leaving home, and during the morning the boys soon found their way to the Torrens River and successfully occupied themselves manœuvring paddle boats up and down the river. After lunch we joined a coach to tour the Mount Lofty Ranges, which proved a very quiet and pleasant excursion until the coach driver and passengers discovered that ten bellringers were on board—then little peace prevailed!!

HEADING FOR HOME

Thursday evening saw us on the train again, this time heading back home towards Melbourne, to be followed by a day of sightseeing in that city.

On Friday evening we again boarded the "Spirit of Progress" for Sydney; this time a much quieter journey, and when the boys declined to walk through to the buffet car for breakfast next morning one was convinced there was little energy left in the group. What a different scene it was eight days earlier, when sleep was the last thing to be considered!

So Saturday morning, at Central Station amid reunions with families, brought to a conclusion a ringing tour which will not be forgotten for a long time and one that proved to us all that although the towers of Australia are few and far between, we received a wonderful welcome from the ringers wherever we went across the Continent. R. W. B.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD FESTIVAL

IN ideal weather conditions, the 39th annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild opened on June 17th, with ringing at St. David's, and St. Mary's Brecon. The attendance, however, was very disappointing, and this was discussed at the business meeting later.

An impressive Evensong was held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. and was fully choral, the choir singing the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord" (Purcell). At the service the Lord Bishop dedicated a new peals record book, given to the Guild by Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis, in memory of David Gwyn Lewis, of Cadoxton, Neath, who died November 9th, 1961, aged 24 years.

The Rev. Dudley White gave the address, and took as his text the last Psalm.

After a buffet tea, arranged by the Dean, the business opened with the Lord Bishop in the chair, and the first important item was the acceptance by the Guild, of the gift by Mr. G. I. Lewis. The Bishop proposed its acceptance and this was unanimously agreed to. The Bishop was sure it was the wish of all present, to think the Dean for the arrangements made for the festival; also the Rev. Dudley White for his sermon, and the ladies who assisted at the tea.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

The Hon. Secretary, in his report expressed the concern of most of the members of the Guild at the infiltration by border Diocesan Guilds. After a full discussion, it was proposed to arrange a committee meeting with the secretary of the Guild concerned, to sort the matter out.

Mr. D. J. Lewis, the oldest member of the Guild, was congratulated on his successful peal attempt, on his 86th birthday.

The notice of motion by Mr. M. R. Thomas, that the Master should hold office for three years, was lost. All officers were re-elected and were thanked for their services during the year.

In view of the missionary effort suggested it was agreed to hold the 1968 annual festival at Knighton, the date to be decided later. Miss Hazel Way called attention to the small attendance at this meeting, and asked the Bishop to consider arranging the date for next year's festival to be the first or second Saturday in July, as most of the young ringers were free of exams by then. The Bishop agreed to do so.

It was proposed to hold the 1968 ringing competition at Baglan, and this was agreed unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for presiding at the business meeting, concluded the meeting. J. A. H.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The North East Branch held a quarterly meeting at Rewe on July 1st, the event being well attended.

Ringing in the afternoon included various standard methods and call changes and was followed by a service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hodgshon, Rector of Silverton and chairman of the Branch.

Owing to a fault in the electric boiler a bountiful tea was delayed until after the usual business meeting. The chairman thanked the ladies for the meal.

Next meeting: Cullompton (subject to permission) on October 6th.

OBITUARY

MR. T. COLIN RYDER

Mr. T. Colin Ryder, who died at Great Gowerby, near Grantham, on June 2nd, aged 75, had a long association with Rotherham Parish Church, although he had not rung for about ten years.

He was taught to ring by the late Arthur Hague in 1912, in which year he joined the Yorkshire Association. He was also a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the old Midland Counties Association and of the Sheffield and District Society. He saw active service with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in the 1914–18 war and was in the Home Guard in the last war.

For 50 years Colin was a ringer at Rotherham Parish Church, including 40 years as steeplekeeper. He was deeply involved in Church activity, too, being for many years a member of the P.C.C., a sidesman, and for ten years secretary to the churchwardens.

He rang about 70 peals, including Surprise Major and Royal and Stedman Cinques, and some fine performances on the 35 cwt. tenor at Rotherham Parish Church, where he was captain for many years. His favourite method was Grandsire Caters, and he loved the bells of his parish church. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to his memory at Rotherham Parish Church on Sunday, June 11th, 1967.

Colin is survived by his widow, Mrs. Winifred Ryder, who also rang at Rotherham Parish Church, and a daughter. N. G.

MISS FRANCES HART

On July 6th Miss Hart was laid to rest in the churchyard at Weston-by-Welland, near Market Harborough, Leicestershire, where she had faithfully worshipped for over 60 years.

She rang several peals with Ernest Morris for the old Midland County Association, including the first on the bells at her own tower.

Failing health had prevented her from actively taking part in ringing for some years, but the writer was always impressed by her continued keen interest in ringing affairs, particularly in the progress in her own tower.

May her works live on. T. C. B.

MR. WILLIAM UPTON

A wide circle of friends regret the passing on June 29th of Mr. William Upton, of Newport, Isle of Wight, in his 80th year. His death took place while talking to the ringers outside Carisbrooke Church. For 23 years he had been Ringing Master of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. He had taken part in 46 peals.

At the funeral service at Carisbrooke Church on July 5th Messrs. L. Bailey, H. Long S. Moody and F. Taylor acted as bearers. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Fuller (Vicar of Newport), and Mr. F. Chiverton read the lesson. Other ringers attending the service were Mrs. A. M. Guy, Miss L. Bown, R. Ridett and W. Scott. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the service, with the bells muffled, by Mrs. E. Wyatt 1, L. Bailey 2, F. Taylor (cond.) 3, A. Harman 4, T. East 5, S. Moody 6, H. Long 7, F. Attrill 8. Cremation was at Whippingham, Isle of Wight.

MR. EDWARD WHITE

An old Bedfordshire ringer died on May 24th in the person of Mr. Ted White, of Goldington, Bedford. He was 79 years of age. After the service at the Crematorium at Bedford on the following Saturday the bells of St. Mary's Church, Goldington, were rung half-muffled by some of the local ringers.

Mr. White began ringing at Elstow and rang his first peal there on May 12th, 1910. He also rang his first peal as conductor on the Elstow bells on January 21st, 1920. Until a few years ago, when ill-health caused him to take it easy, he was a regular ringer at Goldington and was always willing to stand in any length up to a quarter peal. J. E.

OUTINGS

MAULDEN RINGERS WENT TO SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The annual outing of the Maulden ringers took place on June 24th, when they visited South Gloucestershire.

It is regretted that the usual account of the day's activities is not available, but perhaps the appended remarks of a local ringer will be an acceptable alternative.

Well now, it were dree or vawer wicks ago, Vicar says to I he says: "Us be havin' some visitors from Bedfordshire a-comin' to ring yurr," he says.

"O are," I says, "well then I'll just have a look at the ropes an' that, an' putt a drop o' oil on the bearings, like, so as us can ginn they a traditional welcome," I says.

Well then, on June 24th, along um comes, these chaps and gels from Bedfordshire, an' they has a rare old time on our bells, um did, rung all sorts o' methods, um did, aye, an' um worn't a bad lot o' ringers neither, some on um!

There was one young lady, only a slip of a girl her was, and her gets 'old a' the tenor to ring un like—ginned I the surprise o' me life un did.

I says to chap in charge, I says "You baint a-goin' to let that girl ring tenor, be you," I says, "her'll never manage un," I says, "that bell weighs about a ton!" "Oh," he says, "don't you worry," he says, "her'll rin un alright." Aye and ring un her did, too, a fair knockout it were. Her worn't no bigger nor dree penorth o' copper!

Well, as I was a-sayin', they had a rare time on it altogether, an' they didn't forget to tell I so. They said as the country about yurr looked very pretty. Well, it didn't look no different from any other place to me, but us be glad as these vurriners enjoyed it!

Well, um certainly had a good run around—Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge, Cirencester, Bourton-on-the-Water, Varindon (that be in Berkshire!) and I don't know where else um didn't go. Oh and um said as I was to thank the Vicar and all our ringers for makin' um so welcome like.

Well, us was pleased to have they, and who can say but what us might some day return the visit. Aye, us'll maybe venture as vurr as Bedfordshire one o' these days. All us wants is a chap like Ron Sharp, what knows how to organise things like! A. E. R.

OTLEY BELLRINGERS SALLY FORTH

The present team of Otley, Yorkshire, Parish Church bellringers set out on their first outing on July 1st to five different towers in Yorkshire. The lovely weather revealed the churches most attractively.

At Collingham the bells were so light after Otley that it was rather like ringing on a ring of eight teacups. From Collingham we went to Whixley (near Green Hammerton), where the old church in its beautiful setting delighted everyone.

Ripon was the next stop, and after lunch at the Old Deanery there was just time for a quick glance in at the Minster across the road before leaving for Sharow, where the eight attractive bells were much enjoyed.

From Sharow across spectacular country to Pateley Bridge, where the six bells turned stiffly at the end of very long, springy ropes. Ruefully examining our hands at this point, it as agreed that for our next outing we should furnish ourselves with a set of portable Yorkshire ends with zip fasteners to put over the harsh rope-ends used by our sturdier brethren.

The climax of the day, from the ringing point of view, was a visit to Skipton, where the eight majestic bells spin nobly in their massive tower, singing of peace, prosperity, and a glory which is coming shortly. B. W. A.

WEST LINDSEY BRANCH VISIT ELY

Ringers and friends filled to capacity the large sized coach hired on June 10th for the West Lindsey Branch outing to Ely.

The first ring was at the little town of Long Sutton. A distinctive feature of the huge church is the tower and spire, only just attached to the south-west corner of the south aisle. We were met by a local ringer who rang with us on this very good ring of eight. Our second was in Cambridgeshire—Wisbech St. Mary (6).

A few non-ringers spent the afternoon in Ely, whilst ringers were sampling the 10 bells at Soham. Time had been allowed in our programme for a visit to Ely Cathedral, where the painted roof of the nave was much admired.

After an excellent salad tea in Ely we made our way to March (6). In this well-kept Church of St. Wendreda of particular interest is the beautifully carved angel roof. Ringing for the day concluded at Crowland Abbey, reputed to be the first church in England to have a ring of bells. A long draught of rope made these bells difficult to handle, but the exceptionally fine tone rewards ringers for their efforts. T. A. G.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Meldreth, Cambridge, bells are now at the Whitechapel Foundry. The second and fifth are to be recast.

Correction: To peal at Silsoe, Beds, published on page 459. The name of the treble ringer is Alan D. Norman and not Alan D. Morgan, as printed.

Mr. Christopher T. Osenton, of North Halling, near Rochester, rang his 300th peal on June 30th. It was Eryri Major, rung at Erith.

Isleworth have adopted the policy of attempting quarter peals on the first and second Sunday evenings in each month, and according to Mr. Harold Rogers it seems to work out very well.

Reading University Society rang at Warfield on July 4th a quarter peal to those of the Society who graduated this year. The three concerned, who rang in this quarter, were R. D. Gould, B.Sc., Hons., Agric.; Miss Mary E. Marshall, B.Sc., Hons., Dip.Ed.; and P. Norman, B.A., Hons.

The band who rang the peal of New Cambridge at Benington on June 10th wish Keith Walpole all success in his new job, which takes him away from the St. Albans District to Widnes. This peal was Keith's 49th for the Herts Association, a last-minute attempt to attain the half-century before his departure being unsuccessful owing to the inavailability of any bells at such short notice.

Mr. Jeater has received postal orders for £1 2s. 6d. purchased and posted at Bruton, Somerset, on July 10th, with no other enclosure. Will the sender please forward to him his or her name and address.

The peal Mr. Alan F. Lee conducted at Twerton-on-Avon on July 8th of Kennington Doubles was rung by five of his pupils. He hopes soon to ring an eight-bell peal with seven of his pupils.

During East Meon's Festival of Flowers at All Saints' Church from June 22nd to June 25th five quarter peals were attempted of which four were successful. The ringers taking part came from seven different towers, and some of the ringing was among the best heard in the village.

After ringing a quarter peal for the service of induction of the Rev. Eric Milner as Vicar of Bentley, the local company welcomed members of the Ossett company who had known Mr. Milner for many years. The two companies joined together for the remainder of the ringing before the service.

Due to an oversight the method rung on June 10th at Castle Cary, Somerset, was inadvertently named Castle Cary Surprise Major. This method was in fact rung for the first time at Edenbridge on September 24th, 1966, and called Greyling Surprise Major. The conductor would like to apologise to all concerned and thank George Massey for pointing it out.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A BRAINTREE 70th BIRTHDAY

The 70th birthday of Mr. Albert Wiffen, of Braintree—and he has been ringing at St. Michael's Church for 44 years—was not permitted to pass unnoticed. With Bert conducting a quarter peal in one of his favourite methods—Double Norwich Court Bob Major—was attempted. Unfortunately the attempt did not last very long and Plain Bob Major was substituted and successfully accomplished.

Afterwards Bert invited the band to his "local" where they found plenty of beer and sandwiches. There was also plenty of talking about old times, and the company agreed to ring a similar touch (with refreshments afterwards) for Bert's 80th birthday! Our correspondent concludes: "Two years or so ago Bert was taken ill, and after being in hospital was advised by his doctor not to do any more ringing, drinking or gardening. He does—and enjoys doing all three. Long may he do so."

TOMBSTONE RINGING INSCRIPTION

The Hoxne Deanery (Suffolk) magazine mentions John Jessop, a famous bell ringer, who was buried at Norlingworth in June, 1825. The inscription on his tombstone reads:

To ringing from his youth he always took delight,
Now his bell has rung and his soul has took its flight.
We hope to join the choir of heavenly singing
That far excels the harmony of ringing.

Comments the Rector (the Rev. W. Donnan): No doubt the author of these lines must have suffered from the jarring noise of bells badly rung on more than one occasion, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the heavenly choir came up to his expectations.

NOT FORGOTTEN AFTER 41 YEARS

On holiday from Canada, after an absence of 41 years, Mr. H. Hale, a former Urchfont, Wilts, ringer, raised, rang and lowered the tenor for morning service. During the week he rang the tenor to a quarter of Grandsire Doubles. The last time he handled a rope was 41 years ago.

THE NEWCASTLE CARILLON

"The Newcastle Journal" of July 5th contained a feature article about the City's controversial carillon of 25 bells costing £21,000, which it is expected will be in operation later in the year. The bass bell of 3 tons 11 cwt. is in A. The bells are a product of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are now in position at the new Civic Centre.

The carillon is played in a room nearly 250 feet from the ground. "It all seemed very simple," writes Peter Anthony. "Twenty-five thin rods of high tensile steel between one-eighth and one-quarter inch thick descended from the ceiling to meet an instrument of handles and pedals."

The bells are all housed under a copper cupola with copper louvres "to angle the full blast below and not waste any of it on the heavens."

WYMONDHAM, SUFFOLK, A.G.M.

The annual meeting of the company was held on June 28th and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ringing Master, Mr. H. Tooke; secretary, Mr. I. E. Spight, 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. All correspondence to this address, please.

APPRECIATION

The Editor has pleasure in announcing that, thanks to the splendid co-operation of certain Guilds and Associations, "The Ringing World" sales in three of the last four issues have exceeded 6,000 copies.

Since the introduction of our coloured cover with illustration there has been a steady stream of new subscribers—last Monday 18 new stencils were cut for people joining our list of postal subscribers.

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STROUD BRANCH SECRETARY'S FINE RECORD

At a garden party held in connection with Stonehouse patronal festival, Mr. T. Price was presented with a cheque from church people and friends at Stonehouse, Glos, as a mark of appreciation of the loyal and devoted service he had given as a bell ringer.

Replying, Mr. Price said on many occasions he had been asked why he rang the bells. Church bells, he replied, were rung to proclaim that Christ lives and to call people to worship. Their sound might be the only message that the church gave to many parishioners.

When he first started at Stonehouse in 1908, bellringing was at a low ebb. With the help of several others a new band was started and, after a while, the bells were being rung regularly. He had taught a good many ringers in his time and helped many towers in the district to form a band. He had been very fortunate, he considered, to have rung on bells in many parts of the country, ranging from Yorkshire to Cornwall.

In 1934, Mr. Price was elected secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Church Bellringers and had held that office for 30 years. During that time over 300 meetings had been held and he only missed one of these.

KINGSTON DOUBLE

An interesting double first was pulled off by two Kingston upon Thames ringers recently. Sixteen-year-old Ann Salvage was one of the two first-pealers in Bob Minor at Thames Ditton, thus becoming Kingston's first trainee for several years to score a peal. Coupled with her achievement was that of David Wilkins, one of Kingston's veterans (i.e. over 21s), who after many years' ringing decided to show his hand and notch up his first peal, too. Congratulations, Ann and David!

FROM HAND TO TOWER BELLS AT ISLEWORTH

At a recent concert of the Hounslow Schools' Music Association, conducted by the borough music adviser, a handbell item gained tremendous applause from the audience. The item was the debut of a group from the Marlborough Girls' Secondary School, ringing a selection of well-known tunes on a set of 13 handbells loaned for the occasion by Mr. H. W. Rogers.

Group training had been run by Miss Jennifer Bond, the school's music teacher, who learned to ring tower bells in Somerset. Most of the girls in the group are learning to ring tower bells at Isleworth and have just reached the stage of ringing rounds.

SHIELD CONTEST AT A FLOWER FESTIVAL

Flower Festivals in many of our beautiful churches are now extremely popular. One in the 15th century Church of St. Nicholas, Bradfield, near Sheffield, was a successful and happy innovation.

The church itself is of a uniform pattern, with a west tower, nave, north and south aisles and a chancel. The main treasures are perhaps the Saxon cross and the fine examples of carving as examplified in the lectern, pulpit and font cover. The natural beauty of the church was enhanced by the beautiful flowers which decorated practically every conceivable place in the interior. Obviously much work had gone into the arrangements, not only in the flowers, but for teas, parking, services, leaflets and, of course, the ringing of the six bells.

The festival lasted from July 1st to 9th and the bells played their part. A musical ring, cast by Taylors in 1847, they are rung from the ground-floor and as a result, when being rung, many visitors turned their attention away from the flowers to the ringers! The local ringers, with three visitors rang on Thursday and with Wentworth ringers on Friday. Came the Saturday and more people, this time four "expert" teams of ringers rang during the afternoon and early evening. The occasion was the Barnsley and District Society shield contest. A feature of this contest was the many curious onlookers watching the intent and concentrated looks of the ringers.

Then, prior to Matins on the Sunday, the bells were ringing out again over the lovely countryside bathed in the sunshine. This time it was to a quarter peal, the first in which four ringers in the team had participated.

Thus the Flower Festival came to an end. Pleasant sunshine, good crowds and quite a lot of very good ringing had all made the efforts of the arrangers most worthwhile.

A PLESSEY PEAL ATTEMPT

The peal of Cambridge at Hook Norton was originally fixed to be one by eight employees of the Plessey Co. Unfortunately due to illness one of the selected band was unable to ring and his place was taken at short notice by Barry E. Saunders. However, seven-eighths of the band was from the Plessey Co. and Barrie Hendry hopes to arrange an all-Plessey peal in the future.

SWANAGE RINGERS' SERVICE

At the ringers' annual service at St. Mary's Church, Swanage, on June 25th, there were more than 20 visiting ringers including two from as far afield as Warwickshire, who joined the local ringers before and after the service. There were many and varied touches, and rounds were rung for the beginners.

The service was conducted by the Rector; the sermon preached by the Rev M. R. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; and the lesson was read by one of the local ringers. Four hymns were played on handbells, the "bellringers' hymn" being sung by the choir and congregation.

Afterwards, refeshments were served by wives of the local ringers to visiting ringers and guests. The ringing chamber was also open to the public so that they could see the ringers in action.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ABINGDON SCHOOL SOCIETY.

NORTH LEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Childwall College and Thelwall, Buxton College and Pinehurst, St. Clement's College and Double Oxford, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G

Douglas C. Henderson ..	Treble	A. Keith P. Poole	4
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	2	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	5
Lester P. Halling	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I Rowson.

First peal in 11 methods by all the band and for the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Michael G. Bartlett ..	Treble	*Roy W. Rice	5
*David G. Massey	2	*Edgar T. Skipsey	6
*Peter J. England	3	*Richard C. Taylor	7
*Walter S. Rice	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENNINGTON DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Erica J. Pankhurst (14) ..	Treble	†John H. Thompson (15)	4
Ian P. Cox (16)	2	Alan F. Lee	5
†Kay Whittaker (14) ..	3	*Cherry I. Stapleford (14)	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal. † First peal "inside." First in the variation for all, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung by the local band as a wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Coates and Miss Ann Johnson, daughter of the Vicar.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Cambridge, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
Frank R. Morton	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Scott.
First peal as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Colin Sweeney	Treble	*Stephen F. Royal	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	6
Michael Maughan	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 50th peal.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
*Peter C. Randall	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
*Anthony J. Cox	3	Michael Maughan	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

EXHALL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., June 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six of Plain Bob.

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

E. Anthea M. Sparshott ..	Treble	Shirley E. Jones	4
Alan K. Griffiths	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Henry C. Bennett	3	D. Paul Ebsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
Rung by a St. Nicholas, Kenilworth, Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, and also as a tribute to the Rev. D. N. Hole, former curate at Kenilworth, on his induction as Rector of St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Burton Latimer.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.

BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*Christine Brown	Treble	*C. Geoffrey Browne ..	4
*Anne Browne	2	David J. Marshall	5
†William Barwell	3	Alec Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Alec Humphrey.
* First peal. † First for over 30 years. First peal as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., July 7th, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Jill P. Oakshott	Treble	Robin Shipp	5
Roy D. Mills	2	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	6
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Christopher W. Daws ..	7
Richard H. Youdale ..	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Peter Henry	Treble	Robin Shipp	5
*John L. Hayns	2	Richard H. Youdale ..	6
*Keith G. Game	3	*Christopher W. Daws ..	7
Alan F. Scholfield ..	4	†Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Christopher Daws.
* First peal of Yorkshire. †. 100th peal and 25th of Surprise Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to John and Ann Harrison.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Albans Eynsham, Cassington, Somerville, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, Austrey, St. Peter, Magdalen, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Shareshill, St. Thomas, Nuffield, Lapley, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, Ryton, St. Luke, Wadham, St. John, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine. Tenor 9 cwt.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	*Thomas Bound	3
John W. Hope	2	Colin A. Lewis	4
		Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* First peal in 42 methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WIDFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

John R. Southey	Treble	Bryan C. Burrough	4
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	Leonard J. North	5
Clive W. Simpson	3	Bernard E. Matthews ..	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 ERYRI MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
Richard Hayes	3	Tony Lewis	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	*Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

CHARTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents Grandsire, 20 extents Reverse Canterbury and 16 Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in E.

*Anthony B. Eldridge ..	Treble	Keith I. Davis	4
*Harry McKissock	2	†Roderick H. Glover ..	5
†Beryl M. Hills	3	Paul R. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Beryl M. Hills.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal of Doubles by the parish team.
Rung on the occasion of the annual church fete.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B

Malcolm Barden	Treble	†Simon A. B. Wigg	4
Martin L. Howe	2	*Peter S. Muchlinski ..	5
*Peter F. T. Smith	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	John Pladdys	4
*Jennifer L. Quaife	2	D. Paul Smith	5
†Michael Hansford	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal "inside." † First peal at first attempt.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Margaret A. Ladd and Raymond A. Large, who were married at Tonbridge Parish Church on the previous Saturday.

NETTLESTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods: Six extents each of April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps, seven of Plain Bob and five of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

John Palmer	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinsky	3
Judith M. Corby	2	Malcolm Barden	4
		Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Richard Hayes	Treble	†John Palmer	4
Judith M. Corby	2	John A. Howard	5
*Maurice Thompson ..	3	Harold Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First of Minor and on an "inside" bell † First of Minor on an "inside" bell.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

G. Richard King	Treble	F. John Nelson	5
Sidney Hough	2	Alan Sharples	6
*Timothy Wylie	3	Dennis Latham	7
Geoffrey Gardner	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	David V. Hodgson	5
John H. Fielden	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Jeffrey Kershaw	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

THE LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Mon., June 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	*Michael G. Dodson ..	4
John L. Riley	2	*Geoffrey Cooper	5
*Alice M. Baldwin	3	*Graham J. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
* First peal in more than one Minor method.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., July 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

*Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Arnold S. Goad	4
Judy Morris	2	‡Raymond H. Martin ..	5
†Edward C. Cowd	3	Edward W. Martin ..	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise Minor. ‡ 25th peal and first of Cambridge as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival by a local band and as a birthday compliment to Hazel Nichols and Edward Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Fri., July 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Jack Bray	2	Melvyn Rose	5
Frank Lord	3	John Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung in honour of St. Martin, patron saint of this church.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Mon., June 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WOODSTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR
With fourth place bobs. Tenor 11 cwt.

David J. Jukes	Treble	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	5
E. Andrew Harrison ..	2	Christopher M. Movley ..	6
A. Stephen Taylor	3	Alan S. Burbidge	7
Margaret Whitehead ..	4	C. L. Digby Munday ..	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday
First in the method by all
Rung on the day before the silver wedding anniversaries of the parents of the treble and tenor ringers.

APPLEDORE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*C. L. Digby Munday ..	Treble	Alan S. Burbidge	5
†James W. Belshaw	2	†David J. Jukes	6
David Ley	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
A. Stephen Taylor	4	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Margaret Whitehead and Mr. Ronald R. Warford.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Wed., July 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Richard Wharton	Treble	Richard O. Humphries ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
*Mandi McCallion	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
T. Felicity Webber	4	David J. Midgley	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Bristol.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, consisting of 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London, with 98 changes of method.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Norman Sherratt	5
T. Felicity Webber	2	David J. Midgley	6
Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	3	Raymond J. Ballard ..	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Colegate Society)
NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate
On Fri., July 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	4
Miriam A. Clover	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Barbara M. Payne	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWERSEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sun., July 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
In seven methods, being 30 extents each of: Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Reverse Court, Single Court and Double Canterbury. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Brenda M. Arnott	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	3
Aidan C. Butcher	2	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
First peal of Minimus by all the band. Most Minimus methods rung to a peal for the Guild.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DODFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Richard J. Danby	Treble	*Michael P. Moreton	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Graham C. Paul	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* 400th tower bell peal. First peal in this method.

DODFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
—50—16—70—18—12—30.14—14.30.14—14.90. 2nds place lead-end.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross..
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	David J. Marshall	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Anne B. Speed	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.
On Mon., July 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Alan A. Paul	2	David J. Marshall	6
*Christopher C. Stokes	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal on eight bells.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Michael R. Harvey	Treble	Kenneth D. Perkins	5
Raymond A. Vickers	2	Michael J. Stanley	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Barrie Hendry	7
James Linnell	4	Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Friday, June 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Hugh M. Johnson	Treble	*Kilby R Holtom	4
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	Stanley M. Webb	5
Patrick I. Chapman	3	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., July 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PATTISHALL DELIGHT MINOR
Being one 2,160, and four different extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
William J. Chester	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Christopher C. Stokes	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

PATTISHALL DELIGHT MINOR
—36—16—12—1236—14—36. l.h. 16. 62543.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society)
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Jean L. Kimber	Treble	*P. Daniel Dawson-Taylor	6
Kathleen E. Chilcott	2	†Nigel Thomson	7
Frank E. Darby	3	Stewart F. Kimber	8
Juliet S. Stoy	4	Raymond J. Talbot	9
R. James Cook	5	Leonard Bance	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in method.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb.

*Ann V. Salvage	Treble	Bernard J. Stone	4
*David M. Wilkins	2	Norman Summerhayes	5
William H. Jackson	3	†David C. Brookes	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Jackson.
* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor "inside."

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Katharine Maundrell	Treble	Robin Shipp	5
Richard L. Underwood	2	Richard H. Youdale	6
Richard L. Green	3	Christopher W. Daws	7
Alan F. Scholfield	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Richard Inglis.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Valerie Willard	2	†Leonard Edwards	6
George T. Cousins	3	Frank Reed	7
*Peter C. Gould	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
RIPON, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter & Wilfrid.
On Friday, June 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

*Ann Lawson	Treble	Tom M. Cox	6
Fred Hodgson	2	Thomas Cooke	7
Enid Lawson	3	Kenneth Lawson	8
John A. Brown	4	Trevor Tarbatt	9
†Edward Hudson	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Frederick Llewelyn Hughes, Dean of Ripon, who died on June 4th, 1967.

SELBY, Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*Anne P. Leigh	Treble	†Ronald R. Warford	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	David Nichols	7
Gibson Jackson	3	Alan Hartley	8
John E. Seager	4	Neil Donovan	9
Albert W. A. Leggett	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Surprise Royal.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Herbert O. Chaddock	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
John S. Seager	3	Norman Chaddock	7
M. Alec Beaumont	4	David Nichols	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*Richard J. Chantler	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
Josephine M. Haskins	2	George Hancock	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Ronald H. Dove	7
James S. Webb	4	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society)
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed., June 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Howard C. Palmer	Treble	*Ronald Ducker	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Richard D. Gibson	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Robert C. Hawtree	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal.

QUEENSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 19 lb. in F.

Sam Scattergood	Treble	†J. Paul Coad	5
*Arnold Cole	2	H. David Holland	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
James S. Webb	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At 81, Park Street.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 5 in F.
Peter Church .. .. .. 1–2 | Alan H. Bridges 3–4
Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.) 5–6
Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Derek Foster, of Maidstone, Kent.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines. Dale Brow.
On Thurs., June 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.
Robert B. Smith .. .. 1–2 | Alan McFall 5–6
*Herbert M. Heaton .. 3–4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7–8
Giles B. Thompson 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Royal on an "inside" pair.
Rung after meeting with two too many for a peal of Minor!

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Neil Bennett .. .. .. 1–2 | Gerald Moorhouse 5–6
Robert B. Smith .. .. 3–4 | Alan F. Scholfield 7–8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On June 26th, 1,260 St. Martin's College Bob Triples: J. Evans 1, G. Kerley 2, P. Jones 3, J. Clatworthy 4, D. Kerley 5, D. G. Kerley 6, L. N. Melton (cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. Believed to be the first quarter of this method. Rung half-muffled in memory of Gilbert Pink, a ringer at this church.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all. For Matins.

BALLARAT, VICTORIA.—At the City Hall, on June 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: K. J. Minchinton 1, Enid L. Roberts 2, Margaret E. Goodyer 3, W. B. Pitcher 4, D. J. Bleby (first in the method) 5, W. D. Watson 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, A. C. Bolton 8. Rung to mark the centenary of the "Ballarat Courier."

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. J. England 1, D. G. Massey 2, W. S. Rice 3, R. W. Rice 4, R. C. Taylor 5, M. G. Bartlett 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise Major 3, 4, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to R. W. Rice.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,272 Minimus (Double, Reverse and Plain Bob) "in hand": G. I. Lucas 1—2, K. I. Lucas (aged 8) 3—4. First in three methods for both ringers.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge, Kent): Ann Harris 1, Caroline Stewart 2, D. J. Midgley 3, D. R. McLean 4, J. G. Hallett 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong. A wedding compliment to Mary, eldest daughter of the Vicar (Rev. F. N. Keen). Also an engagement compliment to Edmund Shuttleworth and Beryl Twigg, of the Nottingham University Society.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 2, W. Johnson 3, D. Hogg (first quarter) 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. Rung to welcome and for the service of induction of the Rev. Eric Milner, M.A., as Vicar.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Sylvia Leadbeater (first quarter) 1, P. G. K. Davies 2, Barbara Pickering 3, E. E. Speake 4, J. D. Holden 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: S. R. Smith (first quarter away from cover) 1, Pamela J. Coombs 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Heather J. Hinton 4, Beborah N. Maggs 5, R. V. Smith 6. Rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. R O. Stephenson and also as a farewell to Pamela Coombs, who is shortly leaving the district.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, B. Bladon 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. Fry 4, H. Ball 5, P. Tombs 6. First in method 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Cooper 1, Linda Shaw 2, L. Coe 3, H. Wagstaffe 4, D. Barnes 5, J. Walton (first quarter) 6, A. Keller 7, R. Chambers (cond.) 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Dodd (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Moore 2 F. Claydon 3, G. Trendell 4, J. Spurgeon 5, H. Moore 6, C Barker 7, R. Suckling (cond.) 8. Also one June 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Porter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, P. Suckling 4, H. Moore 5, F. Roper 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, P. Brown 8. Both rung in honour of the silver jubilee in the priesthood of Fr. Wade, Dean of Bocking. Also on June 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Dodd (firfist quarter) 1, Mrs. Moore 2, Miss J. Quilter 3, P. Suckling 4, H. Moore 5, F. Roper 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, P. Brown 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Read (first of Caters on a working bell) 1, Jannette R. Kipling 2, R. H. Newton (first as cond.) 3, Marion Kemp 4, Peggy E. Smith 5, Angela M. Wright 6, Stella G. Rice 7, D. P. Snoswell 8, A. W. Bond 9, R. I. West 10. For the St. Peter's Day service.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, F. C. Fackrell 2, L. Pope 3, W. T. Heyward 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, G. Brown 6. For Evensong.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Langley 1, A. P. Smith 2, B. C. Castle 3, Violet L. Castle 4, W. R. Curtis 5, Rev. A S. Roberts (cond.) 6. F. M. Bowers 7, J .J George 8. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Copping (first on eight) 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, F. J. Hilda Oakshett 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P. Smith 5, J. Royce 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. M. Mackrell 8.

CARISBROOKE, I. of W.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. M. Guy 1, J. Cunliffe 2, F. Taylor (cond.) 3, A. Harman 4, L. Bailey 5, S. Moody 6, H. Long 7, F. Attrill 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On June 30th, 1,248 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Rutland): M. G. Bartlett 1, D. G Massey 2, P. J. England 3, W. S. Rice 4, E. T. Skipsey 5, R. W. Rice 6, R. C. Taylor 7, G W. Massey (cond.) 8. First of four-spliced by all except conductor.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Corby 1, J. E. Blake 2, A. Jenner 3, .M W. Thompson (first of Major) 4, J. R. Palmer (first of Major "inside") 5, R. W. Hayes (cond.) 6, H. W. Evans 7, S. Jenner 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 22nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Pratt (first of S.M. as cond.) 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, A. R. Millidge 3, N. G. Thomson 4, R. C. Stevens 5, D. C. Brookes 6, J. R Pratchett 7, M. I. Uphill 8. Rung prior to a service marking the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the church (June 22nd, 1867).

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on June 18th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, M. Bew 5, A. R. Andrews 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Duffield, on his election as Mayor of Colchester.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End).—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, D. Cobb 2, P. Schaffe 3, K. B. Good (cond.) 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Timothy Thompson, on his return to New Zealand.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Short 1, A. G. Kent (first of Grandsire) 2, J. P. Hill 3, M. J. Stone 4, G. Nabb 5, E. L. Pope 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. First as conductor for both.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Upton 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, G. Charlton 3, S. Upton 4, S. Allen 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 5. For St. Peter's Day

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Bourne 1, Mrs. E. Sayer 2, J. R Pointer 3, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 4, A. Sayer 5, M. Powell 6. For Matins.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. For Confirmation service.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Claire Bray 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley Read 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Stone 5, A. Reeves 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, N. Lambert 8. First Triples 1 and 8. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tippin 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Claire Bray (first Doubles "inside") 3, D. Hatherly 4, D. Hughes 5, N. Lambert 6. Also 1,260 Mixed Doubles (first methods): Claire Bray 1, Mary White 2, K. Tippen 3, D. Hughes 4, C. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. Lambert 6. Also on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, R. Stone 3, N. Lambert 4, C. Bassett (cond.) 5, K. Wallis 6. All rung for the Festival of Flowers.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Burgess 1, R. Farnsworth 2, Miss M. Mansell 3, E. C. Morrall 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, P. Charlesworth (first quarter) 6. Rung in appreciation of help given while at H.A.A.C. by ringers of 2 and 6, also E. Broom.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Liz C. Duncan 1, Jane Chapman 2, June Whitcher 3, R. Durrant 4, R. J. Chapman 5, H. Duncan 6.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Glenda Bullimore 1, J. Bullimore 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, C. Lucas 4, J. Hibbin (cond.) 5, T. Rose 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. First quarter by a local band for over 50 years. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Elizabeth Marshall, on her 21st birthday.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Lode, on July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Williams 1, G. J. Clark (first complete quarter as cond.) 2, A. Gazey 3, D. Pobjoy 4, S. Holtam 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung after the wedding of Joy Thomas (a former ringer at this tower) and Knut Ruson.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Jones 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, L. C. Way 4, E. C. Steele 5, D. W. Struckett 6, J. M. Steele (cond.) 7, D. E. Rudhall (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Stepney.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Hall (first "inside") 2, J. Mills 3, Miss A. Harlow 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HAWKRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Arscott (cond.) 1, A. F. Lee 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, A. H. Reed 4, K. E. Beale 5, R. Parker 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HEVER, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. King (first quarter) 1, J. Leppard (first on an "inside' bell) 2, J. R. Palmer 3, M. W. Thompson 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, H. W. Evans 6.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On June 21st, 720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob Minor: A. Talbot-Ponsonby 1, Alice Baldwin 2, Susan Cowen 3, M. J. Alletson 4, P. J. Crossthwaite 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the 96th birthday of John Hardley, grandfather of the local tower captain. Also for the 25th wedding anniversary of the Vicar.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HANTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Mrs. B. White 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3, A. V. Davis 4, Wm. Simmonds 5. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Winchester to preach at Evensong.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Turner (first quarter, aged 12) 1, W. F. Judge 2, M. J. Turner (first as cand., aged 14) 3, N. H. Leslie 4, D. A. Leslie 5, M. Journeaux 6.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Linda Templeman 1, Margaret Durrington 2, E. Houghton 3, D. Manton 4, I. N Pett (cond.) 5, Christine Templeman 6, K. Jackson 7, R. Churchill 8. First of Major 1, 2, 4 and 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Christine Templeman.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Johnston 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, A. F. Turner 3, F. Hunt 4, R. Chambers 5, R. W. Clouston 6, C. Poulson 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung for a special service for Friends of Lavenham Church.

LONGWOOD, W. YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. For the birth of a son to Carole and Ian Roberts. Also on July 2nd, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, A. Charlesworth 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First quarter in the method by a local band on the bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,600 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: Mrs. O. Tester 1, Mrs. L. Cullingworth 2, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 3, G. Cantrill 4, A. Macfadyen 5, L. Head 6, C. Tester 7, F. Hogan 8, T. Cullingworth 9, G. Evendon 10. First quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Goodge (first quarter) 1, D. Feek 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. A. Bevis 4, A. Palmer 5, R. Lee 6. For Family service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Walters 1, R. Price 2, R. A. Partridge 3, D. H. Stone 4, A. J. Luxford (cond.) 5. By S.U.G.C.R. as a wedding compliment to Michael and Jose Trigg. Also on the same day, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): R. Price 1, D. H. Stone 2, Heather A. Walters 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5. By S.U.G.C.R. as a get well compliment to the secretary, Susan Davis.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On July 1st, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: I. Lloyd 1, J. Attwood, jun. 2, J. Clement 3, R. W. Cole 4, M. Boskett 5, P. Robertson 6, R. Shepherd 7, A. C. Berry (cond.) 8. Rung for the conclusion of the Pershore Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Grabham (first quarter) 1, C. H. Webber 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, P. J. Kingscote (first Bob Doubles) 4, W. A. Riddle 5, F. C. Taylor 6.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss I. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osborne 5, R. Stretton (cond.) 6, S. Adams 7, L. Butler 8. Rung for Evensong for the Festival of St. Peter.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Roger Collins 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Ernest Hayes 3, Leonard Pitstow 4, Geoffrey Grayton (first quarter) 5, Frank Harper (cond.) 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (treble leading): Caroline West (aged 9) 1, Marion Carley 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, Eileen Coman 5, Angela Rudd 6, T. Edwards 7, E. West 8. A birthday compliment to Angela Rudd.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Marshall 1, Miss N. West 2, W. Simpson 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W .Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. For the Sunday School Festival.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (11 extents): N. Rogers 1, Wendy Ellis (first "inside") 2, E. B. Brown 3, A. Ellis 4, Carol E. Diver (cond.) 5, M. Baldry (first covering) 6. For the dedication festival. Thanks are due to Carol Diver and Eric Brown, of Histon, Cambs, who kindly rang at very short notice.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on June 30th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Deborah Bishop 2, L. C. Way 3, W. G. Wilson 4, J. R. Pratt 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, K. J. Rider 8. Rung on the back eight for Confirmation service.

SPONDON, DERBYS.—On June 30th, 1,280 Minor (four methods): D. Stainsby 1, G. A. Dawson 2, Caroline Stewart 3, D. R. McLean 4, J. G. Hallett 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Most methods to a quarter of Minor 3, 4 and 5.

STOKE, Coventry, WARWICKS.—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hayne 1, Anthea Sparshott 2, Shirley Jones 3, R. D. Hart 4, D. P. Ebsworth 5, H. C. Bennett 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, P. S. Reading 8. First of Major 2, 6, 7 and 8. 25th quarter for 2.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY. — On June 7th, 1,350 Bob Doubles: Angela Fellows (first quarter) 1, B. Ash 2, Wendy Gilbert 3, Pamela Tappin (first quarter) 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, A. Walker 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. C. Dore (nee Harrison), on the birth of her first child, a son.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET. — On July 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Drew 1, H. Warr 2, E. Venn 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, H. Pester 5, R. Venn 6. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the conductor's first quarter peal.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. M. Kay 1, Mrs. M. Street 2, Mrs M. Dodd 3, J A. Haile 4, B. Street 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Wearing, churchwarden and chorister, and Miss Alice (Elsie) Anderson, a member of the Church Council.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Follen 1, W. Cousins 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, D. Gagen 4, R. Newson 5, J. Fox 6, C. Cousins 7, N. Harding 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, Susan Thomas (first "inside") 2, Caroline C. R. F. Cole 3, June Whitcher 4, E. Newnham 5, R. J. Chapman 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8.

WANSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On April 15th, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): Gillian Waller 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. E. Sismey 4, R. H. Daw (cond.) 5. Rung prior to the dedication of new pews and new altar table by the Bishop of Peterborough.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Gould (first quarter) 1, Laura M. Grindrod 2, Mary E. Marshall 3, P. Norman 4, R. E. Stillwell 5, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 6. Rung by members of R.U.S.C.R. as a farewell tribute to those of the Society who graduate this year.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL. — On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. J. Gray 1, Mrs. G. M Hunt 2, R. W. Sweet 3, J. R. Taylor 4, R. J Bowden 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6. Rung for the 1,250th anniversary celebration service.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Blackith (first quarter) 1, C. E Black 2, B. J. Branston 3, A. Waller 4, F. T. Boyall 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6.

WEST TILBURY, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. W. Blatch 1, G. I. Lucas (first in two methods) 2, D. Cobb (cond.) 3, M. Austin 4, Miss J. E. Hills 5. A 5th birthday compliment to Sharon Lucas, daughter of the ringer of the second.

WIMBLEDON, LONDON.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Anne Evans 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, M. Bangham 3, Deborah Bishop 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, W. Cooper-Bailey 6, F. A. Bishop 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Willcocks (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Medley 2, W. C. G. Wainwright 3, R. J. Amos 4, L. G. Gates 5, M. J. Medley (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the christening of Timothy Edward and Richard James, twin sons of Mrs. Jane Harding, a past ringer of Christ Church, Southgate, and Mr. Michael Harding.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Tyler 1, J. Ewers 2, L. Wickens 3, M. Wickens (first as cond.) 4, A. Tyler 5, H. Rand 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Baron Peter Silverius Theodore Pirquet.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 5th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): K. T. Wheeldon 1, A. Harrison 2, D. Bird 3, P. Bower 4, F. Boyce (cond.) 5. Rung to the glory of God, and as a welcome to the Rev. Peter C. Nicholson.

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TREBLE BOB MINOR
HOW TO RING & SPLICE THEM

BY THE PROFESSOR

The object of these articles is to provide material for an individual, or a band, who, having begun ringing Treble Bob Minor methods, is anxious to have some systematic approach to ringing and splicing them. Much of the information given is based on practical experience, and theoretical matter is added where this has been found to illuminate practical ringing. Occasionally a little historic detail gratuitously added may serve, perhaps, to sugar-coat the pill.

LEARNING TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS

Here are three well-known Treble Bob Methods:—

Fig. 1

	Oxford T.B.	Sandal Exercise T.B.	Kent T.B.
	123456	123456	123456
	214365	214365	213465
1	124356	124356	124356
	213465	213465	214365
	231645	231645	241635
	326154	326154	426153
2	321645	321645	421635
	236154	236154	246153
	263514	263514	264513
	625341	625341	625431
3	623514	623514	624513
	265341	265341	265431
Pivot			
	256431	623541	256341
	524613	265314	523614
4	526431	263541	526341
	254613	625314	253614
	245163	652134	235164
	421536	561243	321546
5	425163	562134	325164
	241536	651243	231546
	214356	615423	213456
	123465	164532	123465
6	213456	614523	214356
	124365	165432	124365
	142635	156342	142635

Historical Note.—Oxford T.B. was first published in "Campanalogia," 1677 (Stedman's), where it was described as "Oxford Triple Bob the Second Way" in order to distinguish it from Woodbine in the same edition which was called simply "Oxford Triple Bob." It was, therefore among the first "regular" methods to receive publication.

Kent T.B. First published as "New Treble Bob" in "Clavis." 1788. Later called "Kent New Treble (or Trebble) Bob."

Referring to Fig. 1 it will be found:—

1. Each lead of Treble Bob is divided into six parts, called "Sections."

2. The pattern of the second and fifth sections is identical in all Treble Bob methods (i.e. ignoring methods that contain 5ths place without the treble behind).

   This means that the "slow work bell" always lies on the first bell to lead, which latter bell, therefore, always leads full. Similarly in the 5th section, the bell finishing "slow work" always lies on the last bell to lead, which bell must, therefore, always lead full.

3. Because the pattern of the 2nd and 5th sections is constant each method may conveniently be divided into two parts, which may be called "Frontworks" (or lead-ends) and "Backworks." The art of Minor method Treble Bob ringing largely consists of being able to join Frontworks and Backworks together, as the number of both can be confined within reasonable limits, the number of the former being less than the number of the latter. Quite a lot of methods can be formed by manipulating a comparatively few groups of Backworks to different lead-ends.

4. Each Frontwork or Backwork has the following pattern:—

   (a) One bell makes a place the same time as the treble leads or lies full. This place-making, or "pivot," bell may be leading, or making 3rds or 5ths at the half-lead or making 2nds or 6ths at the lead-ends. The work that the bell has done up to making the place is repeated, in reverse, after the place has been made. See 2nd in Oxford and Kent and 4th in Sandal, Fig. 1. Although the reverse pattern is evident throughout the lead, it is better to deal with Frontworks and Backworks separately and learn them individually. Backworks are, of course, not affected as are Frontworks, with the bobs.

   (b). **Two pairs** of bells cross at the half-leads or lead-end) each doing the reverse of its companion in the same pair, e.g. in "Sandal" the two pairs in the Backwork are 3–5 and 2–6. Taking 3–5 we find that the 3rd does the following work: First bell to lead; three dodges in 3–4; pass the treble in 4–5. The 5th, its companion, does the following. Pass the treble in 5–4; three dodges in 4–3; last bell to lead, which is, as can be seen, exactly the reverse of the work of the 3rd. Similarly, opposed duties are done by the 2nd and 6th.

By learning the work in the manner of (a) and (b) above, the amount of memorising can be reduced to a minimum.

Coursing Order.—Coursing orders, although occasionally useful, are in many Minor Treble Bob methods of very little assistance. Of the 14 lead-ends available in normal Treble Bob methods, it will be found that in only six of them do the bells come up behind in continuous natural coursing order from the treble leaving behind to returning there again. Of these six, there are only two in which there is any possibility of the bells reaching the front in the natural coursing order. Consequently in many Treble Bob Minor methods, checking the position of the bells by coursing is such a hazardous business, especially within the lead, that this if often more efficiently achieved by "spot-checks." How this is done will be explained elsewhere when time and space allow.

The six lead-ends referred to above are:—

Cambridge Sur.	2nds.
Primrose Sur.	6ths.
Old Oxford	2nds.
Neasden	6ths.
Trinity Sunday	2nds.
Killamarsh	6ths.

As the last two types of lead-ends, which are really Kent T.B. with 2nds and 6ths, are the only ones in which it is possible to have bells arriving both at the front and the back in the natural coursing order, fourths place Delight and Surprise methods are automatically ruled out.

(To be continued)

CIRENCESTER IN SUBURBIA

I cannot imagine why it is that I have always chosen pursuits that involve rising from my bed at unreasonable hours of the morning! Yet here I was at 7.40 a.m. on June 10th walking down the road to the coach that was to take us so many miles that Saturday, and pretending that I always enjoyed this hour of the morning when usually I am happily asleep in bed.

Our first tower, at Tring, in Hertfordshire, contained a pleasant eight. Here we enjoyed a reasonably good rise and to my surprise a good touch of Stedman Triples—have you ever been happily lulled into peaceful meditation during a rise and then been given exactly one whole pull to consider the start of the second? At Berkhampstead another pleasant hour was spent on the "right" eight and a reasonable touch of our (Fred's) present method, namely Little Bob, was rung.

Next on to St. Albans for lunch and then to the Cathedral (12). The majority of the party were so interested in the majesty of this ancient pile that the various perspectives of Norman architecture distracted many on their way up the tower to the ringing chamber. However, we all arrived in time and were very impressed with this lovely 12, even though we considered that we did not do them full justice.

Quickly now on through a crowded Saturday market to St. Peter's (10), where another magnificent ring was enjoyed and some tolerable Caters were rung. Then on through seemingly endless miles of suburbia (at least to country eyes), arriving ultimately at Rickmansworth (10), where there was more tolerable Caters. Thirst was quickly assuaged at a nearby tavern before our schedule took us to High Wycombe for our last tower of the day. Many readers will have enjoyed the magnificence of this 12 and it was a great pleasure to be able to ring on them. Our best touch here was Erin Caters, which was probably the best we achieved throughout the day.

Thus we concluded our tour for this year, another happy day spent in the company of friends, and it remains for me to express our thanks to the many people who made our day possible—all tower captains and incumbents at towers we visited, but most of all to Messrs. Cooke and Jefferies, whose considerable effort and organisation made this outing possible.

M. R. R.

CROSSWORD No. 3

The winner of Crossword No. 3 is: Mr. Lawrence Greenhow, of 36, Aberdale Road, West Knighton, Leicester, who has been sent a prize of 10s. Solution:—

Across: 1 Bristol Surprise, 9 Repeals, 10 Shingle, 11 Sire, 12 Embrocates, 13 Stedman, 15 Explain, 17 Assures, 19 Thermos, 20 Nottingham, 22 Idle, 25 Avarice, 26 Inhales, 27 Keeps a tight rope.

Down: 1 Birds, 2 Importers, 3 Teak, 4 Last Man, 5 Upsurge, 6 Principle, 7 Ingot, 8 Evensongs, 13 Stainbank, 14 Mortifies, 16 Armadillo, 18 Suggest, 19 Tearing, 21 Trace, 23 Ensue, 24 Shot.

COMPOSITION

(See also back page)

5,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By TIMOTHY G. PETT

W	5ths	4ths	M	H	23456
—			3	3	52436
—	—	—		—	26435
	—	—		—	35426
—				—	42356
	—	S	S	3	53246
	—	S		3	62354
	—	S		3	43265
	—	S		3	52346
	—	S		3	63254
	—	S		2	23465

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BENNETT.—The new address of Marion and Peter is: 10, Birch Hill, Malpas, Newport, Monmouthshire. 1918

COLLINS.—After July 19th the address of F. E. Collins will be: 82, Northfield Road, Ringwood, Hants. 1915

MITCHELL.—The address of Laurie and Hazel Mitchell is now: 26, Gayhurst Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent. 1922

WYCHERLEY.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Wycherley is now: Blackthorn, Barrow Common, Kingstone, Hereford.

PERSONAL

KEEN, Allan. — Ringing friends at Aldbourne, Wilts, offer congratulations and good wishes on your 21st birthday. 1932

PINK.—Mr. Alan R. Pink wishes to inform his friends that he is now on the telephone at home (Cumnor 3205). His business number is still Oxford 48150. 1913

"But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found of them." II Chronicles, xv, 4.

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ST. GENEVIEVE, EUSTON, SUFFOLK

Saturday, July 29th, 2.30 p.m.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

There will not be any Sunday or Wednesday ringing during the month of August.—J. A. Dodd, Tower Sec. 1934

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield (6), Monday, July 24th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game. Dis. Sec. 1890

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Executive meeting in Framsden Village Hall on Saturday, July 22nd, at 7 p.m.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 1880

ALL HALLOWS', GEDLING NOTTS.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 1897

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1905

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Harwich on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Mrs. Andrews, 2, Elmhurst Road, Dovercourt, Harwich. 1830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Pebmarsh (6) on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Trendell, Robins Croft, Pebmarsh. 1831

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Thorley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing in the evening at Bishop's Stortford. Names for tea to D. H. Kingston, Dis Sec., 33, Proctors Way, Bishop's Stortford. 1877

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting at Stoke Poges on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringing on the eight bells from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 1899

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bozeat (5), Saturday, July 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Rev. W. C. Knight, The Vicarage, Bozeat, Wellingborough.—R. Cowley,

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting, Cuckney (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Beach, Dis.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Helmingham (8), July 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m., followed by service. Please bring your own tea for picnic at 5. Business meeting in ringing chamber at 5.45. Framsden bells available from 6.30–9.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Mayfield, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to me at Cartref, 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham (Tel. 3515), as soon as possible, please.—G. M. FitzHugh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Goldhanger on July 26th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All are welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 1896

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Barkby, Wednesday, July 26th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1911

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Special practice meeting on Wednesday, July 26th. 7–9 p.m. Advanced stuff at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor. Methods: Double Court, Killamarsh, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Hull, London; Mr. A. Sheppard in charge. For less experienced, Market Weighton. Methods: Rounds, call changes, Plain Hunt, Bob Doubles/Minor, Little Bob; D. S. Johnson in charge. Please came. — R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Iron Acton, Thursday, July 27th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. H. D. 1921

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8), Saturday, July 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great Budworth, Cheshire, by Wednesday previous. 1940

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bridgerule (8) available in evening. Numbers for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, July 24th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 1894

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, July 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. M. H. Usher, The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster. 1937

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, **July 29th** at **Godalming** (please note change). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hagley, Thistledown, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, by Tuesday, 25th. 1867

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Sandford on July 29th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., meeting following Shobrooke bells available. Crediton 6.30-8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Skinner, Sec. 1829

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghill, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford, by Tuesday, July 25th. 1923

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Quex Park (12), Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Money with names to Mrs. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutland Gardens, Birchington, not later than July 26th. 1878

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Beddington, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1900

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds, by previous Thursday. 1917

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, July 29th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at The Singing Kettle 5 p.m. Names to R. T. Harrison, 20, Bowmandale, Barton-on-Humber, by July 26th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Hough-on-the-Hill, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Light, Brownlow Arms, Hough-on-the-Hill, near Grantham, Lincs. by Monday, July 24th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 1874

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Open Ringing Competition** at Babworth, July 29th, 3 p.m. Entrance fees to Guild Bell Repair Fund. Test piece will be 360 of irregular Treble Bob rung after 30 minutes' study. Send for rules to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jessup, Babworth Rectory, Retford, by Wednesday, 26th. Ringing after tea at Babworth and at Sutton-cum-Lound (3). 1931

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 29th. Lyndhurst bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Brockenhurst bells 6–8.30. Please make arrangements for tea.—L. F. Cobb, Sec. 1936

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary & All Saints', Droxford, July 29th. Bells 3.30 till 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Soberton bells 7 till 9. Names for tea to Miss H. M. Allcard, Rosemary Cottage, Droxford, by **previous Wednesday, please.** 1925

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Combined learners' practice at West Clandon on Wednesday, August 2nd, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. M.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Dean, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (5) from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. Payne. 1927

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Bi-monthly meeting, Deeping St Nicholas, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Morpeth Surprise and Double Court. — K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1912

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Redenhall, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Flatt, No 6. Martin Road, Harleston, Norfolk, by Wednesday, August 2nd. —C. F. W. P. 1928

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rusper (8), August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Please attend. Agendas will be sent to all Northern Division towers. Names for tea to Miss R. Cocks, The Mount, Capel Road, Rusper, near Horsham.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual Festival will be on Saturday, September 16th next, at Brewood, near Wolverhampton. Brewood bells (8) available 1–4 p.m. and after tea until 8 p.m. Service 4 p.m.: preacher the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Tea 5 p.m. for which please remit applications for tickets at 3s. each to Mr. S. Dumbell, 8. The Pavement, Brewood, near Stafford, before September 6th next. Other ringing arrangements to be announced later.—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec., Stafford Archdeaconry Society. 1942

EASTBOURNE—JULY 8th

It was the sort of day that every secretary dreams of when he is writing off for the towers. The careful arrangements made by Paul Fox paid off and everything clicked into place to provide a memorable outing. Even if Michael collected no new towers he added a new pub name to his list—the "Duke Without a Head."

We rang at Mayfield with Bill Kitchingside, Tonbridge with Walter Dobbie, Maidstone (the odd six at St. Michael's) with Martin Howe. A first-rate lunch put us in the mood for the best ringing of the day at Leeds, where Stedman Caters tapped out beautifully, better than we had dared to hope. On to Smarden, and a gasp went up as we spotted the tea laid out for us by the local ringers, bless 'em. And, to round off the day, Cranbrook and Ticehurst (with its difficult six). Our thanks go to the patient key-holders of all these towers.

On the way home we were able to gather round David and his guitar for the final renderings of men with mowers, miners dreaming of home, and Nellie Dean. And at the last stop of the day our two pianists and half-a-dozen handbell enthusiasts entertained, while the colts played "pig-in-the-middle" on the village green in the light of an idyllic sunset.

H. R.

A COTSWOLD RINGING MEETING

When on my way to the Cheltenham Branch July meeting, I thought of the many people who travel long distances to see the Cotswold countryside I had additional pleasure ahead, but turning off the main road near Stow-on-the-Wold, first Lower and then Upper Ewell engaged our attention.

Our secretary was navigating with the aid of a large-scale map, and enlivened the journey with information about each wood, stream and hamlet, but we came upon the tiny Donnington Brewery, recently featured in the national Press quite unannounced. Time became pressing, but we parked and greeted the Rev. Peter Newing at Blockerley at the appointed time

The bells are more than pleasant, with a distinct character, perhaps in their handling as well as their tone. By graduating to Double Norwich and Cambridge the striking improved, although the general willingness to help ringers from Willersley who have been receiving instruction in Grandsire Doubles was a pleasure.

A further pleasure, to me at least, was the short choral Evensong in the spacious and beautiful church. A short climb to the Parish Hall enhanced the view, but of course the main purpose was refreshment which Mrs. Angela Lewing had provided.

New members from Willersley were proposed and, as I expected from the presence of the Association chairman, Miss M. Bliss, and Ringing Master, Mr. W. Scudamore, the Branch boundaries revision was on the agenda. A proposal to ask for a meeting with our neighbouring Branch was accepted.

A short trip brought us to Chipping Camden, where heavier metal awaited us, but there were some 30 ringers to share the labours of this majestic eight. As the ringing progressed, I became aware of some competition for the tenor in some Double Norwich which seemed to be imminent Amid discussion about the speed for these bells, a well-known Evesham ringer regaled us with anecdotes from a peal here.

A slightly faster pace in spliced Plain and Little Bob certainly improved matters, and I came down the tower to find my navigator with an alternative route through even more delightful villages, a fitting end to a pleasurable meeting. W. A. F.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

This month the Guild met at Hever on July 8th. Only 12 members were present (owing to holidays) and so no service was held. Members had a picnic tea on the football pitch nearby, followed by a game of four-a-side rounders, the chairman's team losing decisively.

Then the business meeting was held in the belfry. There was no important business except the chairman's announcement that he and the secretary were now collecting names for the annual outing to be held in October.

Ringing then continued until 8.30 p.m., and Mr. Bob Collins joined the party. R. J. E.

COMPOSITION

5,037 NOBOTTLE SURPRISE ROYAL

R. F. B. SPEED

234567890	W	6th	M	H
45236	—			—
53246	2			3
25634	—		—	
42356	—		2	
34625	—		—	
345287690	3	—		
684237590		—	—	—
(264830597)	—		S4ths	

Rounds at treble handstroke snap immediately before course-end.

Rung at Daventry, June 25th, 1967.

Stories for Ringers

A CALL OF A MEETING — BY B. O. REDMAN

He sat dejectedly upon the wooden bench which is situated outside the Fox and Hounds, the only pub in the small village of Chirton Matravers. His beer was slowly warming in the evening sun and the mosquitoes were beginning to satisfy their evening thirst for blood.

Slowly he lifted his head and squinted across the green at the squat Norman tower, which housed a fine ring of eight bells. Allowing a hiss of air to escape from between his pursed lips as the Grandsire Triples, to which he had been listening, progressed from intermittent to continuous firing, he made no effort to rouse himself.

He, Jonathan Westly, was the best ringer in the Moortown Branch of the Downshire Guild of Change Ringers. In fact he was probably the best ringer in the Guild. He smiled at this thought; it was not hard to become the best ringer in the Guild where ill-struck Grandsire Triples was regarded as the ultimate achievement.

He should go up into the tower and drop a few hints to certain people, point out the principals of striking to others, drag a few more through a touch of Bob Major, which only he could call, and refuse to take part in touches with more than two learners in the band. That he should do this he knew, but how to force himself to do so, he did not.

He allowed his mind to drift back to the proceedings of earlier on in the day. There had actually been some fair ringing early in the afternoon, the band consisting of himself and a couple of older ringers with a few keen youngsters from his tower. It had only been rounds and call changes but it was good ringing. However, apart from this, the rest had been abominable. Eager tower captains pushing ill-taught beginners into touches they were not capable of ringing—nothing came round, in fact even rounds had fired up.

Then the usual service. He mused upon the peculiar fact that he should now think of an act of worship with boredom. He had taken up ringing 13 years earlier at the age of 14, one year after his Confirmation. He had enjoyed "churchgoing" then, even doing five years as a server. Yet now he never set foot inside of the church, although he regularly rang twice every Sunday in his home tower. He entered by the tower door and had grown to consider the tower as not being part of the church. Apart from the odd meeting service he had attended for appearance's sake, he had not been to a service for three years. Had ringing done this for him? The pettiness and inefficiency he had encountered in Guild proceedings had bored him with mundane ringing activities. Had this led to his faith being destroyed?

John could not answer this question he asked of himself. He only knew that his sole interest was in good ringing. He cheered up at that thought. Why? Yes!! Did he not have a circle of good friends at least 50 strong, with whom he regularly rang peals and drank beer? He had lost his faith in the Church but had doubled many times over the number of his friends, who were scattered the length and breadth of the country.

Maybe this answered his question. His faith in the Church had somehow become entangled in the concept of every-day ringing with all its frustrations. Meeting short on Sundays, steady loss of learners after an arduous spell of teaching bell control and then, on top of that, the Guild meetings. Those Guild meetings, with the cajoling of the Ringing Master, polite noises of the chairman, bullying of the secretary and squabbling of the members—how he loathed them. When he thought of it the Church hierarchy seemed like Branch officers, vicars like ringing masters, P.C.C. members and hangers-on resembled members to be found at meetings. Perhaps that is why he no longer had faith in the Church.

Carrying the thought process further, he realised that although he disliked every-day ringing, his appreciation of good ringing had increased and his desire to make others good ringers had increased proportionately. Enough in fact to make him endure these meetings, enough to have brought him here today when he could have been standing in a peal of Surprise Royal. In the same way, although his belief in the Church had diminished, his basic faith in God had increased. Thus as he tried to pass belief in good ringing to others, should he not try to give others the faith in God that he now realised he possessed? Of course it would be expedient to use the framework of the Church in the same manner as he tried to use the framework of the Guild to spread his ringing beliefs. It would certainly require some thought.

As he arrived at this conclusion he found, to his surprise, that he had arrived at the entrance to the tower. With the appreciation of his whereabouts came the realisation that Grandsire Triples was again firing out.

"Ah well," he muttered with a shrug, "they need me up there."

BRAINTWISTER — No. 1

Set by A. S. HUDSON

SOME time ago I had occasion to visit friends in the village of Old Musty, and nearing one evening the sound of bells on the breeze I decided to investigate at the local church. Having found the tower and spent some little time discovering the way up, I eventually emerged through a low doorway into the ringing chamber, where the bells had just pulled off again into rounds. Subsiding on to a rickety bench in order to get my breath, I gradually became aware that there was something rather odd about this particular tower. It was not long before the peculiarity became apparent. Now although the sound coming from the bells was rounds, the ropes were not being pulled in clockwise order round the circle; in fact the order appeared to be quite random.

Unfortunately, before I had time to observe the order in which the bells were arranged the conductor called for Plain Bob Minor and the bells went into changes. Nevertheless it was possible to decide which was which from the changes being rung.

I followed most of the changes until the first call, at which the conductor ran out, and at this point one of the people sitting out came across and spoke to me, thus distracting my attention for a moment. I did however notice that at the lead-end following the first call the ropes went up at handstroke in anticlockwise order round the circle (the treble was of course leading at the time). Two leads after that, at the treble backstroke lead, the ropes again fell in order round the circle, but this time in a clockwise manner. Two leads later the tenor ran out at another bob, ran out again at the next lead-end and 56 came up the wrong way at backstroke during the following lead. There was a single shortly afterwards which the tenor made, and the bells finally came round with a single at home. The conductor afterwards told me that they had just rung a true touch of 180 changes.

If you can solve the problem of the correct numbering of the bells round the rope circle, then send your answer to: The Editor, "The Ringing World," Guildford.

THE PHANTOM TENOR by Colly Wocks (aged 9)

MY dad says that our ringers have had an outing every year since the war but there's never been anything in "The Ringing World" about it. He says nothing ever happens on our outings worth writing about. I said he'd have a smashing yarn to tell this year, but he says that's no good either because no one would believe it. Well, I've kept asking him to write about it but he won't, so now I'm writing in secret.

It happened when we went to a little church in the corner of a field. There was no one there to meet us but dad said we'd got permission to ring so we'd make a start anyway. Six of the men got hold of the ropes and started pulling away but they jolly soon stopped because instead of six bells we could all hear seven. Dad said something I wasn't supposed to hear, and Mr. Wilson said there's something queer going on. Then dad and Mr. Wilson went up the ladder to look at the bells.

After a time Mr. Wilson shouted down to chime the bells one at a time, which they did, then dad and Mr. Wilson came down and said they couldn't see anything wrong.

But as soon as they started there it was again—seven bells instead of six. Dad shouted to keep going and maybe it would work itself out, so they raised the bells and set them, and still there was seven. Were seven. Sorry.

Just then the Vicar came hurrying into the church in a pair of bike clips, and all puffing and panting. He said are you having trouble with our phantom tenor? He said years ago there used to be an old man who had rung there all his life, but he could never get on with the changes, so the others used to ring Doubles and the old man used to drum the tenor and everybody was happy.

Then a new family came to live in the village. There was the man and his wife and three sons and they were all expert ringers and couldn't be bothered with Doubles, and soon they had the others ringing Minor, and the old man was sort of pushed out of it. He used to go every Sunday and sit in a corner and watch the others, and they didn't often ask him to ring, and soon he was taken ill and died and some said he died of a broken heart because he couldn't ring any more.

Well, after the funeral some of the ringers went across to the church to ring a quarter half-muffled, and that's when the phantom tenor started, and they all got upset and soon there was no ringing except when visitors like us went. But the Vicar said it would be all right so long as they allowed room for the extra bell.

Just then Johnny Green (that's my pal) gave me a nudge and said look at Mrs. Robinson's eyeballs. They always stick out a bit when she's excited and just then they were sticking out extra bad.

Then Mrs. Wilson said she didn't think she'd like to ring there and she'd wait in the bus, and Mrs. Green and Mrs. Robinson went with her, and then Mr. Wilson said he'd see if Lizzie was all right, and soon there were only five ringers left. Dad said it seemed a pity to leave without having a ring and how about some Doubles on the back five. And then he said no. He said if there was going to be a phantom tenor it might sound better on the front five. So they rang some Doubles on the front five and there was the phantom tenor drumming away at the back all the time. It seemed a bit queer and I kept expecting to see the tenor rope start bobbing up and down but it never did.

Then they pulled the bells down and still the phantom was there all the time. Then Mr. Brown (I like him) said he'd pull the tenor down and he went over and took hold of the rope, then he said a rude word and that it was down. Dad went over and took hold of the rope and gave a little pull and then said come on let's get out of here.

Well, the other week dad had a letter from the Vicar and he said he didn't know what we'd done to the bells but they'd had some more visitors since we went and there was no trouble with the phantom tenor, and he was hoping to get the team together again soon.

P.S.—I know how to spell phantom because I asked my dad.

COMPOSITIONS

720's IN TWO PLAIN METHODS

By H. CHANT

720 No. 1

	23456	Double Court
S.	56432	" "
	32645	" "
	45263	" "
	63524	" "
	24356	" "
S.	56342	" "
	42635	" "
—	35642	" "
	42563	" "
	63254	" "
—	54263	" "
S.	63245	Hereward Bob
	52463	" "
	34652	" "
	26534	" "
	45326	" "
S.	62345	Double Court
—	45362	" "
	62534	" "
	34256	

Twice repeated.

720 No. 2

	23456	Hereward Bob
	64523	" "
—	23564	" "
	45623	" "
	36245	" "
—	45236	" "
S.	63245	Double Court
	45326	" "
	26534	" "
	34652	" "
	52463	" "
S.	63425	Hereward Bob
—	25463	" "
	34625	" "
	56234	" "
S.	43256	" "
	62543	" "
	35462	" "
	24635	" "
	56324	" "
	S. 42356	

Twice repeated.

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234567	M		H	
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4325	S		2	
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"TO HAVE A RIGHT JUDGEMENT"

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

IT was one of those gatherings within a gathering, one of the several drifting together into groups that mark a stage in every informal social meeting. The little party that we joined sat near the fireplace, and smoked and talked of the parish business that had lately occupied our attention. There were two bell ringers in the group, but it was the people's warden who turned the conversation to the belfry and to ringing generally. As the topic widened, one of the ringers spoke feelingly of the friendship he found among bell ringers wherever he had gone, and of the sense of brotherhood that seemed to bind together ringers all over the land. It was, he went on to say, reasonably true to assert that no young ringer, going to live in a strange town, need lack friends and friendship if there were bell towers and bell ringers in that place. The members of the local company would welcome him and look after him. "And," said the churchwarden, "lead him off to the nearest public house."

It was a rather unexpected interruption, and whether to take it seriously or not held us silent for a moment. But the answer came aptly and very quietly from the second ringer, in words much as follows. "If that should be so, and it is by no means sure, he would at least be in intelligent company."

It is some years since the above gathering provided that interesting intermission, but thoughts of it are revived by the sturdy declaration of right made so bluntly and yet so correctly by Mr. George Pipe in "The St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich News of the Diocese." It is indeed time that the churchmanship of the vast majority of bell ringers was asserted and that much of the assumption of their standing, their work, and their habits was brought to its right proportion.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, that voluminous writer on ringing history, was a stout champion of the bell ringer, and was untiring in the task of defending both the ringer of his day and the one of olden time from some of the accusations brought by what he called uninformed opinion. He was at pains to point out that codes of conduct must be judged by the times in which they prevailed, and that what was considered right (and indeed, sometimes desirable) in one age could not be regarded as acceptable in another social environment. In the 17th century it might not be considered unfitting to use the cathedral for trade, for barter, for buying and selling; in the 18th century drinking in the belfry might be considered as a practice as normal as the squire's bottle of port in the family pew or the parson's brandy bottle in the vestry. No one could say that these were widespread customs, and, indeed, it might be argued that the only harm resulting was where excess or obsession overruled the considerations attaching to the church attendance and the church worship. To judge wisely on those men and manners is by no means easy, but a verdict must take into account the times in which they lived and the difference between liberty and licence.

It is probable that in the olden time it was the lack of attendance at Divine Worship more than his actual habits that brought the bell ringer so much adverse criticism; and today that ancient prejudice leads uninformed speakers and writers to assume that all ringers are absentees from the services at which they ring, and that the public house is the natural assembly point when ringing at service finishes. The latter point will not, fortunately, commend itself to any thoughtful person, and that for very practical reasons. It was well put by an old ringer in the Midlands, who was heard to say: "If anybody thinks we can go from our Sunday morning ringing straight to 'The Red Lion' he shows a deplorable lack of knowledge of the English licensing laws!"

The question of attendance at church services is, and always will be, a very difficult one. There are churches in the great cities that have no parochial ringing band. The ringing for their offices is often maintained by bands who must ring at one church and then go on to another to provide ringing at a later service. In many cases these same ringers are ringing at their own parish churches at Evensong. There are bands in some village churches that man the bells for three or even four services on each Sunday. Some are choristers as well. It would not be reasonable to require them to attend the full length of every service of the day.

We recollect the case of a Ringing Master whose custom it was, week in, week out, to attend Communion at 8 a.m., ring at a 9.30 service, hurry home to breakfast and get back to conduct the ringing at Matins. In the evening he was ringing again for Evensong and attending the full service. It is clear that criticism of his hurrying away from the church at 9.30 a.m. would be uninformed and entirely unjustified. Ringers know that there are many such devoted servants, and that they are found among the very greatest exponents of our art, among the many whose names rarely come before us, and in that great band of unknowns who labour on unhonoured and unsung.

There are, it must be said, ringers who never, or very rarely, attend the service of which their work is a part. Their number is probably few, and even they come to the church to make some offering once or twice a Sunday.

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OUR PICTURE

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

BY DOUGLAS HUGHES

LIVERPOOL Cathedral is so beautifully proportioned throughout that one does not realise just how vast is the belfry which houses the heaviest ring of bells in the world. Two simple comparisons serve to illustrate its great size. There is ample room in the belfry for 25 rings of eight, with tenors of 14 cwt., all on one level with plenty of room for access and maintenance. The eight-louvred sound openings are each tall enough for an average church tower to be passed through standing up. To these, add the fact that the belfry floor is 219 feet above the nave floor, and you have some idea of the extraordinary engineering problems that faced Mr. Burnard Geen, the Cathedral's consulting engineer, who had to allow for the horizontal forces exerted by bells with a total deadweight of 16½ tons.

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The floors are insulated from the walls and the frame is insulated from the belfry floor. The radial plan of the frame is made possible by the enormous span, which is 72 feet, and allows the ropes to fall plumb from the wheels in a true geometrical circle. The order for the ring of 12 (tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat with a sharp second to give a "light" eight in E flat, tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.), together with the 14½ ton bourdon was placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1938. The ring was the bequest of Thomas Bartlett, of Liverpool, who died in 1912, and the bourdon was the gift of Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey. The casting and tuning of the ring was completed in 1939 and they were moved to Liverpool for the duration of the war, as it was considered they would be safer there than to remain at Whitechapel.

Although work on the tower was suspended for the war, the building committee asked Mr. Hughes if he could proceed with the casting of the bourdon bell as they wished Lord Vestey, then an old man, to hear it. Two factors made it impossible to proceed with this at Whitechapel. The first was that the war by this time was hotting up, and the second was the loss of key men to the Services, and consequently Mr. Hughes asked Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, if they would undertake the casting of Great George. This they were able to do, but, ironically, before it was cast Lord Vestev died and the roof of the Whitechapel Foundry was blown off in a raid on London!

It was not until 1950 that the tower was sufficiently completed for work to proceed with the fittings, and the hanging of the bells, and this work was completed in 1951. Much remains to be done in the belfry when work of greater priority on the Cathedral itself is finished, notably in acoustics in the ringing chamber, which are certainly difficult for those unused to them. Undoubtedly these problems have been made more acute by the use of so much concrete, but there can be no question that this was the only suitable material. The Cathedral authorities are wisely doing nothing at the moment, for even an experimental scheme would run into four figures and may not even be effective. Time and further experience in the acoustic treatment of concrete surfaces will undoubtedly solve this problem.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 8th, and the change of date for the first time from January was a success, as excellent weather was enjoyed. Market Drayton, Hodnet, Atcham and Wellington towers were open for the benefit of visitors travelling to Shrewsbury, and at Shrewsbury the ten bells at St. Mary's and the 12 at St. Chad's were rung.

A service was held at St. Chad's, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Lewis, and tea and the business meeting followed in St. Mary's Church Hall, at which 43 people sat down.

The Ringing Master's report was presented by the Ringing Master, Mr. E. F. Willcox, who stated that he did not wish to stand for a further term of office, and this was followed by the treasurer's report which showed a balance of £82 13s. 9d.

Mr. A. Pritchard took the chair for the business meeting, and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. P. J. Evans; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. H. Newton; secretary, Mr R. Brewin; treasurer, Mr. M. J. A. Orman; auditor, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; trustees, Messrs. F. G. Beddow and A. E. G. Owen.

Mr F. C. A. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in the meeting arrangement. P. J. E.

CLERICAL PEAL-RINGING GATHERING

Following on a suggestion made during the Clerical Guild Ringing Week at Lincoln, a peal-ringing gathering was arranged by the Rev. Peter Robbins, Vicar of Charing, Kent, and prove! to be a very happy event

The party assembled on Monday afternoon, July 3rd, at Charing Vicarage, and consisted of the following: the Revs. Canon C. Elliot Wigg, R.D., St. John Smith (Guild president), S. M. Evans, R. Keeley, C. J. B. Marshall, J. B. T. Homfray, D. Sansum, P. T. Robbins and M. Hart.

There were four peal attempts in the programme, and though it was a disappointment that only one of these was successful, the ringing itself was of a good standard throughout.

The first attempt was on Monday evening—Double Norwich at Tenstall. After ringing for nearly an hour on this tuneful light eight, two bells were found to have crossed. On Tuesday morning Stedman Triples was attempted at Ospringe; this came to grief after an hour and a half. On Tuesday evening a fast, well-struck peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Wye, in three hours and two minutes. It was the first peal of Cambridge Major rung by the Guild since 1949, but without in any way detracting from this achievement it may be that St. Martin had something to do with it, as we had rung the peal (we discovered afterwards) in a church dedicated in his honour on the Feast of the Translation of his bones! Most certainly a great deal of credit must go to the conductor, Roger Keeley, for the masterful way he rang the tenor.

The last attempt was at Headcorn, where a second attempt at Stedman produced some of the best ringing but no peal. We also enjoyed practice rings at Throwley and Ashford.

We were specially grateful to the two hostesses, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Evans, for their warm hospitality, and look forward to another peal tour perhaps next year, if time and circumstances permit. J. B. T. H.

PRITTLEWELL FESTIVAL ATTENDED BY 4,000 PEOPLE

When the Prittlewell company arranged that their Ringing and Flower Festival should finish on July 10th they anticipated that the public's interest would have waned by the evening, and that they could enjoy a peaceful final practice night before the representatives of Taylor's moved in to take the bells down and away for retuning.

A measure of the success of the plans to decorate the church with flowers and to open the tower to non-ringing visitors may be gauged by the fact that almost 100 people made the ascent of the tower during Monday evening alone to watch the ringing. It was not merely idle curiosity which brought people into our "province" but, judging by their questions, a genuine desire to know what really happened when the bells rang out their message.

We were pleased to see many of our old friends among the ringers on Saturday, including Mr. A. Reeve and Mr. E. Furbank, our oldest members, as well as several new faces from North East Essex, London and Kent. All the towers were opened, especially for the day, among them Thorpe Bay, Leigh and Benfleet locally, and Purleigh and Stanford-le-Hope further afield, and they were visited by many ringers; in fact Thorpe Bay reported 60 people at the tower at one time.

It is most unlikely that St. Mary's has ever been more full of flowers and people than it was last week-end. Our ringers' service, on the Saturday, at which Canon Gilbert Thurlow preached, and the special Evensong on the Sunday when Archdeacon Welch, of Southend, preached, and which the Mayor and Mayoress attended, both saw the church filled to capacity. It is estimated 4,000 people viewed the floral displays during the three day festival. J. E. N.

KING'S LYNN WIN NORWICH DIOCESE STRIKING CONTEST

Twelve bands took part in the striking competition and handbell festival held at Drayton on July 1st by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Humphrey Squires. The judges were the Rev. Peter Bond, Mr. Leonard Last and Mr. William Theobald.

The Rev. P. Bond, announcing the results, commented on the good entry and some excellent striking, the first three bands being very close The others, he said, lost marks by leading too quick at handstroke and too slow at backstroke.

The following bands took part and placings were: King's Lynn, 5 faults; St. George's, Norwich, 20; St. Peter Mancroft, 22½; Aylsham, 47½; St. Giles' Norwich, 52½; Norton Subcourse, 63; Drayton, 65½; Wroxham "A", 80; Wroxham "B", 105; Holt, 120; Barnham Broom, 140. South Norfolk were disqualified for not ringing the full extent of 240 changes.

Mr. George Sayer, branch chairman, on behalf of the branch thanked the Rev. H. Squires for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the ladies for an excellent tea, Mr. Michael Frost for local arrangements, and the Association Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman, for organising.

After the service, in St Margaret's Church, the handbell festival was held in the Parish Hall. This included for the first time tune ringing and tape recordings of the Ecclesfield and Launton bands. There was also change ringing.

Tune ringers taking part included four pupils from Redenhall C. of E. Secondary School under the leadership of Mr. Archie Brown; also a band from Norton Subcourse and Wroxham. All provided a very enjoyable performance.

Mr. F. C. Goodman proposed a vote of thanks to all who had taken part to make it a great success.

Mr. F. E. COLLINS RETIRES

AN APPRECIATION

As many ringers in the Croydon area will already know, Mr. F. E. Collins (Ted) has now retired to his native Ringwood. For us who remain at Croydon, however, we feel that the occasion cannot go by without an acknowledgement in "The Ringing World" of his services in Surrey.

For those who do not know Ted, he was born in Ringwood just after the turn of the century. After leaving school he followed his father's footsteps as an engineer. His ringing career started in 1916, when he visited the tower to watch the ringers at work. He, together with a number of others, learnt to ring call changes and eventually learnt the art of change ringing.

Ted's interest in bells and ringing grew to such an extent that in 1925 he moved to Croydon and was employed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston as a professional bell hanger. He spent some eleven years with the firm and travelled all over the country hanging bells, etc. It was in the early 1930's that he met Olive and they were married at this time.

In Croydon, the foundry tower was always St. Peter's Church and when Ted was at home, he would ring on the Gillett ten which at that time had a very good Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal band. His duties enabled him to visit many towers and he can recall many interesting experiences.

Ted's last job with the Croydon foundry came in December, 1936, when he helped hang the twelve at Croydon Parish Church. Feeling the need for a more settled life, he resigned from the bell founding firm and was employed at the South Eastern Gas Board where he became foreman engineer. He retired from there earlier this year.

In 1937, Ted joined the Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bellringers and has been a faithful Sunday service ringer at the Parish Church of Croydon for over thirty years. He was Master of the Society from 1954 to 1966. His wife, Olive, has also attended regularly and we owe them both a great debt of gratitude on this account alone. His steeple-keeping at Croydon Parish Church will be a sad loss as the bells are in perfect condition, thanks to his care and attention.

Ted does not confine his interests to his own tower. The Surrey Association had in him a very loyal member, who served in various capacities as Master and District Master. In 1945 he was elected as one of the Association's representatives to the Central Council, of which he is now an honorary member. Here he found an invaluable niche on the Towers and Belfries Committee, which entails travelling hundreds of miles each year inspecting and giving advice on bells and towers.

In another sphere, Ted has been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1926 and was Master in 1953. He has been a member of the Sunday afternoon band at St. Paul's Cathedral for fifteen years.

In short, many ringers all over the country will appreciate that Croydon is losing a valuable and respected ringer who has given much to the service of others, and there can be no doubt that he is going to be missed in Croydon. I know many ringers will join me in wishing Ted and Olive a good retirement and a happy time with whatever the future may hold.

R. C. STEVENS.

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE PAST YEAR IN RHODESIA

Mr. H. O. Earle, Master of the Rhodesian Guild of Bell Ringers, in his report for 1966-7 expresses the regret of all members at the sudden death of Fred Mason, who for a number of years was a familiar figure in the Salisbury Cathedral tower.

The change of name of the Guild at the special meeting following the A.G.M. to the Rhodesian Guild of Bell Ringers had been agreed to by the Bishops of each diocese, who had accepted the position of vice-presidents.

At the half-yearly meeting at Que Que it was a pleasure to have five members of the Salisbury band there for the week-end. Saturday afternoon was devoted to giving the visitors an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the handling of much lighter bells and quite good striking was achieved on the Sunday morning.

With regret they said goodbye to Frank and Monica Blagrove and later in the year to James Milford. The loss of three experienced ringers resulted in a very limited amount of change ringing during the remainder of the year. Before the departure of Frank and Monica a peal of Bob Minor was successfully rung at Salisbury and a quarter peal of Bob Minimus at Que Que.

Although the Salisbury band was somewhat depleted at the beginning of the year, the faithful few keep the bells ringing on practice nights and Sunday evenings. An inrush of recruits in the last few months had certainly increased the tower activities (including breaking of stays) and had increased the enthusiasm of the members generally. "Whilst all of the older members deserve credit for their part in helping to train the newcomers I'm sure that I speak for you all in giving special credit to the tower captain Ken Cross, for his patience and perseverance in the early stages of training."

"Progress at Que Que during the year has been rather slow. Quite a number of parishioners have shown interest but few have come forward. However, we have managed to keep the bells ringing on Sundays and other special occasions. Whilst it is difficult to progress far in change ringing with a band of learners we have rung on a few occasions the Single Court method in addition to our usual Bob Minimus.

"Of our visitors during the year I would especially mention John Chamberlain who, in next to no time, became one of us and was only too willing to attempt to improve our individual ringing at all levels."

SHARES RINGING WITH TRACTION ENGINES AS HOBBY

Mr. Pip Gare, the popular and accomplished ringer of Queen Camel, featured in a Bristol "Evening Post" picture as he polished the brass of his giant traction engine before the parade at the Somerset Traction Engine Rally. He is a farmer and steam traction engine enthusiast.

ARNOLD BENNETT CENTENARY

Everyone who lives in the Potteries, and a great many others, must be aware that this year is the centenary of the birth of Arnold Bennett, who is generally acknowledged as the areas most famous son. Various commemorative events were organised, and it seemed appropriate to add some quarter peals to the exhibitions and lectures. Not only was Bennett born in the Potteries, he wrote about them too, although the inhabitants of Fenton, one of the six towns that make up the City of Stoke-on-Trent, have never forgiven him for ignoring their town in the "Five Towns" novels. It would have been appropriate if quarters could have been rung at all six towns, but Burslem bells are practically unringable and so a series was planned to include the other five.

THE QUARTERS

TUNSTALL.—On June 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. W. Gay (cond.) 1, Sue Gay 2, Hilary Pardoe 3, Jackie Quickfall 4, Felicity Webber 5, J. A. Tandy 6, D. J. Midgley 7, R. J. Ballard 8.

HANLEY.—On June 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jackie Quickfall 1, Sue Gay 2, Felcity Webber 3, Hilary Pardoe 4, J. A. Tandy 5, A. D. Steel 6, R. J. Ballard 7, P. W. Gay (cond.) 8.

FENTON.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sue Gay 1, Hilary Pardoe 2, Felicity Webber 3, G. W. Biddulph 4, J. A. Tandy 5, D. J. Midgley 6, P. W. Gay (cond.) 7, P. H. Allen 8.

STOKE.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Gay 1, Margaret Booth 2, Felicity Webber 3, Hilary Pardoe 4, R. J. Ballard 5, P. W. Gay (cond.) 6. Rung after meeting one short for Major, J. G. Burton standing down.

LONGTON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Gay 1, Felicity Webber 2, P. Atkins 3, D. J. Midgley 4, A. D. Steel 5, R. J. Ballard 6, P. W. Gay (cond.) 7, C. Morey (first quarter) 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The July quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon on July 1st. The attendance was poor, only 22 members being present, representing ten towers, but visitors were welcomed from Colerne, Chiseldon and R.A.F. Colerne.

The service was ably conducted by Mr. Nibbs, of Holt, the father of two of the best-known young ringers in the Branch, in the absence of the Vicar, who was attending the annual outing of his choir. The admirable tea which followed was served by the young lady ringers of Christ Church, who were given an ovation for a good job.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. T. Weeks (Devizes), vice-chairman, in the absence of Mr. C. Andrews, who was on holiday. Good wishes for a speedy recovery from illness are being sent to Mr. S. Grant. Tributes were paid to the memory of Messrs. C. Pretty, of Holt, and E. F. Marlow, of Warminster, who had passed away during the previous month, and the meeting stood in remembrance.

New members elected were Stephen Moore (Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon), Christopher Wheeler (Rowde) and Richard Greenaway (St. James', Devizes). These were presented with Ringers' Handbooks by Mr. Weeks. Mr. G. Davis (secretary) read a letter of congratulation from the ex-general secretary, praising the Branch for the organisation of the Guild annual meeting in May. He also pleaded for outstanding subscriptions to be paid.

Ringing took place at Christ Church before tea, and at Holy Trinity in the evening, under the direction of Ringing Masters R. Purnell (in the afternoon) and N. G. Knee (in the evening). During the evening members from Steeple Ashton and visitors from Bristol, Weston-super-Mare and Wincanton joined in the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Next monthly meeting: Potterne; striking competition, Corsley, in November.

OBITUARY

MR. J. T. C. BARNES

With much regret we heard of the passing on July 7th of Mr. J. T. C. Barnes at the age of 82. For 30 years he was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Nottingham and during those years he endeared himself to all who knew him, by his kind and unassuming manner.

Cecil was a very conscientious and reliable ringer and rarely missed ringing for Sunday service or practice until some months ago, when through failing health he gave up his home in Nottingham and went to live with his daughter at Harlaxton, near Grantham, where the funeral service was held on July 11th. Among those present were W. Nicholls (Ringing Master) and R. E. Elson (secretary), representing St. Mary's ringers. R. E. E.

MR. T. A. MOULDS

A very faithful ringer at St. Michael's Church, Hose, Leicestershire, Mr. Thomas Alfred Moulds, died at his home on July 2nd, aged 72.

For 55 years he had been ringing at Hose, where he was captain, and took part in the only peal to be rung on the old bells—on July 9th, 1927, conducted by his father, Mr. Willie Sharpe. The new ring of bells were cast by J. Taylor and Son in 1937. He was a member of the Framland Association, the Midland Counties and the Leicester Guild.

St. Michael's Church will miss him in other ways as he took a great interest in its activities, serving as a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C. A large congregation attended the funeral service on July 6th, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Willcock. Ringers were represented by Messrs. E. Tinsley and J. L. Day, and interment was in the churchyard.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal in three methods was rung on the bells by J. H. Cook (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, J. Butcher 3, E. Tinsley 4, J. L. Day 5.

MR. A. V. J. PAPWORTH

The bells of Kelvedon, Essex, were rung half-muffled on July 13th during the funeral of Mr. A. V. J. Papworth, and again in the evening when a quarter peal was rung by the local band.

"Joe" Papworth died in hospital after a short illness, aged 59 years. He learnt to ring at Kelvedon about 1930, and from that time on he was one of the most regular and punctual members.

He never rang many peals, perhaps fifteen, but he rang a good many "quarters" and was usually to be found on the treble or the second.

Joe won't be remembered for what he said—he was a very quiet man; but he will be remembered for what he was, and what he did. His great hobby was bell ringing; he even had his own set of handbells so that he could ring at home too.

Joe was always at service on a Sunday evening; and when we had no ringing at Kelvedon he would make his way to Feering or Coggeshall to ring there.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

"An enjoyable day was spent by all." This best describes the annual outing of Farnham District on July 15th. Even St. Swithun was kind as we visited the towers at Denham, Chalfont St. Peter, Luton, Dunstable Priory and Berkhampstead. Only at the close of our last tower, Farnham Royal, did that wet saint remind us that it was his day.

May be it was the heat but in general the ringing was not up to our usual standard. Poor Mick could not get Grandsire to come round to order, but at least some good touches in other methods were rung. We were still in good spirits when thirst quenching time came, at Slough. Where did that lucky couple find the fish and chips? Others tried but failed.

To Beryl who organised, incumbents who gave permission and those long suffering tower representatives who met us, we say "Thank you, all." R. B.

STOOLBALL AND RINGING

The victorious team of College Youths and Cumberlands who beat the Northern Division of the Sussex Association at stoolball on June 3rd at West Grinstead. In the centre is the captain of the premier Societies, John Howard, holding the trophy—the ashes of the treble stay from Slaugham in a suitable container.

The divisional secretary, Jean Osbon, made the very successful arrangements. Condition of play was half an hour's batting for both sides, the men using the opposite hand for batting to the one they normally use. The game was not without its amusing incidents; one well-known gentleman had the embarrassment of splitting his trousers whilst fielding and had to have running repairs. Cows had only forsaken the field half an hour before the match and there was some reluctance to handle the ball.

There was ringing both before and after the match, a service conducted by the Vicar and a picnic tea.

LADIES MANNED THE BELLS 60 YEARS AGO

Reprinted from "The Fireside", 1905

THE Church of St. Andrew, Bradfield, has been described as the Cathedral of Berkshire. Perhaps it scarcely merits all the dignity of this title, but if it does not stand first in the county upon architectural grounds it does stand first among parish churches not only in the county of Berkshire, but probably in all England, as having a ring of six bells under the control of six lady ringers.

In "old times"—a period not necessarily very far removed from the present, but only just so far removed as to evince the neglect of an old custom—in "old times" the bells of Bradfield Church were the pride of the village, it might even be said of the valley, and there was never any difficulty about finding enough men and boys to keep up the art of bellringing. On high days and holidays upon any occasion in short—the Bradfield bells would awaken the valley to take part—if only a listening or an echoing part— in local or national celebrations and rejoicings.

But the "old order" changed; one cannot account for it, and the ringing of Bradfield bells gradually fell into disuse, until at last they were never "rung" unless by a team of visitors, members of some Guild. Even Christmas came and went, and year after year passed over our heads, without ever a word from those time-honoured orators of greetings, of blessings, of farewell, or of encouragement.

This was a state of things that could not last. Works of art, each one of them, the bells, with their legends carried this conviction with them. Though the legends are imperfectly worded upon one bell, only a date—yet when a bell still rings true that bears the date "1655" has it nothing to say to us in the 20th century?

To the parish clerk himself a ringer of those bells from his boyhood, is due the credit of having made the very necessary offer to teach any who might be willing to learn to handle the ropes; but to a woman is due the credit of kindling the first flame of enthusiasm and desire to learn. The flame, once kindled quickly spread, and more than enough pairs of hands presented themselves as pupils to make up the necessary team—enough ladies in fact, to make up a ladies' team had they wished to be exclusive.

"Bellringing cannot be learnt in a day" was the truism continually brought before the minds of the pupils by their master; but in spite of this, and though the century was already drawing to its close, it was from the first the unspoken intention in the mind of each pupil to master the art sufficiently to ring in the coming Christmas and New Year Festivals; and so seriously did each one set mind and body to this purpose that the thing was accomplished and the lost but cherished reputation of the belfry more than redeemed.

The following "legends" may be of interest, as attaching to the six bells severally:—

Treble.—"At proper times my voice I'll raise
An sound to my subscribers' praise." Robert Ford and Thomas Justice, Churchwardens. 1757."

Lester and Pack of London. Fleet.
Second.—'Samuel Knight, 1705."
Third.—"1655"
Fourth.—"Samuel Knight made me 1705."
Fifth.—"As forth I sound."
Sixth.—"As Tenar hum all round."

A LISS DISAPPOINTMENT

A peal attempt at St. Mary's Church, Liss, Hants, on July 2nd, in which six members of the Sunday service band took part, was unfortunately lost after 2¼ hours' ringing.

This attempt was for Grandsire Triples and had been arranged to mark the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the church, and also the 29th anniversary of the dedication of the new ring of eight bells.

Letters to the Editor

ST. AUSTELL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest, but also with extreme disgust, the scathing, unnecessary and completely uninformed comments of Mr. V. M. Dawson ("Ringing World," June 30th), regarding the rehanging of the above bells.

As a person born in St. Austell and with considerable knowledge of the town and people, may I put a case (albeit from South Wales) on behalf of the town, especially as as I have just returned from a week's visit there.

I say town, because the people have a high regard and pride for its church and bells. It was therefore natural that when financial help was sought a considerable offer of practical help was offered by E. C. L. P. Ltd., who besides being a large china clay concern based on St. Austell are backed by a very competent engineering division.

Through family contacts I was able to read with great interest in the E. C. L. P. quarterly magazine an account of how the bells had been renovated. The article explained how the headstocks were removed from the tower, ball bearings fitted and clappers rebushed.

Like Mr. Dawson, I initially had doubts after the article in "The Ringing World," but the very detail given satisfied me that E.C.L.P. were made very aware of the pitfalls of bellhanging, i.e. there was a description of the elaborate precautions taken to align the bearings correctly

The proof of the pudding is in the "go" of the bells, which now go excellently. Time will tell regarding the efficiency of the job (other well-known names have done bad jobs) but I consider that a lot of thought went into the present job and that £300 approx. has been well spent.

As bells and headstocks remain unaltered, I doubt that the bells will come to any harm. If they did, I can assure Mr. Dawson that Cornish people do not dig holes in churchyards with clay shovels to cast church bells.

Unless Mr. Dawson can contribute more on the subject, I feel he owes the Vicar and ringers of St. Austell, and especially E.C.L.P. Ltd. an apology, explaining what prompted his insulting letter in the first place.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. LLEWELLYN.

Rhoose, Barry, Glam.

NEEDS MEDICAL TREATMENT

Dear Sir,—We have all fallen head first into a trap. I am, of course, referring to these hoax letter and peals which have been fooling our journal this last six months.

I think they are the work of a maniac ringer who needs urgent medical treatment. The end came when I opened the July 7th issue of "The Ringing World": it was full of letters from ringers tearing each other to pieces. It is about time we all grew up and realised that we are, or most of us call ourselves, Christians, so let us all stop acting like a bunch of school kids, as we appear to be at the present time.

I think the best thing we can do is to ignore all these hoaxes, because the more we blow the situation up the more our maniac friend will like it and write more hoaxes.—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

BELLS OSTRACISED IN PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—May I comment on the note under the composition 5,400 Plain Bob Royal —"2 and 3 never above 4ths place at course end" (page 488)? For the life of me I cannot understand why these two bells are ostracised with such vengeance; they are far more musical than the discordant 4th, which everyone knows is equivalent to the 2nd in Major, where she is treated with ignominy.

In Royal the 2nd is an octave above the 9th, and the 3rd an octave above the tenor, and they would, in my opinion, be far more popular from a musical point of view even when dodging with the tenor.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

SOME FIRST HEREFORD GUILD PEALS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Oxford T.B. Minor rung at Wellington ("Ringing World," page 500) was not the first in the method for the Hereford Guild.

The late Mr. W. Porton, of Ross, conducted the first peal of Major at Bridstow on November 19th, 1932, in three hours.

At Eardisland on April 22nd, 1957, a peal of Major was conducted by Mr. G. Davis, of Hereford Cathedral, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. This was his first peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor, also the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. W. F Moreton "completed the circle" and it was the 350th peal for Mr. L. Evans.

A peal of Oxford T.B. Minor was rung at Whitbourne on August 23rd, 1947, in 2 hours and 49 minutes, conducted by Mr. G. F. Large, of Claines, Worcester.—Yours faithfully,

E. C. CHANDLER (Mrs.),
Peal Recorder.

Kington, Herefordshire.

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—A great deal of time and effort must have gone into Mr. Alan Buswell's analysis of quarter peals (page 473), and I am sure his records make interesting reading. I cannot see, however, what is to be gained from an analysis by county and I feel the space could be better filled with more meaningful statistics, much of which Mr. Buswell's records must show, for example:—

(a) How many quarters contained a first quarter?
(b) How many were a first as conductor?
(c) How many were rung on Sundays?
(d) Which were the leading towers—say all over 25 quarters? (Only three towers were mentioned in the analysis.)

The details of methods rung were interesting but also rather depressing, since they show how unadventurous and unimaginative quarter peal ringers are. Of the total of 3,743 quarters at least 1,260 were of Plain Bob and 1,074 of Grandsire, leaving at the most 1,409 for all the other methods together. Mr. Derek Jackson in his letter (page 474) tells us that variety is the carrot that encourages a band. No wonder the Exercise loses so many promising ringers when it sticks to such well-trodden ground for the majority of its quarters If we all had a rule that every quarter must be at least one of the ringer's first in the method we would be progressing, if only slowly.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. H. GODFREY.

Addington, Surrey.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence about Birmingham Cathedral's bells provoked by the letter by Joan M Coley seems to be misleading in places. This applies especially to the last paragraph of Mr. Eisel's letter and also to Miss Reay's letter. The statement by Mr. Eisel that "the band at St. Philip's has a very good Sunday service record" is frankly a lot of nonsense. The Cathedral bells are only rung on Sunday evenings, and even then only once a fortnight. The truth is that the Cathedral has virtually no Sunday service band as such, and when there is ringing nearly all the ringers have to be brought in from outside towers. Even then it is quite common for the full 12 not to be rung.

It is not my intention to blame anyone for this situation—it is obviously extremely difficult, if not impossible, to train a band from scratch on such heavy bells. But this does not alter the fact that Mr. Eisel and Miss Reay have given a very false impression of Sunday service ringing at Birmingham Cathedral.

The lady complainant, it seems to me touched on a rather sensitive subject as far as Birmingham ringers are concerned, and I think the truth ought to be stated. It is quite probable that the bells would not have been rung on Trinity Sunday even if the bells had been ringable at the time, since they are only rung every alternate Sunday. Of course, I stand to be corrected by Mr. Fearn, but his silence so far in the letters column tends to give my suspicious mind much food for thought.—Yours faithfully,

"BIRMINGHAM RINGER."

Name and address supplied.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents J. Eisel and M. Reay ("Ringing World," July 7th) give, at least to my mind, a misleading impression of Sunday ringing at Birmingham Cathedral.

For several years now, these bells have, normally, been rung on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings in each month only.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Birmingham.

NEW NAMES TO OLD METHODS

Dear Sir,—I see that some more "new" Doubles methods have been named.

Methods with the same construction as "Barrowby" have been named at least twice before. Firstly it is one of the compositions given for Stedman Slow Course in Banister's book. Stedman Slow Course is not now usually considered to have a single, but it seems to me inconceivable that this calling has not been rung in the eighty or so years since the book was published.

Secondly, Bedfont Slow Course was named, I believe, by Mr. F. T. Blagrove in 1953. This method has the same construction (and extents) as Barrowby, but with plain lead for Bob, and vice versa. Barrowby can hardly be considered a new way of producing 120 changes, does it really justify a new name?

A different point was raised by Mr. Jackson's letter on page 474. "Sturdy Hill" was one of the methods in part "B" of the 1966 collection, the part which contained "names that it is hoped will be used." Are we to assume that these names were all thought up by the compilers, or are they names which have been used for methods, although the methods have not been rung to peals?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Peterborough, Northants.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

THE U.L.S.C.R. PEAL AT GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir, — In reply to Walter Knight ("Ringing World, July 7th), I find his personal history of himself, St Martin's, Gospel Oak, and every tower within a 2¼-mile radius, fascinating and extremely readable; however, he has ignored what I consider to be the crucial issue, that the members of U.L.S.C.R., in attempting the peal at Gospel Oak, knew nothing of the adverse circumstances which Mr. Knight describes in great detail.

As far as we were concerned, permission was sought, and obtained, through the proper channels, and a peal was duly rung without incident and without complaint.

I can understand Mr. Knight feeling a bit cut up when an outside party came along and rang the first peal after he had put in so much work getting the bells back in order; nevertheless John Pladdys (who organised and conducted the peal), the rest of the band and myself have no regrets—we did nothing underhand and our consciences are quite clear.

Incidentally, with regard to the broken stay and slider (I was aware that it was a stay and slider and not two stays, but I am not such a lover of detail as Mr. Knight), had he taken the trouble to have a word with the Vicar he would have found out who was responsible before publicly accusing U.L.S.C.R. of damaging church property, and talking all this nonsense of sending us a bill for £2 13s. 3½d.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. HUTCHINSON,
King's, London.

Sevenoaks, Kent.

SILEBY PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank Mr. George Dawson for helping to correct our records. In his letter (page 494) he pointed out that the 5th bell at Sileby (page 430) could not have been cast in 1590, as George Oldfield, the reputed founder, did not cast bells in Nottingham before 1620.

The information in my possession had been passed on to me several years ago and I had not troubled to check it. On investigation, however, I find that the bell was cast not by George but by Henry Oldfield, who was casting in Nottingham between 1589 and 1620, therefore the bell in question could have been cast in 1590 as we have always believed. I am told that the date of 1590 was given to the present Vicar by the late Mr. Ernest Morris.—Yours, faithfully,

MICHAEL E. WHITE.

Sileby, Loughborough.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I much enjoyed Mr. R. C. Stevens' notes on page 491 and I would like to add a little which might be of interest. On May 20th, 1538, Sir Andrew Corvehill, a secular priest, was buried in the church, one of the first to be recorded in the registers. His two brothers lived at Much Wenlock and the burial register there proclaims Sir William Corvehill as "skilled a good bellfounder and maker of frames for bells." It is possible that Croydon owes its first ring of bells to this bellfounder. In 1836 the tenor of T. Lester's octave became cracked and was recast at Whitechapel, but while being hauled up into the tower, the tackle broke and the bell fell down, doing great damage to the tower, and smashing itself to pieces. It was taken back and again recast and safely installed, its weight being 22-3-7.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

THREE POINTS

Dear Sir,—I feel I must comment on three letters in the issue of June 14th.

(1) "Sweep the floor first" from Mervyn Phillips. This is the most sensible and, may I hope, the last, about "Right over left." The way which comes most naturally must be best, and it is difficult to understand how any intelligent person can think otherwise.

(2) "Semi-Learners," I have every sympathy with them, and have seen the sort of thing described happen; but of course they must do their homework.

(3) "Learn your method first" from Robin Collis. While it is true that ringing is often ruined at meetings in the way he describes, this is quite often because not enough "more expert" ringers will stand in for simple methods, and so there are too many beginners in at once.

Finally, to help with ropesight. How can anyone standing behind a learner see when his or her eyes turn in the wrong direction? This can be done better by someone ringing opposite.—Yours faithfully,

L. G. HAINES.

Goring, Reading.

PINCHBECK'S 1769 BILL

Dear Sir,—On page 504 the word "leantores" is unexplained, but in my notes I have the word recorded as "lean-toos" and the amount of the debit is 1s. 0d. instead of £1, therefore the total of £6 10s. 4d. is correct.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Northfield on July 8th. The bells of St. Laurence's Church are an excellent ring of eight and have the distinction of being shown at the British Empire Exhibition in 1924 before hanging in the church tower. A large number of ringers attended—many to ring these bells for the first time.

A new band has recently been formed at Northfield, and it is pleasing to record that they were all elected members of the Guild: Roy Prescott Lawrence Black, Trevor Whitehouse, Kenneth Jones, Diane Hughes, Barbara Pittaway, Ann Castle and Edwina Evans. Mrs. Ann Broadhurst (Harborne), Carole Jones and Margaret Turner (King's Norton) were also made members, and the tower elections of the following life members wre ratified: Kenneth Lawson and Mrs. Margaret Lawson, Ann and Enid Lawson (Middlesbrough), Fred Beddow and Ernest Willcox (Shrewsbury).

The next meeting of the Guild will be the occasion of the Striking Competition to be held at Yardley on October 14th.

Memories of Harry and Jack Withers and Percy Laflin were brought back to some of the older ringers by a visit to the Great Stone where beer is sold by "the pound, the stone and the yard."

3,000 FREEMASONS AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, July 9th, a thanksgiving service was held in Wells Cathedral to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England. The service, which was attended by approximately 3,000, was conducted by Lord Fisher of Lambeth. The bells were rung by a Masonic band, drawn from Somerset, Dorset, Gloucester and Middlesex.

OUTINGS

LUTON PARISH CHURCH

Accompanied by several old friends, and one or two new ones, the Luton Parish Church ringers held their annual outing on July 1st.

On the outward journey a welcome cup of coffee was enjoyed at Banbury, and the remainder of the day spent in leafy Warwickshire. Here, in the very heart of England, we found a superbly peaceful atmosphere, far from the hectic rush and the maddening noise of everyday life. In this beautiful and romantic Shakespeare country, it was delightful to see the cattle and sheep quietly grazing, and to feel completely relaxed and to be one with nature!

Oh, yes, we did some ringing, too, and the three excellent tens at Banbury, Warwick and Daventry were much enjoyed, but perhaps the best ringing of the day took place on the fine eight at Rugby, where Cambridge was rung quite gracefully (and what a lovely method it is!).

The imposing Church of St. Andrew, Rugby, can offer the unique attraction (I think?) of two rings of bells, and we did not neglect the fine ring of five in the east tower. There is a thick door mat at the entrance to the west tower, but no notice board reminding you to wipe your feet—nor, indeed, is any reminder necessary, as the pigeons, which seem to be particularly fond of this tower, drop frequent reminders of why the mat is placed there, indeed it is quite conceivable that more than one ringer has found it necessary to wipe his head, too! I don't know it the wide-brimmed headgear, so favoured by visitors to Ascot, originated at Rugby, but perhaps it is not such a silly fashion after all!

On the last stages of the trip we found time for a short pull on the bells of Stoney Stratford, followed by an even more pleasant "pull" in the local. Altogether, a really delightful and well-planned day's outing, with excellent meals, good bells, superb scenery and charming fellowship—this adds up to satisfaction!

Sincere thinks to clergy, local ringers, our organiser, Basil Hulatt, and all others who contributed to our enjoyment, not forgetting those taking part, whose splendid punctuality enabled the programme to be carried out so smoothly.

A. E. R.

TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE

June 17th was chosen for the date of Michael Uphill's annual outing and, after a confusing start, cars from London, Hampshire and Worcestershire arrived at Fairford. Unfortunately a funeral had to be arranged at this church, and we were indebted to Mr. Godwin for kindly arranging for us to ring at nearby Coln St. Aldwyn instead. Touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung.

After lunch in Cirencester, the oldest ring of twelve bells was visited at St. John's, and touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were included in the ringing on these Rudhall bells. Thence to Stroud, where the ground floor ten was enjoyed, and the Cambridge Royal reached quite a high standard.

Tea was taken in picturesque Bourton-on-the-Water, and unfortunately caused a late start to the ringing on the pleasant octave. Moreton-in-Marsh bells were very much enjoyed and ringing here included a touch of London Major. The last tower of the day was St. Edward's, Stow-on-the-Wold, where there was very good ringing, including a touch of Spliced Surprise Major (five methods).

We were very grateful to Mr. Dowdeswell for allowing us to carry on rather later than intended, and also for making the arrangements for the last three towers. Incumbents and ringers who met us are also thanked.

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The Church Bells of St. Helen's, Lancashire

BY JAMES HEDGCOCK

St. Helens is a very busy industrial town, being famous for the Pilkington Glass Empire, and is mostly a product of the Victorian era. There are four churches in the town which have towers with bells hung in them.

THE JESUIT CHURCH OF ST. MARY

By far the most imposing of these churches is the Roman Catholic Jesuit Church of St. Mary's Lowe House. The term Lowe House originates from a legacy left by an extremely wealthy benefactor. In the 160ft. tower hangs a carillon of 47 bells cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Company in 1929. The bass bell has a diameter of 6ft. 4in. sounding the note A flat. The compass is four octaves chromatic, omitting the two lowest semi-tones.

The carillon, together with the church itself, was raised as a thanksgiving to commemorate the centenary of Catholic Emancipation. This instrument is played from a clavier, or keyboard. It is operated by depressing the pegs on the clavier with the clenched fist, whilst the bass bells may also be played by means of a pedal board not unlike an organ.

There are no mechanical devices, except the clock chimes. The clock face is lettered by the words "Salve Regina," whose letters are used instead of numerals, the 12th hour being designated by a crown of gold mosaic. The quarters and hours are signified by the chiming of a portion of the 12th century "Salve Regina" hymn tune, on eight of the bells. The Angelus rings automatically at 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

The instrument is played regularly at 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. on Sundays and for weddings. It is third only in size to the instruments at St. Nicholas', Aberdeen, and Bournville Schools, Birmingham, and second only in weight to St. Nicholas', Aberdeen.

THE BELLS

Bass bell: "Ave Maria" to our ever Blessed Lady and dear Mother Mary—from her devoted children of St. Mary's Lowe House, and neighbouring parishes of St. Helens, and of other towns.

"Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes." (Translation: For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.) A.D. 1929. 84 cwt. A flat.

No. 2: Dedicated to the Twelve Apostles of Our Lord. SS. Peter, Andrew, James and John, Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James and Jude, Simon and Matthias—by devoted workers of Lowe House Parish.

"In omnem terram exivit sonus eorum." (Translation: Their fame has gone out all over the world.) A.D. 1929. 60 cwt.

No. 3: Laudes sono Sancti Joseph, casti sponsi Virginis Mariae "Ite ad Joseph." To Joseph Swift I owe my voice; May Joseph's gifts make him rejoice.

(Translation: I sing the praises of Saint Joseph, chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary. Go to Joseph.) 41 cwt.

No. 4: In honorem Beati Michaelis Archangelo et Beatae Martyris Margaritae Clitheroe. "Quis ut Deus."

Pray for the eternal welfare of the donor, Alice Reynolds Peyton, for James her husband and for her children, John and Dorothea.

(Translation: In honour of Blessed Michael the Archangel and of the Blessed Martyr, Margaret Clitheroe). "Who is like to God." A.D. 1929. 34 cwt.

All the bells are dedicated to the Saints and English Martyrs. The weights of the other bells are:—

No. 5 — 31 cwt.
No. 6 — 26 cwt.
No. 7 — 22 cwt.

From No. 8 to No. 26 the bells vary, from 18 cwt to 1 cwt.

From No. 27 to No. 47 the bells vary from 3 qr. 14 lb. to 14 lb.

THE PARISH CHURCH

The second largest church in the town is the Parish Church of St. Helen. This is a rather drab, unimposing (except in size) structure of the 1920's, built of rustic brick. It is said, though the statement is dubious, that this is the largst parish church built since the Reformation.

In the tower hangs a ring of ten, a product of the Whitechapel Foundry, which formerly hung in the former Parish Church of Liverpool, St. Peter's, later to become the pro-Cathedral of Liverpool. The church was demolished when the new Cathedral was consecrated. The bells were, however, in an almost unringable state in the 1910–1920 period at Liverpool and were rarely used. When St. Peter's was being demolished it was decided to hang them in another Liverpool tower. However, the architect of that church, who coincidentally was the architect of the new St. Helens Church, declared the tower unsafe. There was great outcry by the Liverpool men on losing their ten bells, which are the only ring of ten in the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Another strange factor concerns the bells whilst they were not housed in a tower. When St. Peter's was being demolished, Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough took the bells to their foundry yard for storage, where they remained for some time. However, when the new tower at St. Helens was ready, the job of rehanging them in a new framework was given to Messrs. Stainbank of Whitechapel. When the bells were put in the new tower they could not be rung because the tower had not "set" and the ringers, trained at Rainford, used to swing-chime them!

PREVIOUS RECORD

The bells were hung at Liverpool in April, 1830. From the Liverpool Parish records this extract concerns the bells: "At a specially convened vestry meeting on 29th October, 1829, it was resolved that the Church Wardens be empowered to provide by purchase, exchange or otherwise, a new peal of eight or ten bells for St. Peter's Church, if on a survey the tower should be found sufficiently firm to support a greater number."

In the Liverpool "Mercury" of October 30th, 1829, there is a statement similar to that above, but with the following small addition: "A new peal of eight or ten bells to replace those in the steeple of St. Peters. The old bells have been evicted from their tower and given to various Liverpool Churches."

The Liverpool "Mercury" of March 12th, 1830, states: "A very handsome new peal of ten bells intended to replace the old eight, has just been completed and will immediately be suspended in the Church of St. Peter. It is expected that they will be ready for Easter. They were cast by Mr. Mears of London. Tenor 25 cwt. sounding the note 'D.' (Dove gives them as tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in E flat.) It is considered that this is an unusually low note for so light a bell."

THE 1830 BELLS

The bells were rung for the first time on April 11th, 1830, and at that time there were 115 rings of ten bells in England and Wales.

The Liverpool "Mercury" of April 23rd, 1830, states: "On Easter Day the new bells of St. Peters Church rang a joyous peal, and on Wednesday se'n night, ringers and many lovers of the science of bell ringing from various parts of the country assisted at what is termed the 'opening of the bells' and during the day rang several peals, much to the delight of all concerned with the subject. The Church Wardens have taken every care to render this peal as efficient as possible and they are most perfectly satisfied with Mr. Mears' conduct, throughout the fulfilment of his contract, and he has exceeded their most sanguine expectation." However, in 1839 it was found necessary to recast bells 1 and 2 because they were weak in tone. The original cost of the bells was £700.

They are inscribed thus:

1. In melody let each note reveal
   Mine being first to lead the dulcet peal.
2. The public raised us with a liberal hand
   We came in harmony to cheer the land.
3. May George long reign who now the sceptre sways
   And British Valour ever rule the seas.

Bells of St. Helen's Contd.

4. With loyal zeal we all rejoice to ring
For glorious Constitution, Church and King.
5. When vict'ry crowns the public weal
With glee we give the joyful peal.
6. When female virtue weds with manly worth
We ring with rapture, and we spread it forth.
7. Loud through the air extends each generous theme
Floating melodious down the Mersey's stream.
8. When for departed worth we toll the knell
Instruction take and spend the future well.
9. Through grandsires and trebles with pleasure men range
Till death calls the BOB and brings on the last CHANGE.
10. May all whom I summon to the grave
The blessings of a well spent life receive.

The Rev. Jonathan Brooks, A.M., The Rev. Augustus Campbell, A.M., Rectors of Liverpool.

William Peatty Bushby, Esq., Wilfred Troutbeck, Church Wardens.

Thomas Mears, Bellfounder, London. 1830.

The rhymes are the compositions of a schoolmaster named Wilding, of High Ercall, employed by Mears for this purpose. Around the shoulders in Roman capitals is:—

T. Mears of London Fecit 1830

The verses and names are on the waist.

On the shoulder of 1 and 2:

T. Mears of London Fecit 1839

On the 1830 bells are stops of a scroll pattern, there are none on 1 and 2.

The sizes of the bells are:

		c.	qr	lb.
1	Diameter 29in.	6	1	2
2	„ 31¼in.	6	3	7
3	„ 32in.	6	3	18
4	„ 33¼in.	7	0	17
5	„ 35in.	8	1	13
6	„ 38in.	9	1	26
7	„ 41in.	11	3	24
8	„ 43¼in.	14	1	14
9	„ 47in.	17	3	24
10	„ 53in.	24	2	7

The bells are hung with 3 and 4 above the rest in an oak frame. Records of some peals which were rung in Liverpool hang in the tower.

ALE MONEY

There is a story concerning these bells at Liverpool telling how the ringers used to get ale money! The fifth was hung just inside the door to the bell chamber. When any stranger came to the tower there was always a wager that he wouldn't set the bell. Whilst the unsuspecting victim "tried his hand" one of the other ringers would slip upstairs, open the door, and every time that the victim did get it to setting point, would push it off again.

Many peals, ranging from Doubles to Royal, have been rung on these bells at St. Helens, in most methods.

PREVIOUS PEALS

On Saturday, November 9th, 1850,
5,101 Grandsire Caters.
The Liverpool College Youths.

William Evans	Treble
Edward Heron	2
Will Howard	3
John Grindrod	4
John Heron, jun.	5
Hugh Walmsley	6
John Heron	7
Richard Cross	8
Edward Davies	9
John Buckinshaw	Tenor

Conducted by John Heron.

Rung as a compliment to John Hand, Esq., who exactly 50 years ago conducted the first peal ever accomplished in this tower (St. Peter's, Liverpool).

On Monday, October 20th, 1851, in 3 hours and 21 minutes.
A Peal of 5040 Bob Royal.

Richard Williams	Treble
John Heron	2
Will Howard	3
John Grindrod	4
John Heron, jun.	5
Hugh Walmsley	6
Edward Heron	7
Richard Cross	8
Edward Davies	9
John Buckinshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Edward Heron.

On Monday, February 20th, 1865, in 3 hours and 18 minutes.
A Peal of 5,021 Grandsire Caters.

John Heron, jun.	Treble
William Evans	2
Will Howard	3
Richard Williams	4
Henry Meadows	5
William Thistlewood	6
John Buckinshaw	7
Richard Cross	8
John Aspinall	9
George Helsby	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Heron, jun.

On Thursday, March 1st, 1866, in 3 hours and 4 minutes.
A Peal of 5,000 Stedman Caters.

John Heron, jun.	Treble
John Heron	2
John Buckinshaw	3
Richard Williams	4
George Crute	5
William Davies	6
Isaac Meadows	7
Edwin Booth	8
John Aspinall	9
Thomas Lyon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Heron, jun.
Rung as a compliment to William Hand, Church Warden, son of the late John Hand.

The Liverpool College Youths.
On Wednesday, January 3rd, 1883, in 3 hours and 32 minutes.
A Peal of Grandsire Caters.

George Helsby	Treble
James Egerton	2
William Woodhead	3
Richard Williams	4
John Brown	5
John Moore	6
Thomas Hammond	7
Robert Williams	8
Edward Vose	9
William Brooks	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert Williams.
Rung half-muffled in respect of Richard Gardner, late Mayor of this City.

On Thursday, January 14th, 1886, in 3 hours and 30 minutes.
A Peal of 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Richard Williams	Treble
George Helsby	2
William Woodhead	3
Charles Williams	4
John Brown	5
John R. Pritchard	6
William Davies	7
James Egerton	8
Thomas Hammond	9
Robert Williams	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Robert Williams.
Rung as a compliment to the Church Wardens.

On Monday, February 12th, 1888, in 3 hours and 22 minutes.
A Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Caters.

William Thistlewood	Treble
Will Howard	2
John Brooks	3
Will Worthington	4
William Thistlewood, jun.	5
Alexander Mills	6
George Wynne	7
Ralph Rushton	8
Edward Davies	9
Richard Williams	Tenor

The bells were first rung at St. Helens on February 23rd, 1927. The first peal on them in their new tower is commemorated by a black and gold glass peal board in the belfry.

On Thursday, December 26th, 1929, in 3 hours and 29 minutes.
A Peal of 5,019 Stedman Caters.

Lester L. Gray	Treble
T. Hammond	2
G. R. Newton	3
E. Jones	4
J. W. Grounds	5
T. Gilmore	6
C. I. Davies	7
H. Ludkin	8
E. Caunce	9
R. G. Edwards	10

Composed by F. Daltry.
Conducted by G. R. Newton.
First peal in the tower.
Wm. Corbett, Ed. Bickerstaffe, Church Wardens,
Canon Frank Child, M.A., Vicar.

(Te be continued)

BELFRY GOSSIP

An article entitled "An A.B.C. of Bell-ringing" by Robert B. Smith will be appearing in the August issue of "Cheshire Life."

Mr. Robert E. Hardy, of 23, Culver Road, St. Albans, is the acting District secretary of the St. Albans District following Mr. K. J. Walpole leaving the area.

Touring Ireland.—Mr. Bernard Fairhead's party from the Colchester area July 21st to 30th; Mr. B. G. Key's from Staffordshire July 28th to August 6th, University of London August 26th to September 3rd.

From the "Irish Bell News" concerning St. Mascartin's, Enniskillen: "We suppose we would be correct in saying that the next ringing bell tower, west, would be in America."

In connection with the Canada Centennial Year, Fred and Rita Dukes were invited to attend the State Reception held in Dublin Castle on July 1st. There were 1,000 guests present.

A suggestion to Mr. W. Viggers from "Amazed"—a space in the Diary for notes on members of the opposite sex who have been "grabbed" or "dated" during the year. He writes: "It would meet the needs of many young ringers who seem to change partners (within the Exercise) almost as frequently as they grab a new tower.

Another handbell team is operating at Provincetown, Mass., U.S.A. From Bonney McDowell we have received a quarter of Minor, which she conducted. Congratulations to all concerned.

Four boys from Groton School, Mass, U.S.A., rang their first quarter peal at Radley, Berks, on July 2nd. They were A. Macdonald, J. T. Erichsen, G. M. Johnston and P. P. Bundy.

The peal of Stedman rung at Liss on Easter Monday was not the first in the method on the bells. The late Alfred H. Pulling conducted a peal of Stedman Triples there in January, 1936.

The wedding took place at Auckland, New Zealand. on July 18th, of Mr. David Tomlinson, son of Mr. Frank Tomlinson, a past tower captain at Binfield, Berks. In honour of the occasion a quarter peal was rung in the Berkshire tower.

Mr. Sam Scattergood informs us that while he was asked to resign from being in charge of Chesterfield tower, after 21 years' faithful service, he still has a connection with the church as he has to attend to the clock, which is under Mr. Ronald Dove's contract. He has good hopes of being invited to join the company at Sheffield Cathedral.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A WORKING MODEL OF A YEOVIL CHURCH

A wooden model of St. John's Church Yeovil, in which six bellringers will ring the bells after a halfpenny has been inserted in a slot, will come up for sale at Knight, Frank and Rutley's auction rooms at 20, Hanover Square, London, W.1, on Friday, August 4th.

The model, which is 2ft. 4in. long by 2ft. 4in high (when measured to the top of the tower's flagpole) is more than 100 years old It was among the large collection of "bygones" made by the late Vicar of Shepreth Cambridgeshire (1932–1955), the Rev. C. J Sharpe.

The following rhyme is on the model:—

Steady ringers here you see
Who will now try their skill;
A halfpenny only is their fee
To ring a merry peal.

The Parish Church of St. John, Yeovil, is 14th century and Perpendicular in design. It has one of the big towers for which Somerset is famous.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

At the Society's annual meeting the following were elected to form the committee for the year 1967-68: Master, J. A. Tandy; secretary, Miss J. A. Quickfall; committee members, Miss T. F. Webber and Mrs. S. J. Gay.

This year, the Society's second, has been a fairly successful one: notable for consolidation rather than spectacular progress. With only twelve members, of whom two were beginners at the beginning of the year, assistance from visitors on practice nights, held alternately at Keele and on the eight at Silverdale, has been much appreciated. Four quarters were rung and rather more than this lost, and it is worth noting that every member of the society took part in at least one successful attempt.

The Society has also been active outside its own tower. In January we visited the Loughborough foundry, and with a party reinforced by friends, we rang at the campanile and four other towers. Although in some cases the standard of ringing was disappointing much valuable experience was gained. The same is basically true of the summer outing, which was to five towers on the Staffordshire-Derbyshire border. The dinner was held this year on a Thursday and was not preceded by ringing, an arrangement which did much to contribute to its success.

In conclusion, we feel that our Society is justifying its existence by fulfilling what would appear to be the generally accepted functions of a University Society: regular Sunday ringing, widening its repertoire and teaching beginners, and promoting marriages between members. We can look forward to next year with a fair amount of confidence.

P. W. G.

WELDING CRACKED BELLS

According to David Fishlock, scientific editor to the "Financial Times," a technique for repairing cracked church bells that restores their original tone, has been developed by the British Welding Association. The Association claims that it offers appreciable savings over the customary method of melting down and recasting the bell—which is often unacceptable when the bells are deemed to have antique value.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS
No. 55

PETER C. RANDALL,
Coventry Diocesan Guild.

The Coventry Diocesan Guild now joins the list of Guilds and Associations who have contributed to this series, by bringing to notice the name of Peter C. Randall.

Peter was born in Warwick on November 14th, 1950, and both his father and mother are ringers. After passing his 11-plus at Coten End Junior School he went to Leamington College, and where he is in G.C.E. "O" level year.

He started his ringing lessons under the watchful eye of Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, and is a member of the Sunday service band, which rings for both morning and evening services. He also makes occasional visits to St. Mary's, Warwick, for ringing before Matins. Two of his brothers are ringers.

Peter rang his first peal just two weeks before his 14th birthday, when he rang the treble to a peal of two Minor methods at Harbury. This peal was conducted by I. C. Maycock. His first on an "inside" bell was Plain Bob Major at Mickleton, on his 14th birthday. Two years later he rang his first as conductor. This, a peal of Plain Bob Minor, was also rung at Harbury in January, 1966. This brilliant youngster now has some 65 peals to his credit, including Bristol, Yorkshire, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Fordcombe Surprise Major. Minor up to 37 methods, and Doubles to 43 methods/variations. Thirty-two of his peals have been rung with his brother. A grand record like this from one so young is surely a credit to the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and it is hoped that Peter's ambition to ring a family peal when his young sister is old enough, will materialise.

NORVING.

RANG IN HIS 92nd BIRTHDAY PEAL

Mr. George E. Symonds, of 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich, was 92 on July 11th. In the evening he rang faultlessly in a peal of Royal at Grundisburgh. Later in the evening he entertained the patrons of the Dog Inn to a song. An account of his diamond wedding (July 17th) will appear later.

TUITION TEASERS.—No. 6

"GUARDIAN ANGELS"

Q. Five questions, please, on "Standing behind." (a) What kind of help is best given this way? (b) Should helper count places? (c) Should the **bells** be referred to by number, with risk of confusion with **places?** (d) Should bell to be followed be pointed at? (e) Is "Dodge with so-and-so." sufficient?—H. F.

A. Mixed views are held on acting as "Guardian Angel." The help offered is sometimes more of a hindrance to ultimate progress; but in a learner's home tower the Ringing Master can control the kind of help to be given, and so avoid unnecessary prompting.

Answer (a). If pupil's training has been on sound modern lines he should need no hind-help in performing the **elements** of change ringing, i.e. plain hunting, place-making and dodging. Practice in these he can have obtained through exercises, preferably initiated through handbells (single-handed) and rhythmic striking on tower bells, before practising any method. But it is in the next stage, i.e. passing to method ringing, in which the said "elements" are variously combined to produce the method's pattern, that a little hind-help can sometimes usefully be given. The crux of the matter at this stage is thorough, repeat **thorough,** learning of the method itself, through one or more of the recommended plans or ways. Then, theoretically there should be no need for hind-help. But we all, in varying degrees, make mistakes, especially in the earlier trials, and then brief correction from hind-help can sometimes ease the conductor's task. It is preferable to state the work, e.g. "Missed 4/5 dodge down," or "Full work on the front," etc.; and, if requisite, name the co-working bells. As aready said, this hind-help is given after the pupil has passed the initial stages.

Answer (b). As already explained, hind-help should not be required for this function, which should have been automatic in the stages before ringing on "open" bells.

Answer (c). In referring to specific bells other than the "Treble" and the "Tenor" it is preferable to use cardinal numbers for the bells themselves, e.g. "two, three, four, five," etc., as in "after four," etc., and to use ordinal numbers for their **positionss,** e.g. "second, third, fourth, fifth," etc., even adding the word "position" if in any doubt as to this. But if a place is being made, then add an "s" to the number, also the word "place," e.g. "fourths place."

Answer (d). This should be a sort of "last resort." But it is liable to to cause interference and even confusion. It is not to be recommended generally.

Answer (e). As already indicated, the learner should have progressed far enough to interpret this sort of instruction fully. It could otherwise be given as "Dodge under four at back" or "Dodge over six at hand," etc. A. Y.-B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Marjorie Legg .. .. Treble	*John Coombs 4
George Prescott 2	Leonard Derrick 5
*Yvonne Criddle 3	Sidney Smith .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.
Rung to welcome the Rev A. R Good to the benefice of Locking.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 3,360 Plain Bob and 1,680 Little Bob, with 35 changes of method.
C.C.C. Peal No. 39 (a). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Rachel Williams .. .. Treble	Michael H. Hodgkinson .. 5
Frederick R. Evans .. 2	Dennis H. B. Milward .. 6
David N. Collins 3	John W. Griffiths 7
Peter K. Goodhew 4	Geoffrey Parting .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal.
Rung to inaugurate the church's sexcentenary celebrations.

BETLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

David Allman .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2	John R. Scott 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
75th peal as conductor.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

Rev. Michael Hart .. .. Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 5
Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. 2	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 6
Rev. John B. T. Homfray 3	Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith .. 7
Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg .. 4	Rev. Roger Keeley .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Anthony J. Cox .. .. Treble	Peter C. Randall 4
*E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2	*Peter H. Mackie 5
Shirley E. Jones 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor. The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Brian J. Vaughan .. .. Treble	Michael J. Howes 5
Adrian G. Semken 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Vivien A. P. Cross .. 3	David E. Culham 7
Lesley Ward 4	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Composed by R. T. Lambert. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Stanley Poole .. .. Treble	†Derek R. Livsey 4
††Pamela J. E. Sturdy .. 2	Dennis A. Chapman .. 5
Henry Taysom 3	‡Edward G. Mould .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward G. Mould.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." ‡ First in two methods.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the ringer of the second, who is about to leave for a long visit to Canada.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*Dudley P. Elsmore .. Treble	*Peter J. Privett 5
*Judith M. Collins 2	*Martin J. Kirk 6
*Patricia C. Hill 3	E. John Wells 7
*John H. Payton 4	Roy Collins .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First of Triples in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Collier.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 16, 1967 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Caroline R. F. Cole .. Treble	Ian L. Dear 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
*Beryl R. Simpson 3	Andrew J. Slade 7
*Michael J. Church 4	David E. Rothera .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of nine-spliced.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob, two of Reverse Canterbury Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Roland Billings .. .. Treble	E. Charles Biggs 4
Leonard J. Walters 2	Thomas Bounds 5
Frederick R. Harris .. 3	John Clements .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
Rung to celebrate the birth of twin granddaughters to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Walters.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, being an extent each of: (1) Spliced Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne—26 changes of method, (2) Westminster, (3) Norwich, (4) Netherseale, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton .. .. Treble	*Francis M. Byrne 4
Walter Ayre 2	*Keith Sheppard 5
Augustin V. Good 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 12 methods.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. F. Warnecke, jun., who are on an exchange visit to this parish from Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr 6 lb. in F.

Valerie J. Howard .. .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Frank J. Matthews 2	John A. Howard 6
*Simon A. B. Wigg 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Malcolm Barden 4	Martin L. Howe .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal on eight bells.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Richard Hayes .. .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
*Judith M. Corby 2	Frederick J. Culum 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Ronald H. Bullen 4	Andrew J. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* 100th peal for the Association.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*John Palmer .. .. .. Treble	Harold Evans 5
Judith M. Corby 2	John Pladdys 6
Richard Hayes 3	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Andrew J. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., April 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In six methods, being 1,080 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 720 each of Haslemere, London No. 3, Rutland and Wembley, with 98 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Norman Smith	2	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	8
Basil Jones	4	Derek Butterworth	9
Neil Bennett	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire. At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	James E. Andrews	5
Christopher A. Lomax	2	James Cunliffe	6
R. Keith Lister	3	†Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*John Illingworth	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's wedding anniversary.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WESTON-IN-GORDANO, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: Norwich, Wells, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

R. Brian Mills	Treble	William A. Lacey	4
Howard C. Palmer	2	Roland H. Cook	5
A. Maxwell Lindsey	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Endellienta.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods, comprising: (1) Cambridge, Bourne, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, (2) London, (3) Hexham and Berwick, (4) Wells, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) York, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in A.

A. Maxwell Lindsey	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
William A. Lacey	2	Roland H. Cook	5
*Howard C. Palmer	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* 75th peal. First of Surprise on the bells.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Allendale, (3) Westminster, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Wells, (7) London.
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Cynthia M. Wells	Treble	John Watkins	4
Brian L. Burrows	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Stephen Wells	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

The conductor's 61st peal on these bells.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Piran.
On Sat., July 8, 1967 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 21 methods, comprising: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale, (2) Stamford, Rossendale and Annable's London, (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (4) Berwick, Beverley, Hexham and Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, Bourne, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk and Ipswich, (6) York, (7) Norwich. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

A. Maxwell Lindsey	Treble	R. Brian Mills	4
Howard C. Palmer	2	Roland H. Cook	5
William A. Lacey	3	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St John, Deptford.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F

John H. Lott	Treble	*John W. Bull	5
*Helen Maltman	2	Len Goodall	6
*Julie E. Spurgeon	3	John Phillips	7
Veronica E. Dupré	4	Michael R. Wycherley	Tenor

Conducted by Michael R. Wycherley.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

C.C.C. No 32. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

John Chilcott	Treble	*Stephen R. Elliott	6
William Hibbert	2	Frank C. Price	7
Michael V. Chilcott	3	William T. Cook	8
David E. Parsons	4	Frank E. Darby	9
*Alan D. Flood	5	Norman Summerhayes	Tenor

Composed by J. Chillcott. Conducted by D. E. Parsons.

* First peal on ten bells.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	*Robert Bunker	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Robert Wiggins	6
*Malcolm Loveday	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Alan Flood	4	†J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by F. T. Blagrove.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 250th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Walter Avery	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Arthur Newton	2	Roland Biggs	6
Michael J. Best	3	Percy Newton	7
*Robert H. Newton	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David A. Cornwall and Joyce I. Barton, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., July 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALNWICK SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160s and one 720. Tenor 11 cwt.

Bertram J. Coggins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Peter Pearce	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First in the method by all the band.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr

*Harry E. Wells	Treble	*‡David A. Wilcox	5
†Harold W. Dunsden	2	James P. Blond	6
Frank E. Godden	3	Robert B. Blond	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Claude Corderoy	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First peal of Bob Triples. † First of Bob Triples away from the treble. ‡ 500th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Maurice E. Caudwell, former ringer and life member of the North Berks Branch, who was 93 the previous day.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., July 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
William J. Chester	2	James Linnell	6
Graham C. Paul	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

INGESTRE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank Beech	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother	4
Ruth Fairbrother	2	Ernest F. Wilcox	5
Neville Holland	3	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	George E. Symonds	6
Leonard E. Last	2	Andrew T. Beckwith	7
Leslie G. Brett	3	Ernest G. Pearce	8
Robert E. Lester	4	Michael J. Howes	9
Clifford R. Lovett	5	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung as a compliment to George A. Symonds, who was 92 years of age this day.

HIGHAM St. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

W. Keith Whittell	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Robert J Southgate	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Andrews.

PRESTON, Suffolk.— At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Margaret E. Egglestone	Treble	Richard Chambers	4
Donald L. Mills	2	*Clifford Poulson	5
Frederick O. Hunt	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal. The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 London, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Rutland, 320 each of Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Superlative and Yorkshire and 139 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Andrew J. Slade	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Ian L. Dear	6
David E. Rothera	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
First peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major by all the band.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Peter's Society)

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Albert W. Bond	Treble	Bernard J. Stone	5
Angela M. Wright	2	Douglass P. Snoswell	6
*Janet R. Kipling	3	James M. Hill	7
Catherine M. Powell	4	Michael J. Bew	Tenor

Composed by T B. Worsley. Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Stella Rice.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods, being two extents each of: Stedman, Plain Bob, Kennington, Litchurch, April Day, May Day, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. David's, Clifford's, Royston, Little Aston, Antelope, St. Cross. St. Swithin, Northleigh, St. Helen, Grandsire, Longparish and Newborough. Tenor 8 cwt.

*John F. Butler	Treble	Katharine Maundrell	4
*Simon M. Jack	2	Richard L. Underwood	5
Barry R. M. Johnson	3	†Howard T. Jacobs	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal away from cover. † First peal All except the ringer of the 4th were or are at Winchester College.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
C. W. Roberts' Arrangement Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming	Treble	*Peter Robinson	6
*Rev. Albert Webb	2	*Martin C. Powell	7
Sidney T. Holt	3	Ian Lloyd	8
James Attwood, jun.	4	Peter D. Warren	9
Herbert C. Spencer	5	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

UPTON SNODSBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Kenelm.
On Sat., May 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Double Oxford, (5) St Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Frederick C. Pugh	Treble	David G. Franklin	4
*R. George Morris	2	*John Clements	5
Sidney T. Holt	3	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* 25th peal together. Western Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 42½ cwt.

John Robinson	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb	6
Alan Sharples	2	C. Barrie Dove	7
*Geoffrey Gardner	3	F. John Nelson	8
Dennis Latham	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Richard S. Starkie	5	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal of Royal.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, containing 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,120 of Rutland and 69 changes of method with "all the work" for every bell Tenor 14 cwt.

Arnold Cole	Treble	John Potts	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	H. David Holland	6
*J. Paul Coad	3	*C. Barry Dove	7
Kenneth B. Sissons	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by P G. K. Davies. Conducted by J. H. Fielden.
* First peal of Spliced.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

John F. Bryant	Treble	Christopher C. L. Munday	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	H. David Holland	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	*C. Barrie Dove	7
John Robinson	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by J. H. Fielden.
* First peal of London.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ronald R. Wanford and Margaret Whitehead, who were married at Selby Abbey on the same day.

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WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 15, 1967 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson	Treble	George Hancock	5
*R. Anne Johnson	2	*Rev. Nicholas Webb	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
David S. Johnson	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., June 24, 1967 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Childwall, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	Neil Donovan	4
*Anne P. Leigh	2	Ernest J. Padgett	5
W. Eric Critchley	3	Frederick J. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hereward Bob and Single Court Bob and two extents Spliced Single Oxford Bob and Plain and three extents Plain Bob. All extents differently called. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2
*Mary W. Whalley	3–4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6

* 25th peal together.
Rung for St. Swithin's Day (July 15th).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John J. Morris	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street,
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Ballard	1–2	John J. Morris	3–4
John Vernon (cond.)	5–6		

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (on handbells): J. R. Rowson 1—2, Catherine A. Salter 3—4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5—6, A. K. P. Poole 7—8. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Norris 1, Miss F. Dodds 2, B. C. Burrough 3, C. W. Simpson 4, J. R. Southey 5, B. E. Matthews (cond.) 6, J. E. Ewer 7, L. J. North 8. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the church.

ALTARNUN, CORNWALL.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, W. C. Boucher 3, C. F. Mutton 4, A. Lock 5, S. A. Reed 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, D. N. Penrose 8. Rung as a welcome to Rev. M. P. Simcock, the new Vicar and a bellringer.

ARLEY, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anthea Spanhott 1, H. C. Bennett 2, A. K. Griffiths 3, A. J. Cox 4, Shirley Jones 5, P. C. Randall 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 5, their 25th together. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Stedman 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Jill Oakshott 3, Sally Parrott 4, R. D. Mills 5, T. Skilton 6, J. L. Hayns 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First quarter of D.N.C.B. 1, 2 and 6.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, L. Derrick 3, G. Hebdon 4, S. Smith 5, J. Baker 6. Rung for St. John the Baptist's Day.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wood 1, E. Knapp 2, Hilda E. Oatway 3, E. S. Laker 4, D. J. Laker 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, A. E. Laker 7, J. Laker 8. For Confirmation service and as a compliment to the ringer of the 7th, on his 65th birthday.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Blanchard (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie 2, P. M. Giles 3, Miss J. M. Dennis (first of Triples) 4, H. O. Taylor 5, J. E. Newman (first of Triples as cond.) 6, R. M. Stubbs 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. First quarter peal on the bells. Rung for Patronal Festival.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 5th, 1,360 Plain and Little Bob Minor: A. T. Taylor 1, A. E. Shingles 2, Elizabeth A. Ewan (first in method "inside") 3, R. D. Gibson 4, S. K. Thompson 5, J. M. Brook (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Parish Communion.

BRADFIELD, W. YORKS.—On June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cairns (first away from cover bell) 1, Mrs. P. Bancroft (first quarter) 2, R. Plant 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Nalliah (first away from the treble) 6. Rung prior to the annual service of the Sheffield Diocesan Lay Readers' Association summer outing. Also on July 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Wood 1, Mrs. P. Bancroft 2, R. Plant 3, M. Bancroft (first quarter) 4, M. King (cond.) 5, T. Cairns 6. Rung prior to Matins on the Sunday of the first Flower Festival held at the church.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Gillingham 1, Mrs. Q. Cresswell 2, C. Barker 3, Miss J. Millbank 4, A. Wiffen 5, S. Warne 6, J. A. Warner 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of A. Wiffen, upon his 70th birthday.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Dawson (first "inside") 1, J. Collard 2, S. Bateman (first in method) 3, C. Baker 4, T. Newlands 5, B. Martin 6, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 7, J. Williams 8.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, F. M. Bowers (first on ten) 3, A. Locke 4, A. F. Burley 5, G. W. Taysom 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, J. J. George (first on ten) 8, D. N. Penrose 9, D. Stephens 10.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Venn (first of Minor) 1, C. Stevenson 2, Josephine Pole 3, G. Marchant 4, J. Britchford 5, P. Woodgyer (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Plain) Joan Gilbert 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, C. J. Groome 4, R. N. Scholes 5, A. G. Payne 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: June Sinfield 1, J. G. Newman 2, Brenda Redfearn 3, A. J. Stripp 4, D. Redfearn 5, J. L. Claughton 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, P. Aslett 8.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemarie Walton 1, Mary White 2, D. M. Hughes 3, T. S. Bowles 4, K. Sansom 5, B. S. Gambrill 6, R. J. Corke (cond.) 7, R. J. Linnott 8.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: D. Sanderson 1, H. Armstead 2, M. Platt 3, I. Pass 4, Miss L. M. Wilson 5, W. Pugh 6, G. Abbott (first quarter) 7, A. P. Ogden 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Gladys D. Northway 1, J. Hartless 2, Ronda M. Purkess 3, T. Matcham 4, R. Savory (cond.) 5, J. Hopwood 6.

ELM, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Crane 1, N. C. Richards 2, A. W. Smart 3, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 4, G. Knight 5, O. Agger (first quarter) 6. Birthday compliment to B. Crane and A. W. Smart.

ELVEDEN, NORFOLK.—On June 25th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, Mrs. W. Ivings 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Paul 6.

EMBLETON, W.A.—On May 7th, at 9, Grant Street, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Eileen S. Palin 1—2, Heather A. Mann 3—4, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, John A. Watson (first handbell quarter) 7—8. First handbell quarter of Major for all except the conductor. First handbell quarter of Major in the State. Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Johnson and Robert Cook, married at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday, April 29th. Also at 9, Grant Street, 1,260 Minor (Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Eileen S. Palin 1—2, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Heather A. Mann 5—6. First quarter in three methods "in hand" for 1—2 and 5—6. First quarter of Minor in three methods in Western Australia.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): C. I. J. Pearce 1, H. J. Rooney 2, J. Strawford 3, N. Leslie 4, C. R. Miles 5, J. Moore 6, D. Leslie (cond.) 7, C. F. Timms 8. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to ringer of the treble, who has been foreman of this tower for many years.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on July 9th, 1,289 Erin Caters: Deborah Bishop 1, A. R. Millidge 2, R. L. Jones 3, K. J. Rider 4, J. R. Pratt 5, L. C. Way 6, A. S. Bishop 7, M. J. Uphill 8, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 9, J. H. Gaze 10. For Evensong on the Rededication Festival. Also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. N. Lindon 1, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 2, R. Aldington 3, J. A. Ainsworth 4, P. M. Evans 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron 7, S. W. Barton (first as cond.) 8.

HERTFORD.—On June 30th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Evans (first of Minor) 1, V. Tubby 2, C. Springham 3, R. Wilshire 4, B. Foley 5, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 6. For St. Peter's Day.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diana Cullen 1, Patricia Hill 2, J. Payton 3, J. Collier 4, P. Privett (cond.) 5, M. Fuller 5.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Sawyer 1, N. Leslie 2, H. J. Rooney 3, C. R. Miles 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. E. Timms 6. Rung for evening service.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Randall 1, Mrs. R. H. Randall 2, R. H. Randall 3, P. C. Randall (cond.) 4, G. W. Randall 5. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Randall, of Holmer.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Collins (first quarter) 1, H. Burton 2, E. Rapley 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, J. Smith 5, R. Spencer 6, M. Reed 7, C. Verey (first quarter) 8. For Patronal Festival, and a farewell to Captain C. Cooper.

QUARTER PEALS

HYTHE, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, Miss E Todd 2, R. J. Birch 3, B. Butcher 4, Mrs. R. Wratten 5, K. Butler (first of Triples "inside") 6 R. A. Birch (first of Triples as cond.) 7, H. Porter 8. Rung to commemorate the christening of Michele Claire Prior.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On June 11th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Jennifer Beck 1, C. H. Rogers 2, F. D. Bishop 3, Olive Rogers 4, T. Knights 5, M. P Thomas 6, R. Collis 7, M. Harrison 8, H. W. Rogers 9. P. Felton (cond.) 10. Also on July 2nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Jennifer Beck 1, P. Felton 2, R. Collis 3, Olive Rogers 4, Kathleen Parr 5, R. Bunker 6, I. Cooker 7, C. Richards 8, C. H. Rogers 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. Also on July 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Olive Rogers 2, Carol Blagden 3, Carole Andrews 4, Kathleen Parr 5, Patricia Rogers 6, H. Blagden 7, K. Darvill 8, C. H Rogers 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. All for Evensong.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fairs 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6. Rung in memoriam A. V. "Joe" Papworth, late member of the band, whose funeral was this day.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS. — On May 28th, 1,264 Plain and Little Bob Minor: D. P. Crawley 1, Anthea Sparshott 2, Shirley Jones 3, A. K. Griffiths 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, H. C Bennett 6. An engagement and birthday compliment to the conductor's sister.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 2nd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Durham and Surfleet): A. Carpenter (first of Treble Bob) 1, Anita E. Foden 2, P. G. Golder 3, Anthea C. Fairey 4, J. H. Allen 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,360 Spliced Plain Minor (six methods): Catherine A. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6.

LONDON.—At St Clement Danes', on July 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, Jeannette Felton 2, K. Darvill 3, J. Marks 4, T. Aldridge 5, N. Edwards 6, R. Cademy 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10. First in method 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 16th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. J. Spice 1, K. J. Rider (first of Surprise Royal) 2, J. W. Euston 3, A. G. Mason 4, J. W. Smith 5, A. R. Ling 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, T. Lewis (first quarter of Cambridge Royal) 8, D. P. Smith 9, I. H. Oram (cond.) 10. For Evensong

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Elisabeth Ottaway 1, Jane Darby 2, Glynis Perry 3, H. Corney 4, Christine Neville 5, K. S. Gardner 6, F. W. Tomlin 7, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Corney, father of H Corney.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Judith Brooks (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. Rung as a compliment to Sir Francis Chichester, knighted this day. Also on July 9th, 1,300 Doubles (five methods): M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 2nd, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: G. Cooper (first quarter) 1, Shelagh Coyne 2, Anne Wilkinson 3, R. Andrew (first "inside") 4, R. B. Smith (cond.) 5, A. B. Rothwell 6, F. Osbaldiston 7, A. McFall 8. For Evensong.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bennett 1 Marion Bennett 2, M. J. Pryor 3, A. McFall 4, P. Williams 5, G. Wilkinson 6, D. Phillips (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. Mason 8. For the ordination service.

NORTH MARSTON, BUCKS.—On July 5th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: P. Aslett (first of Treble Bob) 1, June Sinfield 2, Brenda Redfearn 3, J. L. Claughton 4, D. Redfearn 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On July 16th, in Holy Trinity belfry, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clifton 1—2, Patricia Lockwood 3—4, I. North (cond.) 5—6. First quarter "in hand" for all.

PROVINCETOWN, MASS, U.S.A.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): Terrill Schukraft (first quarter) 1—2, D. Goldstein 3—4, Bonney McDowell (first as cond.) 5—6.

PUTNEY, LONDON. —On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Allen 1, Alison M. Mann 2, C. Harris 3 Julie S. Armstrong 4, B. J. Bull 5, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 6, D. C. Brookes 7, C. M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On July 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. Ann Mew 1, Janet M. Hudson (first of Major "inside") 2, A. R. Millidge 3, Julie S. Armsrong 4, C. R. Harris 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, D. C. Brookes 8. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 2nd 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Macdonald 1, R. M. Johnstone 2, J. T. Ericksen 3, R. Salter 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Hockham 1, G. M. Johnston 2, R. M. Johnstone 3, P. P. Bundy 4, Marie R. Cross 5, Catherine A. Salter 6. First quarter A. Macdonald, J. T. Ericksen, G. M. Johnston and P. P. Bundy, members of Groton School, Mass, U.S.A.

RAYLEIGH, ESSXE.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, J. Laken 2, T. Sharp 3, F. May 4, P. Chapman 5, M. Carter 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Francis Wilson 1, A. C. Freeman 2, F. W. James 3, D. B. Field 4, M. V. White 5, Kathryn Bellamy 6. First quarter 1 and 4. For Sung Eucharist.

RIPON, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bashforth 1, W. H. Johnson 2, A. Willis 3, E. Metcalfe 4, J. A. Brown 5, A. G. Dalton 6, E. Hudson (cond.) 7, E. G. Payne 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Frederick Llewelyn Hughes, dean of Ripon, who died on June 4th.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, J. Eborall 3, N. Handley 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. First of Major 1 and 5. First of Major on the bells and by the local band.

SEND, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. Bailey 3, J. King 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. Rung on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, J. Hartless 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, T. Matcham (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson (cond.) 6.

STOKE, Coventry, WARWICKS.—On June 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hayne 1, Anthea Sparshott (25th quarter) 2, Shirley Jones 3, R. D. Hart 4, D. P. Ebsworth 5, H. C. Bennett 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, P. S. Reading 8. First of Major 2, 6, 7 and 8.

THAME, OXON.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Arnott 1, Mrs. R. Hazell 2, B. J. Edwards 3, R. J. Snack 4, Brenda M. Arnott (first as cond.) 5, R. Hazell 6.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Eves 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, W. Cook 3, G. Heath 4, W. Alexander (cond.) 5, H. Hale 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Jones 1, Miss J. Fransella 2, Miss B. Shaw 3, Miss M. Wilkinson 4, P. Chapman 5, E. Holman 6, K. Warner 7, C. Wright (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. Also on July 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Faulkner 1, D. Hewitt (cond.) 2, D Wright 3, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 4, C. A. Hughes 5, K. Warner 6, C. T. Coles 7, E. Holman 8, J. Slater 9, C. Wright 10. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS. — On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Cynthia Barnett 1, J. Woolley 2, C. J. Groome (cond.) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, J. M. Thorley 5. With the compliments of the band to Robin Sparrow and Mary Reynolds, after their wedding at Gretton the previous day

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diana E. Cullen 1, C. Gumbrell 2, M. D. Fuller 3, J. H. Payton (cond. 540) 4, K. Underwood 5, C. Slyfield 6, J. Collier (cond. 720) 7, R. Jordan 8. For Evensong and Flower Festival.

YATTON, SOMERSET. — On July 9th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, W. S. Rice 2, Sue Walker 3, G. Hawkins 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Hebden 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Lynette Porter and Mr. Philip Pasker.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

BOBBING, KENT.—On July 9th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Austin 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, J. Clark 3, R. Bushel 4, F. Dadson 5, G. Kinward (cond.) 6. First 720 Minor by 2 and 4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch Quarterly Meeting

July 8th, a sunny day, and the beautiful tower at Leigh-upon-Mendip all helped to increase the turn-out at this year's summer meeting. Leigh have no incumbent at present so the Master, the Rev. A. G. Durston, conducted the service and provided an address which gave much food for thought. A really appetising tea, arranged by Derek Withers and expertly dealt with by the ladies, was very much appreciated.

Guests from Bath, Chew and Taunton Branches, and John Gilbert, the general secretary, heard "The Ringing World" praised by those who took it, and John pressed home the point that "The Ringing World" benefits considerably from postal subscribers as against sales through newsagents. All members are urged to become postal subscribers. Batheaston having hit the front page, with two Somerset towers to follow, the general secretary urged that extra copies be bought to help "The Ringing World" defray the extra cost or producing such front pages. These extra copies will be on sale through Branch secretaries—an excellent way of increasing subscribers.

It was noted that Somerset was second in the county list of quarter peals totals for 1966 with 275 quarters having been rung. Somerset rang the most Doubles methods quarters of all the counties—153.

A discussion as to whether this Branch should support the "Bell for Jamaica" appeal was doomed before it began. It was obvious that members could not commit themselves to support this venture voluntarily without knowing what the ultimate costs were liekly to be, and it was pointed out that the Bath and Wells would be most unlikely to support it from funds. Finding that they could say neither "Aye" nor "Nay," the meeting left the general secretary to chase two bells not now in use—though what will happen if he catches one is anybody's guess.

The Branch adopted a resolution that the winning tower—or first and second towers—of the striking competitions held by Frome, Chew and Bath Branches in 1966 should all compete for a "play-off" at a tower to be chosen in either Axbridge or Glaston Branches. Ted Chivers is to get the views of the other Branches.

Ruth Bevan ably proposed votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Ringing afterwards produced some good touches where everybody knew the method—and some not so good when they did not.

Best remark of the day—the chairman said that his local flower show took place in August and he would have to show himself.

M. H.

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TREBLE BOB MINOR
HOW TO RING & SPLICE THEM

BY THE PROFESSOR

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THE "OXFORD" GROUP

These four Backworks are so called because they will fit into Oxford lead-ends in which form they are frequently first rung.

Fig 2

London Scholars	Sandal	Kingston	Capel
263514	263514	263514	263514
625341	625341	623541	623541
265314	623514	265314	265314
623541	265341	625341	26534i
26534i	623541	263541	625341
623514	265314	623514	623514
263541	263541	265341	265341
625314	625314	625314	625314

Each two middle sections contain the same rows as each of the other two pairs, though not necessarily in the same order. The "pivot" bell makes 5ths and the two pairs fall into two groups which may be conveniently classified as "slowwork" and "middlework," i.e.:

(a) Slowwork pairs
- (i) Slowwork bell moves to treble in 3–4.
- (ii) 3–4 bell finishes slowwork.

(b) Middlework pairs
- (i) First bell to lead, after middlework, passes treble in 4–5.
- (ii) Bell in 5–4, after middlework, becomes last bell bell to lead.

On examining the four methods it will be found that:

(a) London Scholars and Sandal have their slowwork and middlework places transposed

(b) Kingston has London Scholars frontwork with Double-Kent places in 3–4.

(c) Capel usually presents most difficulty to beginners, especially to those unaccustomed to "backward" hunting. It must, however, be mastered, parrotwise if necessary The middlework is as Kingston with a double-dodge substituted for two middle places. Ringers acquainted with the Stedman whole turn may prefer to remember the slowwork pair as follows:
- (i) Bell coming out: Whole turn, lay, snap and up.
- (ii) Bell coming in: Snap, lay, whole turn and finish slow.

Ringers of plain methods will notice that the slowwork pair perform the same duties as the front pair in Childwall, etc.

The advantage of methods using these backworks is that a lead of one of the group with the same lead-ends can be substituted for any of the others at will.

The 'Oxford" Group may be combined with other lead-ends to form "regular" methods, as follows:

Group backworks	Oxford	Coll. Exercise
London Sch.	London Sch.	Coll. Exercise
Sandal	Sandal	Duke of Norfolk
Kingston	Kingston	Norbury
Capel	Capel	Ockley

Woodbine	Westminster Sur	London Sur.
St. Albans	Coll. Bob IV	Vale Royal
Neasden	Old Oxford	Combermere
Wragby	Willesden	St. Werburg
Charlwood	Newdigate	Crowland

Oxford and College Exercise are the 6th and 2nd place lead-end variations of the same method, as are similarly Woodbine and Westminster Surprise. London Surprise has, of course, no 6th place variation.

Here are the same backworks combined with other lead-ends to produce irregular methods:

Group backworks	New London	Tulip
London Sch.	Royston	Gladstone
Sandal	York Minster	Campanulla
Kingston	Penistone	Hemsworth
Capel	Bolton Abbey	Crofton

Berwyn	Primrose Sur.
Sth. Kirby	Queen Bess
Barnsley	York Delight
Felkirk	Hoylandswaine
Havercroft	Eyam

The lead-end New London and Tulip referred to in the table of irregular methods are identical with the lead-ends of, say, Fotheringay and Bogedone respectively. The methods are all worth ringing for themselves alone but may also be used to lead up to the "Chepstow" group. These 16 methods may, of course, be spliced in the same manner as regular methods but can also, in certain circumstances, be spliced with regular methods.

[Historical notes: College Bob IV appeared in "Campanalogia," 1677 (along with Nos. I, II, III and V, although it was the only regular one), London Scholars in "Campanalogia," 1702, by J. D. and C. M., College Exercise in "Clavis," 1788, and Duke of Norfolk appeared as "Grandsire T.B." in Annable's notebook before it was elevated to the peerage. Most of the others are of a later date and nearly all have at least two names.]

THE "CHEPSTOW" GROUP

This is a group of four backworks similar to the Oxford group, slightly more difficult but having the same qualities inasmuch as the rows in the four methods are identical although in a different order.

Fig. 3

Fotheringay	Balmoral	Chepstow	Skipton
265134	265134	265134	265134
625314	625314	625314	625314
263541	263541	623541	623541
623514	265314	265314	265314
265341	623541	263541	625341
623541	265341	625341	263541
265314	623514	623514	623514
625341	625341	265341	265341
263514	263514	263514	263514
623154	623154	623154	623154

LEARNING THE "CHEPSTOW" GROUP BACKWORKS

It may be a help in some cases to compare these methods with others with which we are more familiar. Certainly the first two, Fotheringay and Balmoral can with advantage be compared with London Scholars and Sandal. There is a 3rds place made at the crosssection, but apart from the dodge on the front necessitated by this place, the backworks are, respectively, identical. The pairing of the bells is very convenient, as the paired bells work together throughout the two sections, and indeed those on the front almost throughout the lead. The pivot, as in the previous group, is in 5ths. The two bells in 3–4 may be called "middlework" and those on the front "longwork" or "longwork on the front"

It is important to remember when doing longwork whether, at the end of it, one has to stay on the front or go out passing the treble in 2–3, as many 720's have been lost and peal attempts frustrated after a mix-up on the front through two bells either attempting to stay on the front together or leave it both together, neither of which procedures contribute to good ringing.

It may be pointed out that Fotheringay longwork is identical with Hull (or Bourne) Surprise, and Balmoral is the same as Wath (or Westminster) Surprise.

The middlework of Chepstow is identical with that of Balmoral, and the longwork the same as Coldstream Surprise or Carisbrooke/ Donottar Delight

The middlework of Skipton is like the frontwork of Capel "lifted" into 3–4, and the longwork, which has no duplicate outside the group, is the same as that of Chepstow with a double-dodge in place of the two middle places. The longworks of the last two may be memorised in the following manner:

Chepstow: "Slow" bell: Whole turn wrong, lead, lay, whole turn right.
"Lead" bell: Whole turn right, lead, lay, whole turn wrong.

Skipton: "Slow" bell: Whole turn wrong, double dodge, whole turn right,
"Lead" bell: Whole turn right, double dodge, whole turn wrong.

A whole turn wrong means in this case lay, snap, lay; and a whole turn right is, of course, lead, snap, lead.

The "Chepstow" group backworks may be combined with three different lead-ends to form the following "regular" methods:

Group backworks	New London	Tulip	Leasowe
Fotheringay	Fotheringay	Bogedone	Leasowe
Balmoral	Balmoral	Wilmslow	Peveril
Chepstow	Chepstow	Rostherne	Melandra
Skipton	Skipton	Knutsford	Beeston

The number of irregular methods that may be formed from these backworks is even greater. Here they are:

Group backworks	Westminster Surprise	Cambridge Surprise
Fotheringay	Rhyl Sur.	Appleby Sur.
Balmoral	Luton Sur.	Beighton Sur.
Chepstow	Ripley Sur.	Redcar Sur.
Skipton	Thorne Sur.	Hatfield Sur.

London Sur.	Munden Sur.	Kent
Minehead S.	Grantham S.	March
Dronfield S.	Bangor S.	Boston
Retford S.	Sleaford S.	Selby
Spalding S.	Chester-le-St. S	Staveley

With the exception of Kent lead-ends the methods are all Surprise.

[Historical note: Chepstow and Balmoral have both been called "Queen Victoria" and the latter has also been called "Kettering" and Hawthorne." Skipton has been called Iinden," and Melandra "Waterloo." Some of the irregular ones are older. Both Luton and Rhyl Surprise appeared in Stedman's "Campanalogia" of 1677, the former as College Bob V and the latter as Redding Bob.]

(To be continued)

HILLSBOROUGH'S QUIZ

Writing to the "Irish Bell News," the correspondent of St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, asks:—

Who left a blood sample on our tenor rope one night in early April?

Is it permissible to suck Polo mints during ringing contests?

NOTICES

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KINGCOTT.—To Bill and Hilda of The Garage, Wrington, a son, Richard Julian, a brother for Anne and Teresa, born July 21st, 1967. 1972

DEATH

FINCH.—On July 23rd, 1967, Frederick A. Finch, of 46, Greenford Avenue, Southall, Middlesex, former secretary South and West District Middlesex Association. Funeral, Tuesday, August 1st, 11 a.m., Holy Trinity, Southwell. 1974

PERSONAL

BENNETT.—Would Miss B. M. Bennett, whose copy of "The Ringing World" is being sent c/o A.N.Z. Bank, 20, Grafton Street, London, W.1, please contact this office as her "Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not here."

THOMPSON.—Would Miss S. C. Thompson, of 289, Rooley Lane, Bradford 5, Yorks, please contact this office as her copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not here."

"And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands as we commanded you."—I Thessalonians, iv, 11.

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MISCELLANEOUS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—Six bells open practice on July 29th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. All welcome.—L. Derrick. 1946

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—Please note that the secretary is now Wendy I. J. Matthews, Chantry, High Street, Billingshurst, to whom all correspondence regarding the tower should be sent. 1948

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER. — Fourth Friday practices on July 28th, August 25th and September 22nd, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 1944

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Due to summer holidays there will be no ringing at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, from Saturday, July 29th, to Saturday, August 19th, 1967. 1954

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

REDUNDANT BELLS

I am compiling a register of redundant bells and I shall be obliged if readers will furnish me with as much information as possible when bells become casualties in this manner. The object is to avoid the destruction of bells and to make information available which may lead to their transfer to new locations.

I shall use "The Ringing World" for publicity when the appropriate occasion arises and I hope I shall be appraised of any events which will affect the contents of the register.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane,
Northowram,
Halifax.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Preliminary Notice

The 330th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, at Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklersbury, in the City of London. Full details later.

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 1960

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE

RINGING FESTIVAL AUG 26th–28th.

August Bank Holiday Ringing Tour
Coach leaves Priory 8.45 a.m.
Fare (inc. lunch) 25s.

Names, please, to Arthur V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth (Tel. 44101) **by Aug. 5th latest.** Towers include Wimborne Minster (10), Charminster (8), Yeovil (10), Sherborne Abbey (8), St. Martin's, Salisbury (8). 1951

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Evening Classes in Bellringing

A full year's course in bellringing has been arranged with the Surrey Education Authority at the Beverley Institute, College Gardens, Blake Lane, New Malden, Surrey. The classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday from September 28th, 1967. There will be three terms covering all aspects of campanology, including bellfounding and hanging, bell handling and change ringing and will include practical training and visits. Whether you want to learn or have just started, join this venture now! For further details and enrolment apply to C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15. 1973

WYMONDHAM ABBEY. — I give notice that all future correspondence relative to Wymondham bells should be addressed to me at 34, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. —Thomas E. Spight, Sec. 1961

BACK NUMBERS

We carry a substantial quantity of back numbers from 1950. Price 9d. per copy plus postage, for recent years (1960–67). Other 1s. 6d. plus postage.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, July 29th at **Godalming** (please note change). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Hagley, Thistledown, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, by Tuesday, 25th. 1867

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Queen Park (12), Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Money with names to Mrs. J. A. Russell, 19, Rutland Gardens, Birchington, not later than July 26th. 1878

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Beddington, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. 1900

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary & All Saints', Droxford, July 29th. Bells 3.30 till 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall. Business meeting follows. Soberton bells 7 till 9. 1925

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Combined learners' practice at West Clandon on Wednesday, August 2nd, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. M.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting at Bulwell on August 2nd at 7.30 p.m. Please look up Superlative. 1975

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Catherine's, Montacute (6, 23 cwt.), August 5th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. Legget, Branch hon. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.—The Augusst 5th meeting will take the form of a mini-Ringing Festival, when the following towers will be open: Teddington 2–3, Honington 3–4, Sutton-under-Brailes 4–4.45, Cherington 5.15–6, Great Wolford 6–7, Brailes 7.15–8.15. Please provide own meal. All ringers most welcome.—R. W. Sherriff, Dis. Sec. 1963

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Swaffham Prior, Saurday, August 5th. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Single Court and London Surprise. 1965

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting, Mitcheldean, on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Notify A. Paton, 8, Orchard Close, Mitcheldean, as soon as possible.—F. T. W., Branch Sec. 1969

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Clarke, 1, Ralphs Cottages, Jenkins Hill, Bagshot, Surrey. (Bagshot 2031.)—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1886

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening meeting at St. Ippolyts, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) at 6.30 p.m. Everyone, including learners, welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1945

LADIES GUILD.—Devon Branch.— Meeting, Newton St. Cyres (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at Crown and Sceptre Inn. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 1971

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. until cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow, then further ringing (as requested) of College and Primrose, in addition to previously-learned Single Oxford and York S.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 1953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Hornby on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. James, Greycroft, Melling Road, Hornby, Lancaster. 1958

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

90th Anniversary Celebrations

SUNDAYS, AUGUST 6th and SEPTEMBER 3rd.—Ringing for Evensong (3.30) at **Durham Cathedral.** Visitors welcome if present by 2 p.m. at tower.

Projected Tour, September 16th–23rd, cancelled.

SEPTEMBER 23rd.—DINNER at ST. AIDAN'S COLLEGE, DURHAM, at 7 p.m.

A few tickets (£1) are still available. Individuals wishing to attempt a peal should send in requests now. General ringing arrangements later.

D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 1959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone, August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Hayden, 52, Hampshire Road, Aylestone, Leicester (Tel. Leicester 32720) by August 2nd, please. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 1920

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Bi-monthly meeting, Deeping St Nicholas, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Morpeth Surprise and Double Court. — K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1912

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting at Isleworth, August 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after business. Tea and business in the Church Hall, South Street, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1955

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Redenhall, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. J. Flatt, No 6, Martin Road, Harleston, Norfolk, by Wednesday, August 2nd. —C. F. W. P. 1928

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Potterne (6), Saturday, August 5th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Wells, 34, Court Hill Potterne, Wilts. 1770

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Rusper (8), August 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Please attend. Agendas will be sent to all Northern Division towers Names for tea to Miss R Cocks, The Mount, Capel Road, Rusper, near Horsham.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec 1912

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, **August 5th, 1967.** Bubwith (4) 2–3 p.m.; Eastrington (6) 3–4.30 p.m.; Goole (8) evening. Tea at Eastrington, names for which to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastrington, near Goole. Methods as for Holme/Market Weighton practice, with Bob Major, D.N.C.B. Major, Oxford Major, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Bristol and London for Goole.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1950

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) on **Friday, August 11th.** Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note the change of day.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 1967

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting. Uckfield (8), Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m.–5 p.m., and Fairwarp (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. Names to the secretary for annual outing to be held on October 14th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close. Tonbridge, Kent. 1926

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Arksden (6) on Satturday, Augusst 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Newport (6) 5.30–8.30 p.m. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1966

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, August 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, near Daventry, by Monday previous. —F. W. Hancock. 1964

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Clapham Common R.C. on August 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Evening ringing to be arranged. Names for tea to Mr. T. Farmer, St. Mary's Hall, St. Alphonsus Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday, please. 1962

OBITUARY

MR. A. E. MOORE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur Edward Moore, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, who died at his home on May 16th, aged 84 years. He was an outstanding conductor and ringer and he called his first peal at the age of 14 years.

MR. W. J. TANSER

With the passing of Mr. Walter Tanser St. Margaret's, Leicester, has lost a loyal and faithful member.

Walter, who died on July 10th, aged 79 years, was very much a behind-the-scenes worker and it is to him that we owe a great debt for his work in keeping our bells and ropes in good order. Over the years he did a great deal of repairs to worn fittings and only recently overhauled the rope pulleys, making new ones himself where necessary.

He was a regular attender for Sunday service ringing and was always available for ringing at other times, not only at St. Margaret's but at any church which required to make up a band for any occasion.

An honorary life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Walter will be sadly missed for his steadfast loyalty and good humour.

The funeral service took place at St. Margaret's on Wednesday, July 12th, before cremation, and a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung beneath the tower as the cortege left the church, with the 11th (Walter's favourite bell) tolling from the tower.

Our spmpathy goes to Mrs. Tanser, who we hope will derive some comfort from the knowledge that Walter's life was a life well lived.

G. A. O.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The hot weather and the holiday seaon inspired a large number of members and friends to support the District meeting held on July 15th at St. Albans. The afternoon tower was St. Michael's and a good start was achieved by the treble rope disappearing up to the roof during some Cambridge Major! Fortunately it was only a matter of replacing a dowel, and normal ringing was able to continue. A course of the special method, Watford Surprise Major, was managed. A short service was held at 4.30 p.m., led by the Rev. D. G. Harpur, of St. Michael's. Then followed a short journey to the Abbey Institute for tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the president of the Association, Mr. E. T. Newnham, took the chair. Mr. Robert E. Hardy, of St. Albans, was elected acting District secretary until the annual District meeting, due to Mr. Keith J. Walpole leaving the area. Miss Helen Dodds, of St. Albans, was elected a full ringing member, and Misses Ann Ponsford and Valerie Paice were elected probationary members.

A good deal of discussion followed on the subject of presidential office. Some felt it was necessary to be able to honour a member of the Association and at the same time elect another member capable of running the business meetings efficiently; the person who is honoured is not always capable of the latter and may refuse on these grounds. Others felt that changes were not a good idea at all. No final ideas were reached and the matter was left for further discussion.

The next Surprise practice is on Monday, July 31st, at North Mymms; a punctual 7.30 p.m. start was asked for. The next District practice meeting is on August 10th at South Mymms. It was stressed that this is a different date from the earlier one, so would everyone please note the change.

The next meeting was to be at Wheathampstead on August 19th, but it was pointed out that the tower captain had asked for the date to be changed. It was decided to approach Sandridge if this was the case. The secretary asked all members in case of a refusal to watch for "The Ringing World" notice announcing details of the meeting and also to keep tuned-in to the local grape-vine!

A donation of £10 was received from the Cathedral Society to the fund towards the Central Council visit, and also £1 was donated anonymously. Thanks went from the District to all concerned.

A final vote of thanks went to the Abbey girls for the tea, to the Rev. Harpur for the service, to the organist, Robert Hardy, and to the Dean for permission to ring at the Cathedral.

The meeting was closed and evening ringing followed until 8.30 p.m. at the Cathedral, methods including Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

However, the evening did not finish there. A barbecue had been arranged in aid of the fund for the Central Council visit. So it was back to the paddock behind St. Michael's Vicarage, where a trench had been dug and sausages were frying over a fire. Unfortunately most of the crowd managed to drop in at one of the numerous pubs between the Abbey and St. Michael's so things were rather slow in starting. There were sausage rolls, onions if desired, and cider to drink. And most of us had just got organised when it started to rain! We bravely ignored it for quite a while and at long last adjourned to the Church Hall. The last of the food was finished and at about 10.15 everyone disappeared back in the direction they had come from.

Our thanks go to Keith, Geoff and the St. Michael's ringers for a valiant effort.

J. A. F.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on July 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, N. O. Skelton 2, K. C. Jones 3, A. F. Haines 4, L. A. Page 5, E. C. Read 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, A. J. Lucas 8. Rung to open the Salisbury Festival of the Arts.

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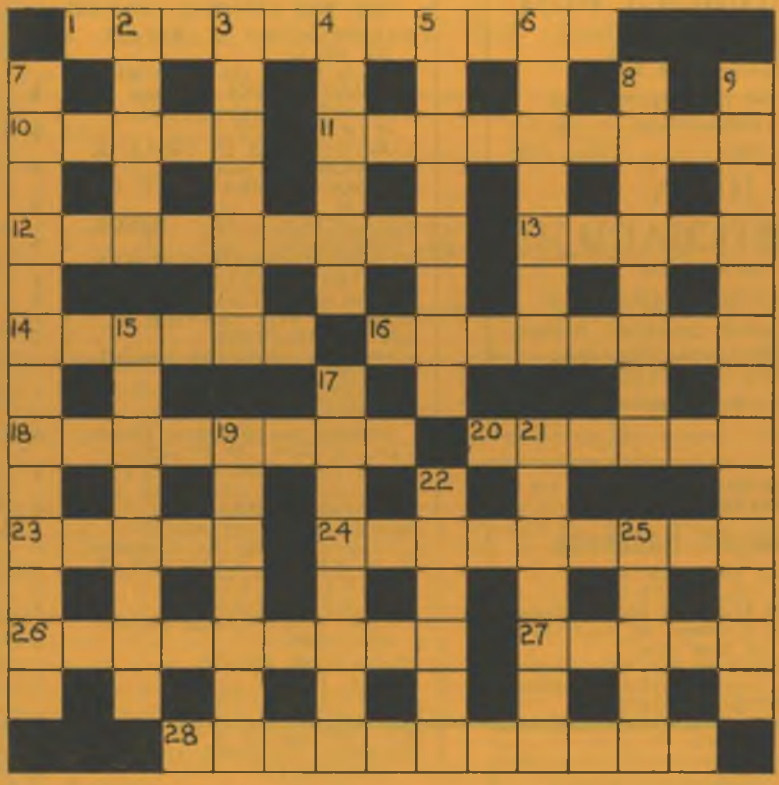

CLUES

ACROSS

1. One cannot get a better method than this (11)
10. Target for William Tell (5)
11. He should have your consideration when you are ringing (9)
12. Having a part in (9)
13. Unlike a piece of string this has a definite length (5)
14. Milkmen have these as well as ringers (6)
16. They have their part in keeping up the circulation (8)
18. After the rise these need to be worked out (3, 5)
20. This tower is famous, but it may stump you! (6)
23. It is difficult to do this with something that is 15 d. (5)
24. This is more dodgy than Plain Bob (6, 3)
26. In nature changes must be this (3, 2, 4)
27. Spruce (5)
28. Even the expert conductor couldn't do this with a square (4, 2, 5)

DOWN

2. Put a shilling to this and you'd get an evening meal (5)
3. Descriptive of the isle that gave us Erin (7)
4. This often gets in the soup (6)
5. Pressing need if you go in for firing (8)
6. Conveyance that can be managed without a solicitor (7)
7. Vernon Bottomley has followed in his footsteps (6, 7)
8. He favours queens—but only on ten bells? (8)
9. Rings in band and makes purchases to raise money (6, 3, 4)
15. See 23 across (8)
17. Nickname for an airborne soldier (3, 5)
19. Tiny province between France and Spain (7)
21. Roland gets nothing to make a name for someone else (7)
22. A sea-fish (6)
25. Conductor who can 28 across will not need this (5)

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BONUS . . .

Harvest-time at Wellingborough aroused mixed feelings among members of the agricultural fraternity. No clocking-in here! The method employed to get labourers at work in time was that of ringing one of the bells at the Parish Church at 4 a.m. Reapers and others endeavoured to arrive at the scene of their labours before the bell ceased its clamour. Their reward? A pint of beer before the back-breaking work began. Those who beat not the bell . . . no beer!

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PETERBOROUGH'S "BANDED" BELL

In 1537 the tenor bell at St. John's Church, Peterborough, cracked, and in order to prevent it from worsening, holes were bored and an iron band passed round the bell. Understandably, the churchwardens were far from satisfied with the bell's resultant note. Who would be? They contracted with Robert Newcombe, Leicester bell-founder, exchanging the cracked bell for the great bell of Leicester Abbey, which Newcombe had apparently acquired during the early stages of the Dissolution.

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BELLS SOLD TO REPAIR HIGHWAYS

At Colleyweston (Northants) in 1548, two bells were sold in order to repair a bridge and the church, and scouring of a well, to make up the highways, for the relief of poor people and setting forth of good work in the church. The economic situation at Collyweston must have been somewhat precarious in those days! One wonders how often this sort of thing was repeated at other parishes in the country.

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MEMORIES OF A BROKEN BELL

Chancel of Wisbech St. Mary Church, Cambs, houses the remains of an ancient bell comprising headstock, clapper and three pieces of bell metal, inscribed "Nicholai Anno 1618." The bell was used by German troops during the first world war, and was taken by the 32nd Royal Fusiliers at Ploegsteert Wood, Belgium, who used it as a gas alarm.

CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAYS

AN EXCELLENT TONIC

Incidentally, the following was written by the late George Gregory, M.D., on the "Sanitary Influence of Bell Ringing and its Melodies in "Church Bells," November 1st, 1897: "I doubt if there be any physical exercise equal to bellringing for keeping the body in health; if there be, there are certainly not many. In bellringing the important muscles of the chest, the spinal column and the arms are brought into powerful, steady and regular motion—usually at regular intervals. The length of time which bell-ringers keep their muscles in exercise is generally sufficient to produce a wholesome effect; seldom, I presume, so long as to cause a feeling of exhaustion. . . . The mental effort to ring in order and the harmony of the bell sounds produce a beneficial effect both on the mind and body . . . To those who have an 'ear for music' the sound of bells has a cheerfully soothing effect, sometimes diverting thoughts from needless cares and anxieties, to calm and tender moods and pleasant remembrances; memories and scenes are brought back fresh and new almost as in days gone by."

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THE FIRST RINGING M.P.?

Matthew Wyldbore, who died on March 15th, 1781, was possibly this country's first ringing Member of Parliament. His health was so much improved by the exercise that he made a bequest that "five pounds be disposed of on the day of my death to the ringers of St. John the Baptist's Church in Peterborough, part in money and part in entertainment . . . on condition that the said ringers ring one peal or more on the said bells on the same day."

NOT WASTED

At Stretham, Cambs, the old treble bell, cast by Thomas Draper in 1591, cracked, and part of the bell fell away. Eventually the bell was recast but the broken piece was used for many years in a farmhouse for flattening the breasts of chickens.

Walpole St. Peter's magnificent church is without rival in Norfolk Marshland. At the east end of the nave a cote shelters a little bell, happily rescued from a most undignified task. It had been used as a lime pot.

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COW BELL WITH A DIFFERENCE

One is familiar with the Continental practice of attaching bells to necks of cows in order that the sound will be heard should the animals wander away. At Stanion, Northants a substantial rib of a dreadful dun cow was displayed in the Parish Church. The animal was said to ravage Rockingham Forest, and was frightening to behold. Next to the rib stood a large square rivetted bell, which, according to tradition, had been fastened to the creature's neck, that it may warn people of the beast's "terrible approach."

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BITS AND PIECES

In 1700 Warkton, Northants, had four bells. Between that year and the late 1800s the third bell either fell to the floor or was deliberately broken. The pieces were laid out beneath the tower, but thieves carried these away unti nothing remained.

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"QUAINT OLD FULLER"

Thomas Fuller, a notable 17th century author, was born at Aldwinkle St. Peter, a Northants village which he greatly loved. He admired church bells, the epithet "the ringing isle" being attributed to him. Thomas Fuller was undoubtedly inspired by numerous rings of bells in the valley of the Nene, and he surely had bells in mind when he wrote "Musick is the sweetest neare or over Rivers, when the echo thereof is best rebounded by the water." "Quaint Old Fuller," as he was known, created rare and beautiful thoughts. He died on August 15th, 1661.

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23456	1	3	4	6	
43625	S		2		
56324	3		S	S	
573246		S		6	(– – s – – s)
42365		—	S	3	
35264			S	2	
52364			3	—	
63254	—			—	
32456			2	3	(s – –)

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	M	B	W	H	23456
A	2			2	32654
			2	1	62534
			1	2	65324
			2	2	23564
		A			23645
	2			2	32546
			2	2	45236
	2		2	2	34562
	2	1	2		65243
	2	1	2		42356
		1	1	2	24653
		1	1	1	23456

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By MAURICE G. INGRAM

23456	W	5/4	B	M	H	
235764			In		—	
235746			S		3	
725346	—				3	
36254	—		In2			
53264	—				3	
42365	—	x			3	
62345	S				3	
53246	—	x			3	
32456		x		—	3	(S – –)

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A SQUARER DEAL FOR THE LEARNER

Some Visionary Thoughts

By Elizabeth M. Barber

SKATING, judo, gliding, playing the violin, life-saving. ringing; which of these ill-assorted activities is the odd one out?

Well, yes—ringing; but why? What have the other five got that campanology hasn't? Answer: A system of proficiency-qualifications for the learner—a standardised system whereby his progress may be assessed on its own merits and compared with that of others. It's true that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme caters for ringers; and it's true that the Scout and Guide movements do likewise. But these tests are not designed to stabilise levels of proficiency within the Exercise; they are supervised by bodies external to the Exercise; and only a comparatively small number of learners are in a position to take them So they can be safely left out of the argument.

It is quite possible for a chorister to become practised and useful without having undergone a test of any kind—except perhaps a preliminary voice test at entry. But the great majority of church choirmasters keep their choristers up to the mark by a system of proficiency tests. Similarly, it is possible to become an accomplished rider by tuition and practice alone; but large numbers of young riders attain a higher standard than they otherwise might by submitting themselves to the tests for the Pony Club's Grades D, C, B and A. Why not a system on these lines for learner-ringers? The benefits which such a system would confer, though subtle, would in the long run prove inestimable for both learners and instructors, and might do much to encourage that spirit of co-operation between experienced and novice, and that feeling of responsibility in the experienced for the novice which is so highly valued among the ringing fraternity and which, it must be admitted, is not invariably to be found.

The system I'm envisaging would work something like this:—

Young Johnny turns up on a practice night to see what goes on, is intrigued by what he sees and resolves to learn to ring. After attending three practices, during which he is allowed to get the feel of a bell, he is asked by the tower captain whether he wishes to continue. The answer being Yes, the tower captain then issues Johnny with a Class D test-card —exactly the same as any other Class D test-card to be issued to any first-stage learner in any tower participating in the scheme: for, to be really successful, the scheme must be sanctioned by the Central Council and standardised throughout the Exercise.

The test-card takes our learner through basic handling, raising, lowering, rounds and call-changes to the plain hunt on six and eight bells. He works through the items on the card at his own pace; on the completion of a satisfactory and confident performance of any one item the tower captain writes his signature and the date of the successful performance against the appropriate item in the space provided on the card.

Time passes, and at length all the items on the card have been satisfactorily performed by Johnny and duly dated and signed. The card is then produced on Johnny's behalf by his tower captain at the District meeting soonest following the accomplishment of the last item. His admission to Class D is ratified on the spot by the presiding officials and announced to the assembled members; he is then presented with a certificate to mark the event. (This formal ratification in the presence of the District will take place similarly on production of his completed test-cards for Classes C, B and A.) On attainment of Class D he becomes, automatically, a full member of his Association and able (as he has not been hitherto) to participate in Sunday service ringing at his own tower.

His next step is the attainment of Class C. In working for this he lays the foundations of his method-ringing, becoming competent in various useful accomplishments — Grandsire Doubles and Triples; Plain Bob from Minimus to Major; the Treble Bob hunt on six and eight; Stedman Doubles; and elementary bob-calling in the form of the six-call 120 of Grandsire. On the theoretical side he is expected to have a grasp of the principles underlying method-structure and to be able to utilise place-notation. And for completion of his test-card he must ring the treble to a quarter peal in any plain method on any convenient number of bells.

Even should Johnny decide to stick at Class C he'd be a reasonable ringer, acceptable in most circles; but no, he's ambitious and obtains from his captain a Class B test-card. For Class B he has to master Grandsire Caters ("inside"); Kent Minor and Major; Stedman Triples; a couple of Surprise Minor methods (of his own choice) and Cambridge Major. He must improve his knowledge of conducting with a six-score of Bob Minor; must know something at least of transposition and simple composition; and must ring "inside" to a quarter peal.

Certain of the Class B tests pose particular problems for Johnny. At home he rings on a lumpy eight which doesn't encourage Surprise Minor on the back six and there is no ten-bell practice in his immediate neighbourhood. He decides to patronise the practices of a nearby six-bell tower, learns and eventually pulls off without a trip his Cambridge and Beverley; the presiding ringer signs his test-card in the appropriate places, and he can impress his home band with positive proof of his successful enterprise. For his Grandsire Caters he has to wait until his captain can arrange a Class C visit to a ten-bell tower; but there is plenty to work at in the interim, and when at last his chance comes he is equal to the occasion.

On obtaining his Class B certificate our learner addresses himself to the task of achieving Class A status. To do this he must enlist the help of experts: his home tower is no stronghold of Surprise Major and to realise his ambition he must add to his Cambridge courses of the other seven standards and a course, or touch, of Spliced. He must also be capable of Double Norwich Major, Stedman Caters and at least a half-course of Cambridge Royal; must ring his first quarter as conductor, and take part in a peal.

Having arrived at Class A, Johnny officially takes leave of his learner-status and becomes independent of the grading system; it is entirely up to him what he tackles next.

Is this scheme too Utopian to become reality? It would certainly involve extra work for District secretaries and tend to increase the burden on tower captains; but the advantages are notable. Here are the most important results which would seem to follow from the implementation of such a scheme.

(1). The learner would be within his rights to ask for, and to expect, constructive and sympathetic guidance from his seniors. And his senior would have nothing to gain by withholding it—rather the reverse, in fact, since passes into each class, listed by Associations, would be published in this journal, and similar lists would appear in the Association yearbooks, listed by Districts.

(2) The trials of a ringing master, graphically described in the July 7th issue, could be if not eliminated at least alleviated by the operation of a grading system. A learner's capabilities could be quickly estimated by a glance at his test-card. The likelihood of all- or too-many-learners' touches would be lessened since it would be immediately obvious that a band composed largely of unsafe novices—all, say, aiming at their Grandsire Triples for their Class C—would be worse than useless for the purposes of advancement; in the ensuing muddle each novice would be effectively ruining his own and his fellow-learners chances of satisfying the ringing master with a piece of reasonable striking and thus passing the test. At the other end of the scale the Class B ringer hoping for his first course of Bristol would have no cause to be deterred by an expert Surprise band; the judicious ringing master would satisfy the latter by calling for a touch of six-spliced. Class A only, and the former by announcing a Class B course of Bristol—the definition of this being a course in that method rung by a band which must contain not more than two Class B first-timers, the rest of the band to consist of As in order to give the first-timers conditions as near as possible to the ideal. An established and accepted grading system might end for ever all the ill-feeling, frustration and downright despair so often caused by the use and abuse of the phrase "the wrong people must be prevented from catching hold."

As a semi-learner myself (Class B) and thus a decidedly interested party, I put forward these views in the hope that they may prove of some use to the ringing fraternity. They are intended to provoke serious thought; I shall welcome wholeheartedly any constructive criticism and comment, especially from those whose interests would be the deepest touched by the implementation of such a scheme—instructors and learners.

MEMORIAL TO TWO GREAT MASTERS DEDICATED

CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD, the present Master, wearing his insignia of office.

THE venue for this year's annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was Portsmouth. On a glorious summer's morning (July 1st) members and visiting friends rang their way along two routes towards the city converging on the Cathedral. About 120 were present at the business meeting held in the Cathedral House. This was opened with a welcome to all by the Master, Canon K. W. H. Felstead. The meeting then stood in silence for a few moments in tribute to nine members who had died since the last meeting.

The honorary treasurer, Mrs. M. Chapman, presented a very satisfactory report which showed that the General Fund was down £30 on the year. Since a Triennial Report had been paid for, this was a healthy state of affairs.

36 FIRST PEALS

Mr. D. T. Matkin, the peal recorder, was unfortunately absent due to the illness of his wife; however, copies of his usual comprehensive report were circulated. Seventy-eight peals were rung during 1966, ranging from Plain Bob Doubles to Bristol Surprise Royal. An encouraging sign for the future was the fact that 36 members rang their first peal.

Mr. A. V. Davis, in proposing the adoption of the report, subject to the withdrawal of a false peal of Basing S.M., said that he was full of admiration for the meticulous detail Mr. Matkin applies to his work.

The honorary secretary, Mr. D. J. Forder, presented a summary of the Guild's activities and progress over the past year. This showed an appreciable increase in membership.

A report of the proceedings of the 1967 Central Council meeting was most amusingly presented by Mr. R. R. Savory; of most interest to members was the debate on the report of "The Ringing World" Committee.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's Master's Badge

The Master then expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Guild, for the work which had been done by the officers during the past year; this was greeted by applause from the meeting.

BOUNDARY CHANGES

Canon Felstead outlined the details, decided by the Executive Committee in March, for the change in the District boundaries. The Southampton District would continue until December 31st and a winding-up meeting held early in January. The officers of those Districts that provided most towers in the new Districts would continue to serve until the end of the triennial period.

The Guild having decided to hold another striking competition this year, Mr. D. C. Jackson proposed that certificates should be presented to the winning teams. It was agreed that the Competition Committee should put forward proposals at the next annual general meeting.

Canon Felstead said that in view of their outstanding service to the Guild the Executive had recommended the election to honorary life membership of Messrs. H. Balaam and C. Ostler. On the proposition of Mr. J. Hill and seconded by Mr. L. Bailey this was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were then proposed to the Bishop of Portsmouth for agreeing to preach at the service and to dedicate the memorial, to the Provost for the use of the Cathedral bells and the Church House, to the Provost's secretary, Miss Lloyd, for all her help in making the Cathedral and catering arrangements, to Mr. L. Duguid, the Portsmouth District secretary, for his efforts in making the local arrangements, and to all incumbents who had allowed the use of their bells during the day.

MASTER'S BADGE DEDICATED

The Guild service followed in the Cathedral, conducted by Canon Temple. The Bishop of Portsmouth, in his address, said that he welcomed the opportunity to express his thanks to the ringers of the two dioceses for their work in ringing the bells.

Following the address, the Master (Canon K. W. H. Felstead)) presented the Master's badge of office, the memorial to two past Masters, Frederick W. Rogers and George Pullinger, to the Bishop for dedication.

The badge was afterwards worn at tea by Canon Felstead and was much admired by the members. A fitting memorial to two outstanding servants of the Guild. D. J. F.

SEE NEXT WEEK

A PAGE FOR THOSE STARTING CONDUCTING AND COMPOSITION

THE BADGE
The Arms of the two Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth incorporated in the design.

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OBITUARY

MR. F. STEDMAN DEVEREUX

The death has occurred of Mr. F. Stedman Devereux, of Kemerton, near Tewkesbury. Just two weeks short of his 80th birthday, Mr. Devereux, who was a native of Kemerton, gave a lifetime of devoted service to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas. He served under nine different Rectors, beginning as a choirboy at the age of six.

For almost 60 years he was a ringer, being tower master for the major part of that time—a post that was held by his father before him. These duties also included looking after the church heating and maintenance of the churchyard. His appointment as people's warden included the latter 13 years of his church work until failing health forced him to retire. A remarkable memory enabled Mr. Devereux frequently to assist those seeking information of bygone days. His familiar figure will be sadly missed by all who knew and respected him.

His ashes were laid to rest in the churchyard within the sound of the bells he loved and tended so well. May he rest in peace.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. A. Collins 1, Miss M. Mackman 2, Miss J. M. Collins 3, S. Meadows 4, J. A. Collier 5, E. J. Wells 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Blencowe (first on eight bells) 8. For Evensong, and a thanksgiving for the life and work of E. W. Langham, died July 11th, aged 97.

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A report on "The Ringing World" census undertaken by Messrs. George Pipe and Dennis Beresford was submitted to "The Ringing World" Committee held at Derby on July 21st. The following statistical details were made available:—

Total number of replies received, 1,376, representing very nearly 25 per cent. of the total circulation.

The number of people reading the journal totalled 2,637 ringers, 559 non-ringers; combined total, 3,196, or 2.40 readers per copy. This implies a total readership of 13,500.

The sharing of copies is obviously a major problem. If people reading individual copies could be reduced from 2.40 to 2.00 per cent. the circulation would increase by 20 per cent. Many single copies had over six readers and one as many as 35!

FRONT PAGE POPULAR

An astonishingly high proportion of people replying—95.5 per cent.—liked the introduction of the photograph on the front cover. In fact only 34 replies, i.e., 2.5 per cent., said they did not like it; two per cent. expressed no views.

Sixty-nine per cent. said they liked tinted covers, although strong opinions were expressed as to the colours used; 23.1 per cent. did not like tinted covers—many asking for glossy white; 7.9 per cent. expressed no opinion.

Regarding the use of plain white, similar to paper used, 36.6 per cent. said they would prefer white, and many remarked that the photographs would stand out more clearly; 45.4 per cent. did not like white; 18 per cent. expressed no opinion.

AGAINST PAYING MORE FOR COVER

A percentage of 34.4 said they would prefer to pay more for a heavier quality cover, which was generally remarked on for better appearance and for reproduction of the photograph; 56.8 per cent. said they would not wish to pay more for the heavier weight paper; and 8.8 per cent. expressed no view.

To the question "Do you find a representative balance of interests is covered in this and other issues this year," 70 per cent. said they were satisfied, 17 per cent. dissatisfied and 13 per cent. expressed no view.

Replies were received from 45 people who said they were call change ringers only, including ones representing whole bands.

PEAL-RINGER READERS

Those who are or have been peal ringers constituted 83.6 per cent. (1,151 replies) and of these 13.5 per cent. (159) claimed to ring more than 20 peals a year (there were 230 people in the Wratten list of those who rang 25 or more peals in 1966).

Replying to the questions on the presentation of peals, 74 per cent. said they were satisfied with the present peal lay-out, while 16 per cent. were not, and 10 per cent. expressed no opinion. Ten per cent. said they would like to go back to the old peal style (before June, 1964; 80.6 per cent. said they would not; 9.4 per cent. expressed no opinion.

As to peals set in a simpler style, like quarter peals, 21 per cent. said they would like to see it and 70.9 per cent. said they would not; 8.1 per cent. expressed no opinion.

To the question "Do you feel the form of this paper will attract additional readers" 47.5 per cent. thought it would, 20 per cent. did not, and 32.5 per cent. expressed no opinion.

A percentage of 72.5 said they would pay 3d. per week extra for the paper; 6.3 per cent. did not know; 21 per cent. said they would not.

SALES DRIVE

A percentage of 53 said they would undertake to get one more subscriber; 19.5 per cent. said they could not; 27.2 per cent. did not know whether they could do so. This does represent, however, an additional potential circulation of nearly 750, which if only 30 per cent. successful would be very marked. On launching a sales drive a considerable sales pressure should be exerted on these undertakings.

The committee, in approving of these particulars being published, asked for its thanks to be publicly recorded to Messrs. Pipe and Beresford and their helpers in preparing the analysis of replies received. A synopsis of the large number of comments has been made; the document as it stands is partly illegible. It is being typed for circulation and the points made will receive the committee's consideration.

RIGHT BEHIND US

Dear Sir,—At our District meeting on July 22nd one of our senior members asked those present for their views on the new "Ringing World" format. The majority considered it to be a great improvement, and not one thought the quality had gone downhill.

After all the knocks "The Ringing World" has taken lately, we in this district would like to place on record our sincere thanks to you and all others responsible for the "new look" journal and to say that we are right behind you in your efforts towards progress. Thank you.—Yours sincerely,

ROY THREADGOLD,
Secretary, Northern District, Essex Assn.

LOOKING AHEAD

"The Ringing World" Committee decided on July 21st to approve of the Convenor's proposal, in consultation with the Editor, that from September until Christmas, 20-page cover issues should be provided weekly. Should there be an accumulation of urgent editorial matter, 24-page issues without covers will be published.

Guilds and Associations desirous of cover issues to coincide with special events or occasions that would give an opportunity for promoting sales are asked to communicate with the Editor.

TOO DAZZLING!

At the request of the Head Postmaster of Guildford, the Editorial Committee has decided to change the colour of "The Ringing World" cover. Sorters working on the issue of July 21st complained that it was too dazzling!

Moral: If you can't shine at one end, shine at the other.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' TOUR

The twelve peals scored by Wratten's Wringers in this year's tour are recorded in this issue. The tour was again highly successful as out of 14 attempts only two were lost—Shropshire Surprise Major at Condover and Swindon Surprise Royal at Leominster. In each case the bells were set up when the ringing failed to settle down in the first two or three courses.

Mr Frank D. Mack sends us this picture of his home, 7, Bapton Lane, Exmouth, Devon, where until December, 1966, the lightest ring of bells was housed. This honour, once held by Stourton, which was pictured in our issue of June 30th, has twice been surpassed. The present home of the "lightest ring" is the School House, Stedham, Midhurst. Mr. Mack informs us that there have been 381 visitors to 7, Bapton Lane, since the original opening in September, 1963. "We welcome visitors and peal attempts," he concludes.

Letters to the Editor

CONGRATULATIONS TO OXFORD GUILD

Dear Sir,—I once wrote a letter to "The Ringing World" mildly disapproving of the discussion on a financial item at an Oxford Guild annual meeting. Since then I have always read of their affairs with interest. Let me therefore be one of the first to congratulate them on their splendid gesture in offering to purchase the bells of St. Peter-in-the-East; I hope they succeed.

It would have been very easy, and understandable, in a city like Oxford, with its large number of bells, for the Guild to watch calmly the bells pass into oblivion. It is also fortunate that the Oxford Guild have available the necessary cash. The persons responsible for ensuring that the Oxford Guild Bell Repair Fund is in such a healthy state deserve every praise. I doubt if any other Association in the country is in such a wealthy position to emulate such an action.

Faced with a similar situation here in Derby, with the demolition of St. Alkmund's and the loss of the eight bells, the Derby Association has only been able to influence events by words and petitions, so far with only limited success. How much more notice would have been taken if we were backed by substantial funds!

Surely there really is a need for some central fund whose moneys could be used to save historical rings of bells from ending up on the scrap heap. Mr. Barnett, the then secretary of the Central Council, rejected the idea of a Central Bell Repair Fund managed by the Central Council as being too difficult to operate—and I agree with him. But a Bell Preservation Fund could be made to be free from the argument which would surround repairs and augmentations (which would probably take place anyway sooner or later) by confining its attention to such rings of bells as St. Peter's, Oxford, and St. Alkmund's, Derby, which would otherwise be lost for ever. —Yours sincerely,

GORDON A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

THE LATE MR. FREDERICK PAGE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ernest Bennett will be pleased to know that he acted as umpire, with Mr. W. Jackson, when Messrs. G. F. Swann and Morris J. Morris visited 23, Greek Street, Stockport, also that Mr. Fred Page was in the peal. The date was November 13th, 1930. G F. Swann rang 1-2 and conducted, Fred rang 7-8; this was Stedman Cinques. Another peal of Stedman Cinques was rung the following week, November 20th, in which Fred rang and Ernest Bennett umpired again.

In all, Mr. Page rang six or seven peals of Stedman Cinques in Stockport on handbells, to most of which I rang the tenors; Mr. Bennett rang in some of them. Mr. Page also conducted peals of Stedman Caters and at least one of Grandsire Cinques at that time, in addition to Triples, Caters, Royal, Maximus, etc., conducted by A. F. Bailey.

I should like to add my small tribute to what has been said of Mr. Page now that he is gone. He was one of the steadiest ringers of handbells I ever saw, completely without excitement. A pair of bells in his hands was safe enough and, having taken part in over 50 of his handbell peals, I feel I can safely add my word of praise to a grand ringer.—Yours faithfully,

PETER LAFLIN.

Stockport.

GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Dear Sir,—Ringers everywhere will share your pleasure at the news that the circulation of "The Ringing World" is now topping 6,000. I think that most of us would agree with you that the splendid new cover has had a lot to do with this.

I was surprised, however, that you made no mention of the work of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe in this respect, and that these higher circulation figures are no small justification of the forecast which they made at Bath that a face litt for the paper would increase circulation.

Perhaps now we may expect their work to be acknowledged by "The Ringing World" Committee, and that more of their innovations be given serious consideration.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Henley, Suffolk.

Note.—Neither Mr. G. Pipe nor Mr. Dennis Beresford was present at the meetng of "The Ringing World" Committee at Derby on July 22nd, although the date was fixed to meet their convenience. In their absence the Editor was asked to express the committee's appreciation of the work they and their helpers undertook in connection with the census. The Editor was also congratulated on the improved appearance of the journal and the wider range of reading matter introduced since the committee had given him permission to increase the size of the paper on occasions to 20 pages. —Ed.

AN APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—At the quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild on July 22nd, members felt that a sincere vote of thanks should be accorded to the persons responsible for the great improvement of "The Ringing World." It now has a front cover, which in this day and age we feel can compete with magazines of a similar nature.

Now if alterations to the interior, with some more lively articles, are made, it will transform a very dry and outdated magazine into something that will stimulate interest in the young ringers of today, including the vast number of call change bands that are the backbone of **Sunday service** ringing throughout the country.

It came as no great surprise to Guild members that since the "new look" "Ringing World" has been in circulation an increase in copies being sold has been recorded.—Yours faithfully,

H. W. H. LEATHER,
Hon. Secretary,
Central District of the Suffolk Guild.

BEAMINSTER NOW WANT TEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—The P.C.C. have approved the request of some of the ringers for a frame to house ten bells for Beaminster, and although at present we do not foresee the presence of two new trebles, provision will now be made in the new frame. The fund now stands at £2.850 (still creeping up!).

Perhaps a "local" inhabitant will donate a memorial bell or bells for a relative—or maybe from further afield. Suggestions may be forthcoming.—Yours sincerely,

EDNA PANNELL.

Beaminster.

THE LOCALS BEAR THE BRUNT OF BAD RINGING

Dear Sir,—Are tower grabbing societies of any use to the art of bellringing?

On July 22nd I stood in a bus queue, some 27 strong, to go to a village meeting of a neighbouring Guild. About 200 yards away a visiting society was creating a most awful din—which even the heavy traffic on the A.30 could not drown—in some abstruse method with Treble Bob hunt, in which the hounds had caught the hare with its melee, at St. Michael's, Yorktown, at which church I am a ringer. The blue-pencil expletives coming from the queue were such that I became ashamed of the Guild badge I was wearing, and I surreptitiously removed it before I became involved.

Late the same evening, whilst awaiting my return bus, a business man and his wife from opposite the church in question arrived, with this remark: "Whatever blue-pencil clatter were you up to this afternoon on those —— bells? We came out here for a quiet drink and now find you here and these bells going." Quite good ringing was in progress on a not too easy ring in a tower noted for movement, especially in dry weather.

On Sunday I perused our visitors book in which our visitors had proudly put their signatures below a red rubber stamp of their Society. Among them were names not infrequently found in your peal columns. Most probably, in the next few weeks we shall read in your columns a glowing report of their exploits and achievements. All they accomplished at Camberley was to put our small local band into disrepute. Thank God I am only a Sunday service ringer with no aspirations for my first peal. I love quarters, though.—Yours faithfully, RAYMOND BATH.

Camberley, Surrey.

A FORMER ALL VISITORS' PEAL AT EVESHAM

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from D. A. Woolley in "The Ringing World" of July 21st, it would be incorrect to say that the Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Evesham on May 6th was the first peal there by an all visitors' band.

Stedman Cinques was rung on these bells on September 9th, 1961, by the Cambridge University Guild.—Yours faithfully,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Gainsborough.

EVESHAM BELL TOWER

Dear Sir,—May I refer to Mr. Woolley's "armchair criticism" contained in his letter to you, published on page 514 of "The Ringing World"?

Many readers will not understand the implication contained in the last paragraph of Mr. Woolley's letter. Perhaps a full explanation from him, coupled with an apology for such "mouth-behind-hand" sarcasm concerning two of the very few ringers in South Worcestershire with any "go" in them, would not be out of place.—Yours truly,

G. W. R. LARDNER (Dr.).

Tipton, Staffs.

DID YOU ENJOY THAT OUTING?

The correct place to thank incumbents for the use of bells, the ringers who met the party and the organisers is in the Return Thanks or Personal announcements under Notices. Price 4s. minimum for 30 words.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

HALF PEAL

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On July 4th, 2,520 Minor (eight methods): S. W. Harper 1, P. G. Pitt 2, L. Ward 3, M. J. Bew 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, W. Arnold 6. Rung as a compliment to Sheila Ward and Laurie Knight, on their engagement.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 16th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob). Penny Cocks 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, DERBYS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): T. Wylie 1, B. Bateman 2, G. Richardson 3, S. Davis 4, C. Bateman 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. Livingston 1, G. A. Edwards 2, J. R. Scott (cond.) 3, K. W. Eaton 4, F. R. Morton 5, W. Watkin 6. Rung as a 57th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Mathews 1, T. Banner (first "inside") 2, G. Rix 3, W. Weller 4, I. Robinson 5, R. Banner (first as cond.) 6.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): R. G. Butler 1, C. W. Bailey 2, S. G. Scott 3, W. R. Churchill 4, W. J. Parker (cond.) 5, W. B. Burkey 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A tribute to the Rector and Mrs. Streatfeild before moving to Emery Down, Hants. Also on July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Alwyn Price (first quarter) 1, A H. Long (first in three methods) 2, C. W Bailey 3, W. R. Churchill 4, S. G. Scott (cond.) 5, A. J. Kimber (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of David and Linda Tomlinson, married this day at Auckland, New Zealand.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Collins 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, E. C Biggs 3, R. D. Hodges 4, R. K. Williams 5, S. B. Bell (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 4 and 5.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, E. J. Ladd 2, B. G. D. Vince 3, R. D. R. Brown 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, R. G. Pearce 7. C. Cholwell 8. Rung for the birth of a granddaughter to the tenor ringer.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah Tiley (first quarter) 1, C. Clarke 2, W. Rice 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Single Court): G. Oliver 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. Sismey 4, R. Daw 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Binstead 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Mary Davey 3, J. Davey 4, A. C. Eastmead (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6. To commemorate the restoration of the pulpit in memory of Alan Martin, churchwarden.

CORRIGIN, W.A.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen S. Palin 1—2, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 3—4, Heather A. Mann 5—6. A birthday compliment to Jim Carter.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On July 16th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. E. Davey 1, M. Bew 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, Catherine Powell 4, N. F. Whittell 5, A. R. Andrews 6, W. Arnold 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Green 1, E. D. Patching 2, N I. Bridges 3, B. V. Wilsden 4, A. E. Hicks 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Sargeant 1, Rosemond Murrell 2, Joan A. Rance 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, K. R. Davenport 5, W. R. Churchill (first of Triples "inside") 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, S. G. Scott 8.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Cross (first quarter) 1, A. Cross 2, M. Cooper 3, R. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on July 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. G. Ponting 1, Jill M. May 2, Helen M. Hubert (first Major) 3, J. Collier (first Surprise) 4, M. J. Kirk 5, C. M. White 6, D. A. R. May 7, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 8.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—1,260 Minor (three methods): L. J Walters 1, D. Price 2, G. Bowen 3, P. Young (first in three methods) 4, B. Spiers 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Talbot-Ponsonby (first attempt) 1, Mary G. Gage 2, A. C. Martin 3, C. W. Simpson 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, J. Woolley (first attempt) 6. Rung for the marriage thanksgiving service, and 70th anniversary of the Middlesex Association.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Hughes 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Mary G. Gage 3, H. G. Hart 4, R. A. Gage 5, L. White 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First Bob Doubles 2 and 4.

HATHERSAGE, DERBYS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, W. Hawksworth 2, Susan Davis 3, Gladys Richardson 4, A. Richardson 5, R. E. Rastall 6. A welcome to the Rev. H. R. Joyce, R.D., inducted Vicar on June 15th.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Piper (12 years) 1, J. D. Gosnell (13 years) 2, Marion Kemp 3, W. Gorringe 4, L. W Jarvis 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. R G. West 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on July 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Jelley 1, Mrs. J. Bramley 2, T. Bent 3, M. Wade 4, J. E. Adams 5, H. Bray 6, G. R. Olliffe 7, E. Rawson 8. J. Jelley (cond.) 9, J. Bramley 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter J. Tanser, many years a member of St. Margaret's band, who died the previous Monday, aged 79 years.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On July 16th, 1,280 Bluebell Doubles: Susan M. Tonks (first quarter) 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P Smith (cond.) 5, Marion Jones 6. First in the variation for all the band. A wedding compliment to Marian R. Presswood, a former ringer at this tower, and David Button, who were married here on July 13th.

LITTLE STUKELEY, HUNTS.—On July 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. J. Higgins (first as cond.) 1, T. R. Garrett 2, R. H. Redwood (first 'inside" and first Minimus) 3, P. S. Abbott 4. Rung half-muffled in respectful memory of the Rev. Morley Wells, late Rector of Great Stukeley.

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LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 16th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters (comp. from late G. Andrews): R. Horder (first of Caters) 1, W. Grainger 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, Mrs D. Bishop 5, G. Parsons 6, Dr. D. Hollis 7, A. Bishop 8, J. Euston (cond.) 9, E. Peett 10. For Patronal Festival service.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss A. Bagnall 1, Miss M. Ellwood 2, C. T. Collins 3, L. Monk 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,320 College Exercise Minor: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. Rung after the christening of Gareth C. Roberts and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Coley.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on July 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. L. Howe 1, S. A. Wigg 2, I. Russell 3, M. Barden 4, E. G. Jenner 5, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth (first quarter) 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Paton 3, Harold Meek 4, A. Paton 5, Howard Meek 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Allan Keen, of Aldbourne, nephew of 3 and 5.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on July 16th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, J. R. Pratt 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, K .J. Darvill 9, C. M. Meyer 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers 12. First of Maximus 4, 6 and 7. For Nave Evensong.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen 1, R. Hart (first of Minor) 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, F. M. Bowers 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

STONE, Aylesbury, BUCKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Wilkins 1, N. Cox 2, D. Whitlock 3, B. Edwards 4, A. White 5, R. Slack (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for over 35 years.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Bishop 1, Heather Walters 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, J. M. Britchford 4, R. D. R. Brown 5, A. J. Luxford 6, E. J. Ladd 7, R. A Partridge (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 3, 4 and 6 A welcome to Vanessa Vince, born on June 28th.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, D. Gagen 3, W. Houghton 4, W. W. Cousins 5, R. Newson 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding 8. For Evensong and Oddfellows' Parade.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy M. Durrant (first quarter) 1, L. P. Brain 2, D. J. Derrick 3, L. J Parry 4, C. S Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. K. Whatmore (first "inside") 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Miss L. M. Dade (first as cond.) 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, K. E. Beale 5, M. J. Dade (first attempt) 6. Rung as a bon voyage to the Rev. G. H. Hall, curate, on his leaving to join the Army Chaplains' Department.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Sarah Moxham (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, W. Lampard 3, K. G. Weeks 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, A. K. Griffiths 6. First in the method for all.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P Butler (first quarter) 1, R. A. Grant (first "inside") 2, S. Gay (first in method) 3, M. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, P. Martin 6.

WILTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. J. Beale 1, D. S. Sheldon 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, A. H. Reed 4, R. Parker 5, R. F. Arscott (first of Stedman Triples) 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Venerable David Maddock (Vicar of Wilton, 1943-47) as Bishop of Dunwich.

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The Church Bells of St. Helen's, Lancashire

BY JAMES HEDGCOCK

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ST. THOMAS'S, ECCLESTON

The third church is the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Eccleston, St. Helens. Originally this was a small sandstone church in Victorian Gothic style, which contained a ring of six from the Whitechapel Foundry dated 1845. This church lasted until 1907, when the tower became unsafe, was demolished, and the conception of a new church came to light. The idea of a new church was that of the then Vicar, Canon Rich. First of all the chancel of the new church was built on to the old nave. The latter was then demolished and the new nave completed in Gothic style. However, funds ran out and the tower had to wait for 30 years before it was built.

The church was founded in 1839 by Peter Greenall, M.P., a member of the Greenall brewing family. In 1841 there was one bell in the church tower, as is indicated by an item in the churchwardens' accounts for that year:

"Paid to ringer and for new bell rope .. .. £2 0s. 0d."

No mention is made of the purchase of the bell. In the accounts of 1846 there is an item: "Repairs to bell côte 12s. 11d. It also appears that although the bells were cast in 1845 they were not hung in the tower until 1847—churchwardens' accounts 1847—Winding clock 5s. 0d. Cleaning Belfry and padlock 1s. 8½d. Six new ropes £2 2s. No mention is made of the purchase of the bells, as these were a gift from Mr. Greenall. It is, however, unlikely that a new set of ropes should be needed within two years, and this, coupled with the other information, suggests a later hanging. The ringers seem to have attained some skill at ringing, although there are no surviving records of their performances. Their pay varied from £6 in 1863 to £19 in 1867, probably due to numbers. The usual amount was, however, £9 These bells were opened by the Leigh ringers ringing a 720.

Another interesting item is that of 1857:—
Bell ringers returned income tax to 5th April, 1855 .. .. £1 17 2
and salary £4 13s. 4d (¼ year).

In 1864 Mr. Edward Greenall donated £12 17s. 2d. to the ringers. A rather strange entry is that of 1887:—

Glovers	—New bell ropes	£3 12 6
Matthews	—Caps for bells	17 6 (muffles?)

The bells seem to have had little professional work done on them, since small articles for repair to the bells appear, credited to a man named Peter Tickle. They continued to ring until one of the small piers of the tower collapsed, and the tower was condemned. It is strange that the bells were left in the tower for safe housing, but not rung. In fact they were taken out of the tower in 1901 and buried in the churchyard. The tower was not demolished until 1907! When the new church was raised (without a tower) the bells were lifted and put in the porch loft, where they remained until 1933.

In 1934 there was a large campaign to finish the church by erecting the tower and rehanging the bells. One of the main supporters of this campaign was the local butcher, whose premises were directly across the road from the church. When the tower was raised and the bells hung he was one of the first to complain, the tower being designed to give maximum sound exit facilities, which makes the bells very noisy outside. However, the money for the church was forthcoming, and it was decided to augment the bells. When they were examined by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, 1 and 2 of the old six were found to be cracked in the crown. These two were recast and two new trebles added. The back four were retuned.

The accounts state:—

Mr. R. S. Ellison, to amount of contract	£2,994	0	0
Messrs. Mears and Stainbank Contract for bells	£485	0	0
By saving in metal	2	16	6
Credit for 2 old bells	4	19	10
	£477	3	8

Much of the money was raised from the sale of War Stock. The bells were rung for the first time on May 5th, 1934, in the presence of Dr. A. A. David, third Bishop of Liverpool, and were opened by the Halewood ringers. Unfortunately, ringing had no sooner got under way when the war started. In post-war years the bells were rarely rung except for peals and meetings. In fact in 1960 the bells were almost unringable, there being no clapper in the tenor.

In 1960 the church was gutted by fire, reopened in 1961 at a cost of £60,000. At this time all iron work in the tower was replaced and the bells rehung. The bells are the second lightest eight in the Diocese of Liverpool and are acclaimed as one of the best rings in the area. Peal ringing is restricted because of the houses directly underneath the 100ft tower on all sides. Sound control is in the planning stage, and it is hoped that these lovely bells will be put to better use in the future.

INSCRIPTIONS

The bells are hung in a low side oak frame, supported on corbels set in the walls. They are hung with 2, 1, 5, 6 in the centre, swinging S.–N., N.–S. alternately, 3 W.–E., 4 E.–W. on the north side 7 W.–E., 8 E.–W. on the south side. They hang 60ft up in the tower, below the louvres.

They are inscribed thus:—

Treble: Mears and Stainbank, London. 1933. (Shoulder.)

This bell was given in memory of James Cresswell Pigot, M.A., Vicar of the Church 1877–1898.

2. Mears and Stainbank, London. 1933.
3. Cast 1845 recast 1933. M & S. London.
4. Cast 1845 recast 1933 M & S. London.
5. C & G. Mears Foundry, London 1845.
6. ditto.
7. ditto.

Tenor ditto.

The gift of P. Greenall, M.P., 1845.

				c.	qr.	lb.
Treble	Diam. 2ft. 1in.	Note G		3	2	2
2	„ 2ft. 2in.	„ F sh.		3	3	13
3	„ 2ft. 4in.	„ E		4	1	21
4	„ 2ft. 5¼in.	„ D		4	2	5
5	„ 2ft. 7in.	„ C		6	0	0
6	„ 2ft. 9in.	„ B		6	1	18
7	„ 2ft 10¼in.	„ A		6	2	18
Tenor	„ 3ft. 2¼in.	„ G		9	0	7

The only recorded peal on them was rung on Sunday, October 11th, 1964, in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

A Peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples.
Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble
Jack N. Brown 2
Richard S. Starkie 3
Malcolm A. Phillips 4
Dennis R. Jones 5
F. John Nelson 6
Thomas W. Hesketh 7
James Hedgecock .. .. Tenor
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
Conducted by T. W. Hesketh.

First peal since the restoration of the church and bells.

Rung for Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Warrington.

Peals rung at the Church of St. Thomas, St. Helens.

L.A. No. 3543.

On Saturday, December 8th, 1934, in 3 hours.
A Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples.
Thomas Robinson .. .. Treble
John Robinson 2
Herbert Ludkin 3
John W. Gardner 4
Chas. Blackburn 5
Claude I. Davies 6
Norman Heaps 7
William Leach .. .. .. Tenor
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Conducted by N. Heaps.
First peal on the bells.

3642.

On Thursday, December 26th, 1935, in 2 hours and 45 minutes.
A Peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples.
*William Leach .. .. Treble
J. Norman Brown 2
*William Johnson 3
George Thomas Jenks .. 4
William Bagley 5
Charles Blackburn 6
Peter Cook, sen. 7
Wm. O. Farrimond .. .. Tenor
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to George Brown and A. B. Britnell, of Poolstock.

4228.

On Saturday, December 21st, 1946, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.
A Peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples.
Carter's Irregular Ten-Part.
Percival W. Cave .. .. Treble
Miss Julia M Preston .. 2
George R Newton 3
David Vincent 4
Arthur Lintott 5
Fredk. S. Almond 6
Thos. W. Hesketh 7
Thomas Lee .. .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
First peal in the method on the bells.

4839.

On Saturday, March 10th, 1951, in 2 hours and 47 minutes.
A Peal of 5,040 Minor.
Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob and four 720s of Plain Bob.
*Ian D. Campbell .. .. Treble
*A. Ronald Pocklington .. 2
*William O. Farrimond .. 3
*Harry Blackburn 4
*Wilfred Riley 5
William E. Court .. .. Tenor
Conducted by W. E. Court.
* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor in two methods.
A compliment to the Rev. H. Bradshaw, who has recently come to this parish.

On Saturday, April 10th, 1948, in 3 hours and 8 minutes.
A Peal of Stedman Triples in 5,040 changes.
Thomas Brooks' variation of Thomas Thurstans' Four-Part.
Thos. W. Hammond .. Treble
Thomas Lee 2
Thos. S. Horridge 3
Thos. C. Larkey 4
Thos. W. Hesketh 5
Thomas Rogers 6
Thos. R Butler 7
Thomas Marshall .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.
First peal in the method for 6 and 8. Mr. T. C. Larkey's first peal for over 20 years. All the band are Merseyside ringers.
There were no peals on the old six bells, and there have been no peals of Major on these bells. (To be concluded)

KINGTON, WARWICKS.—On June 29th 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Green 1, D. E. L. Holman 2, A. J. Cox 3, I. Robinson 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, P. H. Mackie 6. On St. Peter's Day to honour the Patronal Festival.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles: (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Tremeer (cond.) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoare 3, Prisca Hornby 4, J. Huggins 5, R. Joyce 6. A birthday compliment to Bernard Clark.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

FROME DISTRICT SURPRISE PRACTICE BAND TOUR, 1967

The Warminster-Frome District Surprise Major practice band held its annual tour on July 15th. Leaving Warminster at 7.30 a.m., the coach made its round of the numerous assembly points to pick up members and friends, and then headed for Newbury. The 40 miles from Melksham was covered in very quick time, the party arriving at St. Nicholas' Church nearly half an hour early. The young lady meeting us, however, chanced to be early also, and the ten bells (tenor 22¼ cwt.) were soon going to Grandsire Caters. Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were also rung here before departing to Thatcham, where the eight bells at St. Mary's Church (tenor 13¼ cwt.) were waiting for us. Yorkshire and Bristol were well rung, but Rutland refused to "go" and we left, with a little to be desired.

At Reading an admirable lunch was provided at the Co-operative. Our ladies left to examine the shops while we repaired to St. Mary's Church, where the fine eight (tenor 25¼ cwt.) was well rung to Bristol, Rutland, Yorkshire and, finally, London. Having regained some of our self-respect, we located the coach and, travelling the two miles to Caversham, found ourselves ringing for a wedding on the very odd-struck bells at St. Peter's Church (tenor 13 cwt.) Bristol was not so good, but Rutland and a fine course of Cambridge heralded the arrival of the bride, who, incidentally, was early. Arranging for the "fee" to be forwarded, we returned to Reading, where tea was the order of the day.

St. Thomas's, Goring-on-Thames, was the next objective, where we were joined by Squadron Leader George Massey, who entered the tower as Bristol again went "up in the air." However, matters were soon put to rights and some of the best ringing of the day was then heard on this very lovely ring (tenor 8¼ cwt.), the only "spliced" to be achieved all day being rung here. Having overstayed our time the advice of tower foreman Haines, who had met us, was taken, and we altered our route to miss the traffic, and this actually resulted in early arrival at our last tower of the day, Dorchester Abbey, with its wonderful roses which were to be seen on either side of the approach path.

On entering the belfry a note was found asking us not to raise the 16 cwt. tenor owing to a defect in the chiming hammer; but on investigation this was found to have already been rectified. We got going to Cambridge, then London, Rutland and Double Norwich were nicely rung, and the only "lowering in peal" all day then took place, with a lady on the tenor. Repassing the lovely roses, we entered the coach and, bidding farewell to George Massey, steered for home, stopping at Devizes en route for a welcome break. Warminster was reached at 11.15 p.m.

Thanks are due to Fred Slatford for making the arrangements and also to incumbents and those who met us at the towers visited.

N. G. K.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES

The ringers of St. James', Southbroom held their annual outing on July 15th, and with those of neighbouring towers and friends filled a 52-seater coach. The first tower visited was at Theale, where we met Mr. Brian Gatwood, and after staying for half an hour we made our way to Englefield (6, tenor 9¼ cwt.), the church being situated in very pretty surroundings. Shiplake Cross (8, tenor 9¼ cwt.), the next tower, is only three miles from Henley-on-Thames Here we had tea and enjoyed a stroll on the banks of the river.

At 7 p.m. we arrived at Twyford, where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, former Melksham residents, met us. Ringing came to a close for for the day at Sonning (8, tenor 20 cwt.), the heaviest bells encountered. Home was reached at 11 p.m., 20 minutes' rain on the last part of the journey reminding us that it was St. Swithun's Day.

A. T. W.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS

The ringers at St. Giles', Newcastle, with friends from Norton and Wolverhampton, spent an enjoyable day on July 15th touring the Wye Valley—the first St. Giles' outing for over ten years.

We were delighted to have with us the Ringing Master, Arnold Moore, enjoying his first day out since his severe illness earlier in the year.

Trouble with the clock hammers at Ledbury restricted the ringing time and neither here nor at the next tower, Ross-on-Wye, did we get the bells going properly. Monmouth was the next stop, where the striking left much to be desired. Amends were made later at St. Mary's, Gloucester, where a range of methods from rounds to Yorkshire was much enjoyed.

The final call was at Tewkesbury Abbey, where the 12 were soon set going to call changes, but in the first touch of Stedman Cinques the tenor developed a bent shaft which put paid to further ringing—a great disappointment; we offer our condolences to the local ringers. This was a sad ending to an otherwise enjoyable day, for which we were much indebted to Mr. R. S. Ryles for his first-class organisation and to the local ringers and incumbents at all the towers visited. It is unlikely we shall have to wait a further decade before the next St. Giles' outing.

D. J. P.

BROMLEY RINGERS IN SUSSEX

Following the success of our two previous outings, the Bromley ringers ventured this time to explore the lovely Sussex countryside. The morning started well in home territory at Edenbridge and, having crossed the border, we rang on the six at Ardingley. Call changes and Plain Bob were rung at Balcombe. Cuckfield was the last tower before our picnic lunch, and we found the bells slightly difficult to handle.

Our hunger satisfied, we visited the eight at Bolney before going on to Slaugham. Here we were joined by our tower captain, Mr. Spice. The light eight at Lower Beeding was a good test of our handling skill, especially round the front end.

The long draught at West Grinstead was viewed askance by several members but the bells proved easier than expected to handle, and a plain course of Cambridge was successfully brought round. After ringing at Cowfold we enjoyed a delicious tea at a picturesque cafe, for which we must thank Mr. Gates for arranging and subsidising. Our last tower was at Henfield, with an eight similar in weight to our own; a good course of Triples was rung.

Our thanks must go to Miss Sheila Copping, who organised the outing so efficiently, and to our three drivers. We all enjoyed an outing which gave valuable experience to our many keen learners.

C. M. W.

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A FIRST OUTING

On Saturday, July 15th, the newly-formed band at Wingerworth, Derbyshire, held their first annual outing, towers visited being Scarcliffe (5), Bolsover (8), Clowne (6), Chesterfield (10) and Clay Cross (6). Despite breaking a rope at Chesterfield whilst helping the local band ring for a youth pilgrimage service, a most enjoyable day was had by all. Grateful thanks are extended to all clergy and local ringers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. A. Gage requests for any information as to the demise of a ring of bells installed during the Korean War in an Army chapel by P. Minchin.

To mark tthe 21st anniversary of the division of the Midland Counties Guild, a festival is to be held at Derby Cathedral on September 16th. The Derby Diocesan Association will be joined by the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild—a non-territorial body.

After a lapse of over six months due to a bad attack of fibrositis, we are pleased to report Mr. Fred Adams, of Staveley, a popular vice-president of the Derby Association, is now actively ringing again and celebrated his return to good health by taking part in the first touch of Stedman Triples to be rung at Staveley this year.

The president of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, will be the chief guest at the annual dinner of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Leicester on October 28th.

Mr. R. Speed writes that the first peal of New Durham Surprise Major was rung on May 11th, 1963, at Claybrooke under the name of "Dunelm," the original name of "Durham" having been rejected by the Methods Committee of the Council as not being a proper extension of the Minor method.

The front of the 17th century Red Lion Hotel, Truro, the headquarters of the Central Council on the occasion of their visit to Truro, was wrecked by a lorry carrying eight tons of concrete. The accident happened through a brake failure, and the driver was trapped for nearly two hours.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

DOCTORATE FOR FORMER ROTHERHAM RINGER

On July 7th Mrs. F. N. Johnson (née Susan Chaddock), of 17, Herringthorpe Grove) had the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon her at Birmingham University. She graduated Honour Zoology at Nottingham University three years ago, then took up post-graduate research in the Cancer Research Department of Birmingham University.

She is a former pupil of Rotherham High School and of Rotherham College of Technology.

CHESTERFIELD'S NEW CAPTAIN

Mr. Malcolm Phipps, secretary of the Chesterfield Branch of the Derby Diocesan Association, has been appointed captain of the ringers at Chesterfield Parish Church in succession to Mr. Sam Scattergood. For a number of years he has been a ringer at the Parish Church and is also one of the representatives of the Derby Diocesan Association on the Central Council.

Commenting on the selection of the new leader, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (the Ven. T. W. Ingram) said: "We have every confidence that Mr. Phipps will be able to build up an adequate team of ringers so necessary to make use of these fine bells."

CRIERS' BELLS PEAL

Peals have been rung down coal mines, on a barge, in a railway carriage, a motor car, on board a ship, even in bed. These, of course, have all been on handbells, they are facts, and not gimmicks! Now comes the suggestion—anyone willing to try the first peal on criers' bells. Mr P. Amos has such a set of five which will be ready for such an attempt after removal of the rolling clappers and fitting with handbell clappers

Now you "peal grabbers and tower snatchers," he writes, here's your opportunity for "records"—the first peal on criers' bells, and—"the first peal in a one-bell tower." The offer comes from an incumbent who is prepared to lend his one-bell belfry for the attempt. Any offers?

RECTOR'S ACHIEVEMENT

When the Rev. E. P. W. Ainsworth came to Mitcheldean, Glos, as Rector, he found a church where the bells had been silent for many years. Though not himself a ringer, he immediately set about collecting the approximately £2.000 required for retuning and rehanging. The appeal made progress and he then set about creating a band to ring the bells. Thanks to the kindness of various neighbouring towers and ringers, a local band functioned at the dedication service.

Although the ringing was only rather wobbly rounds, it was a second achievement for the Rector, as he was by then one of the ringers. Now a quarter peal has been rung at Mitcheldean with the Rector on the treble, his first quarter, so a further goal has been reached. Except for three Sundays, when the band was depleted by holidays, the bells have been rung for both Sunday services.

His friends now wait for his first quarter "inside," as he is still learning hard, and commend him as an example of the good which can be done for the Exercise and for the continuation of ringing in our towers.

EXOTIC CHILD'S TOY

Regarding the model of St. John's Church, Yeovil, Mr. Douglas Hughes informs us that it is entirely made of wood, and in the top of the tower there are six clock gongs with hammers connected by wires which lead down into the body of the church.

This contains a large clockwork motor and the final drive to a wooden barrel is by means of rubber bands. The barrel has six pins in it arranged to ring rounds, and owing to varying pressure on the pins and knots in the rubber bands, the speed at which the barrel goes varies, consequently the striking is pretty chaotic. At the top of the tower there is a plate bearing the name Perry of Yeovil as the maker but there is no date. The general appearance is very shoddy.

Mr. Hughes does not consider the original model to be at all well made. It is no more than a child's rather exotic toy.

AN UNDERSTANDING DEAN

In the July issue of the Rochester Diocesan News the Dean (the Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts) writes: "If on a Sunday morning you meet the bellringers rushing from the Precincts, take heart from the fact that they are all heading for their parish churches of which they are all members. We in the Cathedral join the parishes in saluting those who serve us faithfully as ringers and worshippers.

AN 80th BIRTHDAY

The 80th birthday of Mr. Harry Barnes and his 54th wedding anniversary was marked by a peal of Minor at Tattershall, Lincs, in which Mr. Barnes participated. This was followed by tea at the Castle Inn, Coningsby, and then to crown the day all went to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes' home. Here the party were greeted by a magnificent cake.

LATEST FROM TOYLAND

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank P. C. Plodd for his kind action in exposing the recent hoax peal. The reason for this most unpleasant hoax is, I feel, just sour grapes. A few months ago a visiting ringer went for a peal on the bell on my hat—I myself listened to the ringing, but it was so awful that it was impossible to tell whether the bell was in the "hatstroke home" or "titter" positions, and one of the extents was actually miscalled, with the result that rounds came up in the middle of the peal. I remonstrated with the ringer afterwards about this, and presumably this latest hoax involving my name is an attempt on his part to get a cheap laugh at my expense.
—Yours faithfully,

NODDY.

Toyland.

"I MEAN NO HARM"

I come from near Yarm,
I mean no one any harm,
Not like that man
Who writes poetry when he can,
Who likes to cause troubles,
And only rings Doubles.
"The peal" may be "it,"
But although I'm not a nit,
I think I can say
We ring a lot on Sunday,
With equal zeal,
As when we ring a peal.

J.P.

VISITORS WELCOME AT YORK

In reply to many questions to the Editor, Mr. Harold Walker informs us that the trouble being experienced at York Minster is with the central tower; the bells are in the south-west tower. Tests have been carried out and the architect is satisfied that ringers can continue Sunday ringing as from 9.30 a.m. to 10.25 a.m., and the company is always glad to receive visitors.

SCARBOROUGH SELECT GOOD TOWERS

Starting at 6.45 a.m. from Flamborough, the 41-seater coach carried on to Knaresborough via Scarborough and York, picking up ringers for the third annual outing of St. Mary's, Scarborough. When Mr. E. Hudson boarded the coach at Knaresborough we had a complement of 20 ringers.

An hour's ringing on Knaresborough bells, which went very well, made a good start. At Harrogate ringing was limited to 45 minutes because of a wedding; the bells were regarded as the best of the day.

After refreshments at a Chinese restaurant it was a pleasant journey to Birstall, the only ground-floor ringing. Then came a picnic tea at Ilkley and an hour on the good bells, and another hour was spent ringing at Guiseley, where we were visited by the Vicar, and Scarborough was reached just before 11 p.m.

Methods rung were: Call changes, Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major Spliced, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Our thanks go to all the Vicars and to all who met us, also to Steve Wright, who ably took charge of the ringing, and to Mr. King for the organisation. G. D.

LAVENHAM RINGERS IN NOTTINGHAM

One might say "shades of the 1967 Central Council" as Lavenham ringers this year held their annual outing visiting a number of Southwell Guild towers on July 8th. It was a case of a 7 a.m. start and they were joined by ringers from Long Melford, Bures, Clare, Bury St. Edmunds and an enthusiastic young lady who made the long journey from Kent to be present.

There was a stop for coffee at Kinoulton before the first ring of the day at Colston Bassett. Then came Bingham with lunch at the Chesterfield Arms after ringing. A short run brought the party to Radcliffe-on-Trent (a very handy eight) and then to the light eight at West Bridgford. On the homeward journey tea was served at the George Hotel, Oakham, and the eight bells in Rutland's capital were regarded as the best of the day.

Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise. After a short stop for refreshment at Newmarket, home was safely reached at 11 p.m.

To Mr. A. J. Haynes, the organiser, we accorded our hearty thanks and also to clergy and ringing friends who met us. M. T. S.

200 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

The Hertford College Youths, which is 200 years old this year, rang the first peal for the Society since 1922 on July 1st. This marked the visit of the Queen Mother for the laying-up of the colours of the old 1st Battalion the Hertfordshire Regiment. The Master (Mr. John Kemp) writes that he hopes to repeat the performance.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' PEAL WEEK

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	*George T. Cousins	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	Peter Bridle	7
Frances Fairbank	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., July 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HEREFORDSHIRE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Peter Bridle	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	D. John Hunt	7
George E. Thoday	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BROSELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Antony R. Kench	5
Peter Bridle	2	*Cyril A. Wratten	6
David P. Hilling	3	†George T. Cousins	7
D. John Hunt	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 400th peal. † First in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., July 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	6
George E. Thoday	2	Robert C. Kippin	7
*Diana M. Chapman	3	*Peter Bridle	8
Gillian M. Hunt	4	David P. Hilling	9
Antony R. Kench	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	*Antony R. Kench	7
David P. Hilling	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* 200th peal.

KNIGHTON, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Edward.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
D. John Hunt	2	George E. Thoday	6
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Antony R. Kench	4	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., July 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRADGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb.

Peter Bridle	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	George T. Cousins	6
D. John Hunt	3	Antony R. Kench	7
Gillian M. Hunt	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Valerie Edge, tower captain at Much Wenlock, with the best wishes of the band.

ROCK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., July 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Cyril A Wratten	Treble	*George T. Cousins	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Peter Bridle	6
*George E. Thoday	3	*David P. Hilling	7
*Robert C. Kippin	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of Evaline Louise Cooper, the mother of the wife of the Rector of Rock, who died on July 6th.

BRIDGNORTH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Robert C. Kippin	2	David P. Hilling	6
Cyril A. Wratten	3	George T. Cousins	7
Diana M. Chapman	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, in the county and for the Guild. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LLANFIGAN, Brecknockshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
Peter Bridle	2	D. John Hunt	6
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
Antony R. Kench	4	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb

George E. Thoday	Treble	*†Peter Bridle	5
*David P. Hilling	2	*Robert C. Kippin	6
*Diana M. Chapman	3	*†D. John Hunt	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal together.
First peal in the method, in the county and for the Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Antony R. Kench	Treble	David P. Hilling	5
Diana M Chapman	2	George T. Cousins	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	George E. Thoday	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's (No. 1). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Alan F. Scholfield	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan McFall	2	Gerald Moorhouse	6
Robert J. Warrilow	3	Robert B. Smith	7
*J. David Atkinson	4	†Derek F. Yates	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples, completing peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First in the method on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Alan H. Bridges	Treble	David J. Marshall	6
Clive Thrower	2	Harold Taylor	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Malcolm Phipps	4	Ian Friend	9
Derek Astridge	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., June 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Arthur Newhall	Treble	Reginald Stretton	5
Geoffrey Bridges	2	David Oliver	6
William Allsopp	3	*Kevin Betesta	7
Neil Handley	4	David Walklate	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David Walklate.
* Has "circled the tower."

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEMPNETT BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb in E.

Neil Handley	Treble	David Oliver	5
William Allsopp	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
Kevin Betesta	3	David Walklate	7
Reginald Stretton	4	Sydney Adams	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by David Walklate.

NEMPNETT BOB TRIPLES
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DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., June 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Peter Blight	Treble	Colin Banton	5
Felicity Webber	2	Clive A. Thrower	6
Gordon A. Halls	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Melvyn Rose	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David W. Friend.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

David W. Friend	Treble	Harold Taylor	5
Felicity Webber	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
Samson Walklate	3	Burley P. Morris	7
Clive A. Thrower	4	Peter Blight	Tenor

Conducted by Burley P. Morris.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Eric Ellison	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	7
Andrew M. Macve	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
The 100th peal on the bells.
Rung on the 100th anniversary of the installation of the bells; recast in 1923; augmented to eight in 1949.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., July 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Kevin A. Betesta	Treble	Reginald Stretton	5
Neil Handley	2	David Oliver	6
Reginald Wallis	3	Geoffrey Bridges	7
David Walklate	4	Alan H. Bridges	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David Walklate.
Believed to be the 100th peal on the bells. Conductor has called a peal off all the bells.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., July 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith	Treble	*Gordon Faulks	5
*David W. Camm	2	Timothy Wylie	6
George H. Paulson	3	Peter D. Taylor	7
Ann M. Smith	4	Ronald H. Bullen	Tenor

Composed by Edward C. Gobey. Conducted by Rev. R. St. J. Smith.
*First peal of Major.

ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., June 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Susan E. Davis	4
Barrie Bateman	2	*Clyde I. Bateman	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Jean Whittaker, 1907–1965.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Barrie Bateman	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
†Clyde I. Bateman	2	F. Martin Stanway	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson.
* First peal in the method. † First of Treble Bob.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Marjorie Frost and Barrie Bateman.

TAXAL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Gladys Richardson	Treble	Alex Richardson	4
*Susan E. Davis	2	Timothy Wylie	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw	3	Kenneth R. Davenport	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal in four methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

*Jane Darby	Treble	*Margaret Twigg	5
*Christine Neville	2	Thomas R. Sharp	6
*Glynis E. Perry	3	Frank W. Tomlin	7
*Andrew Ottaway	4	Christopher W. Ottaway	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher W. Ottaway.
* First peal. First as conductor and first in the method.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWHURST, Surrey.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 8 lb. in G sharp.

*Keith B. Burgess	Treble	Roy D. Mills	5
†Jill M. May	2	John C. Davidge	6
Jill P. Oakshott	3	Tony Skilton	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	Peter J. Munday	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Tony Skilton.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRONLLYS, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 102 methods, as follows: (1) St. Modwen, Fairfield, Eling, (2) Winshill, Carlton, Lenton, (3) Bronllys*, Talgarth*, Llangors*, (4) Llandefalle*, Llanbedr*, Llangasty*, (5) Builth*, Crickadarn*, Sedgefield, (6) Cwmdu*, Cathedine*, Tal-a-llyn*, (7) St. Matthias, (8) St. Philip, (9) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (10) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (11) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, (12) Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, (13) Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, (14) Somerville, Magdalen, St. Werburgh, (15) St. Jude, St. Lawrence, St. Austell, (16) St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, (17) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius (18) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (19) Lapley, St. John, Horsley, (20) Shareshill, Ryton, St. Clear (21) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Chrysostum, (22) Nuffield, Wadham, St. Richard, (23) St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecelia, (24) Heyford, Chilton, St. Dominica, (25) Dedworth, Buttercup, Worthington, (26) Primrose, Violet, St. Thomas the Martyr, (27) Snodsbury, Bedlow, Cherwell, (28) Pennywell†, Trinity, Weston, (29) Wychbold, Wallflower, Marlow, (30) Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Chinnor. (31) Maseley, Chiddington, Evenlode, (32) St. Adwena, St. Neots, St. Christopher, (33) Rushall, (34) All Saints, (35) Marchington, (36) St. Hilda, (37) Grandsire, (38) Newborough, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Norhrepps, (41) Fortune, (42) St. Augustine. Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in A.

Gillian E. Lewis	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
John W. Hope	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Frederick R. Harris	3	J. Anthony Ellis	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* Rung for the first time. † Given incorrectly in "Ringing World," 1966 (page 183).
This is the greatest number of methods rung to a peal in Wales, for the Guild and by the band.

Name	Plain Course	Bob
Bronllys	New Bob	Grandsire single
Talgarth	Huntspill	Grandsire single
Llangors	St. Vedast	Grandsire single
Llandefalle	New Bob	All Saints' P.L.
Llanbedr	Huntspill	All Saints' P.L.
Llangasty	St. Vedast	All Saints' P.L.
Builth	New Bob	Old Bob single
Crickadarn	Huntspill	Old Bob single
Cwmdu	New Bob	Grandsire extreme
Cathedine	Huntspill	Grandsire extreme
Tal-y-llyn	St. Vedast	Grandsire extreme

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Hertford College Youths Society)

HERTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

*Barbara Baggualy	Treble	John Kemp	5
Dennis Digby	2	Peter M. F. Searles	6
Richard Wilshire	3	James A. D. Woolford ..	7
†Brian Foley	4	John Thorp	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John Thorp.
* First peal. † First of Major "inside."
Rung to mark the visit of the Queen Mother for the laying up of the colours of the old 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regiment. (T.A.).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, and 768 Bristol, with 123 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

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

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	John Pladdys	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Ian H. Oram	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Margaret, Virgin and Martyr.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently
Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	4
Harold Evans	2	Edward J. Jenner	5
D. Paul Smith	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Margaret Hine and John Temple, who were married later this day at Hayes, Kent.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Tues., July 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*David W. T Hoople ..	Treble	Roderick H. Glover	4
†Patrick J Harrisson ..	3	John B. Keeler	5
*Stephen J. Marsh	3	Paul R. Davies	Tenor

Conducted jointly by Patrick A. Harrison, Roderick H. Glover and John B. Keeler.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung by past and present students of the Canterbury Technical High School for Boys to mark the moving of the School into the new building in July, 1967.

FOOTS CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Stedman and St Nicholas, six of Grandsire, eight each of Plain Bob and St. Martin and 12 of St. Simon.
Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*Percy J. Spice	Treble	†D. Paul Smith	3
John Pladdys	2	Ian H. Oram	4
Tony Lewis	Tenor		

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Doubles on tower bells. † First of Doubles. First on the bells since they were rehung.
Rung on the Feast of St. Anacletus, Martyr.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

E. Andrew Harrison ..	Treble	Christopher M. Movley ..	5
A Steven Taylor	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
James W. Belshaw	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Alan S. Burbidge	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John the Evangelist.
On Sun., July 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

James E. Andrews	Treble	Joseph Thornley	5
*Thomas Hobson	2	John Ashcroft	6
James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*Christopher A. Lomax ..	4	Albert Greenhalgh	Tenor

Composed by Thurston. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to congratulate Christopher A. Lomax on the conferment of his B.Sc. degree at Sheffield University the previous day.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., July 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Christopher Lomax	Treble	Thomas Hobson	5
Keith Lister	2	Joseph Thornley	6
John Illingworth	3	John Ashcroft	7
Norman Tompkins	4	James Andrews	Tenor

Composed by T B. Worsley. Conducted by James Andrews.
Rung half-muffled in respect to Mr. Sam Chesters (choir member), father of a local lady ringer, whose body was received into the church during the ringing of the peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

R. Kingsley Mason ..	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	2	William A. Lacey	6
Martin Green	3	W. Arthur Riddington ..	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a 23rd birthday compliment to Martin Green.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

TATTERSHALL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Horace Bennett	4
Ronald S. Russell	2	Leslie H. Squires	5
William H. Dale	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer and to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Barnes' 54th wedding anniversary.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Modwen.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

John K. Smith	Treble	George L. Roobottom ..	5
Pamela E. Key	2	Charles W. F. Eyre ..	6
William J. Leach	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Margaret Woolley	4	Cyril T. Haynes	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung as a compliment to David W. Brunning and Deirdre Shotton, who were married this day.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Martin Green	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
John K. Smith	3	Roland Beniston	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., June 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

W. Perkins	Treble	E. Young	5
J. G. Burton	2	D. Jack	6
D. Steele	3	J. A. J. Jack	7
L. Walley	4	C. S. Ryles	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by C. S. Ryles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., July 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Barrie Hendry	6
Graham C. Paul	2	David J. Marshall	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Charles E. Truman	8
Barry E. Saunders	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., July 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11lb.

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Barrie Hendry	9
G. William Critchley	5	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band.

ORLINGBURY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 22, 1967 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods/variations, being 360 each of St. Simon and St. Martin and 720 each of April Day, Kennington, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Ronald Russell	3
*John G. Mitchell	2	Stephen Bell	4

Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal of Doubles "inside."

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

*Ian H. Oram	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Ann Jenner	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Stanley Jenner	7
John W. Smith	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 300th peal of Major.
Rung on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*Charles J. Copp	Treble	Harold Stevenson	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	F. William Midwinter	5
†Derek J. Tysoe	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* 80th peal. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Derek J. Tysoe.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 15 lb. in F sharp.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	5
Jean L. Kimber	2	Richard C. Stevens	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Stewart F. Kimber	7
G. William Critchley	4	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Lucy Ann Key	Treble	George L. Roobottom	6
†Pamela E. Key	2	John K. Smith	7
William J. Leach	3	Maurice G. Turner	8
Howard Howell	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
Cyril T. Haynes	5	John Scattergood	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
Rung as a compliment to Jennifer Toon, a ringer at this tower, on the occasion of her wedding to Kingsley Jones this day.
* First peal on ten bells. † First on ten bells "inside."

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., May 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Joy Butler	Treble	Michael J. Thomas	5
Thomas H. Francis	2	†Stephen Barton	6
*Colin Butler	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
David J. Forder	4	Clifford Barron	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Maurice J. Butler	Treble	*R. Brian Walton	5
*Betty J. Daysh	2	Patrick Page	6
*Colin J. Butler	3	John H. Hunt	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal in the method.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., July 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Christopher Pack	Treble	*Robert Newman	4
*Ann Newman	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Miriam Green	3	*Neil Elkington	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. First peal on the new tenor bell recast by Mears and Stainbank.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., July 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Alan Newbould	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
M. Susan Jackson	2	J. Paul Coad	5
*George Hancock	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in nine methods.

EASTRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in four methods, viz.: (1–3) St. Simon, (4) Eynsham, (5–28) Grandsire, (29–42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Sarah J. Haskins	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
*William P. Haskins	2	J. Paul Coad	5
*Josephine M. Haskins	3	Anthony P. Haskins	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in more than one method.

Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

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Let us now turn our attention to the lead-ends; first the five that are used to produce regular methods with the "Oxford" group backworks.

Fig. 4

Sandal (Oxford)	Coll. Ex.	Neasden (Woodbine)	Old Oxford	Comber-mere (London S.)
561243	561243	641253	641253	361245
562134	562134	642135	642135	362154
651243	651243	461253	461253	631245
615423	615423	416235	416235	613254
164532	164532	142653	142653	163524
614523	614523	412635	412635	615342
165432	165432	146253	146253	165432
156342	164523	164523	142635	164523
513624	615432	615432	416253	614253
153642	165423	165423	146235	162435
516324	614532	614532	412653	612345
561234	641352	641523	421635	621354
652143	463125	465132	246153	263145
651234	461352	461523	241635	261354

The first four methods fall into two groups, being the 6th and 2nd place variations of Oxford and Woodbine lead-ends. The last lead-end, London Surprise, contains much backward hunting and in most cases will probably have to wait until the other lead-ends have been mastered. If the principle of pivot bell and two pairs of bells is applied, however, it will be found that London Surprise lead-ends are not difficult to memorise, or indeed to ring, once the backward hunting has been overcome.

The Oxford and College Exercise groups do not normally splice into the same 720 but the Neasden and Old Oxford groups will splice by using Parker's (or Relfe's) splice, as will be seen later. Although it is useful to remember the names of all the methods, this is an achievement by no means necessary. If the basic backworks are well known they can be coupled to different lead-ends without the name of the resultant union being required whilst ringing. If the lead-end is known and is being rung it is only necessary for the conductor to call out the name of the basic backwork.

In order to save space the reader is left to pair his bells and learn the duties in the five lead-ends given.

Here are the three lead-ends which produce regular methods when combined with the "Chepstow" group

Balmoral (New London)	Wilmslow (Tulip)	Leasowe
261345	261345	251634
263154	263154	256143
621345	621345	521634
612435	612435	512364
164253	164253	152346
614523	614523	513264
165432	165432	153624
156342	164523	156342
513624	615432	516432
153264	165342	154632
512346	613524	514632
521436	631254	541362
254163	362145	453126
251436	361254	451362

Balmoral and Wilmslow are the 6ths and 2nds place variations of the same method. Balmoral lead-ends have often been rung as New London, which has a complete slow-work. Although irregular, it is an interesting method and is an excellent way to learn the lead-ends. New London appeared in "Campanalogia," 1702, as did also Tulip, which has the 2nds place lead-ends. The backwork of this old method is identical with Annable's London Surprise. Enough has been said about learning the methods, about thepivot and paired bells, to enable anyone to make his own analysis. J. T. White, the old Felkirk ringer, who rang and conducted 247 720's in 12 months, each in a different method, used to write the duties of each method out in longhand. Some ringers prefer the figures whilst others use a combination of these or other ideas. Perhaps trouble may be encountered in ringing the Leasowe lead-ends but this, like the ringing of London Surprise, is chiefly because of the backward hunting.

Having learned to ring the regular methods, there is no harm in ringing the irregular ones and many of these can be formed from the regular ones already learned simply by coupling backworks on the different lead-ends, e.g. the "Oxford" group backworks on to New London or Tulip and the "Chepstow" on to London Surprise, Kent or Westminster Surprise.

If, in ringing irregular methods, the conductor prefers to keep the tenor observation and the 5th sub-observation, he can always do this by calling what used to be known as "tenor without 5th." That is to say call a bob every time the tenor is in the position for standard calling, i.e. Wrong or Home in a 2nds place method, In or Out in a 6ths place method, unless the 5th is there also, i.e. either behind with the tenor or on the front with the tenor. Sometimes this results in "standard" calling, sometimes it does not. Here is the system applied to York Minster:

Fig 6

23456	52436	34256
65243	— 63425	Twice repeated.
34625	52643	
52364	34562	
— 46325	— 26543	

This results, as can be seen, by the 6th being called Out, In, Out instead of the "standard" In, Out, In. Notice that there is no bob called at the first lead-end when the 6th is going into slowwork because at that juncture the 5th is coming out of slow-work. It goes without saying that the conscientious conductor will prick out and check over the calling beforehand

Group	Lead-ends
"Oxford"	Oxford (Lond. Sch., etc.)
"	College Exercise
"	Woodbine
"	Willesden
"	London Surprise
"Chepstow"	Melandra
"	New London
"	Tulip

COURSE SPLICING

If two regular methods have the same rows in a course and both have 2nds or both have 6ths at the lead-end. then wherever there is a complete course of one method avtilable in a composition, the other may be substituted. There is a complete list of such splicers given in the "C.C. Collection of Minor Methods," 1961, but here is a list more suitable to our present requirements:

Course Splicers	Same rows in a course.
Oxford T.B.	
Morning Star	
Braintree	Identical "backworks.
Marple	
Abbeyville	
Castleton	
Dover	
Ely	

On examination it will be found that with eight lead-ends and 14 backworks, 40 different regular methods can be combined.* As a point of interest it may be observed that Morning Star and Braintree are inverted Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and as such can be so remembered.

(To be continued)

Braintwister No. 2 — Set by A. S. Hudson

THE TOWER SNATCH

No doubt many of you will have discovered by now the difficulties inherent in the organisation of tower snatches. It is desirable on these occasions to maximise the number of new rings for everybody in the party, and also to minimise the distance travelled between the various churches. Since the bells are never available at the time for which you ask, you finish up with a compromise, and this is what happened to the Little Bumpstaid outing which took place a week or two ago.

The Little Bumpstaid band had decided to hold an afternoon outing one Saturday and, not being ambitious folk, they included four towers only, with six ringers taking part, all travelling in one car. As it turned out, it was not possible to visit new towers for everybody, but in fact there were never more than three people who had been to any one place before. The first tower on the programme was Much Grappling, a very pleasant six according to David and Bill, who had rung a peal there a few weeks before. This view was not shared by Dennis, the only other member of the band who had rung there, since he had experienced a broken rope in the sixth extent of the only peal he had attempted there. Be that as it may, after a few touches at Much Grappling they proceeded to Steeple Twistead, where two of them had previously rung. Tea followed this tower, and after tea they went to Nether Jangling, where the tenor went up wrong, although they did not discover this until it was lowered. The final call was at Backwoodsbury, where three of the band had rung before.

It was here that I met the band, and since they had had such a busy afternoon we adjourned to the local inn for refreshment. At first the conversation turned upon who had rung where, and I recall some of what was said. It appeared that Bill had previously rung at two of the towers and John had also got one of these. Dick mentioned that he had collected three new ones, and Ann had two. Dennis and Ann did not say much, but I did gather that there was only one tower which both of them had previously rung at, and Ann was in fact the only one of them to have already rung at two consecutive towers on the outing.

Who had not rung at the various churches? Send your answers to the following address:— "Braintwister" No. 2, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford.

The solution and comments on "Braintwister" No. 1 will appear next week.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 1, J. G. Draper 2, Renee Sturgess 3, Rosemary J. Kemp 4, S. A. Scott 5, Christine Pearson 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, R. K. Hawkins 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On July 8th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. Timms 1, A. Clutton 2, J. Simmons 3, D. K. Whitlock (first of Major) 4, R. Skinner 5, S. M. Bailey 6, R. J. Snack 7, D. Knox (cond.) 8. Arranged in conjunction with the Flower Festival.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Harewood (first quarter) 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

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SMITH.—On July 19th, 1967, a daughter, Lisa Jill, born to May (née Foster) and Bob. 1985

ENGAGEMENTS

BRIGHTON—CLARK. — The engagement is announced between Valerie E. Clark, of Winchmore Hill, London, and Terrence W. Brighton, of Stockton-on-Forest, York. Congratulations from both families. 1982

FOSTER—COPPING. — The engagement is announced between Michael George Foster, younger son of Mr. G. E. Foster, of Plumstead, S.E.18 (formerly of Southwell, Nottingham), and Sheila Rose Copping, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. K. Copping, of Bromley, Kent. 1997

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KIRK—LEE. — The marriage will take place between Martin Kirk and Teresa Lee at St. James', Weybridge, on August 12th, at 2.30. Ringing friends welcome at service. Married address: The Lower Gables, Pitch Place, Worplesdon, Surrey. 1993

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Annie M. WILLIAMS, of Copperhill House, Redruth, greatly appreciates and sends her sincere thanks to all ringers for their letters of sympathy on the death of her husband. 1986

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOWLEY.—The new address of Mr. and Mrs. Herrick B. Bowley is now: 2, Barton Road, Leicester. Phone 24358. 2009

CROSS.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor A. Cross and family is now: 31, South Avenue, Gillingham, Kent. Telephone: Medway 32425. 2005

EASTON.—After August 2nd, the address of Christopher J. Easton will be: 10, Hewley Drive, West Ayton, near Scarborough, Yorks. Tel.: West Ayton 3049. 1990

HILLER.—The address of Melvyn J. Hiller is now: 74, Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, Bridport, Dorset. 2020

PERSONAL

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—To all who met us on our recent outing in Surrey, particularly to Mr. Parrott, hon. secretary, Surrey Association, a very sincere "Thank you"; we had a wonderful day.—F. V. G. 1981

Would Mr. G. McAthey, of 12, St. Luke's Road, Winton, Bournemouth, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Address unknown."

Would Mr. F. C. Tysoe, of 15, High Street, Souldrop, Sharnbrook, Bedford, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not known."

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSSOCIATION.—Advance Notice.—October 14th, Half-day Ringing School at Barrington, near Ilminster, covering Instructional Methods, Tower Organisation and Maintenance, Elementary Conducting. S.A.E. for details to Gen. Sec. October 28th, Annual Dinner at the County Hotel, Taunton. The Hon. Gen. Sec. for 1967–68 is John H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol. Tel. L.A. 3469. 1998

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise practice will be held at Dorking on Monday, August 7th, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, London Major. —M. M. 1996

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Swindon Ringing Festival, Saturday, October 14th. All towers in the Branch will be open. Times to be announced later. Cold buffet supper booked at 5s. 6d. per head. Early bookings would be appreciated.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 2019

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, September 30th, Kent Banqueting Suite, Odeon Restaurant, Ashford, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s. 6d. Early application advised to your own District secretary. Any other information from Alan Berry, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1979

LEEDS Parish Church has suspended practices throughout August. Practices will be resumed on Thursday, September 7th. 2001

YORK MINSTER.—No Tuesday practices from August 8th to August 29th inclusive. 1984

ST. DUNSTAN'S, CRANBROOK, KENT

Open Day, Saturday, September 23rd, in aid of Bell Restoration Fund.

20 local towers open. Details later. 1904

ST. LAURENCE'S, SCALBY. — I should like to correct the 1967 Yorkshire Association Report. Although included under Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Grundy are ringers at Scalby, where Alan has recently been appointed tower captain. Following Michael Pickup's defection to the Cambridge University Guild, the new Scalby secretary is Mrs. Audrey Davies, 33, Lady Edith Park, Scarborough, Yorks. Practices Fridays 7.30 p.m. (as before). 1991

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—**The outing programme** is as follows: Kirk Ella 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Walkington 3.45 to 4.45. Tea by own arrangement. St. Mary's, Beverley 6 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Market Weighton 7.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m (Date—August 5th.) 1977

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Swaffham Prior, Saurday, August 5th. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Single Court and London Surprise. 1965

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Clarke, 1, Ralphs Cottages, Jenkins Hill, Bagshot, Surrey. (Bagshot 2031.)—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 1886

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening meeting at St. Ippolyts, Saturday, August 5th. Bells (6) at 6.30 p.m Everyone, including learners, welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 1945

LADIES GUILD.—Devon Branch.— Meeting, Newton St. Cyres (8), Saturday, August 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No service. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. at Crown and Sceptre Inn. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 1971

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Meeting at Isleworth, August 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. and after business. Tea and business in the Church Hall, South Street, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1955

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 7th, 7 p.m. 2014

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Surprise practice, Hendon, Wednesday, August 9th, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. K. 2007

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) on **Friday, August 11th.** Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note the change of day.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 1967

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting at Haynes (5) on Saturday, August 12th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. No business. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 2000

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Scalby (6) and Scarborough (8), Saturday, August 12th. Bells: Scalby 2–4.30 p.m.; Scarborough 6.30–8.30 p.m. Service Scalby 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting Scarborough 5.15 p.m. Please look up Killamarsh and Double Court Minor, Cambridge and Rutland Surprise Major. Names for tea to Mrs. E. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by previous Wednesday (important)). 1935

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8, 26 cwt.) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Powell, 38, Hopefield Road, Sandy Lane, Lymm, Cheshire, by Tuesday, August 8th. No name, no tea. — M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 2003

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on August 12th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special welcome to ringers on holiday in the Lake District.—Names for tea to J. W. Brownrigg, 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, by August 9th. 2006

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Peak District) and EAST DERBY AND NOTTS Association.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m. Teas available. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2023

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m.–5 p.m., and Fairwarp (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. Names to the secretary for annual outing to be held on October 14th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent. 1926

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Peak District). — Meeting, Ashover (8), August 12th. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No names required.— E. J. Sterland, G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 2012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District—Meeting, Sawston, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.— A meeting will be held at Arksden (6) on Satturday, Augusst 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Newport (6) 5.30–8.30 p.m. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1966

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.— Meeting at Fobbing, August 12th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. **Note change of venue.**—M. J. Hallett, Dis. Sec. 1995

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting at Castle Eaton on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 2018

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Churchdown (6), Saturday, August 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. onwards. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Church Hall. First meeting since restoration of church. Names for tea to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Glos, by Tuesday, August 8th. 1947

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, August 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please bring picnic tea.—C. M. Snow, Branch Sec. 1992

HERTFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Western District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chiltern Branch). — Joint meeting, Tring (8), August 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch, Tring. 1017

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.—Evening meeting, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, August 12th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2004

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Langtree, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 1988

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hale, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—M. E. D. 1989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, August 12th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Buses 142 and 145 from Preston Bus Station to Stag's Head 2.20, 2.50 and half-hourly.—L. Walmsley. 1994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — G. Cheetham. 1995

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Thurnby, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester, by Wednesday, August 9th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1978

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Evening meeting, Harrow-on-the-Hill, August 12th, 6 to 8 p.m. 2021

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Garveston (6), Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Reymerston (5) also available. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kiddle, Hillcrest, Garveston. NOR 29 X (Tel. Mattishall 287) by Wednesday, 9th. 1987

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Clapham Common R.C. on August 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Evening ringing to be arranged. Names for tea to Mr. T. Farmer, St. Mary's Hall, St. Alphonsus Road, S.W.4, by previous Wednesday, please. 1962

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanton and Moreton Corbett on Saturday, August 12th. Bells: Stanton (6) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Moreton Corbett (6) 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at Stanton 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to P. J. Evans, Ryton, 5, Marton Drive, Shrewsbury. 1949

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.— Quarterly meeting at Weybread on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Lewis, The Vicarage, Mendham, Harleston, Norfolk, by Wednesday, August 9th. All ringers welcome. —T. N. J. B. 2013

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rogate and South Harting on Saturday, August 12th. South Harting (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Rogate (6) 4.15 to 5 p.m. and in the evening. Tea at Rogate 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Regret no service. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2002

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A joint meeting of the two Societies will be held on Saturday, August 12th. Towers for ringing will be: Wortley (8) 2–3.30; Hoylandswaine (6) 3–4.15; Penistone (8) 6.15–8.30. Tea and meeting at Penistone. Names, please, to Mr. J. Whitehead, 2, Church View, Crescent, Penistone, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. King and T. Tarbatt (respective secretaries). 2020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Biddenden, August 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Deacon, 30, The Meadows, Biddenden, by Thursday, August 17th.—A. P. S. B. 1957

FULBECK, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (three methods): S. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, D. King (first "inside") 2, M. Mitchell 3, W. King 4, H. J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, C. Hencha 6. First of Mixed Doubles by all except the conductor. Rung to welcome Canon H. G. Mitchell, who was installed a Canon of Lincoln this day, by two of his sons and four service ringers.

WOOLTON HILL BAND'S PROGRESS

An unfortunate accident occurred to the tenor bell at Woolton Hill, Hampshire, last September, when the stay broke and wedged in the frame, causing the bell to become cracked in the crown.

Money-raising efforts were promoted by the local band to meet the cost of recasting. These included handbells at Christmas and a jumble sale organised by Mrs. Green in June, and eventually, in July, the bell was back in its place, sounding even better than before.

During the interregnum the local band continued practising Doubles on the front five bells and, with visits to other towers, they were proficient enough to attempt a peal with their own band. But to give encouragement to the younger members, three of whom only started in January, Mr. G. Dodd, of Highclere, was invited as guest conductor to shepherd five first pealers through their first peal of Bob Doubles on July 11th.

All went well until halfway, when one of the team became unwell, and "That's all" was called at the half peal. Ringers taking part were: C. Pack 1, Ann Newman 2, R. Sutton 3, R. Newman 4, G. Dodd (conductor) 5, N. Elkington 6

The successful peal was rung a week later with Mrs. Green coming in on the third, a good peal of Bob Doubles being scored in 2 hours and 50 minutes. The ringer of the fourth had the added difficulty of ringing his bell without a stay. This is probably the first time anybody has rung his first peal on a stayless bell.

We hope that Bob Minor will be the next step with this enthusiastic band. In a tower that in the 1930s could boast a London Surprise Minor band under the leadership of Harry Banham, who knows whether history might repeat itself? G. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Ashford District

Woodchurch, a village six miles south-west of Ashford, was the place of meeting for the Ashford District on July 15th. The bells were put to good use by the 50 ringers present, with rounds and methods.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. E. Price, assisted by Mr. D. L. Cowley. John Spree, of Bethersden, was the organist. Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall and was kindly given by the Woodchurch ringers.

At the business meeting mention was made of the illness of Mr. J. Willis (vice-president of the Association), Mr. and Mrs. Daw, of Stone-in-Oxney, and Messrs. E. Town and R. Pellett of the local band. Mr. R. Pellett had made all the arrangements for the meeting and it was a disappointment that he could not be present. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. J. E. Wyld, of Wye.

Ringing continued after the meeting and more ringers arrived. For such a hot day and tricky bells the ringing was of a high standard. A. P. S. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Chiseldon on the 15th. Due to the incidence of outings, church fetes, etc., the attendance was not so large as usual, members being present from Savernake (St. Katherine's), Aldbourne, Everleigh, Wroughton and the home tower.

Ringing, under the direction of Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary), continued at intervals until 4.30 p.m. when the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. Collins), with Mrs. Hacker at the organ.

As is always the case at Chiseldon, a really sumptuous tea was prepared and served in the Youth Club by Mrs. Court, sen. Mr. and Mrs. R. Court, jun., and helpers.

The thanks of the company were afterwards expressed by Mr. N. Tilley to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting and was heartily endorsed by all.

Ringing was then resumed in rounds and various methods, as required. W. A. E.

COMPOSITIONS

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. KNOX

23456	M	1/F	B	W	H
25634			—	2	1
52436	2				2
54326	1		—	2	2
25346		X		2	2
26543	2				1
23645	2	X			2
46325				2	2
24365		X		2	2
25463	2				1
23564	2	X			2
65324				2	2
26354		X		2	2
24653	2				1
23456	2	X			2

Rung at Willesden, June 22nd, 1967.

5,024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

By D. KNOX

23456	O	H	I	F
23645	—	X		
23564	—	X		
43265				—
36245			—	
24365	—		—	
32546		X		
62345				—
62534	—	X		
45236	—			—
53246	3		—	
34256			—	
25346	—		—	
54326			—	
42356	3		—	
63254	—			—
32465	2	X		
52364				—
26354			—	
35264	—		—	
23456		X		

Rung at St Neots, April 8th, 1967.

1,260 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

By M. J. MARRIOTT

234567

S 756432—3
423657—3
675324—3
342576—3
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THE NEXT STEP

LAST week an important announcement was made that from September until the week before Christmas 20-page issues of "The Ringing World," including a tinted cover, would be the weekly programme. This forward step was taken by the committee after hearing the results of recent issues in June and July and after debating at length the points raised by the recent census.

One member of the committee pointed out that there were three lines that could be taken—with vision, visionary or *laissez faire*. It was obvious that a standstill policy would not be in accord with the wishes of the Council. Indeed, the Editor since Bath had taken steps to brighten the paper, and at Nottingham, although it was not admitted by the critics, there was already a marked improvement, which had been commented upon favourably by many readers.

This does not satisfy Messrs. Beresford and Pipe. Their interpretation of the reader demands from the census embarks upon a visionary picture and this is their reading of the content as requested by the majority of readers:

> "We believe the consensus is for a larger paper of wider scope—a dynamic paper with broader range of contributors. We feel sure that having digested this synopsis you must inevitably come to the conclusions expressed in our paper on this subject. To cover the requirements almost certainly a 24-page paper weekly would be required."

We not only challenge the accuracy of this statement but state emphatically with long years of experience in the newspaper industry that the demand for a 24-page paper weekly, with the enormous amount of detail work, is more than is reasonable to expect from one working journalist and a part-time assistant mainly engaged on the requirements of postal subscribers—their wrappers and changes of address. The Editor is expected to deal personally with a post of from 50 to 100 letters each day, sub-edit copy, peals and quarter peals, deal with notices, select and prepare illustrations, make-up the newspaper, write editorial, as the occasion demands report big events in the Exercise and be ready to advise and counsel members of the Committee and officers of the Council. He is also expected to stimulate circulation and deal with difficulties arising from production and postal matters.

Not only the economic position prevents the employment of a second journalist, but the office accommodation is not available. This is provided *free* by the printers, but it is only sufficient for two people to work in comfort. A journal of the character of "The Ringing World" cannot be edited from afar. If the service provided by Notices is to be continued there must be an office at or close to the printers. A personal supervision of going to press is necessary.

A weekly 24-page paper would necessitate the surrender of a tinted cover. The actual paper itself can only be printed in multiples of eight-pages—thus with the 24 pages demanded there would have to be a four-page cover if the full effect (face lift, Mr. Pipe calls it) of the front page picture is to be secured. If it should be possible to obtain four pages of advertisements at £10 a page then such a course could be entertained, but not otherwise.

In embarking on the 20-page issues between September and Christmas, the committee are acting with vision. Such a procedure is within the compass of the present set up if part-time clerical help is obtained. But it will mean a loss for 1967 according to the calculations of one committee member of £245. Can this be met without indulging in a price increase? Nobody embarks on a sales campaign with the threat of a price increase—it is bad psychology. It must be the object of the committee to live within the present subscription rate until new postal charges are introduced.

The answer is with the Exercise itself. A modest donation, say 6d. a rope, with every peal submitted and a continuation of the very valuable help from quarter peals will enable the reserves of "The Ringing World" to remain intact. The Editor is very conscious of the large number of generous friends—the man who does not hesitate to send the hat round at an outing and bodies like the Clerical Guild who always remember the R.W. at their week. This stimulating friendship in days when organised criticism is rampant is greatly valued. The fact that many new features and new writers have been introduced has been ignored and some of these people have talents which are appreciated by the discerning reader.

The policy of the committee is "to hasten slowly." Subscribers who remain for one quarter only are of little use, and we frankly admit that to the non-change ringer and person who takes no interest in diocesan organisations and district meetings the appeal of the paper is very limited. After all, it is a technical paper and cannot ignore its responsibilities. One has to be a member of the big family of ringers to read with relish the peal and quarter peal pages and much of the general news, but we do study every type of reader within the compass of the objects—"a journal about bells and ringers, past and present, established to advance the art of change ringing."

PIPE'S PILGRIMS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

SEVEN glorious days of sunshine, 41 out of 42 good rings of bells to ring on, two nice hotels to accommodate the 40 all very nice people and not a word of disagreement formed the basis of Pipe's Pilgrims' 1967 tour of Leicestershire. Nor must we forget the speedy, affable "get us there in time" coach driver and all who met us at the towers with the bells already up for us.

Starting from Grundisburgh Green at 6 a.m. on Sunday, July 2nd, with Jim and Sylvia Pipe and Ernie Pearce, we picked up Michael Howes, Alan Munnings, Gilbert Goodship, Bernard and Doreen Fairhead, Paul Thompson, Neil and John Avis, Adrian Semken and Roy Stephenson in Ipswich, and did the 54 miles to Cambridge in 70 minutes, and were joined by Mark Damerell. We were due to ring at St. Peter's, Bedford, at 9.45 a.m. but arrived at 8.45, which allowed time for refreshments and a pull on the fine ten at St. Paul's through the kind graces of Avril Ivin.

Bert and Marion Kynaston, Dennis, Betty, Jill and Stephen Laud, Len North, Ian North, Pat Lockwood, Irvin Slack, Alan Newbould, Alan Clifton, Tom Clark and Ron Short met us here and on we sped to the Angel Hotel, Northampton, for a splendid lunch, joined by Norman and Elsie Bagworth and Richard Stevens.

We had a quick pull at Weedon but all were anxious to get to Daventry, where Pat Chapman had arranged for us to ring on the first-class ten, and were joined by Philip Johnson, Elizabeth Timmins and Gillian Smith. John Brain, Bill and Hilda Oatway met us at Lutterworth for tea and evening service ringing and finally on to Rowans and Merrivale Hotels, London Road, Leicester, our homes for the week, where we were pleased to see Ronald Edwards of the Loughborough Bell Foundry and Fred and Doris Bailey from Cardiff.

Whitwick, Cole-Orton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Measham, Hugglescote, Anstey and the fine ten at St. John the Divine, Leicester, were the towers on Monday, and back to Rowans for supper, drinks and a couple of hours' social, formed the culmination of each happy day.

FOUNDRY A GREAT ATTRACTION

Tuesday morning saw us at Syston, Sileby and John Taylor's foundry, which proved a great attraction, viewing and hearing old and new bells and a general tour of the tidy workshops before a pull on the foundry bells. We were sorry Mr. Paul Taylor could not join us at lunch or tea at the Three Nuns but were delighted to see Mr. John Oldham looking as young and vigorous as ever.

The afternoon was spent at Shepshed, and back to Loughborough to ring on the glorious ten at All Saints. Grandsire Caters, Kent Royal, Cambridge Royal were well struck, and looking at the bell metal lifelike plaques of the Taylor family and listening to an almost perfect touch of Stedman Caters and remembering the ringers of the 18,027 Stedman Caters we felt the nearness and approval of those wonderful men whose names will never die. Evening ringing took place at Mount Sorrel and Birstall.

Earl Shilton was first on the list on Wednesday and Irvin Slack's 1,000th tower. Everyone agreed he should call a touch and his choice was a musical one of Stedman Triples, rung without a fault. Market Bosworth and Barwell completed the morning's ringing, and at the George Hotel, Hinckley, we met Arthur and Eva Beamish. Bulkington and Bedworth were visited in the afternoon, and at Claybrook a very good touch was rung by an all-ladies' band. Burbage bells and a quiet drink in the coolness of the village inn concluded the day.

GUESS WHO?

It is by no means uncommon on P.P. tours when young men and maidens, meeting for the first time, a romance develops. And what is nicer than to see two, four or six young people obviously in love finding even greater enjoyment in each other's company.

And that is how it was again—

Oh, kisses, sweeter than wine.

There was joy on Thursday morning. As the coach was about to leave the postman brought three copies of "The Ringing World." Cries of "Give me one, please," "After you," "Where did they come from," etc. We came to the conclusion the Editor knew of our tour and the pleasure the paper would give. We all said "Thank you, sir," and we were soon at Ashby-Folville and then Billesdon, followed by a lovely chicken lunch at Kibworth. We walked to the Parish Church and later rang at Wigston Magna and South Wigston. The highlight of the day was the beautiful twelve at Leicester Cathedral, where we spent an hour and a half, followed by a further treat for those who love good music, as an organ recital by Derrick Cantrell of Manchester Cathedral.

In the coolness of St. Martin's we listened to Bach, Franck, Cocker and McCabe. And again another treat, for while strolling back to Rowans, Norman Bagworth spotted an open door at St. James the Greater, where an exceptionally fine organ has recently been installed, and three young organists were trying it out. We were late for supper, but more than ample portions of good food, including strawberry flan, had been reserved for us. A drink or two among genial company finished another lovely day.

BAD MANNERS

The bells in the enormous tower at Ratby, with the local incumbent, the Rev. P. R. Blackman, were a nice beginning to Friday, followed by Enderby and Aylestone, where four married couples (Bagworth, Kynaston, Oatway and Pipe) rang a touch, and then back to Leicester for lunch and a visit to All Saints', which was the one and only occasion when anyone got hot under the collar, and the organiser at that. Due to the smallness of the tower, some of the party not ringing sat on the stairs and were anything but quiet, while someone paid a visit to the room above. Confusion came and the bells were called to rounds but, not to be outdone, the touch was again attempted as punishment by making the noisy ones wait. This, too, did not work as bobs and singles were called from the stairs, and finally the ringing came to grief. But it gave the "old man" an opportunity to say it is both rude and bad-mannered to talk or make a disturbance while ringing is in progress.

A courting couples' touch was rung at Belgrave, the Tuttums being a special feature, and we retraced our journey to Leicester and the majestic twelve at St. Margaret's, which included a good course of Cambridge Maximus. After supper we gathered in the lounge and Bert Kynaston said it fell to him to do what Arthur and Gladys Barker had done for several years, namely to thank Jim and Sylvia Pipe for another grand week and he asked "Nutty" Slack to make presentations to organiser, navigator and driver. In well-chosen words Irvin did his stuff admirably, followed by speeches of thanks, monologues and a song by Mark Damerell. A show of hands unanimously voted Yorkshire for next year's tour, with perhaps a visit out as far as Louth and Grimsby in Lincolnshire.

On Saturday morning we rang on the fine Gillett and Johnston bells at Tichmarsh, which included a touch of Spliced Surprise conducted by Sylvia Pipe, and made our way to Raunds, St. Mary's and All Saints', Huntingdon.

So ended another most enjoyable week, the writer being of the opinion that P.P. not only stands for Pipe's Pilgrims—it could also mean Perfect People.

PILGRIM.

Overseas News

Is Ringing in U.S.A. Confined to Three Towers?

Dear Sir,—This letter is prompted by a note ("Ringing World," page 478), concerning Mr. Geoffrey Marchant's visit to the Colonies. Unfortunately, change ringing has fallen upon evil times here. I do not know whether there are any ringable bells in the entire United States other than at Washington, Groton and Kent. There is supposed to be a ring at the University of Chicago, but nobody knew anything about it the last time I was there.

I do have very fond memories about the Church of the Advent on Brimmer Street in Boston. In the late '30s it was a very high-Church parish just off the Charles River Esplanade. Choral Evensong with a congregation that knew and sang the service was a very impressive experience. At that time they had a devoted band of bellringers, and I used to go and hear them ring during Advent and the Christmas season. What can have happened since then I can only speculate. Of course, the War. And probably a change of Rectors. Undoubtedly an architect who decided that ringing in peal would cause the tower to fall down. (Any such should be made to stand atop the tower of St. Mary the Great in Cambridge while ringing is going on.) So now the bells are being chimed by ropes attached to the clappers! One wonders how many have been cracked. Probably someone tries to play tunes on them.

There is another ring of bells in Boston, at the old North Church, of Paul Revere—Longfellow fame. I have never heard them rung. The church was restored after the steeple blew down in the 1939 hurricane, and a sprinkler system was installed. I understand the pipes meander through the spokes of the bell wheels!

Recently I had a chance to hear some change ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Vancouver. I am sorry to say it was pretty poor.

Have any of your readers any information about the status of change ringing in North America? I have a feeling a revival of interest is imminent.—Yours truly,

H. O. WHIPPLE.

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THOSE PUZZLING FIGURES

BY WILFRID G. WILSON

ONE of the many things members of "The Ringing World" Committee are always being told is that we must have articles for beginners I would be the last to deny that. Contrariwise we are also told that the notes we have written about this and that have all appeared before; that they are in books anyway; and that our journal is therefore uninteresting and has nothing new. You pay your money and you take your choice.

A very keen young ringer from Durham brings this point to our notice by writing that an article "would be extremely welcome which explained to up-and-coming ringers what on earth things like 'Wrong,' 'Home' and rows of figures such as the following mean":

FIG 1

23456	M	W	H	
34256			2	(a)
52643	—	—		(b)
36245	—		—	(c)
43265		—	3	(d)

(I have called this Fig. 1 and lettered the rows (a) to (d).)

It is clear that we must ever keep in mind that there are always new recruits to be catered for and that we must expect to go back to the beginning every so often. If we examine, say, a gardening weekly we shall no doubt find the same seasonal planting or pruning tips are repeated year after year, so we will ask the experts to skip this article for the sake of Ann Whaley and her contemporaries.

It is the practice when ringing changes on eight (Major), ten (Royal) or twelve (Maximus) bells, to keep "the tenors" together — that is undisturbed or only very slightly disturbed by bobs and singles. By the tenors we mean bells 7 and 8 in Major, and this practice is extended in Royal to 7, 8, 9 and 10, and in Maximus to 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. So we must first see at what leads in the course we can make calls without the tenors being involved in them.

FIG. 2

2345678
3527486
5738264
7856342
8674523
6482735
4263857
2345678

Regular Major methods all have the same lead-ends as Plain Bob Major—call them lead-heads if you wish and then you will sound like an expert! If you look at a plain course of Plain Bob Major you will find that the lead-ends are as in Fig. 2 The treble (1) will be in front of each of these rows and the bells to the left of the vertical line are the ones which are affected by calls.

THE WRONG

You will see from Fig 2 that at the first lead-end (3527486) the tenors will not be affected by calls, so this is a calling position. In Plain Bob we could call it the first lead, or lead-end 1. But in many methods the lead-ends come in a different order, so we must find some other name for it. When the tenor (8) is dodging in 7–8 down, as it is when the bells come round at the end of a course or touch, we say it is at **Home** (H). This is also sometimes known as **Right** (R). By contrast, when the tenor is dodging 7–8 up, it is said to be dodging **Wrong** (W), so this lead-end is called the "W" position.

THE MIDDLE

If you look at the succeeding lead-ends you will see that either No. 7 or No. 8 (or both) are among those to the left of the vertical line, until you come to the sixth lead-end. when a call can be made without affecting 7 and 8. But so that the description of this lead can also apply in whatever order the lead-ends come, we do not call this lead-end No. 6, but "M" for **Middle.** The tenor is dodging in 5–6 down, which is somewhere near the middle.

THE HOME

The last lead-end of our table is also one in which a call can be made without affecting the tenors. They are both in the positions which they hold in rounds—that is they are at **Home** (H).

Now we know what the heading of Fig. 1 means. 23456 is short for 12345678, that is the rounds from which we start; and M, W and H mean the bob-calling positions Middle, Wrong and Home. Notice that they are not in the same order as the calling positions of Plain Bob Major (W, M. and H), so the method is not Plain Bob. It could be one of the many Surprise methods (Cambridge for example) where the M. W and H are at lead-end positions 3, 4 and 7, or as in London Surprise, when they come at lead-end numbers 1, 6 and 7. It might even be Kent or Oxford Treble Bob or Bristol Surprise, where, because a bob makes the back four bells (in Major) repeat their previous lead, lead numbers instead of names would be very difficult to use.

TRANSPOSITION ROWS

Fortunately then complications of order in which the calls can come do not matter to our figures. A call at Wrong or at Middle or at Home still has the same effect on the bells, so at our next step we are able to determine the correct transposition row for each of these calling positions. If you have not yet learned about transposition and how to do it, I am sorry, but that must be the subject of another article.

The Wrong. Starting with 12345678, write out a lead of Plain Bob Major. When the treble gets back to lead you will have the two rows

13254768
13527486

But if at this lead (the Wrong lead) you call a bob, you will get

13254768
12357486

Continue writing out the figures of Plain Bob Major from this new row or (if you have learned how to transpose) apply the transposition row for a plain lead-end (3527486) to the row 2357486 and repeat this with each subsequent row obtained until you come to the row 15243678. This is the course-end of our new course and it corresponds to 12345678 of the plain course. So you see that a bob Wrong produces the course-end 15243678. Nos. 1, 7 and 8 are always in the same places at the course-end, so that the "signature tune" of this course is known simply as 52436.

The Middle. Start again from rounds and write out six leads of Plain Bob Major (or transpose from 2345678 six times by 3527486). This will give you the lead-end rows

14628375
14263857

But if at this lead (the Middle) you call a bob, you will get

14628375
16423857

Continue writing out the figures of Plain Bob Major for one more lead, or transpose 6423857 by 3527486 and you will come to the row 14365278. This is the course-end of our new course and corresponds to 12345678 of the plain course. So we see that a bob Middle produces the course-end 14365278, the signature tune of which is 43652.

The Home. Write out a plain course of Plain Bob Major or transpose from 2345678 seven times by 3527486 and you will produce the course-end

12436587
12345678

At this point if you had called a bob (a Home because 7 and 8 are in their Home positions) you would have produced a new course-end

12436587
14235678

So we see that a bob Home produces the course-end 14235678—the signature tune of which is 42356.

TABLE OF COURSE-ENDS

We can now make a table of the effect of calls at these three places on a plain course:—

A bob **Wrong** (W) produces 52436.
A bob **Middle** (M) produces 43652.
A bob **Home** (H) produces 42356.

This will be the same, whatever order the calling positions come in and will be the same for many ordinary regular even-bell methods on 8, 10 or 12 bells.

We are now able to explain our rows marked (a) to (d) of Fig. 1. But first let me say that a dash (—) in any of the columns of Fig. 1 means a bob at that calling position. A figure 2 or 3 means that number of bobs. We do not use "B" for bobs because it can also mean "Before,' another calling position I will refer to later.

Row (a): 34256 2H

At the end of a plain course a bob (H) is called. From 12345678 this produces 14235678. But we must now get used to using only the figures representing the "non-fixed" bells—so from 23456 we say a bob H produces 42356. From 42356 a second bob H (at the end of the next course in most methods) produces 34256 (42356 transposed by 42356). So we can see that row (a) is a short way of writing down two courses, each with a bob at Home.

M W
Row (b): 52643 — —

At the end of the two courses shown by row (a) we produced the row 34256 (13425678). In row (b) we call a bob when we reach the Middle position 34256 transposed by 43652 becomes 24653. So after the bob M we are ringing a course which would end in the row 12465378 if no more calls were made. But in row (b) we now have to call a bob Wrong. 24653 transposed by 52436 is 52643. We have now moved to the course which will end in 15264378 and as there are no more calls in that course we show the course-end as 52643.

M H
Row (c): 36245 — —

At the end of row (b) we produced the row 52643. In row (c) we call a bob Middle. 52643 transposed by 43652 becomes 62345. After the bob we are ringing the course which would end in 16234578, if no more calls were made. But when the Home position is reached a bob (H) is called. 62345 transposed by 42356 becomes 36245. W H

Row (d): 43265 — 3

At the end of row (c) we had the row 36245. In row (d) call a bob Wrong. 36245 transposed by 52436 produces 43265. We are now in the course which, if no more calls were made, ends in the row 14326578. But at the end of the course a bob Home is called. 43265 transposed by 42356 produces 24365. At the end of the next course a second bob Home is called. 24365 transposed by 42356 produces 32465. At the end of the next course another bob Home (the third) is called. 32465 transposed by 42356 produces 43265.

You will see that these three bobs at Home take us out of the course 43265 and two courses later bring us back to it. Three consecutive bobs in the same calling position affect the same three bells and produce a round block, having added two more courses to the original one.

So our four rows (a) to (d) in Fig. 1 are really a shorthand way of showing seven full courses of a Major, Royal or Maximus method, which could contain as many as 3,696 changes (if it were Surprise Maximus). Like all shorthand it is only necessary to learn the outlines to remove the mystery.

I referred earlier to "B" standing for the calling position "Before" This in Major is a calling position (the fourth lead-end in our Fig. 2, where a bob can be called when the tenor should have made second place. Instead at a bob it will run out and the seventh will run in. The effect will be either to lengthen or to shorten the course according to the method and its lead-end order. The position is called "Before" because as you come up to it the tenor is coming to lead before the treble. More information about this must also await a further article.

Letters to the Editor

THE 5.30 A.M. PEAL WAS FULLY MUFFLED

Dear Sir,—We very much regret that your columns have yet again been sullied by unwarranted malevolent criticism (see page 514) and we feel compelled to answer the unjust charges laid against us.

First and foremost, your original correspondent appears to have omitted the key fact that the Huntington peal was rung fully muffled. Bearing this in mind, we consider that very few of the local population really live "nearby." Whatever conclusions be drawn, the fact remains that the peal was rung with the Vicar's consent (he could have refused!) and included two of the local band. It is scarcely to be believed that these showed "no consideration" for their own people.

Our reason for starting a peal so early was that we were attempting to ring six different peals in six different towers in one day—an achievement not to be accomplished lightly. If it was, in fact, heard by some of the inhabitants, we are surprised and extremely sorry, but sorrier still that it should come to our notice in so grossly discourteous a manner.

We fail to see what Mr. King means by "ignorance." It is he and Mr. Richardson who are the ignorant ones. Perhaps before they rush into print next time they will take the trouble to get their facts straight.—Yours faithfully,

ROBIN BROWN.
SIMON P. D. BURNETT.
C. BARRIE DOVE.
JENNIFER E. PEARCE.
RONALD J. SNACK.
RONALD R. WARFORD.

Leeds, Yorks.

DUAL HOBBIES

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Pip Gare, who shares traction engines with ringing as a hobby ("Ringing World," July 28th). I, like many others, share railways with ringing and find it a very pleasant combination.

During the period September, 1963, to December, 1964, four railway enthusiasts from the Yeovil area, three of whom are ringers, made several visits to Swindon locomotive works. The day would start by visiting Westbury (Wilts) engine sheds, after which we would join in service ringing at one of the Devizes towers. On leaving Swindon Works we would visit the engine sheds in Bristol and Bath and finally join in evening ringing in a tower at one of these places.

I have had much pleasure in combining the two hobbies and hope to do so for many more years in spite of diesel and electric locomotives.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CORNELIUS.

Ilminster, Somerset.

ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I would be very grateful if any reader has any knowledge of the bells in St. Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street. I am asking on behalf of the consultant architect.

Was there any cause other than a lack of ringers for the ringing to cease? When was the last peal, if any, rung on them? We have knowledge of the weight, date and founder, but not what they were like to ring or to listen to.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. L. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

RINGING IN CITY CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Before the current correspondence about service ringing at Birmingham Cathedral develops into a dispute between the "goodies" and the "baddies," may I suggest that the purpose of ringing in city churches needs rethinking.

In many cases the only people who hear the bells on a Sunday are those who are coming to church anyway, so that the ringing becomes yet another adornment of religion; accepted, welcomed, but, like the competing organ voluntary, of doubtful merit. On the other hand, bells can be important instruments in reminding those who would otherwise have no contact with the Church, of its message and its work.

To whom would ringing be more valuable: To a coachload of worshippers from Rowley Regis or to the large number of people making their way home past St. Philip's at six o'clock on a Thursday evening? I would suggest the latter.

I tend to think that with churches where nobody lives within the range of the bells it is much more worthwhile to make the effort to ring for Saints' days and festivals connected with the Church than for Sunday, when the only people who hear are coming anyway.

As far as city churches are concerned, the issue of Sunday ringing is not a simple one. Perhaps this would be more readily appreciated if there was not such a chronic shortage of one quality amongst members of the Exercise—openmindedness.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD INGLIS.

St. Peter's Rectory, Nottingham.

TOWERS RINGABLE AND UNRINGABLE

Dear Sir,—After a recent afternoon outing "visiting" several little-rung towers, the following discussion commenced whilst taking refreshment.

One well-known ringer in the south commented that he had only to ring at two more towers to have rung at every ringable tower in Surrey, thus making three counties that he had completed. Immediate a "tower restorer" quoted several towers which though listed by Dove as "unringable" were in fact ringable for a short period if a few hours or days were spent in preparation. Thus how does one classify a tower "ringable" or "unringable"? Is it classed as unringable if one cannot just walk in and take hold, or does unringable really mean unringable, i.e. one pull and the bells fall from the frame or the tower collapses?

One further comment. Would not the time spent in making a tower ringable with extreme difficulty be better spent in resurrecting bands at towers where the bells are ringable. There are those who succeed in both, i.e. G. Dodd, but there are many more who do not.

INTERESTED SPECTATOR.

NOT THE FIRST

Dear Sir,—The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Wellington, Herefordshire, on June 17th (page 500) is not the first of Minor in the method for the Hereford Guild. The first was rung at Whitbourne on July 23rd, 1947, conducted by G. E. Large.—Yours faithfully,

L. EVANS.

Eardisland.

"NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN"

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to see the composition of Bob Major in this week's "Ringing World" with "765s and 756s at handstroke, especially suitable for half-muffled ringing."

This is by no means a new idea, as years and years ago it was commonplace to use handstroke 5768s, 6578s, 7568s and 7658s in half-muffled ringing, owing to the very solemn and dignified music produced. The late George Bradley used to compose many touches of Grandsire Triples on this plan, and I can remember many a funeral and Remembrance Day when we have rung little else!

I still have an old edition of "Bell News" in which appeared a letter from George Bradley on the subject: "... use of 5768s, 6578s, 7568s and 7658s half-muffled at handstroke in this way .... tell with infinite solemnity and pathos .... of thwarted hopes, marr'd ambitions, the passing of loved ones dear ..."

Such sentiments would probably be scoffed at today, and probably with some justification, but the fact remains that very beautiful music is produced. You never hear of it these days, the same as you never hear of the "nine tailors" being rung to mourn a passing. I should be very interested to hear of any village where the custom still survives.

Nevertheless, the appearance of this composition, to my mind, only goes to show what is true all along, "There is nothing new under the sun."—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE FENTON.

Farnborough, Kent.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Chant's spliced 720s in two methods (page 528) and I would like to submit a similar composition of my own for splicing 2nds and 6ths place plain methods (two to four methods). Its only claim would seem to be that it has the minimum number of calls (12) possible using regular methods.

Possibly it is not original, if not I daresay someone will point this out.

720

	23456		Double Oxford
—	23564	4	Hereward Bob
S	25364	5	London Bob
—	25643	5	Double Court
S	25463	5	Double Oxford

P.L. 42356 1

Twice repeated.

This may be varied in a number of ways, e.g. by substituting Plain Bob and Double Bob for Double Oxford and Hereward or by using any one 2nds and one 6ths place method, provided that both have the same row stature.

If other methods are used, the interval to the first bob should be checked so as to bring up the correct lead-head: thereafter calls are made at intervals of a full course.—Yours sincerely,

ROY THREADGOLD.

Braintree, Essex.

PLURAL, NOT SINGULAR

Dear Sir,—I would like to correct a minor inaccuracy in Tony Lewis's letter on page 534. Mr. Lewis refers to a maniac ringer who has submitted hoaxes but I know of three such "maniacs" who have independently contributed during the past few months—two reside in the home counties and one in Bristol.

I agree the "maniacs" will revel in the publicity they are getting—but would they if their names were exposed?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN HUNT.

Bristol.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

"Alice" Meets the Bell-Ringers

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of 'Ringing World' and half-lead splice
And anyone who rings."

Tweedledee was about to continue when Alice intervened. "So you are a member of the Central Council, then," said Alice in admiration.

"Yes, I have been for 20 years, now," replied Tweedledee.

"And is that good?" said Alice.

"I think it's very good; I meet Tweedledum every year."

The brothers smiled at each other. They both agreed it was a very good thing.

Alice was going to inquire further but she checked herself. "I'd better be getting on to ringing now. Do you think it's going to rain?"

Tweedledum spread a large umbrella over himself and his brother and looked up into it.

"No, I don't think it is," he said, "at least not under here, nohow."

"But it may rain outside?"

"It may—if it chooses," said Tweedledee. "We've no objection. Contrariwise."

"Selfish things," thought Alice, and she was just going to say "Goodnight" and leave them when Tweedledum sprang out from under the umbrella and seized her by the wrist.

"Do you see that?" he said, in a voice choking with passion, and his eyes grew large and yellow all in a moment as he pointed with a trembing finger at a small white thing lying under the tree.

"It's only a 'Ringing World,'" Alice said, after careful examination of the little white thing. "Not an Income Tax return, you know," she added hastily, thinking he was frightened—"only an old 'Ringing World'—quite old and torn."

"I knew it was!" cried Tweedledum, beginning to stamp about wildly and tear his hair. "It's spoilt, of course." Here he looked at Tweedledee, who immediately sat down on the ground and tried to hide himself under the umbrella.

Alice laid her hand upon his arm and said in a soothing tone, "You needn't be so angry about an old 'Ringing World'"

"But it isn't old," Tweedledum cried, in a greater fury than ever. "It's new, I tell you—I bought it yesterday—my nice new 'Ringing World'"! and his voice rose to a perfect scream.

At this point Alice was beginning to take some interest in "The Ringing World." She became distracted from the topic however as Tweedledee had now picked up the poem he had been reciting:

"'But wait a bit,' the members cried,
'Before we have our chat:
For some of us are out of breath,
And all of us are fat!'
'No hurry,' said the Carpenter:
They thanked him much for that."

The above is basically a report of the proceedings of the Central Council at Nottingham, Bath, Northampton and Truro, etc. Isn't it time that somebody mentioned that the annual Central Council meeting, looked at from the point of view of business and decision-making, has been obsolete for a number of years now. Messrs. Corby and Ainsworth hinted at this in their articles following the Central Council meeting at Bath last year. ("Ringing World' 2,879, Vol. LXII), but we still see that the meeting was held on the Tuesday following Bank Holiday Monday. This is the time when people are in something of a holiday mood; to tangle with down-to-earth topics like the future of "The Ringing World" is to say the least a little distasteful between cups of tea and cream buns (this year between morning coffee and lunch).

The Central Council meeting is an extremely useful and enjoyable social event in the ringing calendar for those who attend. Business-wise it leaves much to be desired; new members who might have something useful to say speak awkwardly in an atmosphere which is a cross between the first day at Ascot and the opening day of the T.U.C. Members who have been on the Council for a number of years often seem to be out of touch with problems which they should be prepared for. In certain instances, e.g. half-lead splicing, specialist knowledge is required, but if the topics are debated properly there is no reason why members should not vote on a motion instead of referring it to a committee. After all, committees have an opportunity to prepare a case relating to motions before the Council, as prior notice must be given.

Selection of members to represent Guilds or Associations is not a topic which comes within the scope of the Council but it may well be worthwhile Guilds and Associations looking into selection of their representatives. Do you have representatives for the good work they have done in the past (near or distant) or in the hope that they will do some good now or in the future?

One could mention many other topics which require an "airing" but the most unfortunate question we can ask ourselves is: "Is the Central Council annual meeting fulfilling the purpose it was intended to when it was first presided over by the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood."

TOYLAND NEWS

Dear Sir,—As Noddy's friend, I am obliged, as a result of disclosures, to reveal the situation which now exists about the now-famous bell.

In the early days of this month a rotund, nay, bulging figure was observed leaving my friend's house by a rear window with great difficulty. On awakening Noddy, it was found that his favourite blue cap, and the bell which appends to it were missing. It must therefore be presumed that the perpetrator of this heinous deed is the ringer of the peal reported in your columns of July 7th.

Information as to the villain's whereabouts will be received most gratefully by Mr. Plod and his band of willing helpers.—Yours faithfully,

BIG EARS.

P.S.—As a fellow ringer, I fully appreciate Noddy's loss, and I therefore suggest that a fund be started to pay for eventual recasting should the bell return, and also to permit augmentation to a unique six.

P.P.S.—I also enclose a small donation towards the cost of producing your excellent publication.

Chesham, Bucks.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Ann Bryant (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beale 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Hunt 6. First quarter peal in three methods for all except the 4th ringer.

WANTS MORE TALKING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—We have now had the full report of the Central Council meeting at Nottingham reported in "The Ringing World." Also I have had members and visitors report on the meeting. On analysing the contents of the meeting we see that there were the reports of the various committees and debates on these and three motions. We find, however, that no decisions were made or only half-decisions.

Surely it is about time the members of the Council got down to the business they were sent for and make the decisions that respective Guilds and Associations hold instead of their own personal opinions. I feel the members of the committees do a good job on the whole throughout the year, but the ordinary members do not seem to play their active part in the meeting.

For instance, "The Ringing World" debate. It was clear that the opinion of the floor wanted a new committee, but did this happen—no. They let the senior members sway them and through this lost two members with the most good ideas. We now have a committee under strength by two, so how can they hope to achieve anything new? It was suggested that two others be elected to replace the resigning two, but this was stated to be out of order, yet on three other committees new persons were elected. These new persons were elected either to replace a person who had died or because it was the wish of the Council.

In the debates on hoax peals and voluntary contributions to peals no decisions were reached. They were referred back and, I expect, next year, will be referred back again or not bothered with.

In the half-lead spliced motion we did at least get half a decision of recognising it as a peal and not a performance. We did not establish what it is to be called but referred it to the Methods Committee. A decision by the experts on this subject should have been taken. It seems it is up to ringers everywhere to make sure they are sending representatives who will get down to the business instead of going for just a long social week-end. Let's have a social time, but put the business first.

I suggest to improve the meeting that a day is not long enough to discuss everything fully, therefore increase it to one and a half days. Also microphones for speakers would help considerably; they have them at other conferences.

Although this may seem a personal opinion, I can assure everyone that these views are felt by a great number of ringers, some of whom are members of the Council.—Yours faithfully,

B. GROVES.

Maidstone, Kent.

NOTE.—Guilds and Associations appoint representatives, not delegates, who go to meetings with their hands tied. A representative has complete freedom. Following the Census, there is no shortage of ideas regarding "The Ringing World." Change in a journal of this character with a strong tradition, must be a gradual process. Unless a matter is urgent and widely acceptable, like the Canberra gift of bells, it is wise to refer it to a committee for investigation and mature consideration.—Ed.

MELBURY OSMUND, DORSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. McGregor 1, Mrs. K. Barlow 2, J. Barlow 3, A. Stenhouse 4, R. House (first as cond.) 5, G. Barlow 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung as a farewell to treble ringer. Also first quarter by a local band.

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The Church Bells of St. Helen's, Lancashire

BY JAMES HEDGCOCK

ST. MARK'S, COWLEY HILL

The fourth church containing bells is the Parish Church of St. Mark, Cowley Hill. This church is built on one of the highest points in the town and was, in the 1900s, the church to go to. The tower, a red brick construction capped with a sandstone spire, is a product of one of the original benefactors, Lt.-Col. David Gamble.

The writer had been endeavouring to gain access to this tower for many years and had always been refused permission. In fact all that was known about them was that they were a chiming eight, as stated in "Dove." However, the new Vicar gave permission to make an inspection. No one had been up the tower since 1956, when the bellfounder (Taylor) made an inspection of the frame and certified it unsafe.

On gaining access to the ringing chamber, a huge clock case confronted me. This contained an antiquated clock inscribed "Gillett and Co., Steam Clock Manufacturers, Croydon, 1884."

The bells are worked from an Ellacombe manual, with the ropes directed to the bells by pulleys. The clock weights had fallen down, narrowly missing the tenor, and crashing into the clock case. The bells are hung in two rows of three, in numerical sequence, with the third row containing the seventh and tenor. They are very heavily crusted with deposits from the Cowley Hill glass factory of Pilkington Brothers. They are very angular at the shoulder, not unlike some of Warner's castings, and are all cast with angular cannons. The bells are hung very close together, the sixth overlapping the lip of the tenor, which makes them almost inaccessible. It appears that they all have the inscription: "Cast by Gillett and Co., Croydon, London, 1884." The tenor also bears this inscription on the waist: "This peal of bells was presented to St. Mark's Church by Lt.-Colonel David Gamble of Windlehurst, St. Helens, 1884."

This tenor bell is 3ft. 3in. diameter with a strike note of F and weighs 12 cwt. The bells are hung on three huge beams, which are in need of repair. All ironwork is almost completely rusted away The chiming hammers are supported on wooden trestles, and strike the inside of the bells the clock hammers, which are rusted up, strike the outside. The bells were chimed individually and a cloud of rust descended. The fifth and sixth bells are well out of tune. The tenor only has a good tone.

Derelict still.

BRAINTWISTER No. 1

Comments by A. S. Hudson

The response to Braintwister has been very encouraging. Entries varied from a complete specification of the touch to plain postcards merely stating the solution requested.

As many readers have appreciated, the problem as set is trivial when all the superfluous information has been removed. The solution is obtained by writing the touch out backwards and it is not in fact necessary to know the first call or the number of changes. All that is required is the ability to prick out the lead heads and ends of Plain Bob Minor. The correct solution is 152364, the change occurring at the eighth lead head, and the first correct solution opened was submitted by Christopher Daws, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who receives the prize of a Ringer's Diary voucher.

My apologies to those readers with brains so twisted that they were insulted by the simplicity of this first problem. May I say in justification that it was set largely to test response. In spite of its simplicity, several incorrect solutions were submitted, most of them being variations on the 126543 theme. The error here appears to stem from confusion of lead heads and ends, so let it be said that a lead **Head** is the first change of a lead and occurs at backstroke, whilst a **lead end**, being the last change of a lead occurs at the treble's handstroke lead. I cannot agree with the reader who suggests that there is no unique solution. Neither can I agree that the clockwise and anti-clockwise orders in Plain Bob Minor are three leads apart rather than two.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, D. M. Barraclough 4, A. G. Keen 5, G. Pye 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, D G. Manby (first in method) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Alan G. Keen.

Looking Back

ISLEWORTH MEMORIES

Your splendid front page picture of Isleworth Parish Church brings to my mind the days when the S.W. portion of Middlesex rang but few peals, and it was a pleasure to be invited for a peal of Grandsire in 1906 a birthday peal for King Teddy. Those local lads of Isleworth rang a well struck peal and the King's health was toasted rather hurriedly in order that the writer could get his train home to Hersham, via Clapham Junction.

In 1907 Frank Bennett asked me to turn the tenor in for a peal of Kent and in this peal we noted three firsts in the method, Messrs. Bill Hewitt, George Edser and John H. B. Hesse. In 1908 another peal of Grandsire contained two first peals, Edgar Webb and Walter Howlett, and we honoured the birthdays of J. Basden and F. G. Goddard.

The following year Bert Trewett gave me a rare chance to ring the tenor to a peal of Stedman, a real treat, and in November of the same year we scored another peal of Kent and the 5th ringer, William Welling, scored his first in the method. In 1913 that keen Treble Bob man, Alfred Grimes, asked for Oxford and he called a 5,088.

In July, 1914, another peal of Kent was scored and in this 5,024 Charles J. Tricker scored his first peal of Major. On April 19th, 1917, I was asked to conduct a half-muffled peal for the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Champion McGill) and a permit was obtained from the military. This happened to be my 100th peal as conductor.

My last two peals here were in 1919 and 1926, both Major, for the bells were not made 10 until June, 1931.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

ELMES TWIN A BRIDE

The marriage took place on July 29th at Lady St. Mary's Church, Wareham, between John William Blackwood, of Thornhill, Southampton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blackwood, of Maidenhead, and Ruth Alison Elmes, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Elmes, of Mill Lane, Wareham. Canon J. Wallis officiated.

The bride was attended by her younger sister, Sarah, and the best man was Lewis F. Cobb, of Ringwood. About 80 guests attended the reception, which was held in the Church Hall. The couple are spending their honeymoon in Wales before making their home in Thornhill, Southampton.

Among the presents was an inscribed barometer from the Wareham ringers, where until recently the bride and bridegroom were members of the local band.

Following the reception, eight of the guests rang 1,260 Stedman Triples in honour of the wedding. The band stood as follows: P. Mehew 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. W. Elmes 4, W. T. Perrins 5, G. E. Bonham 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, R. W. Young (8).

Later in the evening a quarter peal was to be attempted by the local band at Boyne Hill, Berkshire, where the bridegroom first learned to ring.

L. F. C.

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Up and Coming Youngsters — No. 56

KEVIN M. PRICE,
Furness Branch, Lancashire Association.

Some people have a natural aptitude for ringing and such is their ability that other people's stumbling blocks are surmounted with ease. In this category falls Kevin M. Price, who in March, 1965, at the age of 12 entered the ringing chamber of St. Martin's, Bowness-on-Windermere, to be taught the rudiments of handling a bell. We feel certain the tower captain, Mr. Frank Wilson, has never had a pupil who made such rapid progress.

While the Lake District does not lack bells, good change ringing bands are not too plentiful and it meant miles of travelling for Kevin. He never missed a monthly meeting and he soon became adept at finding his way through many methods. Almost every night during school holidays he would be visiting some tower or another. At the age of 14 he is really proficient in Minor methods from Plain Bob to London, Oxford Single and Double, Double Court, St. Clement's and Cambridge. His mastery of Grandsire and Stedman extends from Doubles to Caters. Kent and Oxford T.B. he rings in Minor and Major, and his Major methods include Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and recently a plain course of Yorkshire Surprise.

A few months ago Kevin turned his attention to conducting. He has Plain Bob and Kent T.B. to his credit and early in July he attempted a four method peal which, due to the heat, collapsed 240 changes from the end of the last extent. A regular Sunday service ringer at Bowness, he also rings the carillon at his own church, St. Mary's, Windermere.

His list of towers visited is already formidable. They include all in the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association and many in Cumberland and Yorkshire. Last year he organised a tour of Cumberland and this year he is planning one to the Fylde area of Lancashire.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whalley introduced him to handbell ringing on one of his visits to Hawkshead. He has advanced by leaps and bounds and with a practice once a week the trio have rung 25 peals together which have developed from Doubles to peals in seven Minor methods. Mr. and Mrs. Whalley are indeed proud to ring with him and help him in his ambitions.

Kevin's secret—A grit and determination to succeed. And with what he has accomplished in two years he gives every prospect of becoming one of the great personalities of the Exercise. His is a name to watch.

OBITUARY

MR. H. GREEN

Porthkerry tower (Glamorgan) has suffered the loss of one of its oldest stalwarts through the death on July 27th of Harry Green, at the age of 77. Born in Somerset, he moved to South Wales as a young man. He had been a ringer for many years but did not take up change ringing until the end of 1947, when he was getting on for 60 years of age; he was an apt and painstaking pupil.

Porthkerry had then only four bells, and when the two trebles were added in 1950 Harry progressed to learn about half a dozen Doubles methods and three or four Minor. At over 70 he would do his homework on a new method, and if the ringing were patchy one could hear him counting his place, determined to keep right.

Harry was a carpenter by trade and acted as steeplekeeper for 15 years; he was also a member of the P.C.C. for almost 20 years, and his skill as a craftsman was often used in the service of the church. We shall miss him as a ringer and a friend, and extend our sympathy to his widow and family. L. J. M.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable and well attended meeting at Usk on July 8th. The bells were well used during the afternoon and evening and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. Rendle-Davies. Mr. Reuben Clench read the lesson, and Mr E. D. Sage kindly played the organ.

The Usk ringers hired the Memorial Hall in which to serve tea and for the business. They were warmly thanked by Mr. Richard Owen for their hospitality.

New members elected were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bennett (St. Woolos, Newport) and Michael Perry (Chepstow). A report was given of the cost of rehanging the six bells at Grosmont.

New meeting at Caldicot, October 14th (provisional).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

At the Cary Branch's summer meeting at North Cheriton on July 22nd, a welcome was given to the new general secretary of the Association, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, and also to Mr. W. A. Stote, who had travelled from Coventry.

Mr. Gilbert announced plans for a half-day's ringing school to be held in the autumn, and he appealed for more postal subscribers to "The Ringing World."

The service was conducted by the vice-chairman of the Branch, Preb. O. H. Skipwith, assisted by the chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson, and the address was given by Rev. R. Kinsey, a member of the Association.

Two new members from North Cheriton were elected, after which a move was made to Maperton, where the bells were kept going until almost 9 p.m.

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DATE TOUCH

Mr. R. K. Williams, of Ledbury, sends us the following 1967 Minor touch:

Two extents of any Minor method or methods, one extent of a Little method (480 changes) and 47 changes of Grandsire Minor (called plain lead, two singles, rounds at handstroke occurring at the next lead).

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Professor's article on Treble Bob Minor and Splicing will be resumed next week.

The peal at Blewbury on July 15th was the 50th peal for David L. Wilcox and not the 500th that was inadvertently printed on page 540.

The peal of Kent Minor rung at East Woodhay was by Highclere Sunday service band, the lady on the treble also being a member of the Woolton Hill band.

From Grahamstown we hear that Robert B. Smith's articles on Plain Bob are being most assiduously studied in readiness for the day it is possible to ring the bells again.

The peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Deane on July 26th was arranged by the conductor as a compliment to Miss Margaret E. Fort, the ringer of the treble, who is a valued member of St. Mary's, Leigh, and recently secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association. She is leaving in the autumn and will be missed in both capacities.

Mr. David M. Hughes informs us that the first peal of Stedman Triples at Liss was on January 15th, 1939, and not as printed on page 537.

At the joint meeting between the Middlesex and London County Associations at Twickenham, views were exchanged on how to organise more regular ringing in the "isolated" towers of London—a big task which has no easy solution.

Nobody could remember how long the five bells at Pagham, Sussex, had been silent. Now it is a virile tower following the rehanging of the bells by John Taylor and Co. The Bishop of Chichester came to rededicate them and members of the Western Division of the Sussex Association have been giving instruction. This ring of five has a 10 cwt. tenor and are now rung regularly for Sunday services. Visitors will be welcome at the Tuesday practices.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A 14-YEAR-OLD GETS THE BELLS A-RINGING

Fourteen-year-old Alan Coombs had heard that the bells of St. Peter's, Marksbury, had been silent for about 15 years, through the absence of ringers and accordingly approached the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Mason) and asked if he would like the bells rung.

Assent was readily given. "I think I was the saddest man in Somerset last Christmas," said the Vicar, "when I heard the other parishes around ringing and knew that the bells of Marksbury were silent."

Alan set about collecting a band and his father consented to be tower master and to teach the recruits. Twelve lads with an age range from nine to 15 years were forthcoming and the first practice was on February 10th. Miss Margaret Jones, who had had a little experience, joined the band and became the secretary. On Easter Sunday the ringers rang the bells for service for the first time.

In the long years of silence the belfry and the ropes had badly deteriorated. The church was unable to help financially so the new band courageously set about raising the money. Two beetle drives made a substantial start to the belfry fund and an auction sale swelled the funds to £48. The enthusiasm resulted in an anonymous donation from a gentleman to meet the cost of a new set of ropes. The tower has now been redecorated and the ropes hung. A dedication service was conducted in the belfry by the Vicar on July 21st.

"Although the past few months have meant a lot of work, we now have our reward—a happy and contented band of ringers, all hoping to have a big future in front of us in the ringing world," concludes Alan's letter.

Practice night at Marksbury is Fridays, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Assistance would be welcomed.

POOR OLD "RINGING WORLD" AGAIN

To hand is the last issue of "Overtones," Drax Hall, followed by a short business meet-English Handbell Ringers, a 16 page lithograph publication to members only with 5 dollar (35s.) subscription per annum or to groups five copies for 5 dollars. The subscription covers five issues a year and type setting is less than half a 16 page "Ringing World."

The front page picture is a beauty chorus of handbell ringers from the Second Congregational Church of Rockford, Illinois, and there are six other pictures of feminine charm of belles with bells. Of the three general articles there is one on "Change Ringing" by our old friend Capt. Marybelle Nissly. Two pages of musical scores are also provided.

No wonder in the two letters published George Pipe writes: "I've just read your January issue of 'Overtones'—how excellent it is in every respect. In fact it puts our own 'Ringing World' to shame I feel."

THE EXERCISE AT ROLLS-ROYCE

A band of ringers from Rolls-Royce Ltd. rang the bells of Derby Cathedral on July 26th for the memorial service to Mr. Adrian Albert Lombard. Mr. Lombard, who died the week previous, was a designer of international stature and a director of Rolls-Royce. The bells were rung half-muffled for three-quarters of an hour before the service, which was attended by the Bishop of Derby.

There is also at Rolls-Royce a flourishing group of handbell ringers who meet every day at lunchtime in the office of Gordon A. Halls.

A KENT WEDDING

A wedding of interest to Kent ringers took place at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough on July 15th, of Linda Ann Rayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Rayfield, of Main Road, Queenborough, and Keith Alfred Ross Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fisher, of James Street, Gillingham.

The Rev. H. A. Daws officiated and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long white Empire-line satin dress decorated with embroidered flowers. Her headdress of pearl and crystal was attached to a short veil and she carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Four small nieces of the bride, dressed in long, turquoise-coloured dresses, were the bridesmaids. They were Tina Sheldrick, Alison Rayfield, Jacqueline Rayfield and Patricia Rayfield. The bridegroom and his best man, Robin Harlon, were in naval uniform.

Unfortunately the Queenborough bells cannot be rung at present owing to restoration work but the bridal party was not to be denied; as the register was being signed a recording of the bells was played. The congratulatory quarter peal was rung in the evening at Rainham.

The reception was held at the Castle Memorial Hall, Queenborough, and the honeymoon was spent touring.

QUARTER PEAL AT HOAR CROSS

If any reason for ringing a quarter is needed, other than a love of bells, we could say that our effort at Hoar Cross was to celebrate the first six months of our labours at the hall which is being developed as an Evangelist Centre for the Midlands, like Lee Abbey.

Our first workers were from Stretton, who heard about it through their local youth club. They were soon joined by contingents from Melbourne and Alvaston.

Initially we helped other groups to remove sodden plaster and dry-rot infected woodwork (the bonfires were great fun), but of late, with the improving weather, we have moved out into the gardens. We also organised a dance at the hall, which was a great success.

Steve Sherratt deserves special praise for his very steady ringing of the tenor, which at 28 cwt. is three and a half times the weight of the tenor at Stretton, his home tower. A. F. H.

MR. M. J. UPHILL'S FIRST 100

Ringing his first peal at Brentford, Middlesex, on November 18th, 1961, just prior to his 14th birthday, Mr. M. J. Uphill, of London, S.W.15, rang his 100th peal on July 1st at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. These have been rung in 64 towers in 18 counties. The list reads: Doubles 3 (conducted 2), Minor 26 (8), Triples 8 (1), Major 27 (4), Surprise Major 20 (5), Caters 5 (1), Royal 4 (1), Surprise Royal 3, Cinques 3, Maximus 1. Total 100 (conducted 22).

BRONLLYS' PEAL OF 102 METHODS

Mr. Colin A. Lewis sends the following correction to the Bronllys peal of 102 Doubles methods:—

Substitute a Pink's single where Grandsire Extreme is written in three variations: Cwmdu, Cathedine and Tal-y-llan. "A Grandsire Extreme is merely the back work of New Bob, of which this group is a variant, and therefore cannot be used as a call," explains Mr. Lewis.

GROTON'S EXPERIENCE IN EAST ANGLIA

President Gilbert Thurlow writes in the August issue of "The Norwich Churchman" on the visit of U.S. schoolboy ringers to East Anglia. Here is how he saw the visit:

One can imagine what it must have meant to an adventurous crowd of American boys, to share the life of unspoilt Suffolk villages, to see the ancient churches we take for granted or look on merely as "Problems" and to eat at ancient pubs with names like "The Ten Bells."

They rang Lavenham's famous bells, saw East Bergholt bells which, in the absence of a completed tower, hang at ground level in their "temporary" (16th century!) cage and are rung by grasping the headstocks instead of using rope and wheels; explored Groton (near Sudbury) with its ancestral air, and Blythburgh with its new bells.

They were televised at Cotton, where the tower arch is open to the air, as if the devil had turned the whole tower round. Bury Cathedral, Ufford where I first learnt to ring, Grundisburgh where George Pipe learnt as a boy, and many another of our ancient Suffolk churches. On their last day, two of them actually rang in a three-hour peal of 5,040 changes at Barking—a great achievement.

So young life came to the ancient churches, and the experience sent the boys home to America with memories enriched for ever.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SYMONDS' DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Symonds, of 57, Mornington Crescent, Ipswich, received a message from the Queen and a visit and flowers from the Mayor and Mayoress of Ipswich (Ald. and Mrs. Arthur Lambert) and about 60 cards from relatives and friends on the occasion of their diamond wedding day on July 17th.

Their wedding took place at Wangford Church, near Southwold, and they have four children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two married daughters live in Ipswich, a son in Norwich and another in Toronto, Canada.

The previous Tuesday he was 92 and he celebrated the day with a peal of Kent T.B. Royal at Grundisburgh (see page 541). To date his peal total is 472.

A reception was held at Castle Hill Community Centre, Ipswich, and a three-tier wedding cake, made and decorated by his grandson's wife, Mrs. Heather Clarke, was cut with due ceremony.

The best wishes for many more years of married happiness together is the unanimous wish of all our readers.

ST. AUSTELL'S REHANGING—A "STEWARDSHIP" PARTY

Writing in "The Cornish Churchman," the Truro Diocesan publication, the Rev. T. W. Richardson, Vicar of St. Austell, states the idea of English China Clays rehanging the bells began with the stewardship renewal dinner party last November. The managing director was host at the party and afterwards suggested that his company's immediate response to stewardship might be in the field of rehanging the bells.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.—Peal attempt by the Ancient Society of College Youths for Stedman Cinques on August 19th, starting 1.30 p.m. approx.

A WESSEX PEAL WEEK

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 24, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Henry G. Keeley	5
*John N. Longridge	2	William T. Perrins	6
†Timothy F. Collins	3	David G. Massey	7
*Graham W. Elmes	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues, July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	John N. Longridge	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*David G. Massey	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	William T. Perrins	7
George W. Massey	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method.

ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Graham W. Elmes	5
Lewis F. Cobb	2	Rev. Roger Keeley	6
George W. Massey	3	*William T. Perrins	7
*David G. Massey	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First in the method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt

Ronald N. Marlow	Treble	*John N. Longridge	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Katharine J. Maundrell	3	William T. Perrins	7
Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal in the method.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	*John N. Longridge	5
George E. Bonham	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
*Katharine J. Maundrell	3	*William T. Perrins	7
*Robert D. Bellamy	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal in the method.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YATTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	*Brian Bladon	6
James R. Taylor	3	*Anthony R. Peake	7
Maurice A. New	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 250th peal together. First peal in the method.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HESSLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In Five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

Linda Sherwood	Treble	Graham K. Smith	4
*Michael G. Hawtree (13)	2	†Roderick R. Horton (14)	5
†Robert Jordan	3	†‡Robert C. Hawtree (16)	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Hawtree.
* First peal. † First in five methods. ‡ First peal as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	C. Martin Foster	7
E. Mary Bliss	2	*J. Anthony Bennett	8
Michael T. Sprackling	3	John C. Baldwin	9
*Elizabeth M. Emmett	4	Ian C. Maycock	10
Derek B. Williams	5	Tudor P. Edwards	11
Brian J. Wylde	6	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London, with 98 changes of method. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Norman Sherratt	5
Felicity T. Webber	2	David J. Midgley	6
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6th place bobs. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Madeleine McCallion	Treble	*Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
*Felicity T. Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
*David J. Midgley	4	*Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First in method. First in method on the bells.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

R. John Burrell	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* Has now conducted a peal off each bell twice.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Barbara K. Fyle	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Wright, of Yoxall, on his return from hospital.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., July 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) York and Durham Surprise, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Raymond D. Hart	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
*Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Joyce Chadwick	Treble	Clive Thrower	5
Burley P. Morris	2	Brian Tomlinson	6
*Jack Chadwick	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
*J. Ashmore Dodd	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WESTMINSTER, London.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt 26 lb. in D.

Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Adrian G. Semken	6
Kenneth Warner	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Colin G. Wright	3	Robert J. Chapman	8
Dennis Ellisdon	4	Alfred J. House	9
Christopher C. M. Pain	5	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob
Tenor 5½ cwt. in B.

*Wendy Rathbone	Treble	Ian R. Panton	4
Rosemary A. Frith	2	Dennis A. Symonds	5
Richard J. Harrison	3	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*David Knewstub	Treble	†David Wright	4
*Jane Fransella	2	Colin G. Wright	5
*Mary Wilkinson	3	Dennis Ellisdon	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal. First of Minor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	James R. Taylor	6
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Geoffrey Pearson	7
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Eric Sutton	4	John H. Fielden	9
Brian Bladen	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) Conducted by John H. Fielden.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Mon., July 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

John J. Webb	Treble	Peter D. Sell	5
Austin T. Wingate	2	John F. I. Turney	6
Gillian Sims	3	Maurice G. Turner	7
George T. Cousins	4	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal of Major on the bells.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb.

Michael V. Powell	Treble	John F. I. Turney	5
Christine J. Turner	2	*Roy K. Williams	6
Peter Hughes	3	Maurice G. Turner	7
Peter D. Sell	4	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by M. G. Turner.
* First peal of Maior in the method.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. Michael Hart, who is leaving the district for London.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Frank I. Hairs	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
*Mary R. Andrews	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
John A. Howard	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Christopher T. Osenton	4	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal of Double Norwich

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., July 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in G

Peter M. Wilkinson	Treble	David W. Grimwood	4
Judith White	2	David P. Leworthy	5
Joan A. Hayward	3	Peter D. J. Beal	Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. J. Beal.
Rung with farewell wishes to Joan A. Hayward, a keen and popular member of the Rochester District, who is shortly leaving the county.

SEAL CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

John A. Howard	Treble	John Palmer	4
Simon A. B. Wigg	2	Derek Slater	5
Richard Hayes	3	Harold Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

NETTLESTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Hilary A. Thick	Treble	Malcolm Barden	3
Janet E. Blake	2	*Richard Hayes	4
		Harold Evans	Tenor

* 100th peal. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ADLINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
Cyril Crosthwaite	2	John H. Fielden	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
*Christopher L. Watson	4	Philip J. Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of 8-spliced.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 21st, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol, with 56 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

John Ascroft	Treble	Christopher L. Watson	5
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	John H. Fielden	7
Richard J. Parker	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

DEANE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	†J. Barry Pickup	5
*James E. Andrews	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	†Philip Crossthwaite	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	‡John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Arranged by Norman Smith.
Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Spliced. † 50th peal together. ‡ First in three methods.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Mon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Richard W. Owen	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	George T. Cousins	6
Donald G. Clarke	3	*David J. King	7
David J. Hughes	4	David Pike	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
* 200th peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geraldine Wainwright and John Philips, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Tues., July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, four 240s and 32 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

D. Walford Davies	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	D. R. Lynn Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
The conductor's 125th peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Malcolm R. Ellis, recently instituted as Vicar of Troedyrhiw Garth.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., June 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160s and an extent. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Michael J. Parker	Treble	*Diane Toone	4
*Roger E. Peckham	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First in the method for all except the conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Ken Watkins and Judith Say at Barry, Glamorgan, the previous day.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sun., July 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Double Court, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Michael J. Parker	Treble	Stephen F. High	4
Frederick C. Gunton	2	Richard Bower	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

Rung as a compliment to Anne Corney, a member of the St. Margaret's, Lowestoft company, on gaining her Queen's Guide award.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
THORNHAUGH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Paul, St. Albans, Dedworth, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

Stephen B. Bell	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	3
Ronald Russell	2	J. Charles Hudson	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WEDNESBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

Arthur H. Hingley	Treble	*Roger Staite	6
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	2	Maurice G. Turner	7
Austin T. Wingate	3	*Brian H. Morton	8
*Roy K. Williams	4	Peter D. Sell	9
John F. I. Turney	5	*Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by M. G. Turner.

* First peal of Royal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Helen Maltman	Treble	†Michael J. Uphill	5
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Roger Heywortth	6
Christine C. Darby	3	John Phillips	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	David T. Darby	Tenor

Conducted by John Phillips.

* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal on tower bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
TUNSTALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., July 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 78 lb. in A flat.

*Jane Hallas	Treble	Stephen Bedford	4
Ruth Bedford	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Peter Bedford	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.

* First peal.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Archer.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
ALTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb in E.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Fredrick E. Scott	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	David E. House	7
*Derek C. Jackson	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol as conductor.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Six different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

Frank R. Tonge	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
*Ann Newman	2	*Albert H. Green	5
Robert Crocker	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 25th silver wedding anniversary compliment to George and Elizabeth Bevis.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp.

*Ann Newman	Treble	Philip G. Taylor	4
*Robert Crocker	2	*William Furness	5
*Peter Furness	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor and in the method on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(The St. Thomas' Society, Stourbridge)
CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb in F.

Martin J. Woodbridge	Treble	Raymond Smith	5
Florence L. Smith	2	Geoffrey Westwood	6
Joseph Warr	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Robert Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and rung by members of the same Society which rang the first peal on the bells after they had been rehung and augmented to eight in 1784, the same method being rung on both occasions.

BRIERLEY HILL, Dudley, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Derek H. Watson	Treble	Roderick J. Lees	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Robert Edwards	4	*Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* 400th peal.

Rung as a compliment to C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, upon the occasion of his 81st birthday.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., July 29, 1967 in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Christopher W. Daws	Treble	*Kenneth J. Darvill	5
Richard H. Youdale	2	†Ian L. Dear	6
Vivian Nutton	3	†Andrew J. Slade	7
Gareth H Jones	4	*Christopher H. Roger	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

* First peal of Rutland Major. † 25th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gareth H. Jones.

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall	1–2	*Gerald Moorhouse ..	7–8
Alan A. Potts	3–4	*†Alan F. Scholfield ..	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	‡J. David Atkinson	11–12

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12 handbells. ‡ First of Cinques. First of Cinques on handbells by all the band except the ringer of 7–8. The conductor has now completed peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques on handbells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5064 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Granta Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Alan McFall	7–8
†Richard Inglis	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells. † First of Treble Bob on handbells.
Rung in thanks for the birth of a daughter, Lisa Jill, to May and Bob Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Alfred Mould	1–2	David Walklate	5–6
Jack Bailey	3–4	Kevin Betesta	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by K. Betesta.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 2,688 Plain Bob, 576 Double Bob, 384 each of Little Bob and Crayford Little Court, 288 Gainsborough Little, 192 each of Crayford College, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's and 144 of Wellington Little Court, with 263 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Gordon W. Land	1–2	W. Bertram Kynaston ..	5–6
Brian Bladon	3–4	Anthony R. Peake	7–8

Composed by James R. White. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First of Spliced Plain Major and first of Major on handbells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 22, 1967, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of the following seven methods: Double Court Bob, Hereward Bob, Plain Bob, Windsor Single Bob, Single Court Bob, College Little Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
		*Kevin M. Price	5–6

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* 25th peal of Minor.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys
On Tues., July 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John Morris	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLMORTON, Warwickshire.—At 88, High Street.
On Fri., July 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

Anne B. Speed	1–2	David J. Marshall	5–6
Graham C. Paul	3–4	Richard F. B. Speed	7–8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield (100th quarter) 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Matins, and a 21st birthday compliment to Carol Cousins.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wylie (cond.) 1, S. E. Davis 2, G. W. Hawksworth 3, L. Udall 4, M. E. Hearnshaw 5, R. E. Rastall 6.

BENTLEY, HANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mary Sutcliffe 1, D. Hatherly 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Tipper 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Hunt 1, A. C. Baker 2, B. Martin 3, F. J. Sampson 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Reynolds 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. Rung in memory of Frank Skidmore, who died on July 18th, 1960.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's, on July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. S. Philpott 1, J. B. Keeler 2, Monica Antrican 3, R. J. Kite 4, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For Evensong.

CASTOR, PETERBOROUGH.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Sumner 1, Miss M. Hill 2, A. Foster 3, J. Cooper 4, G. Oliver 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. Rung as a mark of respect to the Peterborough and District Old Contemptibles, whose colours were laid up in the church during Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, E. W. Razzell 3, G. H. Humphries 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, C. M. Foster 8. For Evensong. Also on July 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. M. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, G. H. Humphries 3, E. W. Razzell 4, N. G. T. Steere 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, C. M. Foster 7, R. C. Stevens 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, K. Taber 10. Rung prior to Evensong as a farewell compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, on their retirement to Ringwood.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. P. Mortlock 1, D. G. Adams (first of T.B.) 2, D. Cubitt 3, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 4, G. P. Adams 5, K. S. Hobl 6, G. H. Pullin 7, P. M. Adcock 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Charles Martin, a son for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cubitt, of Norwich.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. I. George 1, D. McEndoo 2, H. Jones 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5, H. H. Brown 6. For a special commemorative service in connection with Canada's centennial year.

EALING, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, A. M. Stacey 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, Ann Horsford 4, P. Felton 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. Rung for Matins, and also as a welcome to Jennifer Pearce and family now resident in Ealing from Huntington, Yorks.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Poulter (first of Major) 1, Miss C. Patey 2, G. Bloomfield 3, F. Poulson 4, V. Ambrose 5, R. Threadgold 6, F. Chinery 7, F. Roper (cond.) 8. Rung for the Flower Festival, a joint effort by the Essex Association and the Suffolk Guild.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 1, Margaret Evans (first of Major) 2, Lillian James 3, Gwyneth James 4, J. Kemp 5, S. James 6, B. Foley 7, J. Thorp 8. For Evensong. Also on July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret Evans 1, Lillian James 2, R. Wilshire 3, S. James 4, C. Springham 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, J. Kemp (cond.) 7, D. Digby 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Patrick Laird.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, R. Watts 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Lane 6. For Evensong, and also as a welcome to William Timothy, a son for Mr. and Mrs. C. Webb.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Stevenson (first quarter) 1, J. J. Lander 2, M. I. Hardy 3, R. I. Gosling 4, A. F. Hall (cond.) 5, S. D. W. Sherrat (first quarter) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On July 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Sheila A. Harfield 1, B. J. Harfield 2, M. C. Wooldridge 3, Stella G. Rice 4, H. W. Brown 5, P. Hepburn 6, A. M. Humphrey 7, J. R. Norris (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 6. A 25th birthday compliment to Michael Wooldridge.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, D. Patch (first quarter) 5, M. Robbins 6. Rung for the birth of Jeannette Elizabeth, daughter of R. Short.

PAUL, Penzance, CORNWALL.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Carter 1, Marian Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis 5, R. Pengelley 6. Rung for the birth of Moruah Jane, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Stubbings, also ringer of Paul.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Carveth 1, R. K. Mason 2, E. H. Langley 3, Mrs. V. Castle 4, B. C. Castle 5, R. H. Cook 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 20th, 1,560 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, Miss R. Bellaby 2, Miss S. M. Anthony 3, A. L. B. King (first "inside" and first as cond.) 4, E. J. Hutchby 5, A. R. Harris (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. James Thomas, by a teenage band.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, Gillian Rixon (first quarter) 2, C. Rixon 3, P. Popplestone (cond.) 4, I. Atkinson 5, L. Hellings 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. M. C. Browning, on his retirement.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: N. Burnett 1, J. E. Andrews 2, J. Cunliffe (first in method "inside") 3, J. Illingworth 4, R. Jolley 5, K. R. Lister 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8. Rung by local band for Sunday service.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Gerrard 1, Elaine Jordan 2, A. Howell 3, Christine Turner 4, D. Jordan 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, H. Howell 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8. For St. Giles' Church centenary service.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: K. Park 1, K. Park, jun. 2, D. Main 3, Frances Chapman 4, Beryl Park 5, E. Franklin 6, H. Fitter (cond.) 7, R. Weekes 8. First of Grandsire Triples 2, 3 and 4.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie C. Allen 1, P. M. Bowers 2, J. J. George 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, W. R. Curtis 5, G. F. Dunstan 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1 and 6.

THREE QUARTERS IN ONE DAY—June 24th.

SANDIACRE, DERBYS.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Kay Watson (first attempt) 1, Marjorie Yarnold (first as cond.) 2, G. A. Newman 3, A. Else 4, M. P. Phipps 5, M. Buckman (first attempt) 6.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYS.—1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Marjorie Yarnold 1, Susan Davis 2, A. Else 3, G. A. Newman 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, M. P. Phipps 6.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—1,344 Plain Bob Major. Mrs. D. Davis 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, Susan Davis 3, Verena Simpson 4, A. Else 5, J. A. Timons 6, D. Davis 7, T. Wylie 8.

Rung as a compliment to Marjorie Yarnold, on her 21st birthday, and also to mark her engagement to Malcolm Phipps.

ALVASTON, DERBY.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Lander 1, Miss J. Hignett (first quarter) 2, R. I. Gosling 3, E. D. Thomas 4, A. F. Hall (cond.) 5, P. Tomlinson 6. For Evensong.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 23rd, 1,162 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Kirkham (first over 1,000 changes) 1, A. S. Burbidge 2, M. Kirkham 3, Cynthia Jennings 4, M. G. Ingram 5, T. Hampton 6, D. T. Finnemore (cond.) 7, W. J. Pettigrew, jun. 8. First over 1,000 changes in the method for 4 and 5.

BOBBING, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Churchward 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, R. Sutehall 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. T. Green 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Field.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Chambers (cond.) 1, Valerie Walton (first quarter) 2, Linda Shaw 3, J. K. Walton 4, D. Cooper 5, D. G. Barnes 6. With best wishes to the ringer of the 2nd, for her expedition to Iceland.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Ipswich and Plain Bob Minor: S. Christian 1, M. Whittell 2, D. J. Derrick (cond.) 3, A. Munnings 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, R. Southgate 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's, on July 19th, 1,826 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland and Superlative): R. J. Bowden 1, Mrs. G. Hunt 2, Miss D. Chapman 3, R. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, J. R. Taylor 6, P. Bridle 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Harry Bennett, who died on June 26th, 1967.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 27th, 1,344 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major (672 of each): Rachel Williams 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, Norah Randles 3, K. Price 4, G. H. Randles 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, D. N. Collins 7, G. Parting 8. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the bells on July 23rd, 1902, by the Bishop of St. Asaph.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Hatcher 1, E. J. Smith 2, Gillian E. Lewis 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, J. W. Hope 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong, preceeding the opening of the Royal Welsh Show.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on July 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Rachel J. Sinden 1, Frances Templeman 2, D. C. Chatfield 3, D. G. Mitchell 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, M. G. Tong 6, K. I. Davis 7, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 8, D. J. Baker 9, T. C. Phillimore 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. F. J. Shirley, headmaster of King's School, Canterbury, from 1935 to 1962.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Ballard (first Minor) 1, A. Cox 2, Mrs. B. Stracey (first "inside") 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, F. G. Cook 5, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 6. Rung as an engagement coempliment to Miss Naomi Love and Mr. Clive Hewlett.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): P. C. Randall (cond.) 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. S. Reading 4, D. G. Franklin 5, L. J. Haines 6.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sellick 1, Miss R. Payne (first "inside") 2, L. Hawkins 3, A. Payne 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, G. Ledbury 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Payne, on their silver wedding anniversary.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Clamp 1, R. Looker 2, H. Clayton 3, R. Preston 4, R. Manton (cond.) 5, A. Cramp 6.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Hilary M. Chaumas 1, G. F. Thompson 2, R. Tavener 3, H. M. Johnson 4, K. R. Holtom 5, M. J. V. Chown 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. Rung to welcome Hilary Chaumas, on her return from Tripoli. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary M. Chaumas 1, R. Tavener 2, H. M. Johnson 3, G. F. Thompson 4, K. R. Holtom 5, D. J. Marshall 6, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bartleu (11) 1, D. Walklate 2, M. Willis 3, K. Betesta (cond.) 4, R. Wallis 5, A. Mould 6, W. Steen 7, Helen Bartlett (13) 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. R. Savory 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, J. S. Hopwood (first of Minor) 3, D. G. Wright 4, T. Matcham 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 25th, 1,344 Finchingfield Major: Miss J. Quilter 1, P. Brown 2, P. Perkins 3, Mrs. J. Syder 4, A. Syder 5, F. Roper 6, R. Lindsell 7, R. Threadgold (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter in the principle. For "R.W." competition.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Barbara Hooks 1, Alison I. Walker 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble (14) and the conductor (15).

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At the Boys' Grammar School, on July 11th, 1,320 Bob Doubles "in hand": D. Wright (first quarter) 1—2, K. L. Brown (cond.) 3—4, B. E. Newsam (first quarter) 5—6.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hopkins 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. Dunbavin 3, D. C. Simpson 4, J. R. Ridley (cond.) 5, G. K. Austin 6. For Confirmation service.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Ferguson 1, Liz Pearce (first "inside") 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Christine Darby 4, W. G. Knight 5, D. T. Darby (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 11th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: J. M. Marsh 1, R. Blackshaw 2, W. O. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4. For Evensong. Also on July 9th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong. Also on July 16th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury: Same company, conductor R. Blackshaw.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Raudley (first on treble) 1, Wendy Ellis 2, Ruth Bedford 3, A. Ellis 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, J. Elvin (first quarter) 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. H. E. H. Goldfinch, headmaster of Leiston Grammar School for 21 years, on retirement. All except Ruth are members of the School's Ringers Association.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on July 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, R. B. Dorrington 2, Miss A. Bagnall 3, Miss A. E. Timmins 4, Miss G. M. Webb 5, W. J. V. Conduct 6, C. T. Collins 7, L. E. Monk 8, J. B. Webb 9, C. M. Smith 10. First of Grandsire Caters 2, 3, 4 and 5.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jane R. Fransella 1, Valerie M. Jones 2, E. Newnham 3, D. Wright 4, R. Durrant 5, F. Gant (cond.) 6, D. Ellisdon 7, K. Warner 8, C. G. Wright 9, D. O. Knewstub 10. First of Caters 1, 2 and 10. For Evensong, also a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On July 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, Anne Correy (first in method) 2, A. E. Crowe 3, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 4, R. W. R. Coates 5, J. I. Margetts 6, R. W. Bickers 7, E. R. Goate 8. For the Patronal Festival.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Savage 1, Jacqueline Purnell 2, Ruth Gay 3, E. C. Wadman 4, R. G. Beck 5, J. Maggs 6, V. Savage 7, D. Mackay (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the christening of David William and Rachel Elizabeth, twin son and daughter of Philip and Mary Jones, members of this band.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On June 9th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Anita Tyler (first quarter) 1, J. Long 2, G. Band (first quarter) 3, M. Rice (first as cond.) 4, R. Day (first "inside") 5, D. Townsend 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Long and Mr. R. Day.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Ashby (first quarter) 1, P. N. Mackley 2, F. H. King 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, R. A. J. Bower (cond.) 5. Rung on the back five by past and present ringers of the Gresham's School Society of Change Ringers.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. Taylor 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. Butcher 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fogg, of Burmarsh, for their golden wedding anniversary.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Berry (cond.) 1, Miss A. E. Collet 2, J. Attwood, jun. 3, S. T. Holt 4, I. Lloyd 5, D. Beacham 6, G. J. Hemming 7, J. Stanier 8. First Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled as a last respect to Mr. A. L. Bloxham, chorister and verger at the Abbey for over 40 years.

PITNEY, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5. First in the method 1, 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. D. G. Mayell.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On July 15th, 1,379 Grandsire Doubles: W. Willans 1, V. James 2, T. Newlands 3, J. G. Rose 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Susan Lawrence and Mr. Peter Tucker.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Croalle 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, W. Wood 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, R. E. Finch 5, N. Jackson 6. Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Queenborough of Miss Linda Ann Rayfield and Mr. Keith Alfred Ross Fisher, of Gillingham, Kent

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Stocken (first quarter) 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, E. Prout 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6. For the church fete.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Mayfield 1, T. Kirkman 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, R. Stretton (cond.) 6, D. Oliver 7, S. Adams 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples by a local band. For Evensong.

SELLING, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. S. Philpott 1, Monica Antrican 2, R. J. Kite 3, J. B. Keeler 4, D. M. Grimwood (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For Evensong.

SIBTHORPE, NOTTS.—On July 8th, 1,296 Minimus (two methods): R. Blackshaw 1, W. G. Marsh 2, R. D. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4. Possibly the first on these bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on July 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, R. L. Jones 3, A. R. Millidge 4, L. C. Way 5, G. W. Shanks 6, J. R. Pratt 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, M. J. Uphill 10. Rung after the Church Army Officers' admittance service.

STAFFORD.—On July 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Wiggin (first quarter) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, E. Fairbrother 5, F. Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, N. Holland 9, R. K. Mowforth 10. For morning service.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On July 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Rowe 1, S. Rowe 2, Mrs. S. Spreadbury 3, Mrs. A. Medley 4, A. Spreadbury 5, M. J. Medley 6. First quarter Surprise for Steven Rowe (aged 14). Rung as a compliment on his election to the Ancient Society.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. K. Lane 1, C. T. Clarke 2, G. Nabb 3, E. Dibble 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, M. J. Stone 6. First of Minor "inside" 3 and 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Wooldridge 1, P. J. Brown 2, J. Durham (first of Bob Major) 3, W. H. Cooper 4, J. Warr 5, R. Edwards 6, G. Westwood 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On July 29th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: J. R. Scott 1, K. W. Eaton 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, G. A. Edwards 4, L. A. Perry 5, W. H. Watkin 6. A welcome to the Rector, Rev. L. W. Sapsford, who was inducted on July 25th.

TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Knight 1, B. Crane 2, N. C. Richards 3, A. W. Smart 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. M. Roney (first quarter) 6. For the Village Festival.

UFFINGTON, LINCS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Minor (six methods): G. Davis 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, C. Black 3, R. Spencer 4, F. Sismey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Daniels 1, Mrs. Stanbridge 2, Miss R. Gower 3, P. Staples (cond.) 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, C. Sharp 6. Also on the same day, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Mrs. Stanbridge 1, Miss R. Gower 2, R. J. Carlton 3, P. Staples 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Surman 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, J. F. Underwood 3, B. J. Bull 4, D. Surman 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Harry Stafford, ringer at Owston Ferry.

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BIRTHS

CLARK.—Graham and Jennifer (née Hurden), of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey, have pleasure in announcing the birth of a son, Philip, on July 31st, 1967. 2038

MILLS.—Tracey Karen arrived on August 2nd, 1967. God's precious gift to Don and Jenny, Croft Lodge, Bures, Suffolk. 2058

PERRETT — On August 4th, 1967, at Farnborough, Hants, to Jennifer (née Brown) and John Perrett, a second son (Antony Julian). 2056

ROGERS.—To Robin and Janet (née Porter), of 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, a son, Simon Hugh, born on Friday, July 28th, 1967. 2049

ENGAGEMENT

GRIFFIN—BUCHANAN. — The engagement is announced between Alan Griffin, of Bishopstone, Sussex, and Margaret Buchanan, of Hurst Green, Surrey. Both are on the staff at Westminster Abbey Choir School. 2047

DEATH

GATES.—On July 31st, 1967, Herbert Gates, of 88, Queensway, Hemel Hempstead, aged 89. Funeral service held at West Herts Crematorium on August 4th. 2048

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

STOCKBRIDGE.—Would you please note that the tower secretary of Stockbridge, Hants, is now Mr G. Dixon, of Brooklands, High Street, Stockbridge, Hants, and not Mr. S. Carey, as published in the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild Triennial Report. 2049

WHITE.—As from August 11th, Michael, Bridget and Stephen will have moved from Studley, Warwickshire, and their new address will be: Avalon, 9, Oakfield Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire. No phone at present. All ringing friends welcome. 2031

PERSONAL

Would Mr. F. C. Tysoe, of 15, High Street, Souldrop, Sharnbrook, Bedford, please contact this office as his copy of "The Ringing World" is being returned marked "Not known."

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot on Tuesday, August 15th, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—B. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 2051

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE. — Practices during August, Thursdays, 10th and 17th. No practice Friday, 25th. Practices normally Friday, 8–9.30 p.m. All welcome. 2035

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.
FLOWER FESTIVAL, 1967

All visitors are very welcome to the "Robin Hood Church" in the heart of the Dukeries, near the famous "Major Oak" of Sherwood Forest.

Thurs., Aug. 17th.—Opening service 7 p.m. Viewing 10 a.m.–7 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–9.30 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 18th.—Viewing 9 a.m.–9.30 p.m. Quarter peal on bells by members of Mansfield and District Change Ringers' Association 7.30 p.m.–8.15 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 19th.—Viewing 10 a.m.–9.30 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 20th.— Viewing 11.15 a.m.–6.30 p.m., 7 p.m.–9.30 p.m. Recital of organ music by Mr. Anthony 3.30 p.m.–4 p.m.

Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Family Communion; 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Refreshments available during all viewing hours throughout the festival. Parking facilities available. 1970

BEESTON, NOTTS. — No ringing before Christmas, as bells at foundry for rehanging, etc. It is hoped normal ringing will begin again in the spring term.—Caroline Stewart, Sec., N.U.S.C.R. 2036

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting, Thrybergh (6), Monday, August 14th, 7–9 p.m. Methods: Plain, Little Bob, Oxford T.B. and Surfleet S. Minor. Ringing Master, John Seager. All welcome.—M. King, Dis Sec. 1084

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Capenhurst (6), August 12th, 3–4 p.m. Burton (6) 4.30–5.30. Shotwick (6) 6.30–8 p.m. Bring own tea. All welcome. — Alexander J. Martin Hon. Sec. 2059

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Peak District) and EAST DERBY AND NOTTS Association.—Joint meeting at Ashover, Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m. Teas available. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 2023

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Peak District). — Meeting, Ashover (8), August 12th. Bells 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m No names required.—E. J. Sterland, G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 2012

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District—Meeting, Sawston, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 1999

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fobbing, August 12th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. **Note change of venue.**—M. J. Hallett, Dis. Sec. 1995

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Arksden (6) on Satturday. Augusst 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by ringing at Newport (6) 5.30–8.30 p.m. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 1966

HERTFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Western District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chiltern Branch). — Joint meeting, Tring (8), August 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch, Tring. 2012

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, August 12th, 6 to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2004

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hale, Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—M. E. D. 1989

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Garveston (6), Saturday, August 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Reymerston (5) also available. Names for tea to Mr. C. Kiddle, Hillcrest, Garveston. NOR 29 X (Tel. Mattishall 287). 1987

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting at Weybread on Saturday, August 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Lewis, The Vicarage, Mendham, Harleston, Norfolk. All ringers welcome.—T. N. J. B. 2013

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Monthly practice meeting of the District will be held at St. Peter's Church, Henley (8), Saturday, August 12th, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. —W. L. 2045

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Rogate and South Harting on Saturday, August 12th. South Harting (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Rogate (6) 4.15 to 5 p.m. and in the evening. Tea at Rogate 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Regret no service. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2002

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A joint meeting of the two Societies will be held on Saturday, August 12th. Towers for ringing will be: Wortley (8) 2–3.30; Hoylandswaine (6) 3–4.15; Penistone (8) 6.15–8.30. Tea and meeting at Penistone. Names, please, to Mr. J. Whitehead, 2, Church View, Crescent, Penistone, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. King and T. Tarbatt (respective secretaries). 2020

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on August 15th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: August 15th, St. Paul's Cathedral; August 22nd, St. Mary-le-Bow; August 29th, St Andrew's, Holborn; September 5th, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.15 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 2037

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. —Next meeting to be held at Brimpsfield (4) from 7 until 7.45, and Elkstone (5) from 8 until 9, on Wednesday, August 16th. 2016

LADIES' GUILD — Western District. — Practice at Banwell, Wednesday, August 16th, 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 2044

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, Friday, August 18th, 7.45 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1956

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Evening meeting at St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Salford, Friday, August 18th. Bells (8) available from 7.30 p.m till 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 2054

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Publow (6), Saturday, August 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Compton Dando bells available during evening.—E. J. Chivers and D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Secs. 2052

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Elm, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Doubles and Beverley S.M.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2060

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Biddenden, August 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. H. Deacon, 30, The Meadows, Biddenden, by Thursday, August 17th.—A. P. S. B. 1957

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Correction.—Evening meeting, Harrow-on-the-Hill, August 19th. 2021

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Siddington (6), Saturday, August 19th, 5.30–6.30 p.m. Watermoor (8) 6.30–9 p.m. — R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 2043

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Haresfield (6) on Saturday, August 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hardwicke (6) available after tea. Names for tea, please, to V. M. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos, by August 15th. 2030

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, August 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. Brearley, 32, Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead. (Tel. 3282.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at Helmshore on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business meeting in tower 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Harold Parkinson, Branch Sec. 2039

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Bingham District).—Joint meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Christian, Burgins Lane, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton, by previous Wednesday. Ringing after at Waltham 6.30–8.30 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 2061

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gretton (5), August 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Naylor, 21, Kirby Road, Gretton, Corby, Northants, by Tuesday, August 15th. 2033

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Twineham (5), Saturday, August 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note the September quarterly meeting will not be held at Maresfield as planned; the revised arrangements will be announced as soon as possible. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Stacey, 10, Park Cottages, Twineham, Haywards Heath by Wednesday, August 16th, not to me.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 2028

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Saturday, August 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. (Cups of tea will be provided but please bring your own food.) Winchester College bells available 7.30–8.30 p.m. 2040

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Hartest, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, by August 24th. 2041

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Machynlleth, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, as soon as possible. 2054

OUR SPECIAL FEATURE NEXT WEEK

YORK MINSTER'S BELL WINDOW with page illustration

THREE COUNTIES FESTIVAL. — Saturday, September 16th. Ringing at many towers in Derbyshire. Details later. Service in Derby Cathedral at 5 p.m. with choirs from Derby, Southwell and Leicester Guilds. Dinner and social evening at 7.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. in the Albion Restaurant, Derby. Tickets 25s. from: Mr. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicester; Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby; Mr. W. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts. 2027

JOINT MEETING AT TWICKENHAM

The annual joint meeting held between the Middlesex County and London County Associations was this year held on July 15th at Twickenham, and was well supported. Afternoon ringing commenced at St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames (8). Most of the visitors saw the church, as it now stands, for the last time because there is a rebuilding scheme soon to start which involves demolishing everything except the unusual but attractive dome-capped tower

The next tower, St. Mary's, Hampton, had its small ringing chamber also well packed. We all realised that not one touch here was nearly as good as the recorded Plain Bob Major which is often heard on the wireless on Sundays at 7.45 a.m. as a programme signal. A few touches at St. Mary's, Twickenham, heralded Evensong, led by the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Davies). It is hoped that the rather heavy-going ring of eight will soon be a match to the lovely interior of St. Mary's, for a complete bell restoration scheme is in an advanced stage.

A tea, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. D. Lovell and other local ringers, gave much satisfaction and renewed the energy for the evening's ringing at St. Mary's and at All Hallows', but the ringing did not restart until officers of each Association exchanged welcomes and provided some food for thought—how to organise more regular ringing in the "isolated" towers of London, a big task which has no easy solution. T. J. L.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

A meeting of the Northern District was held on July 22nd at Pebmarsh, where the six bells were, after a delayed start, kept ringing to a variety of methods. The service was taken by Canon M. N. Lake, assisted by local lay leader Mr. Cross.

After tea the District Master took the chair for the business meeting. A most encouraging sign was to hear of the start or resumption of practices at four silent towers (Greenstead Green, Foxearth, Belchamp St. Paul and Colne Engaine). An attempt was made to start a discussion on the subject of "The Ringing World" but owing to unanimity of support for the new design there was no repetition of the Central Council debate!

Ringing continued in the evening until 8.30. R. T.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with each bell 240 changes in the hunt): Jill M. May 1, M. Kirk 2, P. Henry 3, D. A. R. May 4, D. J. Tubbs 5. Silent and non-conducted. Also on July 23rd, 1,320 Kirkby Doubles: C. Slyfield 1, J. A. Collier 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, D. Lodge 4, M. J. Kirk (50th as cond.) 5. First in the method for all except 5th.

OUTINGS

NEWARK CLIMBED 516 STEPS ON THEIR OUTING

AFTER several years of travelling long distances on the annual day's ringing outing, Newark, Notts, ringers this year decided to visit neighbouring Lincolnshire. June 18th dawned bright as the coach full of ringers and friends set forth on what they hoped would be a nice leisurely day's ringing, but if they had thoughts of the glorious Fenland churches with long draughts and ground floor rings, they had a shock in store as some 516 steps were climbed during the day.

Donington was first on the list, the eight bells were soon set going and were enjoyed more than the morning coffee at a local hostelry, where our visit coincided with several coaches seaside bound. The bells of Bicker lived up to their excellent reputation, but let it be said that at least one of the more portly members of the party became stuck on the narrow stairway and required a push.

The long climb at Boston was achieved by most, and some of the more energetic members were disappointed in finding the stairway to the top of the lantern locked. Good use was made of the bells, the only ten of the day. Gosberton bells were declared excellent and everyone was sorry to leave. It was here that the good fellowship of ringers was demonstrated. On hearing the day before our visit that no reply could be had from the next tower on the list, Fulney (the local tower-keeper having presumably left the district), Mr. D. J. Chapman, of Gosberton, contacted the Vicar of Fulney who gladly gave his consent.

The eight at Fulney proved better than we had been given to understand, and it was here that an elderly lady from a nearby cottage sent 2s. 6d. "for the ringers," and there was some debate as to whether this was to encourage the ringers to ring more or otherwise to get on their way as quickly as possible.

The ladies at Crowland provided an excellent tea, and the bells of Croyland Abbey were exciting to handle. There was much speculation here as to the ways of replacing a rope on so long a draught and through so many sallie guides. It is to be hoped that these unusual bells remain unaltered. In these days of so much "drawing room ringing" the quaint rings of bells in our land should be preserved, each with their own peculiarity. The last towers of the day were Morton and Rippingale, both excellent sixes in their different ways.

Thank you, South Lincolnshire, for a wonderful day. F. W. M.

SILSOE, BEDS

St. James' Guild, Silsoe, went to Derbyshire for its annual outing and a company of 54 experienced the delights of ringing and sightseeing, combined with good food and company.

A 7 a.m. start was necessary and the coffee break was at "Leicester Forest East" on the M.1. St Mary's, Eastwood, an enjoyable eight, was in recent years the scene of a disastrous fire. A new building now joins the old tower. Another good ring followed at South Normanton and a splendid lunch at "The Minors Arms." We were only half-way through the day but someone was heard to say, "I wonder what the bedrooms are like here?" We just put it down to the hot day and the good lunch!

Through lovely scenery we reached Eyam, the plague of 1685 village and rang at the little Church of St. Lawrence. The Rev. St. John Smith met us at Darley Dale and here one of the party remarked: "I feel inspired to ring well in such a beautiful church." We stayed in "the Dale" for tea (Whitworth Hotel) and concluded ringing at St. Andrew's, Countesthorpe, Leics.

This was the 16th outing of the Silsoe Guild, and it was said by Mr. Wood (vice-president) at the dinner table, "It is a compliment to the organiser that this year, no less than six other villages were represented on the outing." Well, I suppose there might be a larger coach for next year? M. A.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFIELD, MASS, U.S.A.—At Ridge Hill Cottage, on July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Shurcliff 1—2, Barbara Maly 3—4, Joan Hutchinson (first as cond.) 5—6.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Mason 1, Gill J. Colleypriest 2, P. A. D. Williams 3, Rev. R. Hallett 4, I. Cooper 5, D. L. Phillips 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. First of Triples 2 and 5.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. L. Mann 1, Miss S. Percival 2, Miss M. Simons 3, S. H. Ashton 4, C. D. Mann (first as cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of the Rector's daughter.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gladys D. Northway 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. G. Wright 4, T. Matcham 5, R. Allinson 6, J. Hartless 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Cockril (first quarter) 1, Joan A. Hayward (cond., 50th quarter) 2, J. M. Clarke (first "inside") 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, N. J. Chesson 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6. For Evensong.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Wollaton Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Anette E. Bradbury 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First by all the band in the method. For the Flower Festival.

FROYLE, HANTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mary Sutcliffe (first quarter) 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, D. Hatherly 6.

GREAT CHART, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): R. Swift, jun 1, R. Swift 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, E. Clifton 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 100th quarter together 4 and 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Hughes (first attempt) 1, Mary G. Gage 2, H. G. Hart 3, A. C. Martin 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, J. Woolley 6.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janine Blanch 1, P. Treble 2, W. Cocks 3, T. Newlands 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, D. Clibbens 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. S. K. Ll. Vick.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 7th, 1,536 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. T. Lee 1, Monica Horseman 2, D. G. Yeo 3, Diana M. Chapman 4, P. Treble 5, P. Bridle 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Butcher 1, R. Poston 2, E. D. Wilson 3, K. Tyler 4, P. H. Allen 5, L. Meadows 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Rev. E. W. Ainsworth 8. First on eight for 6 and 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret White 1, Pamela A. Lockwood 2, F. Bennett 3, I. North 4, Patricia Lockwood 5, D. S. Lockwood 6. Conducted jointly by I. North and Patricia Lockwood. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,296 London Surprise Minor: E. Wadman 1, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 2, J. Maggs 3, R. G. Beck 4, D. J. Purnell 5, D. McKay 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Frances Sadler (first quarter) 1, P. Sadler 2, F. May 3, T. Sharp 4, M. Carter 5, A. House 6, J. Laken 7.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. Bleach (first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Cross 6.

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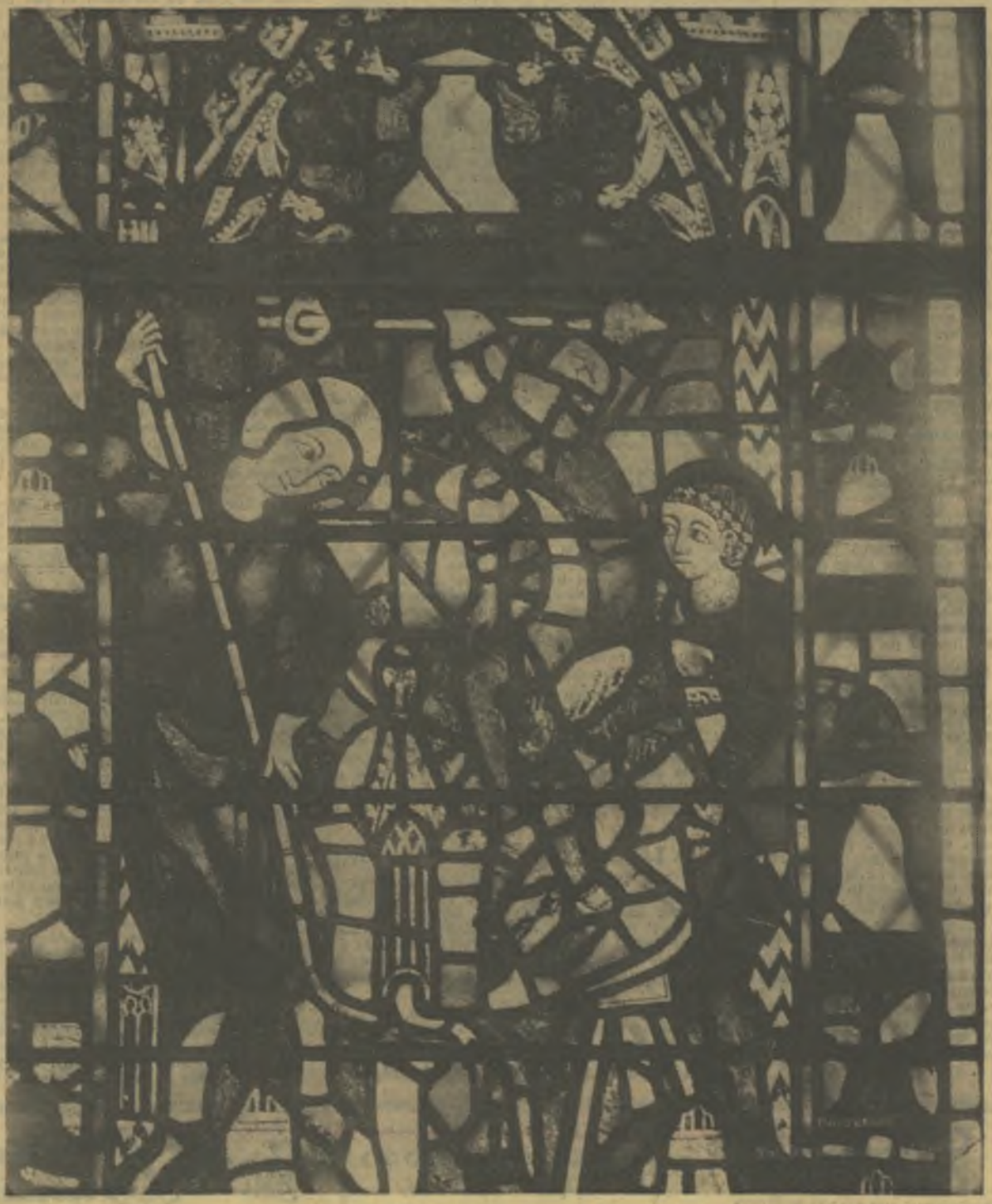

YORK MINSTER'S BELL WINDOW

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WHILST most people from time to time visit and admire the ancient cathedrals and churches of England, very few of us ever stop to study the work of the mediæval glass painter. As a result of the nature of the material, and often as a result of the misplaced zeal of "reformers," countless thousands of such windows have been destroyed. But some have survived and, amongst all others, York Minster stands out as the nation's treasure house of mediæval glass.

One window at York is of particular interest to bellringers. Known as the "Bell Window" and situated second from the east in the north wall of the nave, it was given to the Cathedral by Richard Tunnoc around the year 1320. Tunnoc, who was himself a bell-founder, lived in Stonegate, York. He was one of the three bailiffs for the city and represented York in Parliament. He died in 1330 and was buried in the Minster. No known bells can be attributed to Tunnoc though local tradition has it that the two bells in Acaster Malbis Church, some five miles south of York, "were made bit' feller at gave t'winder int' Minster."

The Bell Window, like most other mediæval windows, has suffered the ravages of time, but in view of its 600 years the subject matter is remarkably clear.

The window consists of three lights, the two outer ones having a border made up of bells, alternately silver and gold, usually ornamented and often fitted to headstocks. The borders of the centre light display monkeys playing several kinds of musical instruments. Between the borders are two rows of coloured panels set between pearl grey bands of grisaille glass. Each panel of grisaille is ornamented with a lozenge bearing a bell, and there is a row of bells above each panel's canopy.

The top row of coloured panels all show the bridge over the River Ouse breaking under the weight of the vast crowd of people assembled to greet William Fitzherbert (St. William of York), as he rode to the Cathedral for his enthronement. But it is the lower row of panels which is of particular interest to us.

DONOR PORTRAYED

It was a common mediæval practice to portray the donor of a window in the glass, and our subject follows the pattern, for in the centre panel we see a very young Tunnoc kneeling before the figure of Saint William. The Saint is in full eucharistic vestments, including the pallium and mitre. One gloved hand is raised in blessing whilst with the other he holds his staff. Tunnoc wears conventional dress of tunic and hose, but from his belt hangs not only a sword but also a pouch ornamented with two bells. He holds in his upraised hands a scroll giving his name in Lombardic lettering. In the background stands his window which he is offering to the Saint.

At the bottom of the right-hand light the subject is the casting of a bell. The founder has just tapped the furnace, using a long pole, and the molten metal runs into the mould. The furnace is ornamented with a delightful Gothic window and canopy. A young assistant, wearing his curly hair down to his shoulders, watches the operation. (See front page picture.)

TUNING A BELL

The matching panel at the bottom of the left-hand light shows the tuning of a bell. The bell is suspended between two trestles by a shaft which apparently passes straight through the crown. Two further bells sit on the floor under the trestles. The two figures are now fragmentary, though a sketch made by Torre in 1692 indicates that the figure on the left is that of the founder, who presses a cutting tool against the outside of the soundbow, whilst his assistant on the right turns the bell by means of a handle on the end of the shaft.

One other feature of the window is worth notice. The glass, like almost all York glass, is pot-metal, i.e. glass coloured in manufacture and not enamelled. This gives it an extraordinary brilliance and beauty which must be seen to be believed.

Should you ever visit York, take a look at this remarkable work of art. It is not the largest nor the most important window in the Minster by any means, competing as it does with the three "walls of glass" in the choir, the great west window, the "Five Sisters" and the six great windows of the Chapter House. Even its neighbour to the east, the "Heraldic Window," is considered to be of more artistic and historic interest. All the same it provides for the Exercise a tangible link with the past, and bears witness to the piety of a bell founder who lived over 600 years ago. I. R.

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A FURNESS GOLDEN WEDDING

On August 6th Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and to mark the occasion ringing friends from the Lake District and as far afield as Essex joined together in an attempt to ring a peal at Jim's home tower, St. James', Barrow-in-Furness. Unfortunately the attempt came to grief after 35 minutes' ringing, but after losing a quarter peal of Kent, the ringers successfully brought home a quarter of Bob Major to mark this auspicious occasion.

Jim is known throughout the Exercise, having attended the Central Council meetings for many years both as a visitor and as a Lancashire representative, and I feel sure his many friends will join with the local Furness ringers in congratulating Mrs. Burles and himself on this happy anniversary and in wishing them good health for the future. D. E.

A LINCOLN DIAMOND WEDDING

Mr. Horace Hurst, Master at St. Peter-at-Gowts', Lincoln, and Mrs. Hurst celebrated their diamond wedding on August 3rd. Mr. Hurst has been a regular ringer at St. Peter-at-Gowts' for over 65 years and now, at 86, years of age, still attends twice each Sunday, very often ringing 360 changes and occasionally a 720.

As a compliment to him and Mrs. Hurst the following took part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at his tower on August 3rd: D. Simpson 1, F. Dixon 2, J. Graves 3, W. Tomlinson 4, P. Pitchford 5, G. Paul (cond.) 6.

Call Change News

BUSH BROTHERHOOD

THERE can be very few places more lost than this; six miles north-west of Hatherleigh, in the least visited, least picture-postcard-worthy, least lush part of Devon, in country where many of the parishes have no village at all, and where with the closing of the delightful (and economically disastrous) Torridge Valley railway people feel even more back-of-beyondish than they did before. There is no real village at Petersmarland; the cottages are not quite so far apart in one bit of the parish, and that is where the church stands.

Whether there are any bells in the country older than Petersmarland tenor and still rung regularly in peal with a ring, I do not know; certainly there are none in Devon. This beautiful casting was made by Walter de Wymbish in about 1345, and inscribed, "Protege Virgo pia quos convoco Sancta Maria" ("Protect, saintly Virgin, Holy Mary, those whom I summon") an inscription which Robert Norton, who cast the fifth bell here in about 1430, may have seen for the first time on this bell. Certainly he adopted it as one of his favourite inscriptions, but on his bell here he put another of his stock inscriptions, "Mysteriis sacris repleat nos dca Iohannis" ("In the Holy Mysteries may the doctrine of John fill us"). This is another very good casting, and any church would be proud to have two such remarkable bells. Maybe it is the very remoteness of Petersmarland and its poverty that prevented the recasting of these bells. The old four were not made a six until the days of wanton scrapping had passed.

For several years past this little six has been out of order; the tower was cracked and the oak frame suffering from the rain, which in this district drives through any masonry and keeps the ends of the beams in perpetual dampness. The bell-pits were full of jackdaws' nests, the gear gradually decaying until last year interest revived and the tiny parish set about putting their belfry in order. This year the work was done, and the Torridge Vale Association of Ringers held its annual festival there on the last Saturday in July.

It was the sort of day when farmers who have not yet started harvesting say: "Us've had a master dryth the last few weeks; time us had a drop of rain. T'will freshen things up brave," and farmers who have started corn-harvest are best treated with extreme tact and sympathy or left entirely alone. That is to say, it was raining with that fine, driving, incredibly wetting rain which is a speciality of West Devon. But the bells of Petersmarland went round merrily enough all afternoon, and some of the ringing was very good. As one might expect with a tenor cast in the days when modern bell profiles were only half-developed from the inverted flower-pot shape of the 13th century, they are not an outstanding ring for music. The tenor has a rather hard, rasping tone, and when she is halfway down produces an extraordinary rough bark, but with the bells running well they sound well enough.

Like many of the local Associations, the Torridge Vale has one competition for all-comers and one for members only. The favourites for the open cup were Down St. Mary and Swymbridge, and "Mary-Down" won it with a peal of 25 faults. The shield went to Dolton, with Alwington runners-up. Petersmarland is building up a local band of ringers itself, and perhaps in a few years we shall be hearing something of them. J. G. M. S.

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"SIGHT READING" CONTEST

Novel Feature by Southwell Guild

A new type of ringing contest was pioneered by the Southwell Diocesan Guild at Babworth, Notts, on July 29th.

Five teams entered—Whatton, Derby Cathedral, Warsop, "The Burchnall VI" and Wollaton. The test piece, 360 Stanhope Delight Minor, was only revealed to the teams 30 minutes before they began to ring. The method, which is Cambridge Surprise above the treble and Killamarsh Treble Bob below, produces irregular lead-ends and was chosen for the contest by the judge, H. Poyner.

All teams rang the same 360. The judge checked off the lead-ends and also marked the striking. The quality of the ringing was in the first instance less fundamental to the contest than the correct completion of the touch; in the event, all teams but one rang the touch properly and so striking decided the winners.

As an entry fee of 5s. per ringer was charged, the Guild Bell Repair Fund benefited by £7 10s.

Whatton rang first. The ringing was very fast (2 hours and 23 minutes for a peal) and never settled down. There were two serious mistakes, both quickly corrected, but one lead-end was incorrect; 81 faults.

Derby Cathedral rang much slower and better, but fractional faults accumulated to a total of 44.

Warsop rang very well indeed, with an average of just over two faults per lead; 33 altogether.

The Burchnall VI, who followed, improved towards the end but never found a steady rhythm; 68 faults.

Wollaton soon obtained an excellent beat, often flawless for 20 changes or more. With a total of 29 faults, their fault rate was just below two per lead. As the winners, they were accordingly presented with a certificate.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Jessup, for permission to use his bells, which had been rung half-muffled for the contest in view of the tragedy at Ranby Camp a few days before; to Mrs. Jessup and her helpers for so kindly providing the tea, and to the ringers who had taken part so enthusiastically in the venture and also supported the Bell Repair Fund.

SINGLES RINGING

Further ringing took place after tea at Babworth and on the three bells at Sutton-cum-Lound, where apart from plain hunting, courses were rung of Treble Bob, Stedman and Sutton Singles (the last-named principle rung for the first time, it was believed). These are given below, for the benefit of those who may only have three bells in their tower—or, as may be more probable, more than three bells but only three ringers.

(Continued in next column)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Blackburn Branch

The three target methods—College Bob, Primrose and Single Oxford — with many others, with Plain Bob for beginners, were rung at the Blackburn Branch meeting at Ribchester (6) on August 5th. Those not ringing were able to visit the museum containing Roman remains found in the area. Cups of tea were provided by the Vicar's wife and helpers.

Mr. J. Pilkington presided at the business meeting, when the Association's proficiency certificates were discussed, the subject being on the agenda for the committee meeting of the Association at Burnley. Plans for a Branch outing and a cricket match against the Preston Branch were also on the agenda and approval was given to a donation of £2 10s. to Accrington for two new ropes.

Ringing followed in Plain and Surprise methods and a good day ended with lowering the bells in peal at 8.15 p.m.

LOOKING BACK

Early Days of Peterborough Guild

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild was just two years old when this picture was taken at a Guild meeting at Great Brington, Northants, on April 3rd, 1926. At least seven in the group are now deceased, in addition to Thomas Wise, of Wootton, who took the photograph and in his short life of 41 years did much to advance ringing.

In the picture (from left to right): Daniel T. Robinson, Thomas Law, Harry England, Isaac Bennett, Percy Amos, Bert Murby, Alfred Pickford, George Parker, William A. Stote, Sydney Foskett and the next two unidentified. Sitting: Roland Adams, Tom Tebbutt and Arthur Starmer.

Stedman			Treble Bob
123			123
213			213
231	(312)	(123)	123
321	132	213	213
231	312	123	231
213	321	132	321
123	231	312	231
132	213	321	321
312	123	231	312
132	213	321	132
123	231	312	312
213	321	132	132
231	312	123	123
321	132		
312	123		

Sutton		
123		
213		
231	(123)	(312)
321	213	132
231	123	312
213	132	321
123	312	231
213	132	321
231	123	312
321	213	132
312	231	123
132	321	
123	312	

It will be realised that Erin will adapt to three bells in a similar manner, and that each method may be rung in reverse if desired.

The tenor at Sutton being in excess of 10 cwt., it was found easiest to ring the bells with leads open at backstroke as well as at hand.

H. P.

Alfred Pickford, of Kingsthorpe—an up-and-coming young ringer—died rather tragically about 18 months after the photograph was taken. His tutor, George Parker, died in 1948, and will go down in memory as the man who walked everywhere. On one occasion, in 1929, he walked six miles to Gayton to ring a peal after a Saturday morning's work, rang the peal and walked back to Northampton and a further one and a half miles to his home in Kingsthorpe. He was then 54 or 55 years of age. He always preferred a heavy bell to a light one, was a first-class striker and one who would not tolerate anything false.

Thomas Law, for 30 years captain at Weston Favell tower, died on December 1st, 1941. Mainly a five bell ringer, he rang peals on 6, 8 and 10, but had a habit of standing with his legs wide apart, which led some to wonder how he got good striking and managed to keep his bell up.

Isaac Bennett, although a native of Bicker, Lincolnshire, had lived in Northampton (where he worked first as a tram driver and later on buses) for many years. He died a few years after the last war. He, too, rang a lot with the late Thomas Wise.

Harry England, a blacksmith, of Moulton, was not so keen on peals though a good Sunday service ringer. He died some six or so years ago.

Roland Adams, a very keen ringer in his younger days and a one-time Guilsborough area secretary, died in 1965, at his home village of East Haddon, where he rang regularly.

Of Arthur Starmer, from Harpole, very little was heard after the war—he, too, died a few years ago. Still less has been heard of Bert Murby, a one-time ringer at Weston Favell up to the war, when the old band broke up and was never re-formed.

William A. Stote is not so prominent in these days. Maybe if Coventry Cathedral bells get rehung for ringing we shall be seeing his name included in the first peal on them.

P. AMOS.

Letters to the Editor

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—If the sole reason for ringing quarter peals is advancement, I suppose Mr. Godfrey's criticism of the 1966 Analysis is in part valid, but as this is not so, his conclusions on what was rung are a little unfair.

In many cases quarter peals are rung for church services and a number of others are connected with events in the parishes themselves, ranging from Confirmation services to inductions. In these instances some, if not all, the local band take part, and this will probably modify the method rung. This does not matter at all, because if the ringing is good and the quarter is scored the band are satisfied, and in this context the choice of method is of secondary consideration.

Again, a number of quarters are rung in the standard methods for up-and-coming youngsters. This is bound to swell the Plain Bob and Grandsire totals, because these are still the "nursery" methods in most towers. You do not start off ringing Bristol unless you are a genius.

Bearing these points in mind, I would hesitate to call the details of methods rung depressing. If 1,409 or 37¼ per cent. of a total of 3,743 are other methods, it is not a bad percentage. Surely those of us who like variety in methods are not restricted in trying out fresh methods. If people really want to progress they will always find a way, as Mr. Godfrey and his band obviously have.

Let us all go on ringing quarter peals in whatever method we like because we enjoy them; forget the idea of rules, and spare us a "leading tower" list, please—there's enough upmanship in the Exercise now without adding to it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—The last paragraph of E. G. H. Godfrey's letter on page 534 shows, to my mind, a lack of appreciation of the reason for which a great many quarter peals are rung.

What sort of offering is it to God on a great festival, what compliment to bride and bridegroom at a wedding, or what comfort to the bereaved at a funeral if the ringing, whether touch, quarter peal or peal should come to grief because some aspiring ringer or conductor uses the occasion to attempt an unproven performance?

Both simplicity of method and experience of the band are contributory factors to certainty of achievement. Let there be adventure and progress by all means in practice quarters, but please let us admit of a high proportion of accomplished performances when the purpose is to mark a significant occasion.—Yours sincerely,

W. O. HAYTHORNE.

Southampton.

"TOO DAZZLING"

Dear Sir,—What a thoroughly crazy statement, from a thoroughly crazy person. Too Dazzling? After years of trying to improve—if not perfect—and after all our troubles and trials, if our Editorial Committee to withdraw the cover it will be equally crazy. What a glorious tribute—**too dazzling.**—Yours sincerely,

W. F. STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

SEMI-LEARNERS AGAIN

Dear Sir,—The semi-learners obviously have a justifiable complaint, but I suggest that they are **lucky** in some ways; they can refuse to ring what they consider to be beyond their capabilities. When they want to progress to more advanced methods their band should be willing and able to help them on.

Although I shall be accused of remounting my favourite hobbyhorse, our problem is just the opposite. With the local band alone, we cannot ring much more than Plain Bob; with our neighbouring band, we might manage Kent and Oxford; with luck and some seasonal visitors, courses of Surprise Minor. The nearest tower at which we can be sure of ringing Surprise is 40 miles away. (And these bells were aptly summed up by a ringer who said: "Don't worry—not even the locals can shine on this lot!"). I cannot imagine we are the only area to be in this position, so stick to your guns, semi-learners, because you are quite right, but don't regard too lightly the chances which are available to you when you want them.

Also, should our own two towers be booked, our nearest pealable bells are 20 miles away, and we should probably have to go even further If we had to pay compulsory fees to the church, the Association and "The Ringing World" on top of our travel costs, the youngsters who most need the experience, with only their pocket money, would not be ringing many peals. In my experience, any older ringer worth his salt makes a voluntary donation to the Bell Fund after a peal attempt, whether successful or not.

May I add that it would disappoint me greatly were ringers ever to refrain from publishing their peals, although my own total is insignificant. My chief interest is in the peal columns, and has been so ever since I first struggled with call changes.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

INVERARAY BELLS—THEIR ORIGIN

Dear Sir,—With regard to the query of Mr. E. Boumphrey concerning the ringing of the Inveraray bells, it is very doubtful whether this ring has ever been rung by a local band.

These bells were planned for Inveraray in 1914, just before the outbreak of war. They were cast in 1920 and each one dedicated to a Celtic saint. A year later they arrived at their destination.

The cost, amounting to roughly £5,000, was cleared off by subscriptions organised principally by the Duke of Argyll, who was the prime mover of the whole project. Incidentally, he himself donated the bells one to seven.

For several years, whilst the belfry tower was in the course of construction, the bells, duly hung in their steel frame, were chimed in a temporary wooden shelter at the east end of the church. Perhaps the great Duke, as with the majority of non-campanological laymen, never realised the true implication of bellringing. However, one cannot imagine a more beautiful setting for the ringing of church bells, and their music, wind-borne across Loch Fyne towards "Rest and be thankful," must surely be delightful to hear. —Yours faithfully,

M. MAUGHAN (Mrs.).

Hartlepool.

DIARY PAGE FOR DATES AND "GRABS"

Dear Sir,—After reading about the suggestion to Mr. W. Viggers of having a space in the Diary for notes on the opposite sex (page 537), I gave the matter a great deal of thought.

For being a teenage ringer (female!) of average intelligence and quite attractive appearance, I began to wonder how many pages in the Diary would need to be provided. For if I was to change partners (within the Exercise) as often as I "grabbed" a new tower, there would certainly need to be at least four pages devoted to this "hobby."

For some months now I have remained the "best of friends" with one particular male, and remain (I hope!) "CONTENTED."

A WORTHWHILE HOBBY

Dear Sir,—I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy bellringing. Since I began, last October, I have rung two quarter peals of Grandsire Doubles, in one of which I rang the treble, the other in which I covered.

Our tower captain, Barry Corbishley, takes us visiting other towers, where we learn to ring on heavier or lighter bells than our own. We also learn different methods of change ringing at these towers.

Twice this year we have been on bellringing trips where we visited other towers. On the first one we went to three towers and rang during the course of the afternoon and evening. On the second one we went to New Brighton for the day and rang at two towers, one on the way to New Brighton and one on the way back.

I end this letter by saying that I think that bellringing is a very worthwhile hobby.—Yours faithfully, VALERIE GREEN (Miss).

Macclesfield, Cheshire.

IF THE CAP FITS, WEAR IT!

Dear Sir,

Who were the ringers who, having permission
To ring from eleven fifteen, gained admission
At well before ten past that hour, and then started,
Without meeting the Vicar, our six bells to raise,
And, late by a full 20 minutes, departed?
Disorderly conduct of this kind I'll not praise!

They were the ringers who, on having permission
To ring from eleven fifteen, had a mission
To grab a few towers, once they had all started
A full band from all parts of the Kingdom to raise,
And, late by a full twenty minutes, departed,
Leaving beer-mat and bikes! Their conduct I'll not praise!

To those whom the cap fits, do you wear it with ease?
An apology would be in order, you'll please!

A RAMBLING POET.

A CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—The last block of the composition of Plain Bob Major by myself (page 548) should read as follows:

W 5/4 B M H

32456 x S 3

The composition contains: 22 56's, 22 65's and six 54's, **not** all the 56's and 65's, and eight 54's. I apologise for these mistakes. —Yours faithfully, M. G. INGRAM.

Birmingham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. F. A. FINCH

An Appreciation

By the death of Mr Frederick A. Finch, on July 23rd, the Middlesex Association has lost another link in the chain of prominent ringers who have served it as officers.

Fred Finch, who had learned to ring at Loddon, Norfolk, came to Middlesex in the early 1940's In his home tower he rang in the first peals achieved by a local band in 1923, and although he reached much greater heights later he always remembered his old associations with pride.

He served the Middlesex Association in the South and West District as Ringing Master, and later became secretary and a representative on the Central Council in 1950. His Sunday service ringing was principally at Christ Church, Ealing, St. Stephen's, Ealing, and St. Mary's, Acton. Outstanding among his 109 peals was Spliced Surprise under the leadership of the late E. C. S. Turner.

Fred loved the social side of ringing and was an entertaining speaker at various functions and although he had been unable to take active part in ringing for some years he always kept in touch with events, and his life in recent times was considerably brighter when "The Ringing World" came or he could go out and listen to the bells. During a long and painful illness his faith never wavered and at the end he spoke of the joy of "going to meet some of his old friends."

It was fortunate for him that during his long illness his dear Sally cared for him in the comfort of his home. To her and the family we extend our sympathy.

The funeral service was at Holy Trinity Church, Southall, and later handbells were rung over his grave by W. G. Wilson, T. J. Lock, F. W. Goodfellow and W. H. Coles.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The choice of St. Mary's, Woolwich, for a summer meeting was perhaps not ideal, but nevertheless nearly 40 ringers presented themselves at this church, now shared with the Presbyterians.

The lively Rector, the Rev. Nicholas Stacey, conducted the service, with the assistance of a visiting lady ringer from Lancashire at the pianoforte. Instead of an address, the Rector explained the various changes made to the building in recent years and then gave the assembly a conducted tour.

Following tea in the "coffee house" (formerly the north gallery), the company transferred to the south gallery lounge for the meeting, with Mr. E. A. Barnett in a very comfortable armchair. The business was transacted in nearly record time, Mr. H. E. Audsley providing an interesting reminiscence of an even briefer wartime meeting with five members present. Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major.

Next meeting (annual): Crayford, October 28th (subject to permission). I. H. O.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Ridout 1, F. Hillier 2, T. Bleathman 3, R. Ridout 4, B. Ridout 5, J. G. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sydney Goddard, former ringer at this church.

CRICKETING RINGERS

"TANFIELD" 1967

THIS year's cricket-cum-ringing meeting was held on Saturday, July 15th, and it provided the keenest cricket of the revived series with an anti-climax to boot. Despite some doubts beforehand created by late advertising and the deluge of the day previous, a crowd of over 50 enthusiasts assembled at Okey's playing field near Stanley with ideal conditions prevailing. The president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. W. Tyson, was already there waiting to provide a welcome and to select his XI to oppose the hosts from the Western District.

To allow for a return to Tanfield for tea at 5 p.m., it was agreed to play the match on a time limit basis of 45 minutes each side, and as the nearby clock of Stanley Parish Church struck 3 o'clock the umpires, Bill Tyson and Tom Cooke, took up their positions, while Ann Whalley, of Lanchester, with sharpened pencil at the ready, prepared to record the scoring.

Winning the toss, the president had elected to bat first, and the innings was opened by Kenneth Arthur and David Cox to the bowling of Alan Walker and Duncan Davis. Runs came slowly and wickets fell cheaply, however, until Tom Sewell and young Christopher Rock came together and they scored freely to play out time with the score at 52 for six wickets.

Opening the innings for the home side were Jim Crowther and Duncan Davis, a redoubtable pair from Whickham, who faced the pace bowling of the equally formidable David Cox and Bill Maughan. It wasn't a day for Lucky Jim, however, for he flashed at the wrong ball and was soon bowled. The batting stiffened after this and the scoring proceeded steadily to the point where 15 runs were needed with 15 minutes to go. Phil Tocock was now brought on to bowl and with some wily deliveries this officer soon caused panic in the ranks, so that when the last over was announced the Western XI were still three runs short of their target. Then some do or die mighty swipes by Alan Walker eventually brought about the required result and victory was acclaimed again by the holders.

But this was not the end of the matter for on examining the score book it was discovered that at least two sixes had been marked down for the home side when, according to the umpires, none had been scored, despite extravagant claims by exuberant supporters at the time. Dux femina facti? With the result in doubt and no time left for a play-off, it was decided to record the match as "no contest" and to allow the "ashes" to remain buried until next year, when strict M.C.C. rules would be enforced!

Back at Tanfield we were greeted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, and a party of lady helpers at the Vicarage, where a sumptuous tea was laid out for us. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, C.C. and B.W.* and all others who had helped in the arrangements for the day. Evensong in St Margaret's Church then followed, with ringers helping to augment a robed choir and the Ringing Master reading the lesson In his address, the Vicar preached on the problem of trying to achieve holiness in this modern secular world. Ringing on the recently rehung octave completed the official programme, and visitors enjoyed the harmony and harmonics of the tower until a late hour.

K. A.

(* Chief Cook and Bottle Washer!)

SURREY ASSOCIATION HAVE RECOUNT

On July 22nd various members of the Surrey Association took time off from ringing to indulge in a game of "cricket" in Beddington Park with a team of officers captained by the Master, Frank Darby, challenging The Rest, captained by Jeremy Pratt. The Rest won the toss and the Officers were put in to bat in front of a rather sparse crowd consisting mainly of wives and young children.

At 17 for 7 wickets the Officers seemed to be in trouble, with the quality of the bowling being exceeded only by the amount of energy expended in Bill Shanks' marathon run-up. However, an eighth wicket stand of 30 runs between Alison Mann and Graham Clarke helped to steer the Officers to a final total of 52, with Alison scoring a fine undefeated 25 against the statutory underarm bowling for ladies.

The Officers then took the field and at the end of the first over seemed to be very much on top, with The Rest two wickets down for no runs. Strong batting by the third and fourth wickets enabled the score to rise rapidly, until with only two runs needed for victory Jeremy Pratt was caught and bowled by Nigel Thomson after scoring 37 runs. After two more wickets had fallen without any increase in the score the tension began to rise, but it was not long before Ken Newman and Bill Shanks ran the winning bye.

After a recount, The Rest were adjudged the winners by four wickets, and the players and spectators returned to more normal activities with ringing at St. Mary's, Beddington, followed by the celebrating of both victory and defeat in the Plough. J. R. P. et al.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The Mansfield District meeting at Cuckney on July 22nd was not too well attended but the bells were rarely silent between 3 and 9 p.m. Several of the younger and less experienced members made considerable progress in view of the ringing they had to do.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. Hack for the use of the bells and conducting Evensong. Picnic teas were then the order of the day.

At the business meeting, support both for meetings and for the Bell Repair Fund was requested and discussion followed with an invitation for any fresh ideas on the subject. A re-introduction of collections was envisaged for the near future.

Next meeting: Selston, September 23rd.

D. J. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth District

The second meeting of the year was held at St. Mary and All Saints', Droxford, on July 29th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Strangeways, and an excellent tea was served by the ladies. New members elected were Mr. T. Gooch and Mrs. P. Roberts (Havant), Mr. R. Slatter (Droxford) and Miss D. Lanagan (Fareham).

It was decided to adopt a new format for the next meeting. This would be (subject to the incumbent's permission): Short service 6 p.m., ringing till 8.30, followed by the business meeting to be held in the church.

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Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

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THREE-LEAD SPLICERS

Before we proceed with the arrangements for five-method 720's let us have a look at those for including six, as the arrangement of the former if often influenced by the addition of the latter.

In three-lead splicing two bells, known as "Fixed Bells," do the same work in different methods and at the three leads throughout the 720 where this occurs one is substituted for the other.

Some of these three-lead extra methods splice with the "group" methods and some with the "course" methods, also in some cases the fixed bells are coursing and in others they are not. Both these factors, as will be seen, affect the arrangement of the group and course methods. Here is a table of three lead splicers suitable for our present purpose:

Fig 6a

Group or Course Method		3-lead Splice	Fixed Bells
Morning Star	(Course)	Disley Del.	4th & 5th
Braintree	(Course)	Humber Del.	3rd & 5th
Marple	(Course)	Taxal Del.	3rd & 5th
Knutsford	(Group)	Bourne Sur.	2nd & 6th
Skipton	(Group)	Hull Sur.	2nd & 6th
Old Oxford	(Group)	Elston Del.	2nd & 4th
Neasden	(Group)	Clarence Del	2nd & 4th
Castleton	(Course)	Bucknall Del.	3rd & 6th
Melandra	(Group)	Coldstream or Lincoln S.	2nd & 5th
Abbeyville	(Course)	Canterbury Del.	4th & 5th

The course splices Dover and Ely have no three-lead splice.

The "Oxford" Group (London Scholars, etc.), is the only one that has no three-lead splice either with the group or the course method. It will be seen that in the College Bob IV (St. Albans group) the course method Marple (Braintree) will three-lead splice with Taxal (Humber), whilst the group itself will three-lead splice with Elston (Clarence). Similarly, in the Beeston group the course method Castleton will three-lead splice with Bucknall, whilst the group itself will three-lead splice with Coldstream Surprise, Lincoln Surprise having the same rows in a lead as Coldstream. These facts have, of course, been made use of in multi-method splices.

In Fig. 7 we see the five "course" backworks that we have to learn, and below the first three the backworks that will three-lead splice with those immediately above. In each case the two "fixed" bells are picked out to show the identical work done by them in both methods. Seeing that the three leads are chosen in the 720 in which the fixed bells are in this position, this means that the two ringers concerned need not necessarily learn the new method. Ringing a method without having to learn it becomes more frequent as the number of methods increases.

Fig. 7

COURSE SPLICERS

Morning Star	Braintree	Castleton	Dover	Ely
321654	321456	521436	621543	621543
236154	234165	254163	265134	265134
263514	243615	524613	625314	625314
625341	426351	526431	263541	263541
265314	246315	254613	623514	265314
623541	426351	524631	265341	623541
632541	462351	542631	256431	632451
364215	643215	452361	524613	34215
634251	463251	542631	254631	362451
362415	643215	542361	526413	634215
326154	634125	452136	256143	364125
231654	361452	541263	521634	631452

THREE-LEAD SPLICERS

Disley	Humber	Bucknall
321654	321456	521436
236154	234165	254163
326514	243615	524613
235641	426351	526431
326514	246315	254613
236541	264351	245631
326451	624631	425361
234615	642315	452361
324651	462351	542631
236415	643215	542361
326145	634125	452136
231654	361452	541263

In Fig. 8 are shown the group methods with their corresponding three-lead splicers. In all three cases it is necessary to show the complete lead of both methods involved in the splice, as not only are the backworks but the leads also are different, the splice occupying the whole of the 24 rows. As pointed out previously, Lincoln Surprise has the same rows in a lead as Coldstream and may be substituted wherever necessary or desirable.

Fig. 8

GROUP METHODS

Fotheringay	Neasden	Melandra
123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	213546
124635	123456	126354
216453	213465	213546
261543	231456	251436
625134	321465	254163
265143	321456	251436
625134	234165	254163
265314	243615	254613
623541	426351	256431
263514	243615	254613
625341	426351	256431
263541	243651	254631
625314	426315	256413
265341	243651	254631
263514	246315	256413
625314	426135	256143
263145	461253	251634
621354	641235	256143
263145	461253	251634
621435	416235	251364
264153	141253	251346
124513	141235	213564
214543	141253	213546
(156342)	(164523)	(156342)

THREE-LEAD SPLICERS

GROUP METHODS

Hull Surprise	Clarence	Coldstream
123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	213546
124635	124635	126354
216453	216453	213546
261435	261435	251643
624153	624153	256134
621435	621435	251643
264153	266153	256134
624513	626513	256314
265431	625631	253641
625413	626513	256314
264531	625631	253641
624351	625361	253461
263415	623516	254316
623451	625361	253461
264315	623516	254316
624135	623156	254136
261453	261365	251463
264135	263156	254136
621453	261365	251463
612435	613256	512436
164253	161365	151346
614523	611635	513264
165432	166253	153624
(156342)	(164523)	(156342)

Seeing that the method changes when the treble is leading full, more alertness is required on the part of the ringers than hitherto, particularly those three not ringing the fixed bells, the latter, of course, having the same duties in both methods.

In order to ensure a smooth changeover there appear to be three ways to tackle the problem. The first is to memorise how each bell starts from rounds, and notice into which place one's bell falls on the backstroke of the treble's full lead when the change of method is called, then to start accordingly; the second is to memorise the individual duties at each changeover; and the third is to combine the two. Some Spliced Major ringers learn not only where individual bells start at the beginning of the lead but in what position they will be in at the end and so are prepared for the change of method whatever it may be. Personally I have never found this necessary in Minor ringing but each ringer will have to decide for himself.

Turning to the arrangement of methods in an extent, there are several points deserving attention. If two methods, A and B, will course splice with each other, it matters not whether we splice A into B or B into A. If, however, we intend introducing an extra method, C, by three-lead splicing, there are several factors to bear in mind.

(a) Seeing that a symmetrical three-part 720 is easier to ring or conduct than an asymmetrical one there is no point in having the latter if we can achieve the same results by the former.

(b) In a symmetrical three-part usually the 5th and 6th perform the same set of duties in each part; it is, therefore, customary to use these as fixed bells so ensuring the odd method occurs at the same position in each part.

(c) The three-lead splice will fit either into the group or into the course methods (see Fig 6a). The order in which the group or course methods are arranged will then depend upon whether the fixed bells are coursing or non-coursing. In some cases, in order to have a plain lead for the three-lead splice, it may be necessary to use the 5ths instead of the 6ths as observation.

(To be continued)

SOUTH NORFOLK RINGERS' LONG DAY

Leaving Diss shortly after 7 a.m. and arriving back after midnight, such was South Norfolk's annual outing into Essex on July 15th.

The first of six towers visited was at Great Tey at 9.30 a.m., followed by Bocking, and lunch and a ring at Braintree.

During the afternoon Felsted was visited, and, on reaching Dunmow, half an hour was allowed for the ladies to do the "shopping," then tea, and ringing on the fine eight at the Parish Church. The last call was at Thaxted, where ringing finished at 8.45 p.m.

Before dispersing, Mr. Harry Fuller, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, and Mr. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, on behalf of all present, thanked Mr. William Flatt, of Harleston for once again arranging such a successful day in his usual efficient way. A. G. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting held at Bere Regis was attended by 29 ringers from eight local towers and visitors from North Dorset, Wellington (Somerset) and Winchester Cathedral. A warm welcome was given by the Vicar (Rev. P. T. W. Tranter) who conducted the Guild service. Tea was served in the Drax Hall, followed by a short business meeting at which two new ringing members were elected from Charminster. Subject to confirmation, Branch practices will be held at Dorchester St. Peter's (August 12th), Piddlehinton (August 26th), Wyke Regis (September 9th), Piddletrenthide (September 23rd) and Fordington St. George's (October 21st).

Next quarterly meeting: Litton Cheney, October (provisional).

TOURS AND OUTINGS

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY TOUR AROUND BRISTOL

The first summer tour of the Sussex University Guild took place between July 21st and 28th and was centred on Bristol. With the help of the Bristol University ringers we obtained excellent "digs" in Clifton. After joining the practice at Henbury on Friday night we then rang at eight local towers on the Saturday, starting at Clifton and Kingsdown, with its lofty tenor box. Following the evening meal, we ventured out to Knowle, where the recent handiwork of some learners under the "guidance" of an ex-Brighton ringer made ringing a little more interesting with two stays missing. By this time the rain had set in, so we adjourned in search of rough cider.

Sunday service ringing started at St. Ambrose's, where two of our members were "borrowed" for an afternoon peal attempt, then on to SS. Philip and Jacob's (another good eight). Two of the week's best rings followed—the eight at the Cathedral and the glorious twelve at St. Mary Redcliffe.

The next day ringing started at Keynsham and we had difficulty in obtaining good striking, even using the renowned "infra-draw method," though a course of Yorkshire was quite respectable. On to St. Michael's, Bath (the bells tapped round very pleasantly), lunch, and Batheaston, recently featured on "The Ringing World" cover. We rang our first course of Bristol of the week, some Stedman with our hosts, and Duffield, which, like the Bristol, was the first on the bells. The rest of the day was uneventful except for the Master "tenoring" up in peal at Bathampton. In the evening we had a conducted tour round the new £1,000,000 University Union building, and admired the heated swimming pool and long bar.

A trip over the Severn Bridge on Tuesday to Caldicot, the easy-going 12 at Newport, Caerleon, where, having been told to ring the bells fast, we did so, and Grandsire Major disappeared down the hole in the middle. We slowed down at Chepstow and rang some good Stedman, Erin and Spliced Royal on this tuneful ten.

Wednesday was notable for the fine Bilby and Taylor eight at Portishead with a good course of Bristol, and afterwards we accepted the Rev. Roger O. Fry's invitation to coffee on the Rectory lawn. Then good bells at Kingston-Seymour and Yatton and the weighty challenge of Congresbury. The evening's celebration of Ray Talbot's 21st birthday will not be forgotten by some for a long time. The last full day was spent in North Somerset, where the tower at Dundry, the Bilby six at Chew Stoke, which are rung only a few hundred yards from the site of the foundry, and the fine ring at Long Ashton stick in the mind. M. S. L.

MARKSBURY'S YOUNG BAND'S FIRST OUTING

The young band at St. Peter's, Marksbury, whose story appeared in our last issue, had their first outing on July 22nd and were joined by colleagues from Dunkerton.

The first tower visited was Holy Trinity, Nailsea, and a special note was made of the octagonal stone pulpit projecting from the wall. The band's striking at Tickenham was praised by parishioners. A good ring was enjoyed on the five at Clevedon, as was the tea at the appropriately named cafe "The Towers."

The majestic tone of Yatton's octave (tenor 21 cwt.) gave pleasure, and finally on the way home the six in the quaint village of Kingston Seymour rang out merrily. Marksbury was reached at 9.15 p.m.

Our thanks are due to Mr. H. J. Coombs, tower master, and Miss Margaret Jones for organising the trip. A. C.

ALVESTON BELLRINGERS' TOUR

Alveston have just lost a valuable ringer in Miss Pamela Sturdy, who for the past five years has been a teacher at Thornbury Grammar School. Miss Sturdy will be greatly missed not only in the Alveston tower, where she has helped to teach a large number of young ringers, but also in the Thornbury tower, where she was a regular visitor.

As a grand finale to her stay in the area she, very capably, organised a ringing tour in Wiltshire on July 22nd. The coach left Thornbury at 10.45 a.m. and picked up many ringers en route to the first tower, at Marshfield. Here we found the ropes very long, which made things tricky for the novices. However, a good touch of Stedman was rung before leaving for Colerne. During the first touch here (Plain Bob Major) the fourth rope broke; it was soon replaced and ringing resumed.

Lunch was taken on the coach before we got to Chirton. Ringing round the font here we were joined by the Rev. and Mrs. P. Wooster, from Chippenham, who stayed with us for the rest of the day. Was it pure coincidence that the sun went in after our first attempt to ring Killamarsh? Further to this our attempts with the same method at Enford brought torrential rain! However, we finished up with a good course of Cambridge Minor, which did justice to these grand bells.

Following a good tea at the Antrobus Arms Hotel, Amesbury, Miss Sturdy was presented with a travelling clock in appreciation of all the help she has given to Alveston and Thornbury towers. We wish her well on her long visit to Canada and we hope that she will be able to come back to us on her return to this country.

Whether it was the effect of a good tea or the weight of the bells we did not ring well at Amesbury. After a short stop at Stonehenge and nearly calling at the wrong tower we arrived at Shrewton (6). Once again Killamarsh was attempted and this time we nearly made it.

Our final tower was St. John's, Devizes. The eight bells were voted to be the best of the day. Our efforts here did not do justice to the bells although three leads of Kent went well. The final lower made up for the ringing here and it was encouraging to see one of our young ringers making such a good job of it.

A tired party arrived home at about 10.45 p.m. after 12 hours of an extremely enjoyable tour. Most of our thanks go to Miss Sturdy but we should also like to thank all local incumbents and tower captains.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Newton St. Cyres. Unfortunately the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott) was on holiday. Despite a small attendance some good ringing took place on the eight bells under the supervision of Mrs. G. E. Retter (Ringing Master). Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples. Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor and call changes.

An excellent tea was arranged at the Crown and Sceptre Inn, followed by a business meeting presided over by Mrs. H. Boobier. Mrs. P. Pavey and Mrs. Retter reported on the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Lincoln.

Next meeting: Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, in November. A. E. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. B. Stedman Payne conducted five peals during his peal week in Leicestershire.

The peal at Cromhall (page 539) was Derek R. Livsey's first in two methods, not his first "inside," as printed.

Another record for Lancashire. Most methods in an "all the work" peal of Spliced Surprise Royal (8) at Preston, conducted by Neil Bennett.

The model of Yeovil tower with six bells fetched £300 at the auction of Knight, Frank and Rutley on August 4th.

Mr. Martin Clark, a ringer at Bagshot, Surrey, where his father, Mr. A. E. Clark, is tower captain, has entered Wells Theological College. He graduated B.A. at Durham University.

The first peal has been rung on Tollesbury, Essex, bells since augmentation to eight.

Hyde, Cheshire, is losing two good ringers in Margaret and John Booth. Their new home will be at Luton.

The peal of the University of Bristol Society of Change ringers, in our issue of August 11th, was Grandsire Cinques, and not Caters, as published.

Mr. W. Stote conducted a quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Allesley on August 6th to commemorate his silver wedding. Congratulations.

Will those submitting quarter peals write peals at different towers on separate sheets of paper, and never on the back. Can we remind correspondents that there is a uniform style?

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TREASURER OF YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MARRIED

The marriage of Mr. Christopher Moxon to Miss Christine Saville at St. Mary's Church, Westerham, Kent, on July 29th, was a very happy occasion. The octave at St. Mary's was rung after the wedding by the local band together with friends of the happy couple from Yorkshire.

Christopher, who is treasurer of both the Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley and District Association, taught his bride to ring at Cawthorne before she moved to Kent three years ago. Christine was trained to be a teacher at Neville's Cross College, Durham, and has been teaching at Limpsfield Primary School since last September.

Mr. and Mrs. Moxon are making their home near Penistone.

A quarter peal to mark the event was rung at Cawthorne on the day, and a peal at Kirk Deighton on the Friday afterwards.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY BOB MAJOR EXTENT

On the fourth anniversary of the "coming home" of the extent of Bob Major at Loughborough it is pleasing to see that John A. Acres, one of the umpires, was suitably commemorating the achievement with a quarter peal of Major on handbells at Chigwell, Essex.

Although unable to ring tower bells, due to an infirmity, John still retains a very lively interest in ringing and enjoys a session with handbells.

It was his first "long" length for nearly a year and enabled three local ringers to score their first peal of Major "in hand."

QUEEN'S GUIDE HONOURED

In honour of Anne Carney, a member of St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, band, gaining her Queen's Guide award, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Ranworth on July 16th. There was a previous attempt with Anne herself ringing at Lowestoft earlier in the week, but this came to an untimely end after two and a half hours' good ringing because of a certain lack of suspension in one of the ringer's trousers!

MODERN GLOSSARY WANTED

A reader writes that it must be many years now since any efforts were made to collect a dictionary or glossary for ringers. The C.C. Glossary is dated about 1904, and there was almost a word for word repetition in Morris's "History and Art," which is now so scarce that very few people can have a copy easily to hand in tower or home.

Our correspondent asks if anyone would be prepared to co-operate on a job like this and not just repeat the previous errors.

Another question she asks: "Why is the sally called the fillet in Cornwall?" The change in name is very marked; there must be other similar regional expressions that would be worth while recording. "Sets Light" and "Sets Tender" are another couple of idioms met in one area and not in another.

WORCESTER'S ANCIENT BELLS RING AGAIN

The quarter peal at St. Swithun's Church, Worcester, marks the first service ringing on these bells since early in 1965. In that year a renovation of the tower was initiated and the erection of scaffolding made the ringing of the bells inadvisable. A series of unfortunate delays prevented the completion of the rebuilding of the tower parapet until the spring of this year, and time was allowed for the stonework to settle.

While the bells were silent, a group of boys from the King's School Society of Ringers, under the guidance of Mr. P. Cattermole, performed repairs to the wheels, rehung the treble on new cannon straps which had been made by Mr. D. Beacham, creosoted the frame and removed over a ton of rubbish from the belfry. A thorough investigation of the tower was undertaken by the Advisory Committee of the Worcestershire Association, who recommended that the bells should only be rung for short periods as the supporting beams of the frame were found to be weak in places.

The ring of six bells is unique: all of them were cast within the city of Worcester. The third, fourth and fifth are mediæval, cast by a successful yet unknown founder c. 1400. The three remaining bells were added by John Martin in 1654. Their aggregate age is thus greater than any other six in the country.

D. G. F.

ROSTOV CHIMES

Mr. John Illingworth, of Westhoughton Parish Church Ringers, Lancashire, sends us a copy of the "Moscow News," which gives an account of the Rostov Chimes. These consist of 13 bells in the bell tower of the Rostov Cathedral of Assumption. The deep-sounding "Sysol," which was cast in 1698, weighs about 32 tons and can produce bottom "C." Two others, the "Polie lei" (16 tons) and "Lebed" (8 tons), cast in 1682–1683, produce bottom "E" and "G." The record made of Rostov Chimes in 1963 is a best seller in U.S.S.R. It is claimed that the bells can be heard 20 kilometres away. There are five ringers and two men man "Sysol."

HE KNOWS HAMPSHIRE TOWERS

Mr. Fred R. Tonge, popular captain at Longparish, has fulfilled an ambition extending over 45 years, by ringing in all Hampshire ringable towers. The last to be captured was the six at Old Alresford.

His list includes the two eights at Dibden and Holy Rood, Southampton, which were both bombed during the war and not replaced; the six at St Maurice's, Winchester, transferred to Bitterne Park, Southampton; the five at Wherwell and the six at Liss, now unringable; and the six at Chawton, now unobtainable.

Fred's next objective is the towers of Berkshire.

G. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The small attendance at recent meetings of the Farnham District was commented upon at Bagshot on August 5th, when only five towers were represented. It is to be discussed at the annual general meeting.

Bagshot ringers provided an excellent free tea, the Vicar (the Rev. Guy Armstrong) conducted the service and Mr. T. Page was in the chair for the business meeting.

TUITION TEASERS No. 7

THE STRAIGHT-DOWN PULL

Q. In "Tuition Teasers" No. 4 you referred to the "straight-down" (vertical) pull. Although constantly being corrected on this point of bell-handling, some pupils still continue with their badly aligned pull-strokes, chiefly outward away from the body. Is there any direct way of overcoming this fault?—(Anon.)

A. Surprisingly, this fault is sometimes found in the bell-handling of even some experienced ringers. Nevertheless it can, and should, be corrected in the early learning stages. A useful means of correction is the "Hand-ring" exercise, in which the hands are guided up and down along a vertical line, as follows: Take the dummy rope's end as used in teaching bell-handling, and pass a bell rope through its "loop," as we shall call it. Then tie up the bell rope so that it hangs just clear of the floor, but with the knot below the point of lowest hand-reach; i.e. so that the rope is clear from the sally down to that point. Now take stance correctly at the rope (see "Tuition Teaser" No. 2) and, holding the "loop" in the two hands, just as they hold a rope's end, move the hands downwards to the fullest extent. If the stance is correct, with hands some four inches to six inches in front of the legs, the vertical hang of the bell rope will remain undisturbed. Now explain to the learner that the rope must remain so, while the hands move the "loop" up and down to the fullest extent. At each of these limits—upper and lower—the arms (straight) will form, at the hands, an angle of about 30 degrees with the bell rope.

At first the movements will be very slow, joints at the wrists, elbows and shoulders all coming into play to keep the hands moving dead vertically, as indicated by the freely-hanging vertical bell rope. The pupil must "get the feel" of this hand movement with all joints flexing, and must watch for and check any disturbance of the hanging rope. When this is achieved the movement must be speeded up to rapid rising and falling; in fact up to the speed of rope movement of a bell being rung, and still with no disturbance of the hanging rope.

If a dummy rope's end ("loop") is not available, the hands themselves can be used. Place the finger-tips together on the far side of the rope and the thumb-tips together on the near side of the rope, and thus form a "ring" to function instead of the rope "loop."

A. Y.-B.

NODDY STRIKES AGAIN

Though some of us may think it odd,
The recent letter from P. C. Plodd
Uncovers yet another hoax
Too terrible for decent folks.
But that's not the reason why I write,
A rumour must be put to flight.
Some speculation's been aroused
Of where the lightest ring is housed,
Why? Surely it's in Noddy's hat.
About the note—oh, that's E flat.

BIG EARS.

A LEICESTER PEAL WEEK

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District)

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leics.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure and Grandsire.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

N. Roderick Ellway ..	Treble	E. Alan Jacques	4
*Cherrill L. Everard ..	2	Roger I. Kendrick	5
B. Stedman Payne	3	Philip G. Chambers ..	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	†Clive Mobbs	5
Malcolm D. Barsby ..	2	Roger I. Kendrick	6
*Richard M. Wilson ..	3	‡Geoffrey Sparling	7
Rupert A. Clarke	4	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First of Major and first "inside."
‡ First peal.

WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	4
Roger I. Kendrick	2	*Brian E. Mozley	5
N. Roderick Ellway	3	B. Stedman Payne	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. Mary Poole of Rothley, Leics.

(Syston District)
WALTON-LE-WOLDS, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CHRYSOSTOM DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	Roger I. Kendrick	3
N. Roderick Ellway	2	B. Stedman Payne	4
Julian M. Morley	Tenor		

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Guild.

MOUNTSORREL, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*Clive Mobbs	Treble	Julian M. Morley	5
Ronald D Hughes.. ..	2	B Stedman Payne	6
E. Alan Jacques	3	Roger I. Kendrick	7
N. Roderick Ellway ..	4	Frederick T. Bindley ..	Tenor

Composed by T. Morris. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mr. Hudson as Vicar of this Parish.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank I. Hairs	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	5
Robert N. Harris	2	Rodney B. Meadows ..	6
David A. H. Bennett ..	3	David P Hilling	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

John H. Thompson ..	Treble	David C. Hawkins	5
*George J. Hawkins ..	2	Alan F. Lee	6
Peter J. Devrell	3	Ian P. Cox	7
†William Lampard	4	David A. Burt	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* 125th peal. † First of Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
A. Doreen Edwards	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Leon A. Perry	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HATHERSAGE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kingston T.B., (3) Oxford and London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (4) Oxford, Kingston and Sandal T.B., (5) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B., with 25 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Susan E. Davis	Treble	Timothy Wylie	4
Gladys Richardson	2	Alex Richardson	5
Gillian M. Fanshaw ..	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in seven methods and of Treble Bob on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

John S. Rank	Treble	Brian D. Threlfall	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Stuart Brown	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Richard H. Youdale ..	Treble	Vivian Nutton	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
Geoffrey Pearson	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of nine-Spliced for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

Peter J. Eves	Treble	Robert W. Leavett	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Dennis A S. Symonds ..	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Ian R. Panton	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Joe E. G. Roast	Tenor

Arranged by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. W. Leavett.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH CERNEY, Glos.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Wed., Aug. 2,1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt

Frank Reed	Treble	A Peter Law	4
William F. Scudamore ..	2	Brian W Hall	5
Herbert L. Cooke	3	Roland T. Wakefield ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roland T. Wakefield.
First peal as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MUCH MARCLE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., May 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents of Plain Bob Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	Robert D Hodges	4
Roy K. Williams	2	Rev. Michael S. Hart ..	5
*Patrick G. Hickey	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. Sell.
* First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	*John E. Ewer	5
Katherine S. Hardy	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
Roger D. R. Brown	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 6th. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Frank W. Perrens	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Roger Ashmore	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
John R. Southey	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
David Carpenter	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THORLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., July 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*Jean Warboys	Treble	Herbert Watts	4
†Kenneth Westwood	2	Thomas Camp	5
Peter Warboys	3	†Albert Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Warboys.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung to mark the 640th anniversary of St. James' Church, Thorley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HADLOW, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR

Paul J. Dye	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*Doris E. Colgate	2	Tony Lewis	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	*Ian H. Oram	7
John Pladdys	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 100th peal together. First in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G sharp.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Smith, who was inducted as Vicar of this parish on Thursday, July 6th.

RODMERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., July 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Single Oxford, one of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

John Clark	Treble	Peter D. J. Beal	4
Joan A. Hayward	2	David Leworthy	5
David Grimwood	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mr. Hudson, inducted as Vicar of this parish.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

John Pladdys	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*Stephen Gay	2	Tony Lewis	5
Ian H. Oram	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal.

WITTERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb in E.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	D. Paul Smith	4
John Pladdys	2	Tony Lewis	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., July 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In eight methods, comprising 720 each of Cambridge, Haslemere, London (No. 3), Pudsey, Rutland and Wembley, and 360 each of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 116 changes of method, and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Richard J. Parker	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	Neil Bennett	7
Derek Butterworth	3	John H. Fielden	8
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Basil Jones	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
The most methods yet rung to an "all the work" peal of Royal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Rutland, Superlative, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Langley, Pudsey, Uxbridge and Watford, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Frederick Shallcross	5
Margaret P. Booth	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
Derek Butterworth	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Neil Bennett	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 13 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 224 each of Ashtead, Cornwall and Superlative, with 139 changes of method, and all the work of the methods for eac bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb in E.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Margaret P. Booth	2	Neil D Lomas	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Basil Jones	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
This composition ("Ringing World," page 147, 1967) is now rung for the first time.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Margaret and John Booth, who are shortly leaving the district to live in Luton.

LOW BENTHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*Doreen Maclean	Treble	†William Kenyon	4
†‡Alan Capstick	2	§Kevin M. Price	5
†Nicholas M. Newby	3	§Joseph Whalley	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ 150th peal. § First of Doubles in the method and on tower bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Geoffrey R. Parker	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
David Phillipson	2	Colin W. Reed	8
Geoffrey Paul	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John Walden	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	*Bernard G. North	11
Harold F. Gibson	6	*Philip C. Pitchford	Tenor

Composed by R. A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cinques.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

David Phillipson	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Peter A. Sharp	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
Walter Tomlinson	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Harold F. Gibson	4	Bernard G. North	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Bernard G. North.
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. David Roberts, inducted Vicar of this parish the previous day.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Geoffrey R. Parker	Treble	John Walden	5
Christopher J. Sharp	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
*David Phillipson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Philip C. Pitchford	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Paul Reading and Jennifer Buxton, whose wedding preceded this peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 HEATHCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb.

G. William Critchley ..	Treble	H George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

HEATHCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
34—34.16—12—38—14—38—16—38.
1.e. 4263857. 4ths place bobs.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 19 cwt 4 lb in E.

Frederick R. Scott ..	Treble	Alan R. Patterson	5
Claudia A. Critchley ..	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
John Hill	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*Timothy G. Pett	Treble	‡Robert E. J. Dennis ..	5
†Caroline R. F. Cole ..	2	†John C. Slater	6
†Ian L. Dear	3	Christopher H. Rogers ..	7
†Andrew J. Slade	4	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals. † First in the method.
‡ First of Superlative Major.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Leslie W. Houghton ..	Treble	John A. Underwood ..	6
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Harold F. Gibson	7
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Robin Shipp	8
H. William Barrett	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
Norman V. Harding ..	5	Owen Claxton	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Specially arranged for the King's Lynn Festival Week.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Hilary Webb	Treble	†Richard A. J. Bower ..	5
*Peter Adcock	2	George P. Adams	6
Kevin S. Hohl	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
†Desmond P. Mortlock ..	4	*Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

BROOKE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: Norwich Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. approximately.

Anthony H. Roberts ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	5
Henry Tooke	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Ives, on his appointment to the living of St. Thomas', Norwich.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
*Hilary Webb	2	Thomas Spight	5
Henry Tooke	3	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock
* First peal "inside" to more than one method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Michael W. Coleman ..	6
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	7
John W. T. Hibbert ..	3	Edgar J. Smith	8
Brian R. White	4	Francis A. White	9
John H. Napper	5	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Frederick (Feyther) Selwyn, aged 96 years, a member of the tower and verger at this church for many years, interred this day.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire. At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE ISLEWORTH BOB ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Walter G. Knight	Treble	William Birmingham ..	6
Giles R. Shedden	2	Ronald C. Christopher ..	7
*William Butler	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	8
Frederick W. Scott	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Reginald W. Rex	5	George W. Holland	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* Has "circled the tower." First peal in the method.

SINGLE ISLEWORTH BOB ROYAL
—10—16—10—10—10. Seconds place lead head 573.

ADDERBURY, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

*Pamela E. Powell	Treble	*Paul R. Davis	5
Diana Reeves	2	Robert A. Reeves	6
Charlotte A. Bennett ..	3	Michael W. Coleman ..	7
*Mark W. Sayers	4	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method. by all the band and on the bells. First of Surprise Major on the bells by an entirely Sunday service band.
Rung in memory of Frederick Selwin, the great-grandfather of the ringers of the fifth and tenor, who died on July 27th, 1967, aged 96 years.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 AMERSHAM ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, each containing 480 Amersham and 240 of Little Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Aidan Butcher	Treble	Douglas Whitlock	4
*Ronald J. Snack	2	Anthony K. Fortin	5
William Birmingham ..	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* Has now "circled the tower." Believed to be the first peal in these two methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Cornwall and Joyce Barton at the same time as their marriage was taking place at Hughenden.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Alan R. Patterson	5
Peter Church	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
George A. Dawson	3	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	7
Peter Sharp	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

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THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

BINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat. Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Paul D. Thomas	Treble	Michael Maughan	5
Peter Church	2	David Stainsby	6
Susanna Poppleston ..	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Christopher Starbuck ..	4	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Major.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ELSTON DELIGHT MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

*Paul D. Thomas	Treble	Christopher Starbuck ..	4
Peter Church	2	James Crowther	5
George A. Dawson ..	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal attempt. First of Delight by all and for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTWOOD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt

David Stainsby	Treble	Christopher P. Starbuck ..	5
Geoffrey W. Randall ..	2	Frederick C. Gobey	6
Peter Church	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
Rung as birthday compliments to Peter Church and Susanna Poppleston, both of Wollaton, Notts.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	*David J. Derrick	4
Keith W. Whittell	2	Alan J. Munnings	5
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood ..	3	Roger K. L. Whittell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Margaret Egglestone; also a compliment to Janet and Robin Rogers on the birth of a son.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*Jeremy R. Pratt	Treble	*Terry G. Williams	6
*Malcolm S. Loveday ..	2	Robert H. Newton	7
Raymond J. Talbot ..	3	Tony Lewis	8
Nigel Thomson	4	Richard C. Stevens	9
Juliet S. Stoy	5	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and for the silver wedding anniversaries of the parents of the treble and ninth ringers.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb in A flat.

Noel R. Waite	Treble	Nigel Thomson	5
*R. Jean Henderson ..	2	*Jeremy R. Pratt	6
†Richard L. Jones	3	*Kenneth J. Rider	7
G. William Shanks ..	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pratt, parents of the ringer of the sixth, on their silver wedding anniversary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., July 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Christopher B. Fynes ..	Treble	David D. Smith	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Reginald V. Johnson ..	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method. 100th peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

Edward W. Colley	Treble	Alan H. Sturgess	6
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers ..	2	Sydney M. Bailey	7
William Birmingham ..	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Alan A. J. Buswell	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
*Geoffrey Gammon	5	Arthur E. Hoodless ..	Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLBECK, Leeds, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	J. Paul Coad	6
*Alan Newbould	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
John Robinson	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise.

(The Sheffield and District Society)
WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

George Hiner	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	4
*John Smalley	2	Peter Carbutt	5
Geoffrey W. Pilkington ..	3	M. Alec Beaumont	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Carbutt.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to Christopher Moxon and Christine Saville, both Cawthorne ringers, who were married at Sevenoaks, Kent, the same afternoon.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Oxford T.B., (3 and 4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	David S. Johnson	4
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Charles Maxfield	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Moxon.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At Emmanuel Church.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 11 methods: (1) College and Wavertree College, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Roger Tarbatt	Treble	*Rev. Nicholas Webb ..	4
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	2	David S. Johnson	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 11 methods.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peace, parents of the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B Smith	5–6
*Neil Bennett	3–4	*Frederick Shallcross	7–8
Gerald Moorhouse	9–10		

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells.
Rung in thanks for the birth of a daughter (Lisa Jill) to May and Bob Smith.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
*Herbert M. Heaton ..	9–10		

Composed by J. Shaw. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells. First of Treble Bob Royal on handbells as conductor.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: C. Valerie Mills 1 Ann P. Bond 2, E. J. Upton 3, R. E. Sheppard 4, F. M. Byrne 5, J. Pearce 6, B. M. Barker 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of Herbert Gates, ringer at this church for 48 years, cremated this day at West Herts Crematorium

FOUR QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY
(Rung on August 5th for Sussex C.A.)

BURSTOW, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Osborne 1, Joan C. McLean 2, Amette E. Bradbury (cond.) 3, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 4, A. Turner 5, D. R. McLean (first of Doubles on tenor) 6.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—1,320 Flower Doubles (Cowslip, Violet and Bluebell): Joan C. McLean 1, Amette E. Bradbury 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (25th quarter Sussex C.A., cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First quarter by all the band in three variations.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—1,280 Flower Doubles (Wallflower, Buttercup and Daffodil): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean 5, S. J. Osborne 6. Jointly conducted by D. R. McLean and Amette Bradbury. First quarter by all the band in three variations. 50 methods/variations to quarter peals by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3 D. R. McLean 4, A. Turner (most methods as cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On July 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1 I. Wiltshire 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. W. Greenaway. Also on July 30th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Carol Cousins 1, I. Wiltshire 2, P. Milton 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Morris 1, Wendy Morris 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, Katharine T. Gorvin 4, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 5, Ann E. Sharpe 6. To welcome the Rev. Eric Gillies as Rector of Aldrington.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On July 27th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. W. Elmes 1, Mary Elmes 2, Katherine Maundrell 3, J. N. Longridge 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, R. N. Marlow 6, P. Mehew 7, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 8.

ARDLEY, HERTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. C. Monson 1, Josephine Trigg 2, P. Worthington 3, Brenda J. Harris 4, M. Worthington 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's 3 and 5.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Taylor (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. Dennis 2, Mrs. B. Dobbie 3, M. Blanchard (first of Triples "inside") 4, P. J. Devrell 5, J. E. Newman (cond.) 6, P. Giles 7, B. Sarll 8. For Evensong.

BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, BERKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Gardener 1, S. Gibson 2, Doreen Hague 3, E. E. Gosling 4, D. Young 5, D. Fowles 6, L. Pearson (cond.) 7, G. Lister 8. With the best wishes to John Blackwood and Ruth Elmes, married at Wareham earlier in the day.

BURITON, HANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Roberts (first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, K Tipper 4, A. Reeves (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. For Evensong.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On July 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. F. Willcocks 1, Mrs. S. A. Spreadbury 2, M. J. Medley 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, J. Weaver 5, A. G. Spreadbury (cond.) 6.

FROYLE, HANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, D. G. Hatherly 2, Lesley Reed 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, B. E. Pink 6. Rung after the wedding of Sheila Madeleine Gibbs and Simon Paget Heywood.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): A. Bailey (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, W. Webb 4, P. Henry 5, P. Hartt 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8. For Evensong, and also for the baptism of William Timothy, son of the conductor.

HORNCASTLE, LINCS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Barnes 1, Gdsn. Bennett, D. 2, Mrs. Edna Bennett 3, R. Bennett 4, D. Hare 5, H. Bennett (cond.) 6. First quarter by a local band on the bells and by 2, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On June 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Scooner (first away from covering bell) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. M. Lakin 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. E. Brown 6, F. V. Gant 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, J. Fowler 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, C. E. Wright 7, J. W. Stephenson 8.

KENWYN, Truro, CORNWALL.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. C. Allen 1, Mrs. P. Ruth Lloyd 2, Mrs. M. Carveth 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6, E. H. Langley 7, R. Smith 8. To mark the baptism this day of Peter Ian, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Ian Lloyd.

LLANOVER, MON.—On June 22nd, 1,258 Stedman Doubles: P. Bennett (cond.) 1, Marion Bennett 2, J. Prytherch 3, A. Bainham 4, D. Phillips 5.

LONDON.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on July 30th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, J. W. Stephenson 2, S. Penfold 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, C. G. Wright 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, D. Ellisden 7, F. E. Scoones 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on July 30th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. Dodds 1, Barbara Goodspeed 2, Mrs. K. Hardy 3, Frances Dodds 4, Gillian Brearley 5, G. Dodds 6, T. J. Lock 7, R. E. Hardy 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, M. D. Frost 10. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on July 30th, 1,260 Doubles: D. J. Long 1, M. Barden 2, M. L. Howe 3, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 4, E. G. Jenner 5, C. Richardson 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Read (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Walton 2, K. Sansom 3, A. E. Davies (first in the method) 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, B. S. Gambrill 6. To mark the marriage of Miss Harriet Brodie (Vicar's daughter) to Mr. Michael Heslop.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On July 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Wright 1, H. Corney 2, K. Hughes 3, T. Sharp 4, C. W. Ottaway 5, Miss C. Neville (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2 and 3. Rung during Wanstead ringers' outing.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, R. Bevan (first "inside") 2, Prisca Hornby 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Reeves (first as cond.) 5, G. Whitear (first quarter) 6.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM. — On July 31st, 1,260 Minor (four methods): H. A. Smart 1, L. J. Malings 2, R. S. Price 3, W. E. Pearce 4, B. A. Williams 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Harry Green, a member of the band for many years.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On July 30th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Reynolds 1, I. Coombs 2, F. J. Maude 3, P. Reeves 4, A. E. Reeves 5, A. Ward 6, G. Sanders 7, F. Reynolds (cond.) 8. A belated welcome to Canon E. D. Ratledge.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On July 22nd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Julia Fellows 2, Christine Rimmer 3, L. F. Bailey 4, H. Tooke 5, H. W. Barrett 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Wilson (first quarter) 1, C. Hims (first of Grandsire) 2, A. C. Freeman 3, F. W James 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, Celia Hirst 6. For the dedication festival. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Celia Hirst (first on treble) 1, C. Hims 2, F. W. James 3, A. C. Freeman 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5. First multi-method quarter for all except the conductor. For Sung Eucharist.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Hunt 1, Diane Toone 2, T. N. J. Bailey 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, R. E. Peckham 5, S. F. High 6, W. J. Flatt 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. For the church Flower Festival.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor P. S. Gale (first of Minor) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, H. J. Page 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. R. Fallick 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. In honour of the Festival of Flowers

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Brunskill 2, R. Lewis 3, D. Follows 4, P. Dale (cond.) 5, A. Malyan 6.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On July 23rd, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: G. T. Norris 1, R. Russell 2, J. C. Hudson 3, R. N. Scholes 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. P. Sawford 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, P. S. George 3, Margaret Roden 4, C. D. Corby 5, D. J. Prescott (first of Major "inside") 6, R. D. Bellamy 7, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 5.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Tarrant 1, T. W. Griffiths 2, I. P. Sawford (first "inside") 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hammond 1, C. Sangwin 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, C. T. Lamb 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, B. S. B. Kear 7, B. G. D. Vince 8. For the combined churches of Stratton fete.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On July 15th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pearce 1, T. R. Collins 2, P. Minchin 3, B. Bladon 4, D. Carr (cond.) 5, D Dancey 6, P. Tombs 7, V. Webb (first quarter) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. P. Naylor and Miss Kathleen Minty.

STOWTING, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): S. J. Marsh 1, G. Thompson 2, Beryl M. Hills 3, R. H. Glover 4, H. Payne 5, P. R. Davies 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. First as conductors 2 and 3. First quarter 1 and 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS. — On July 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Beryl E. Cawser 1, Sheila Parsons 2, E. Elton 3 A. A. Rackham 4, J. E. Cawser 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, L. B. Hodgetts 7, B. J. Hodgetts 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, G. H. Peers, sen. 10. Rung half-muffled for Patronal Festival Evensong in memory of H. J. Dakin, who had been a Tamworth ringer for the past 50 years, and R. J. Phipps, a licensed lay reader.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Leslie S. Hodges 1, Timothy D. Sell 2, Gillian Fanshaw 3, R. D. Hodges 4, P. D. Sell (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. First quarter in the method 1, 2, 4 and 6.

TEVERSAL, NOTTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): E. J. Sollis 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, L. Parker 3, A. Tomlinson 4, W. Riley 5. A farewell to the Rev. W. S. McCutcheon, leaving for Kirklington, Notts.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. For Matins.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On July 28th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Collins (first Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. E. Chapman 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, D. A. Chapman 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDX. — At the Church of St. Margaret, on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Graham (first in the method) 1, Miss S. Udell 2, R. M. Yates 3, V. J. Mitchell 4, J. P. Crawley 5, F. J. Bedford 6, E. R. Gotham (cond.) 7, R. Sprules 8. First "inside") 2 and 3. For Patronal Festival and Confirmation.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pain 1, Anne Carpenter 2, A. E. Fullbrook 3, H. White 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, A. R. Wood (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 22nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, J. P. Blond 3, H. E. Wells 4, W. L. Gilks 5, P. G. Davies 6, J. R. White 7, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 8.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Taylor 1, S. Garner (first quarter) 2, Anne Oakley 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, Pamela Dence 6. A birthday compliment to the following: Peter Carter, Valerie Carter, Jane Carter, Anne Oakley, Joan Taylor, John Garner.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Smith 1, B. Dennett 2, C. Lock 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (coud.) 5. First quarter 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to the tower captain (Mr. F. Arnold).

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—In the Admiral Rodney car park, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1—2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3—4, G. A. Dawson 5—6. A birthday compliment to Peter R. Humphrey, now resident in Fairlie, Ayrshire.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On July 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles. R Talbot 1, Mary Brighton (first "inside") 2 J. M. Roffe (cond.) 3, R. Brighton 4, L. Brighton 5 A. J. Wright 6. A silver wedding compliment to Rector's warden, Mr. Cecil Banyard, and his wife.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL. — On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie C. Allen 1, F. M. Bowers 2, J. J. George 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, W. R. Curtis 5, G. F. Dunstan 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1 and 6.

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DEATH

BAGNALL. — In loving remembrance of Maud Alice Bagnall (Frank Stenson's sister), "called home" August 4th, 1967, and laid to rest at Leytonstone August 9th, 1967. Well known to the Railwaymen and Veterans. "To God's gracious keeping."—E. J. (Ted) W..

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MOXON.—The new address of Chris and Christine (née Saville) is now: 48, Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, Yorks. Please note for all correspondence in connection with the Yorkshire Association (treasurer), the Barnsley and District Society (treasurer) and the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies (publicity officer). 2083

PERSONAL

U.A. TOUR, 1967. — Sincere thanks for deeply appreciated remembrance-greetings, from many old friends.—York. 2086

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."—Hebrews iv, 16.

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A SET of old family handbells, 40 in all, £100 o.n.o.—Mr. G. Wooldridge, 2, Church Road, Wandsworth Plain, London, S.W.18. 2062

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BANK HOLIDAY DISRUPTION

Last date for Notices for issue September 1st—
Friday, August 25th

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE
Ringing Festival, Aug. 26th, 27th & 28th
Saturday, August 26th.
Tour of District towers (by private cars): Sopley (6) 9.30–10.30 a.m., Ringwood (8) 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m., Brockenhurst (6) 1.45–2.30 p.m., Lyminton (8) 3–4 p.m., Milford-on-Sea 4.30–5.30 p.m.
Tea, Priory Church Hall, 6 p.m. Please notify Mrs. G. W. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne (Tel. Bournemouth 4410) by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Priory bells (12) after tea.
Sunday, August 27th.
Ringers' Sunday at Christchurch Priory. Preacher, Evensong (6.30), Canon Gilbert Thurlow. (Seats reserved for ringers.) Ringing times: 9–10 a.m., 2.30–4 p.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m., 7.45–8.30 p.m., also Sopley (6) 9.45–10.15 a.m.
Monday, August 28th.
Coach tour leaves Priory West Gate 8.45 a.m. sharp. 2077

Midland Counties Association of Church Bell Ringers

ANNUAL DINNER
will be held at
Midland Hotel, Station Street, Burton-upon-Trent
at 7.30 p.m.
Friday, October 27th, 1967.
Tickets, 18/6d. each, can be obtained from R. A. Welton, 27, South Uxbridge Street, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs. 2094

NAZEING, ESSEX FLOWER FESTIVAL
On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 26th, 27th and 28th. Daily from 10 a.m.
Bells 6.
Ringing arrangements:
Saturday: 3 p.m.–4 p.m.
6 p.m.–7 p.m.
Sunday for Matins, 10–11 a.m.
Evensong, 5.30–6.30 p.m.
Monday: 11 a.m.–12 noon
3 p.m.–4 p.m. 6 p.m.–7 p.m.
Choral Concert, Saturday, 8.15 p.m.
Teas each day in Vicarage Garden. 2074

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION.—Saturday, September 23rd, at Kimpton; programmes available shortly. Entries, please, as soon as possible, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 2088

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
October 21st.
Snowdon Dinner, 1967, Cottingham. Tickets, with ringing programme (17 towers), £1 each, now available from: R. Ducker, 2, Cavendish Road, Hull, Yorkshire. Please send s.a.e. (3¼x5½), with names of recipients. Also available at Association and Beverley and District meetings. 2064

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, Friday, August 18th, 7.45 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 1956

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice at Minehead (10 bells) on August 19th at 7 p.m. 2070

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Combe St. Nicholas (6), Saturday, August 19th, 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2097

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Doubles and Beverley S.M.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2060

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — P. Wishart, Hon. Sec 2079

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Exhall, Saturday, August 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. followed by service 4.45 p.m. Bells after service. Names for tea essential to Rev. A. Rowland-Smith, Exhall Vicarage, Exhall, Coventry. Telephone Bedworth 3245. 2066

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Wheathampstead, August 19th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. Brearley, 32, Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead. (Tel. 3282.)—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES and DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Repton, Saturday, August 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome. 2024

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on August 19th at 6 p.m. 2063

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Twineham (5), Saturday, August 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note the September quarterly meeting will not be held at Maresfield as planned; the revised arrangements will be announced as soon as possible. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Stacey, 10, Park Cottages, Twineham, Haywards Heath, not to me. —D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 2028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Writtle on August 23rd, 7.30–9.30. All welcome.—I. R. Panton. Dis. Sec. 2087

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Cranfield, Saturday, August 26th. Bells from 5 p.m. 2078

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill (8) Saturday, August 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Cannings, 8, Northgate, Tickhill. 2091

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Condover, Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. 2076

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Otley on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea only provided. — Ian North, Hon. Sec. 2099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Stoke Golding (6), Saturday, August 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 2068

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, August 26h. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Mr. G. Slater's.—L. W. Allen. 2069

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice at Hambledon-on-Thames, Saturday, August 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome.—Miss Hague.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Savernake, Saturday, August 26th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2098

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Hartest, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, by August 24th. 2041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Estern Division.—Practice meeting, Bodiam, Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing finishes 8 p.m. Tea break 4.45 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 2096

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, August 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Anne M. Guy, Afton Road, Freshwater. 2065

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Chesterfield, August 28th, Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield, **without fail, please.** All welcome.—M. Phipps, A. King, Secs. 2080

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall for those who notify Mrs. P. Humphries, 11, Jubilee Road, Cheam (Tel. 01–642 4224), by previous Thursday. Further ringing after tea. 2093

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Sutton, Hillcrest, Hermitage Road, Higham, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 2082

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly and committee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Burnley (8), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (4s. each) to Miss M. Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley (Tel. 21909) by Wednesday, August 23rd.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 2032

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Horncastle (6), September 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. E. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle, Lincs, by August 29th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec. 2067

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The final for the Crawford Cup will be held at Barton, Saturday, September 2nd. Draw takes place at 2.30 p.m. Gotham bells also available from 3 to 4.30 Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham, by August 30th. 2075

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting at Gorseinon (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please, to J. A. Hoare, 6. Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by August 26th. 2072

THREE COUNTIES FESTIVAL. — Saturday, September 16th. Ringing at many towers in Derbyshire. Details later. Service in Derby Cathedral at 5 p.m. with choirs from Derby, Southwell and Leicester Guilds. Dinner and social evening at 7.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. in the Albion Restaurant, Derby. Tickets 25s. from: Mr. B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicester; Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby; Mr. W. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts. 2027

UPCHURCH'S NEW BAND JOIN K.C.A.

Over 70 members and friends attended the Rochester District meeting at Upchurch on July 15th. For the past seven years the bells have been silent through restoration work and great credit is due to the local ringers who have redecorated the ringing chamber and provided a set of new ropes (which did not help the younger members). The Vicar (the Rev. W. McN. Bradshaw) conducted the ringers' service. Tea, provided by local ringers and friends, was served in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, eleven new members were elected to the Kent County Association, including the newly-formed Upchurch band under their captain, Miss J. Lacey. They were warmly welcomed into the Association.

The votes of thanks included a special one to Miss Joan Hayward, who in view of her pending departure to the West of England has resigned the office of District Ringing Master. She has been succeeded by Mr. C. T. Osenton, of Halling.

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LATE NEWS

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AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Angela Fortin 1, Diane Presdee 2, D. Whitlock 3, R. J. Snack (cond.) 4, A. K. Fortin 5, J. Pearse 6.

CHERITON, HANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Welch (first quarter) 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 5, R. Collis 6. For Evensong.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On July 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Hodges 1, N. F. Bellamy (first "inside") 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, P. G. Hickey 4, Rev M. Hart 5, R. K. Williams (cond., now "circled the tower" to quarters) 6. For the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On July 30th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Sandra C. Thexton 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, N. R. Waite 3, R. L. Jones 4, J. R. Pratt 5, G. W. Shanks 6, L. C. Way 7, K. J. Rider 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, J. H. Gaze 10. To commemorate the rededication this day of the reredos in this church, a memorial to Rev. Arthur James Godball Hawes, Vicar, 1946-1965.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Wise 1, J. Dawson and Miss S. Anthony 2, S. Rippon 3, E. Hutchby 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. For the annual civic service.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On July 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, W. W. Ring 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. E. Spree 4, E. Clifton 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 4 and 5.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles: Ann Cook (first quarter) 1, Mary Pryor 2, F. W. Corney 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James 5, T. Hopkins (first quarter) 6. On the back six for Evensong.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Warboys 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, T. Camp 5, A. Richardson 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. T. Dutton 1, Miss J. White 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, K. W. Knowles 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Miss J. B. Botterell and Mr. C. C. Dodd.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Gamble 1, Valerie Jones 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, M. L. Slater 4, E. Holman 5, D. A. Wright 6, J. Slater 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Pearce (first of Minor) 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, C. Bassett 4, K. Waller 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For morning service.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Margaret Chennell-White 3, A. Reeves (25th quarter) 4, B. Johnson 5, K. Waller 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, T. White (first of Triples) 8.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. W. Kingsbury (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, R. Somerfield 3, C. Lock 4, J. Aldridge (cond.) 5.

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MEDIEVAL ITALY AND THE USES OF BELLS

"CAMPANILISMO" was a common fault in Italy in the Middle Ages, if fault it can be called. Originating from the word "campanile", it meant, not the belfrymanship of which we hear so much today, but a civic pride in one's native town and its bells; a cross, in practice, between a feeling similar to the traditional definition of a Cockney, as "being born within the sound of Bow Bells," and a hostility to those who were not.

But, why were the bells so important to the community? The reason is that they acted as a signal to all within earshot that something of importance was about to take place. In an age in which there was no standard time for people to keep, it was essential that some means of informing the population of times of religious services or civic events be provided. This the bells could do.

The use of bells in these days for secular purposes was often more frequent than for religious activities—perhaps a thought for those who today, in differentiating between religious and secular uses of bells, condemn the latter. The extent of the use of bells can be traced through the study of chronicles and legal documents of the period, and the quotations given below, translated from Latin, illustrate the point.

Pride in a city's bells was very great; they were often cast to celebrate some momentous occasion, in the same way that a special stone or monument would be erected today. Thus, in 1250 in Florence, after a Revolution in which an oligarchy was overthrown, and a popular system established, we read, *"And they had a bell made, which the Capitano kept in the Lion's Tower."* (The Capitano del Popolo was the elected leader of the Popular party.)

In 1260, during a war between Florence and Siena, the Florentines laid siege to Siena and captured the convent of Santa Petronella, just outside the city walls. *"And there they brought them to a tower which could be seen from the city, wherein they kept their bell; and in contempt for the Sienese, and as a record of their victory, they filled it with earth and planted an olive tree in it."* How often has one heard the expression that a particular ring of bells "are pots." This bell certainly was!

In the same war in 1260 between Florence and Siena, before the bell mentioned above had been captured, the campaigning season started in the May. *"And when the host was to be assembled, a month before the time they were to set forth, a bell was hung upon the arch of the Por Santa Maria, which was at the head of the Mercato Nuovo, and was there rung by day and by night without ceasing.* (How many complaints would that arouse today?) *And this they did in their pride, to give opportunity to the enemy against whom the host should go forth to prepare themselves.*

'And some called it 'Martinella,' and some the 'Asses Bell.' And when the Florentine host went forth they took down the bell from the arch and put it into a wooden tower upon a cart, and its sound guided the host."

The result of this great display and gentlemanly conduct was the capture of the Sienese bell, as explained above, but not the capture of Siena. The Sienese had taken the hint. As a result, the Florentine army had to return home for a couple of months to see to their crops and business activities. However, the war was by no means over for that year. July passed peacefully enough, but in August it was decided to attack Siena again and this time to capture the city.

"And the said people being assembled in Florence, the host set forth at the end of August, and for pomp and display they led out the carroccio (this was a huge red and white chariot, useless for warefare, but of great propaganda value) *and a bell which they called 'Martinella' in a cart with a wooden tower on wheels."*

However, this time the Florentines were unsuccessful, and suffered a great defeat, which forced them to flee from the walls of Siena in a great hurry, leaving 2,500 casualties and 1,500 captives, and *"there was left the carroccio and the bell called 'Martinella,' with an untold amount of booty of the baggage pertaining to the Florentines and their allies."* The loss of "Martinella" was a cause of greater distress in Florence than that of the dead, wounded and captured. There are other references to the bell being used to give an alarm, as when the Emperor Henry VII. lay siege to Florence.

Bells entered into the civic life. A meeting of the City Council was invalid unless the bells had been rung long enough to enable members of the Council to reach the Town Hall. Consuls elected in Genoa in 1145 had to swear on oath: *"We will not levy a land tax, except with the agreement of the members of the Council who have been called to the Council by the bell."*

In Ferrara, in February, 1264, a legal document began: *"The full assembly of each and every citizen of the City of Ferrara, having been called together in the accustomed manner by the sound of bells, to the piazza of the said city. . . ."*

The ringing of the bells often aroused the mob, for they were not classified as citizens, as it was felt that farm workers and unskilled labourers were not of a sufficient quality to take part in political affairs. Indeed, often unscrupulous politicians would ensure that whenever the bells rang to call the Council members together, the mob would come too. They would in this way be able to overawe the Councillors into agreeing to a measure which they wanted passed. The following extract comes from the trial of a despot who had been overthrown after he and his father had ruled the city of Treviso for over thirty years. *"Lord Rolandino de Fraca, a judge, saw him* (Gerardo da Camino, the despot's father) *ruling and putting in podestà in the city, having those who pleased him elected, and running the affairs in the city without the wish or knowledge of the members of the Council of 300 of the city of Treviso, or by having the bell of the Council of 300 rung several times and calling together the peasants, labourers and others who were not in the Council, he had whatever pleased him ordered, just as if it had passed the Council legally."*

Thus it may be seen that in Medieval Italy bells were of great use for all sorts of purposes. They were needed for the day-to-day working of the cities. Every citizen was proud of his city's bells. How far is this true today? In short, bells were not a luxury, but an absolute necessity. Nevertheless, "Campanilismo" determined that that necessity should be as luxurious as possible.

BILL BIRMINGHAM (Junior).

SYLVIA'S SYNCOPATORS IN WALES

I'VE opened a deckchair, filled me pen, wiped the whiskers off a sticky fruitdrop found in my pocket and am thus prepared to write a missive about Sylvia's outing. Now, where's my A.A. book? It's always handy when writing these things.

We all met at midnight the other Friday at a B. and B. establishment in Chepstow, straight to bed (sheets of staggering colours) and up again after what felt like only ten minutes' sleep, to breakfast—grapefruiters one end, cornflakers the other.

We toddled down the road into Chepstow (population 6,041) on the River Wye, and found the tower door only after two laps of the churchyard. Phil, Sylvia's spouse, was in charge and put us through some dreadful Grandsire Caters. Real syncopated stuff it was. We tried some call changes. With local help, some quite respectable Stedman was tapped out, followed by Bob Major with Peter Sloman as conductor. He was also our driver. Meanwhile Joe Muggins, co-driver, nipped off for the Ford customs van (as Sylvia called it), specially hired for the occasion. Phil navigated us along many miles of road to the next tower, only four miles by crow. We passed the "Tippling Philosopher"! No, Sylvia, he wasn't on a bike.

Caldicot (population 1,770, 8 bells, E.C. Wed., the church being Dec. and Perp. with a 15th century porch). Ah yes, I remember it now, vividly, the lovely hum notes of the bells. I've heard it said that Simpson's Tuning was rediscovered. I reckon old Rudhall was the one who had it first. Ever rung at Pershore, The bells are grand. Rudhall made them two and a half centuries ago. Now, where was I? Yes, Caldicot, Peter's brother David in charge, Little Bob and a good lower.

BOGGLES!

Then on further to Magor (population 531, a Norman church with a two-storeyed porch, angel-carved arcades, an eight-sided font and six bells rung from among the choir stalls). The mind boggles at the thought of ringing here for a wedding. Old Mrs. Somebody signals "bride arrived in porch." Action stations. Lower bells, haul up ropes, release clock chimes, shut trap door, move choir stalls back and vanish. All in the time taken for the bridal party to walk from the two-storeyed porch to the chancel step, and it's only a little church!

I digress.

We were met by a charming and interesting gentleman, an octogenarian not looking a day over 65. A West Country rise was attempted, with a "stick along the railings" start, followed by fast close-lead call changes. The result could have made any West Country ringer utterly demented. Joe Muggins' turn to be in charge so we had some Grandfather's Doubles, up-country call changes, a plain course of Cambridge and enjoyed a good lower. Phil directed us into Newport (population thousands). GOLF. (Why the capital letters? (Bells don't even get little letters.) It only describes one church which I don't recognise. We rang at two. The first was All Saints' (eight bells). Pete in charge again, rise, stedders, rounds, Plain Blob, down, key back, and on to the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

The magnificent tone of these 12 bells was breathtaking. Someone noticed a recent "Ringing World" on the table, the one with the picture of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on the front, home tower of several syncopators. Prittlewell bells have just been taken away to be seen to. If they sound only half as good as these in Newport they will be glorious.

With Mike Hallett as Master, we tried, and more or less achieved, Grandsire Cinques, first of Cinques for five of us and it rather sounded so. Anne Willard drew our attention to the interior of the Cathedral, with its modern and most tastefully decorated chancel.

BETHLEHEM MEMORY

We turned northeastwards towards Llangybi, "St. Kybi's Church," spelt Llangibby in English on Phil's map. Where is Monmouthshire, anyway? Wales or England? It's such a beautiful county that I'm surprised one or other doesn't claim it. Llangibby, not in the A.A. book, no garage, hotel, not even GOLF I suppose. We were warned that two of the eight bells were minus stays, but all stood all right after a rise reminiscent of the Christmas bells at Bethlehem. David conducted Plain Bob, and Peter led the lower.

Usk came next. We are informed about early closing day, etc., and that the church has a Norman tower, Dec. nave and Perp. porches and screen. Yes, I remember that screen. We found the tower to contain a lovely eight and a neat. new ringing chamber. Call changes, Stedman for Merrilyn Chambers (back home from Perth, W.A.), Little Grandsire and melons to follow, produced by Anne and dissected by Joe Muggins' penknife.

Sticky fingers, valley of the River Usk, and Tregaer (our first five) The Rural Dean, the Rev. Ivor Richards, joined in for some Stedman, we fired up some call changes and lowered more or less in peal. The Rev. Richards escorted us to Dingestowe (another five, Sylvia in charge). We managed not to syncopate a plain course of Orpheus. Sounds impressive, but it's really only whole pull Stedman's. Actually it does sound impressive, particularly on half-muffled bells.

The Vicar, the Rev. Robin Newman, invited us round to the Vicarage and filled us with splendid perry. He also led us along a labyrinth of little lanes into Monmouth. We are most grateful, sir.

Monmouth. It has everything; GOLF, two market days, a river, associations with Shakespeare. birthplace of King Henry V and the Hon. C. R. Rolls of Rolls-Royce. St. Mary's Church, we are told, retains a Decorated steeple, in which we rang "Janet's Surprise," a new idea based on Grandsire with a new type of single known only to Janet Hallett.

We discovered a Chinese restaurant in Monmouth, ordered a portion of something each, and passed them all clockwise round the table, a bit of each for all. Personally I found the toothpicks much too large, but had to admire the intricate carving on them.

BATH CHARGED!

Back to Chepstow. park the bus, quick jar, up the hill, and so to bed. Up early to join queue for bathroom; did you notice, by the way, the notice on the bath? "This bath is charged." Could it mean dynamite or volts? Imagine turning the tap on and filling the bath with volts. You'd have a shocking bath. Whose famous grandmother was it who never left a light socket without the bulb in in case the electricity oozed out and made a mess on the carpet? Sorry, I'm off again.

Breakfast of bacon and 24 fried eggs (she must have quite a frying pan), then over that new bridge—it has a toll gate—into Gloucestershire. We muscled in on service ringing at Frampton Cotterell and Thornbury, later going on to North Nibley to ring on the six.

Sunday's ringing had been arranged by, I think, David Sloman and George Eve, and it was the latter who also twisted his cousin's arm into having the 15 of us to dinner. It was enormous and delicious. The dinner I mean.

Last tower was Coaley (6). Phil led the rise, "Stand," and overthrew his bell. Analysis aloft disclosed tiny iron peg-type stays sticking out of the headstocks like little thumbs, with little iron sliders to bash against. But the little iron slider on the treble was a little bent, and the stay slipped gently over it at handstroke, and got all caught up with it at backstroke. We untangled the treble rope and began some call changes. Suddenly, without warning or fuss, Peter's bell let itself down. Right down in one stroke. More investigations upstairs, a chime hammer this time, then Stedman on the back five, and at "That's all" miles of rope cascaded down in front of Janet. We were up and down those stairs like a fiddler's elbow, and from the state we got into it seemed logical how the village got its name. We owe much gratitude to Sylvia and Philip Bedford for organising the tour; Phil, by the way, strummed his banjo between towers, playing with his left hand outside in the cold. Thanks also to George for arranging the digs and eats, and to the A.A. for their book.

"DONG."

5,024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD J. PARKER

M W 4½/5 H 23456

			2	34256
			x (SS)	62534
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—	S			26453
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Repeat omitting (SS).

Contains 60 combination roll-ups, including all the 6578's and all the 5678 course-ends. First rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City of London. on Saturday, August 5th, 1967, conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

SHORNE, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Beer 1—2, T. A. Cross 3—4, C. T. Oseuton (cond.) 5—6, S. Sandford 7—8.

OVERSEAS NEWS

RINGING IN THE STATES—By A. V. Sheppard

IN reply to Mr. Whipple (page 566), there are ten rings of bells in the U.S.A. Whilst only Groton, Kent and Washington are active, the fate of the remainder may be of interest.

Boston.— Church of the Advent. Here the front five are unringable. A donor in 1963 was willing to pay for the restoration of the octave if a band of ringers was forthcoming. At Christ Church the pre-1871 Rudhall eight are immobilised by the sprinkler pipe system. The Perkins Institute has a good eight, lacking ropes.

Charleston.—Broken wheels and stays prevent ringing, but the eight are chimed for service.

Chicago.—The ten in the Mitchell tower of the University were unused from 1913 to 1958. However, the carillon is used, and in 1965 the carillonneur had hopes of raising a band from the University students.

Hingham.—This ten-bell tower appears to have an unringable architect.

Philadelphia.—Here the organ pipes prevent the eight being raised.

The state of six rings in Canada was given in the Overseas Committee's Report for 1966. In addition, the old eight at St. James', Vancouver, are chimed for service. They badly need rehanging. Mr. Whipple is not quite correct in the dedication of Vancouver's Cathedral, which is a Roman Catholic foundation. It is interesting to note that all but two of the ringers at this Cathedral of the Holy Rosary are Anglicans.

In February Rick Dirksen, of Washington, was actively fostering the formation of the North American Association, but this has been interrupted by military service. When he returns in September we can look forward to the revival Mr. Whipple speaks of.

CHARLBURY, OXON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. M. Colleu 1, A. W. Lloyd 2, G. J. Collett 3, B. W. Hall 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

History of Surprise Peals on Handbells

By ROBERT B. SMITH

PART 1 (1901–1930)

CHANGE ringing on handbells and the ringing of handbell peals is becoming, or should I say has become, much more popular in the ringing fraternity than at any time in the past In particular, people are attempting to ring peals in more complex methods or splicing more methods together than they have previously done. The field of Surprise ringing on handbells, which has been viewed from afar by the vast majority of ringers, is now being tackled by more ringers every day, and for this reason it is worth having a look at performances which have "gone before."

The first peal of Surprise to be rung on handbells, Superlative Surprise Major, was rung on Wednesday, June 26th, 1901, by members of the College Youths. The peal was conducted by Harry R. Pasmore, who rang 3–4, the remaining members of the band being H. Pasmore 1–2, Charles T. P. Brice 5–6 and John W. Golding 7–8. The peal was reported in "The Bell News" together with the following information:—

"Umpires—Henry R. Newton and Herbert Langdon, who ticked off every lead-end as rung. Mr. Taffender also heard two hours of ringing outside the room. This is the first Surprise peal ever rung double-handed, and was rung at the 25th attempt, during which over 50,000 changes have been rung."

ADVENT OF PYE BROTHERS

Mr. Pasmore's band was not alone for long, as William Pye's band rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major for the Essex Association on Monday, October 7th, 1901, and at first attempt. They had had a considerable amount of practice, however, before attempting the peal. William Pye's band continued to make progress and scored a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major on Friday, March 28th, 1902; this was rung at the seventh attempt. More peals of these two methods continued; the total number of Surprise peals on handbells reached 11 by the end of 1903. It should be noted here that one peal of Superlative was rung strictly non-conducted and silent, this being achieved at the third attempt; a one-part composition was used.

In "The Bell News" of February 6th, 1904, we find the report of the first peal of London Surprise Major on handbells, by William Pye's band. They sat as follows: George R. Pye 1–2, William Pye 3–4, Ernest Pye 5–6, William Keeble 7–8. It is interesting to see that of the first 20 Surprise peals on handbells, 18 were rung by this band and they always rang the same "pairs" of bells.

Together with the peal report was the following information: "The band have practised at every opportunity for the last nine months, and every time they met the distance walked averaged five miles a man, in addition to railway travelling, as the distance between them is nine miles, making the total number of miles walked about 1,000."

In praise of the achievement of ringing London "in hand," William Willson wrote a poem which appeared in "The Bell News" of March 5th, 1904. The following year produced the first Surprise peal "in hand" by four brothers—the Pyes, of course. This was a peal of Superlative in which Sergeant Major Alfred Pye rang the tenors instead of William Keeble, the remainder of the band ringing their usual pairs. This peal was rung as a farewell to Alfred Pye, who was leaving Woolwich for Salisbury, and probably explains why the brothers did not ring any further handbell peals together.

BRISTOL—25 PRACTICES

The year 1907 saw the first peal of Bristol on handbells, rung by three Pyes and William Keeble. This was rung at the first attempt after 25 practices. In November, 1907, William Keeble moved away from Essex, and the footnote to a peal of Bristol "Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the neighbourhood, much to the regret of his many ringing friends," does not really show how much he was to be missed. None of the Pyes rang a peal of Surprise on handbells for the next 16 years, which seems to indicate that either William Keeble was the driving force behind the band or that there were no more ringers in the area capable of ringing Surprise peals on handbells. The former assumption would appear to be the correct one, as we find William Keeble ringing Surprise peals on handbells less than two years after moving north to Bolsover in Derbyshire.

In the year 1909 the first Surprise peal on handbells by members of the Hertford Association appeared. They too rang Superlative for their first peal, which was to be the forerunner of many excellent performances by bands from that area. We find a break of ten years without a Surprise peal being rung on handbells here, however! No doubt the 1914–18 war explains the reason for no peals being rung for five years, but what happened to the years 1910–14 we will never really know.

After the 1914–18 war the first Surprise peal on handbells was London Surprise Major rung by four brothers—the Goftons, of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. This fine performance was recorded in "The Ringing World" of Nov. 12th, 1920, with a suitable congratulatory paragraph by the editor. It is interesting to note that the composition of this peal was on the "in and fifths" plan, whereas William Pye's band had preferred to ring "full course" compositions. The Goftons rang half a dozen peals of London on handbells but never bothered with any other Surprise methods, which is an unusual fact! The footnote to their third peal of London, to which Richard A. Gofton rang 1–2, was: "This is the first peal of Major on handbells by the ringer of 1–2. He had only one practice and rang the peal, at second attempt, five days before he attained the age of 17."

(To be continued)

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The main business of the summer quarterly meeting of the Andover District on June 24th at East Woodhay was plans for the striking competition to be held at Longparish on November 18th. Messrs. R. Crook and R. Rex are to be the judges, and Messrs Bevis and Dance belfry marshals. The service was conducted by the Rev Ardath Walters and, after an excellent tea, Mr. Geoff Dodd presided at the business meeting.

Next quarterly meeting: Andover (8) and Goodworth (6), October 7th.

NOTICES

(Notices continued from page 611)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Tuesday, September 5th. Bells (6) from 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Heath. 2128

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Surprise Major practice at **St. Mary's, Staines,** on Wednesday, September 6th, 8–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2132

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lyng (5), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Durston and West Monkton bells available after meeting. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 2116

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Lindfield (8), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Drew, 1, Alma Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Thursday, September 7th, please. Names are still being collected by the secretary for the outing on October 14th. 2129

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Evening meeting at Barkingside, September 9th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. Social after ringing—games, dances, tiddlywinks relay race! Names for social to D. Ellisdon, 161, Redbridge Lane East, Ilford. 2145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, September 9th. Ringing from 3–4.30. Service, followed by tea and business meeting. All wishing for tea please book to Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Thursday, Sept. 7th.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 2126

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Boxley on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Loran, Rendlesham, Chatham Road, Sandling, near Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2120

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Half-annual meeting, St. Elvan's, Aberdare, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. There will be a charge of 2s. 6d. for tea. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), by Monday, September 4th. 2089

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Barnes on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Barnes. Special method: Yorkshire. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Mann, 124A, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W.15, by Wednesday, September 6th. 2147

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Alkelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, Settle, no later than Wednesday, September 6th. Business meeting, as usual, after tea.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2144

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bryant 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss M. Lush 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey (100th quarter) 6.

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Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS

Dear Sir,—So much of the commentary by Bernard Groves on page 569 is inaccurate that I wonder whether he is the 35th in succession of that remarkable plural customer revealed by the census and that when the relevant copies of "The Ringing World" reached him they were so tattered as to be unreadable.

Take paragraph 3. If "the floor" had wanted a new "Ringing World" Committee, the desire would have become apparent in the normal course of procedure. There was certainly a suggestion that the two lately created vacancies be filled, but it is equally certain that this was not frustrated by any ruling on a point of order. Furthermore, there was not a single nomination. (I venture to suggest that in the present climate it is doubtful whether there exists a brave soul prepared to be Aunt Sally.)

As regards the "False Information" motion: this was passed with one dissentient and not referred back.

Coming now to the proposal to amend the Decision relating to spliced, the question of the recognition of a certain peal as a peal was not in any way part of the issue. I share your correspondent's disappointment that the Council was unable to deal with the motion conclusively. I am of the opinion that so many members of the Council were unable to understand fully the technicalities that they were afraid of getting to grips with the subject. Future sponsors of motions of this kind might do well to give a full recital of the principles in "The Ringing World" beforehand.

I must also deal with Mr. Groves' plea for the use of amplifying equipment. Many people do not share his enthusiasm for this aid and with this in mind acoustics were carefully checked before the meeting and found to be excellent. It was decided to try without microphones, which were available, and the president invited complaints from anyone experiencing difficulty in hearing speakers. None were made during the meeting, or afterwards, as far as I am aware, but I did hear many expressions of pleasure about this and other aspects of the arrangements made so competently by the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Sir, we have long been absolutely regaled with a flood of criticisms in your columns and the quality of it merely emphasises how easy it is to criticise. It would be refreshing to have something in this category which contains an original thought.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary, The Central Council.

MR. J. OLDHAM RETIRING

Dear Sir,—It was extremely nice of "Pilgrim" to make such kind remarks with reference to myself in the recent account of the Pilgrims' tour of Leicestershire towers when they called at the Bell Foundry. May I assure him that I was delighted to see old friends I had not met for many years.

After 60 years with the Loughborough Foundry I am retiring from active participation in the firm and would like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and thanks to the many kind friends I have made and who it has been my pleasure to know during this long period.—Yours sincerely,

J. OLDHAM.

Shepshed, Leics.

GRADING TESTS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with Elizabeth Barber that a system of tests for learners would be a good idea, I think that it would only work if towers had almost the same standard of ringing.

In this article the learner does not meet many problems until the Class B tests, but what about the learner who meets as many problems when he has only come to the Class D tests? If he comes from a tower like mine he will accomplish call changes in his own time, but when it comes to the rest of the Class D tests he finds that only about three ringers from his tower can raise and lower a bell and only one can ring anything other than call changes (and this is only plain hunting on the treble). He then has to find another tower whose practices he can attend and this is often at the end of an expensive bus journey. The ringer who lives in the country might find that it is impossible to reach these towers by bus and they are too far away to cycle to. Money is not the only problem for the learner who finds a tower which he can reach by bus spends almost as much time travelling to and from this tower as at the actual practice that he has no time left for his homework on that particular night.

This shows that it would take some learners considerable time to accomplish even the Class D test. If a learner was not allowed to be a member of his Association until he had finished this test, I would still not be a member of my Association. (Although I can conduct touches of Bob Doubles, I can't raise and lower a bell very well, and certainly not in peal, as in my tower the bells are always left up.)

I have been a member of my Association for over a year and have found that a considerable amount can be learned just by watching other people ring and in fact the tower at which I now practise was suggested by a member of my Association.—Yours faithfully,

I. C. M. S.

Birmingham.

A SQUARER DEAL FOR THE LEARNER

Dear Sir,—If Miss Barber puts her proposition and constructive suggestions to next year's Central Council meeting she can count on my support. This is one of the best ideas for encouraging learners that has been put forward in my time as a ringer.

No doubt it is not necessary in those few towers where everything is done properly. No doubt in the worst towers it will be ignored. But for the majority of the run of the mill towers it will be a boon. Youngsters today are used to organisation and system and incentive and I am sure the introduction of such a plan would stop the awful wastage of learners.

Congratulations, Elizabeth.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—For Mr. Hooton's information, I have come across 21 peals at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. The first was rung by the College Youths in January, 1726/27, Double Bob Major, and the last I have recorded was Grandsire Triples on January 11th, 1879, by the Cumberlands.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING AT YORKTOWN

Dear Sir,—I would like to answer the rather acid letter of Mr. Raymond Bath (page 552).

A touring Society, and I resent strongly the term a tower-grabbing Society, does far more good to the people concerned than umpteen District meetings!

Those attending the tour benefit in many ways:—

(1) Many ring methods that they would not be able to practise at home and their general standard of ringing improves, both from the method and the striking point of view.

(2) The holiday is not a static one and it is of great interest to see and visit new churches in lovely settings.

(3) The comradeship and friendship that exist on tour cannot be properly understood by a person unless he has participated.

Our stay at any tower does not exceed one hour's duration. This cannot be said of peals or District meetings. Thus our nuisance value at any particular tower cannot be so great.

Now to the awful din charge. Mr. Bath is no doubt a perfectionist and the ringing at Yorktown clockwork in its precision. The standard of ringing on any tour of course depends upon the ability of those taking part. Our ringing on this year's tour was average compared with previous tours. We did manage to ring up to London and Bristol and to ring them well. In quite a number of towers we were complimented on our ringing.

I do not know the Society concerned in the awful din, but can I give them a word of advice? If a course starts to become "rough," bring it to rounds at once and try again at another place. Sweeten the previous clatter by ringing something that you can ring well.

Finally, may I ask Mr. Bath to join us on next year's tour to see things from first hand.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.
Ringing Master,
Society of Rambling Ringers.

Lincoln.

102 METHOD/VARIATION PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret having to withdraw the peal of Doubles in 102 methods/variations which was rung at Bronllys for the Hereford Diocesan Guild on July 20th. The fifth extent was false, although Sedgefield has been rung to previous "peals." I apologise to the band and to all who keep records of peals for my carelessness in not checking that extent before the peal. I also made a mistake in typing out the calls for Cwmdu, Cathedine and Tal-y-llyn. The call used was, in fact, an Antelope single.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Glasbury-on-Wye.

SUNDAY RINGING

Dear Sir,—Richard Inglis's remarks on the ringing of city bells make very sensible reading.

I should suggest that the traditional approach to ringing could be reviewed. We are told that Sunday service ringing is the prime function of the ringing. I question this assumption on the ground that everybody knows why church bells ring on Sundays. Also, ringing is just as important a part of worship in itself as is attending at service. Ringing can stand alone because in itself it is an expression of belief just as is attendance at services. Therefore need it matter when bells are rung as long as they are rung?—Yours faithfully,

J. ANTHONY ELLIS.

Brecon, Wales.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

TOWN OF SILENT TOWERS:

The Story of the Bells of Sandwich

By D. L. CAWLEY

IN his monumental work on the Parish Churches of England, John Betjeman observed that "after the splendour of Canterbury Cathedral, the Churches of Kent, Rochester Cathedral itself included, are something of an anticlimax." True though this may be, there are nevertheless many extremely fine churches in the county; ringers will know of the glorious fifteenth century church in Maidstone; of the stately towers of Lydd and Tenterden; the unexpected majesty of, say, Cobham, Ivychurch or Minster; or the simple dignity of Brookland with its fantastic campanile, or Fairfield. In East Kent the inquirer might have to look far harder for buildings of this calibre, though they are not lacking. One town is particularly remarkable for its fine churches, the town of Sandwich overlooking Pegwell bay, some fifteen miles east of Canterbury. To ringers the name of Sandwich will probably mean little today; but the story of its churches and its bells is a proud one and it should not be allowed to go unremembered.

To many it may seem slightly paradoxical that there are today so many churches whose size and magnificence is out of proportion to the population which they were designed to serve; many parishes will know only too well what the burden of keeping these buildings in repair means. Sandwich is today a small sleepy town, whose air is decidedly Flemish. Rising high over the roofs of the old cottages are two great towers, those of the Churches of St. Peter and St. Clement, while a short distance away is the now towerless Church of St. Mary, whose central tower collapsed many years ago. The interior of these churches testifies to the vanished importance of Sandwich as the busiest port in East Kent, situated as it is on the estuary of the River Stour. Silt and railways have long since driven away the trade which once came by water, but the churches remain silent witnesses to this vanished prosperity.

The largest of all these churches, St. Clement's, is still the Parish Church of Sandwich. The earliest part is the great Norman central tower with its massive circular stair turret at the north-west. Above the church roof this tower exhibits several rows of blank arcading characterised by the severe semi-circular arches for which the Norman builders were so famous. Within the church this great tower opens by four splendid Norman arches on massive piers to a church which was largely rebuilt in the early fifteenth century; the nave has a simple angel roof, a great rarity in Kent. The visitor could spend hours in this church with its many objects of interest, not least the fine Miserere seats in the choir. The early records of the bells here are not prolific; but we do know that in 1508 a bequest was made 'to the reparation of the bells vii s viii d." How many bells there were at the time of this reparation is not known. At this time the tower was surmounted by a timber spire, but in 1664 this was taken down and the lead sold; in its place a wooden balustrade and a small "onion" cupola were erected, similar to coeval examples at nearby St. Peter's, Deal, Ringwould and Woodnesborough, all reflecting the local Flemish influence. By 1672 the churchwardens were dissatisfied with their bells, and they

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were taken down and sent to Christopher Hodson in London, where they were either cast into or exchanged for a new ring of five. In this same year they were returned and hung up in the church, the method of conveyance to Sandwich being by water; they must have been one of the last cargoes on the London run landed at the now declining port. These bells all bore the inscription: * Iohn * Hodson * Made * Me 1672 Iohn Wheeler (row of coins) Isaac * Pearce * Chvrch Wardens Christopher * Hodson. As the treble of this ring was 32 inches diameter, the tenor must have weighed about 18 cwt., which would have made the bells one of the heaviest fives in Kent.

There are several mentions of payments to the ringers, which get thinner as the years go on. One of the last was in 1837 when the bells were rung for the accession of "Alexandrina Victoria." By 1865 the tower was unsafe, and the wooden parapet and cupola were removed, and all the stonework and internal arrangements restored. To pay for the work of restoration it was decided to sell the four largest bells, and in 1866 they were removed from the tower. What became of them is an open question; they probably went to the pot. Thus the tower too weak to contain bells became the strong tower with no bells to ring in it. The treble was retained and rehung, but that was all As if this was not disgraceful enough, at a later date a chime of eight tubular abominations by Messrs. Latham Harrington and Co., of Coventry, was installed, and it is much to be regretted that these are still in working order. Now only the old treble remains from the old ring, hung dead. So thorough were the restorers that they even removed the old bell frame. We shall never know what these bells sounded like; but if they were at all worthy of the church in which they were hung, they must have been magnificent.

(To be continued)

LETTERS—Continued

RULES FOR DOUBLES VARIATIONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In recent years there has been much interest in multi-method peals. May I suggest that for peals of Triples, Minor and Doubles the length of such peals be restricted to 5,040 changes. It is obviously far easier to fit more methods into a peal which exceeds 5,040 than to fit them into a peal of that length. Naturally the suggested 5,040 restriction cannot be applied to peals on eight or more bells.

Since the publication of the excellent Doubles collection in "The Ringing World," for which the compilers and editor deserve our gratitude, multi-Doubles peals have increased in number. Unfortunately many of the variations given (even some of those stated to be true) are quite false, good examples being the St. Simon–St. Nicholas group when used with a London extreme. Perhaps it is timely to remind ringers of these variations that they should check them before using them to peals, and that it is **not** sufficient to check the lead-ends or lead-heads. The best way to check many of these variations is to note whether the call alters the coursing order; unless it does the variation must be false.

The Central Council has avoided much comment on Doubles variations but the time has perhaps come when we should formulate some rules for them. Might I suggest that for a Doubles variation to be acceptable it must be capable of giving 120 true changes. In addition, when variations are used in a peal **all** the different types of call that occur in that variation must be rung if it is to be claimed that that variation has been rung. For example, if a Grandsire bob and single are used to give a variation on Plain Bob, as in Dedworth, then both calls plus a plain lead of Plain Bob must be rung. This would exclude using a pivot call, half of which is deemed to give one variation and half another.

No doubt many ringers will, on first sight, think I am trying to impose too many restrictions on Doubles ringing, but unless some rules are introduced the field of Doubles will become meaningless.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Glasbury-on-Wye.

5,040 JUGSHOLME SURPRISE ROYAL

By RICHARD F. B. SPEED

23456	M	IN/5ths	W	H
32654	2			2
34256	2			1
32546	1	X	2	2
43526			1	
32465	2		2	

Repeated.

5,088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	W	5	H
23465	2S		2S	S
25463	2S		S	
56234	x			2S
34256		—	S	S

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Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 586)

Fig. 9

(i) 720 in 5 methods		(ii) 720 in 6 methods		(iii) 720 in 6 methods	
23456	College Ex., etc.	23456	College Ex., etc.	Combermere, etc.	
64523	" "	64523	" "	"	"
— 23564	Morning Star	— 23564	Disney Delight	Canterbury	
36245	" "	36245	Morning Star	Abbeyville	
64352	" "	64352	" "	"	
45623	" "	45623	" "	"	
— 45236	" "	— 45236	" "	"	
— 45362	College Ex., etc	— 45362	College Ex., etc.	Combermere, etc.	
23645	" "	23645	" "	"	"
56423	" "	56423	" "	"	"
34256		34256			

Each twice repeated.

Examples may perhaps clarify these points. Fig. 9 (i) gives a two-course part with College Exercise (group) and Morning Star (course) splice. There are actually in the 720 three courses of College Exercise with the tenors coursing, and three courses of Morning Star with the tenors apart (non-coursing), although the latter courses are broken apart by bobs. If five methods only were required, the positions of College Exercise and Morning Star could be exchanged, or simply an odd course of Morning Star popped in between, say, the 3rd and 4th bobs. To keep each part symmetrical whilst introducing Disley Delight it is necessary to have the Morning Star with the tenors non-coursing because Disley splices into Morning Star with fixed bells in 4ths and 5ths place, which is a non-coursing position. This is shown in (ii) The third 720 shows a similar arrangement with London Surprise lead-ends; the lead-heads of (iii) being identical with (ii).

Fig. 10

(i)		(ii)	
23456	Braintree	23456	Marple
56342	"	64523	"
42635	"	— 23564	Old Oxford, etc.
— 35642	Neasden, etc.	— 45236	" "
26435	"	24653	" "
— 54263	"	62345	" "
32654	"	36524	" "
46532	"	— 45362	Taxal
— 25463	Humber	23645	Marple
63542	Braintree	56423	"
42356		34256	

(iii)		(iv)	
23456	Neasden, etc.	23456	Old Oxford, etc.
— 64235	Braintree	42635	" "
35426	"	64523	Elston
— 26435	"	56342	Old Oxford
35642	"	— 23564	Marple
42563	"	45623	"
— 63542	Clarence	36245	"
25463	Neasden, etc.	— 45236	"
34625	"	62345	"
56234	"	— 45362	Old Oxford, etc.
42356		34256	

Four 720's, each in six methods. Each part twice repeated.

In Fig. 10 we have four 720's in which a three-lead splice is introduced into the course method in the first two and into the group method in the last two. The second is virtually the 2nds place variation of the first and the fourth of the third. It will be noticed that the 5th is used as observation in the first 720 (standard calling: Out, In, Out), because if the 6th was used the first bob ("In") would follow the lead in which the tenors were fixed in 2nds and 5ths, so that a plain lead of the odd method, Humber, would never appear.

In the 720's (iii) and (iv) the position of the course and group methods are the reverse of those in (i) and (ii). This is because in the three-lead splice methods, Clarence and Elston, which splice with the group methods, the fixed bells are in a coursing position, i.e. 2nds and 4ths, therefore the group methods must be used in those courses where 5-6 are coursing, whereas in the two previous 720's similar conditions applied to the three-lead splice and the course method.

Arrangements similar to those in Fig. 9 and Fig. 10 can be made with the Knutsford, Skipton and Melandra groups, their course and three-lead splices, but as these involve no new techniques they are not given here.

[Historical note.—On February 9th, 1935, after gradually increasing the number of spliced methods in peals on previous occasions, the Cheshire band, conducted by John Worth, rang 42 methods in a peal at Disley. The seven 720's each contained six methods, spliced in the same manner as these we have just dealt with, and were arranged by A. G. Driver.]

(To be continued)

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janice Flight (aged 15, first quarter) 1 Audrey Hopkins 2, F. Whitby 3, V. Tipton 4, W. Aley (cond.) 5, T. Aley 6. For the Harlow Festival.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Aug. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Ward 1, F. C. West 2, I. Smith (first quarter) 3, J. L. Riley 4, P. S. Woods 5, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Canon G. Jackson.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. R. Board 1, Miss M. Lush 2, J. W. Marshall 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears 6. First in six methods by all the band.

OBITUARY

MR. W. E. ALLEN

With much regret we announce the passing on June 17th at his home of Mr. W. E. Allen, of Billingborough, Lincolnshire.

Ted, as he was widely known to his friends, was born at Billingborough 86 years ago and had lived there all his life. On leaving school he served his apprenticeship as a blacksmith. A craftsman at his trade, he carried on his own business in a thriving agricultural district; he also had an extensive cycle agency business.

Closely ilnked with St. Andrew's Church all his life, he learned to ring there over 60 years ago. He could always be relied upon as a regular Sunday service ringer and in his younger days was tower captain for many years.

At the funeral service on June 20th a well-atended congregation was present, including ringers from the District, the service being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. B. Hearn, who paid tribute to Mr. Allen's life's work in Billingborough and to his loyal service to St. Andrew's Church. His remains were laid to rest close to the foot of the tower which he had served and loved so well. During the evening the eight bells were rung half-muffled to his memory. A quarter peal was attempted but unfortunately failed due to a shift course. Sympathy is extended to his widow, his three daughters and his son, Mr. Jack Allen, a keen campanologist.

C. T. H. B.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The Ilchester Branch held its August practice meeting at Montacute—the home tower of the Branch hon. secretary, Mrs. M. Legget. The meeting also coincided with the first week of the incumbency of the new Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Bevan.

Ringing on this majestic heavy six (tenor 23 cwt.), housed in the somewhat notorious "swinging tower," was under the direction of the Ringing Master and included rounds, Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Double Oxford.

The ringing chamber was full to capacity and included visitors from over 15 towers.

The Branch is grateful to the Vicar and the tower captain, Mr. Gordon Rendell, for a very successful evening.

Next meeting: Quarterly, at St. James', Preston Plucknett, Yeovil, on September 2nd. 3-9 p.m.

NEW DOUBLES NAMES INTRODUCED IN PEAL AT STAUNTON-ON-WYE

Name	Plain Course	Bob
Stockingfield	New Bob	London ex.
Woonton	Huntspill	London ex.
Ledgemoor	St. Vedast	London ex.
Bronllys	New Bob	Grandsire s.
Talgarth	Huntspill	Grandsire s.
Llangors	St. Vedast	Grandsire s.
Llandefalle	New Bob	All Saints P.L.
Llanbedr	Huntspill	All Saints P.L.
Llangasty	St. Vedast	All Saints P.L.
Cwmdu	New Bob	Antelope s.
Cathedine	Huntspill	Antelope s.
Tal-y-llyn	St. Vedast	Antelope s.
Canon Pyon	New Bob	Pink's s.
Little Dewchurch	Huntspill	Pink's s.
Garway	St. Vedast	Pink's s.
Kentchurch	W'stm'ster II B.	Rev. C.B.
King's Pyon	Blackburn P.B.	Rev. C.B.
Michaelchurch	St. Hilary	Rev. C.B.
Mordiford	W'stm'ster II B.	Grandsire s.
Norton Canon	Blackburn P.B.	Grandsire s.
Orcop	St. Hilary	Grandsire s.
Pembridge	W'stm'ster II B.	All Saints P.L.
Sellack	Blackburn P.B.	All Saints P.L.
Stoke Prior	St. Hilary	All Saints P.L.
Tyberton	W'stm'ster II B.	Antelope s.
Weston Beggard	Blackburn P.B.	Antelope s.
Whitney	St. Hilary	Antelope s.
Winforton	W'stm'ster II B.	Pink's s.
Clyro	Blackburn P.B.	Pink's s.
Llanbadarnfawr	St. Hilary	Pink's s.
Gladestry	W'stm'ster II B.	Old Bob s.
Aberaeron	Blackburn P.B.	Old Bob s.
Elerch	St. Hilary	Old Bob s.
Blackbird	W'st'm'ster II B.	Grandsire ex.
Thrush	Blackburn P.B.	Grandsire ex.
Robin	St. Hilary	Grandsire ex.

For the Non-Ringer

John Hunt Explains the Basis of our Art

IF the word "bellringing"—or to give it the correct term, "campanology"—is mentioned to the layman in the street, the odds are quite high that he will immediately draw mental pictures of bent old men in a dark, dingy ringing room pulling ropes for all they are worth. This might not have been too far from the truth 100 years ago, but how wrong these thoughts would be today! Ringing church bells is very much a young person's pastime and there are an ever-increasing number of girls and women taking it up. Nowadays with modern methods of hanging bells on ball bearings, the amount of effort required to ring a bell, once the technique has been mastered, is very small.

HOURS OF PRACTICE

But don't think that bellringing is easy—because it certainly is not. It takes many hours of patient practice to be able to control several hundredweights of swinging metal, and to be able to understand and put into practice the many methods used for producing the different changes. Few people seem to realise that when a bell is rung it swings through a complete circle starting from the mouth upwards position. Bells are usually lowered to the mouth downwards position when a session or ringing comes to an end as a safety measure—fatal accidents have occurred when non-ringers decide to explore a bell-tower and disturb a bell in the "Up" position.

The main purposes of ringing bells are to call people to worship and to celebrate royal or national events. However, ringing does not stop at being a Sunday duty in one's own church. Part of the fascination of bellringing is to ring on other churches' bells—in fact most ringers keep records of all the towers they ring at—very much like collecting train numbers!

CHANGES

The least number of bells on which change ringing is practised is four, and the maximum 12. The most common number of bells in a ring is six or eight. When changes are rung, each bell rings once in every change, but the order in which the bells ring alters from change to change. On four bells the maximum changes possible are 24, and this number, of course, increases as the number of bells increases until when you reach 12 bells there are 479 million changes available— all different. To ring the complete range on 12 bells without stopping would take about 38 years to complete!

The weights of bells vary considerably, ranging from a few pounds up to 82 cwt.—the weight of the tenor bell at Liverpool Cathedral. There are heavier bells, e.g. Great George in the Bristol University tower, which is 9½ tons—but this is hung "dead" and is only struck by a pivoted clock hammer. The art is almost entirely a British one, as there are very few churches outside the British Isles with ringing bells. On the Continent the church bells are only swung through part of a circle, and they are sounded at random, rather than evenly and rhythmically as the true act entails. It is also true to say that the bells are restricted to the Church of England, as there are only a few Roman Catholic churches in England possessing bells. It is hoped, however, that a ring of bells will be installed in the new Clifton Cathedral when it is built.

BRISTOL BELLS

Bristol ringers are very proud to be able to boast that their city possesses more church bells than any other city in the world, per head of population. There are 24 churches with bells hung for ringing, though unfortunately the bells of All Saints' and St. Thomas', City, have not been sounded for several years due to the fabric of the tower and the bell frame.

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DEVIZES RINGERS' WEEK IN CORNWALL

During the third week of July a party of ringers and their wives from the Devizes area made a week's ringing tour of Cornwall. Bed and breakfast accommodation was at Truro, and after visiting various towers for service ringing on Sunday, the ringing programme started in earnest the following day at St. Stephen-in-Brannell.

The itinerary consisted of visiting 21 towers in different areas daily, while others were visited on their practice nights, where call changes with the local bands were very much enjoyed. Every tower was reached on time, and in most instances the Vicars or a local resident were waiting to give us a real Cornish welcome. The last tower was at Towednack, where some of the party had to leave to make the long trek home through the holiday traffic. The whole programme was completed without a hitch or mishap. The end came too soon, but everyone had enjoyed a pleasant week made possible by the consent of the clergy and the invaluable advice of Mr. A. J Davidson, to whom we offer our sincere thanks. H. G.

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The first peal of New Durham Surprise Major was rung on handbells on Tuesday, February 5th, 1963. at The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, and was conducted by John M. Jelley

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Nettlestead, Kent (page 575), was conducted by Harold Evans and it was his first as conductor. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. Harry Churchill and his wife, Ethel, on their ruby wedding anniversary. Harry is tower captain at Trull, Taunton, and a quarter peal was rung there on August 2nd in honour of the occasion.

Mr. R. A. J. White is leaving the Department of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, for the Horticultural Research Centre, Levin, New Zealand. He was at one time with the Department of Agriculture at Auckland, New Zealand.

A case of rapid progress is reported from Harlow, Essex. Janice Flight (15) first handled a bell a week after Easter. On July 16th she rang her first quarter of Minor. "She is to be commended for both her striking and handling," writes the conductor (Mr. W. Aley).

Mr F E. Dukes has completed 25 years as secretary of the Irish Association. A congratulatory peal was rung by English ringers at Doneraile on July 30th.

Two members of the young Sunday service band at South Mymms—Corinna A. Smith and Graham Sillis—are congratulated on a very creditable first peal on August 12th. The conductor (Mr. G. Penney) is looking forward to the time when more of this young band score their first peal.

The three newcomers to the old Marston band of multi-methods Doubles ringing—Ann Hunter, Brian Denmark and Bob Stokes—all rang with tremendous assurance and aplomb, and well deserved to score the peal at Radlett, on August 10th, in ten methods. There were only two major trips, which occurred early on, and three minutes were clipped off the previous record time achieved on these very fast-going bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

GRADUATES "SPLICED"

Mr. John A. Harrison and Miss Anne P. Scruby.

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The wedding took place on July 8th in the Lady Chapel, Guildford Cathedral, between John A. Harrison, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harrison, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, and Anne P. Scruby, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. W. Scruby, of Mark Way, Godalming. The service was conducted by the Dean, the Rt. Rev. George Clarkson.

The bride was attended by her sisters, the Misses Jennifer and Diana Scruby. The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Mr. E. Andrew Harrison, Master of the Manchester University Guild, and the ushers were Martin J. Kirk, ringer at the Cathedral, and Stephen Darvill, of the Cambridge University Guild.

The couple are graduates of Cambridge, where they met and where the bride recently learned to ring as well as being a women's rowing Blue.

Several peals were attempted in their honour: Yorkshire S.M. at Cranleigh was successful, but Stedman Caters and Yorkshire, the latter including the bridegroom, best man and ushers, were not successful.

The Cathedral bells were rung before the ceremony and as the couple left for the reception at the Clavadel Hotel, Guildford.

"AROUND PACKWOOD" WEEK

Outstanding last year was the tour headed "Around Portishead." This year practically the same distinguished band reassembled and some 20 peals were scored "Around Packwood"—a territory that embraced Leicester, Birmingham, Walsall, Evesham and Stratford-on-Avon. The peals included four Cambridge Surprise Maximus, two Stedman Cinques, four Surprise Royal, nine Surprise Major and one Minor (50 methods).

Thirty-four ringers participated and the conducting was shared between eight conductors, viz.: D. John Hunt (5), Tudor P. Edwards (4½) Howard W. Egglestone (3), John H. Fielden (2), Peter Border (2), Kenneth J. Hesketh (1½). George J. Hemming (1) and Ian C. Maycock (1). Next year the same company hope to assemble in the Preston, Lancs, area.

A REVIVAL AT ST. NICHOLAS', KING'S LYNN

Nearly 20 years ago Messrs. E. H. Mastin and R. Harrop and others decided to find out if the bells at St. Nicholas', King's Lynn, were ringable. After oiling, and adjusting the ropes, they succeeded in getting the bells ringing again and for some time they were rung for special occasions and evening services.

This petered out mainly because it was thought the church would become redundant and for 15 years they had been silent.

An inquiry for the use of the bells was made for the forthcoming wedding of the daughter of a previous churchwarden.

Once again the same ringers, plus one enthusiastic young ringer, climbed into the bell chamber and were surprised to find everything in no worse condition than 20 years previously except for the addition of several hundredweights of pigeon manure.

After oiling and several adjustments the bells were rung to call changes on the Queen Mother's birthday. The following day the bells were rung before and after the wedding. Ringing included three courses of Bob Minor with the tenor covering, several courses of Grandsire Triples and three courses of Bob Major.

During the ringing the architect was present and was quite happy that ringing should continue and was prepared to do all he could to ensure that this time the bells continue ringing.

The frame itself is in excellent condition and, mainly, the fittings are in fair condition.

It is the opinion of Mr. E. H. Mastin that if these bells were put on new bearings King's Lynn would have a ringable eight for many years to come.

COME AND SEE!

"The East Anglian Daily Times" carried a most critical letter on bellringing from a Framsden reader in which he stated: "Bellringers are, I suppose, Christians and in the pursuit of their hobby they show as little consideration for their fellow men as do Christians in most matters. . . . Certainly after two or three hours' din made by these selfish people we wish them hanged by their own bell ropes."

Mr. G. W. Pipe, as Master of the Suffolk Guild, gave a most vigorous reply. "It is our belief that with so many of our rural arts and crafts fast disappearing this is something really worth preserving. To us, it is, one might say, an external witness of the Church's message and is a similar complement to our services as that of the organ to provide music within the church."

The letter concludes: "I would like to invite Mr. Salmon (the writer of the letter) and his family to accompany my wife and me to a typical Suffolk ringers' practice night to see just what goes on, what our art involves and the wonderful fellowship it provides. I'll guarantee now that in three months' time we shall have a staunch advocate for the ringing of church bells."

DUBLIN ACTIVITIES

We have received an appreciative note concerning Mr. N. V. Harding's services during his holiday in Ireland, when three quarter peals were scored. Ringing with him was Miss Hilary Thick, from East Grinstead, who is holidaying with her uncle, Mr. R. I. George, the new president of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

YORKSHIRE TREASURER WEDS

Mr. Christopher Moxon and Miss C. Saville after their wedding at Westerham, Kent, on July 29th.

Photo by George P. King, Sevenoaks.

TOYLAND NEWS

Dear Sir,—I read with interest that "Big Ears" is hoping to start a fund for the recasting and augmentation of Noddy's bell.

In my old age I find my immense wealth useless, and would therefore wish to donate 75 per cent. of the cost entailed, the other 25 per cent to be found by public subscription. This, however, is on the one condition that the new six will be available for peals at any time that a band may decide, even at 5.30 a.m. I will undertake the cost of sound control if this is found necessary. — Yours generously,

A TOYLAND BENEFACTOR.

NODDY'S PROTEST

Dear Sir,—I must protest at the unwarranted liberties taken with my report of a peal on Noddy's (borrowed) bell. Instead of congratulations for my initiative in ringing this unusual and irregular peal, my act has drawn vilification from all sides and indeed has caused me to flee from Toyland and to fear for safety of life and limb from all sides.

Might I make an appeal for recognition of the peal and a safe-keeping for the return of the cap and bell? After all, it seems that there is some corroboration for my previous statements, by letters from a mistakenly-informed Mr. Plodd and a slightly abusive "Big Ears."—Pseudonymously,

NODDY, IN EXILE.

P.S.—I have been forced to escape from my normal habitat and to hide in fear of my life, and in fear of showing myself in any ringing tower.

NEW DOUBLES RECORD

Mr. Colin A. Lewis has established a new record in the realm of multi-method Doubles ringing with a peal at Staunton-on-Wye in 142 methods/variations on August 10th. Thirty-six new names are added to the ever-growing list of methods/variations. To those interested in this type of ringing, and the number is growing, it is a very fine achievement.

"AROUND PACKWOOD" WEEK

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	7
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	8
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Edward Jenkins	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Dereck Butterworth	10
Ann E. Fellows	5	John H. Fielden	11
David E. Rothera	6	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	James L. Towler	6
Peter G. Brown	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	James L. Towler	6
Peter S. Bennett	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
D. John Hunt	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Peter G. Brown	2	James L. Towler	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	D. John Hunt	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Gillian M. Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 50 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Oxford, Treble Bob, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight (14 methods by C. K. Lewis). (2) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Wavertree, Childwall, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise. (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich Surprise. (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight. (6) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight. (7) Double Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, with 113 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Egglestone	Treble	Frederick Shallcross	4
John H. Fielden	2	*Peter S Bennett	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* 75th peal for the Guild. Most methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Howard W. Egglestone	2	D John Hunt	6
C. Martin Press	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
Gillian M. Hunt	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Susan Rothera	Treble	George E. Fearn	6
Maryl R Fielden	2	Philip J. Rothera	7
Frederick Shallcross	3	John H. Fielden	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Ian C. Maycock	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Fielden	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	7
Susan Rothera	2	Ian C. Maycock	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	George E. Fearn	10
Frederick Shallcross	5	John H. Fielden	11
Geoffrey W. Randall	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	David E. Rothera	6
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Peter G. Brown	7
D. John Hunt	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DODDERHILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	James L. Towler	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 15 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	James L. Towler	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde Conducted by D. John Hunt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Susan Rothera	2	Philip J. Rothera	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	John H. Fielden	9
Howard W. Egglestone	4	George E. Fearn	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
David E. Rothera	6	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BIRMINGHAM, Aston.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Peter G. Brown	7
Susan Rothera	2	Howard W. Egglestone	8
*George E. Fearn	3	James L. Towler	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Philip J. Rothera	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	John H Fielden	11
Peter S. Bennett	6	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 250th peal of Maximus.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	D. John Hunt	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	John H. Fielden	8
David E Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Peter S. Bennett	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 23 lb. in G.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	James L. Towler	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Gillian M. Hunt	3	D. John Hunt	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE CO'/ENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHILVERS-COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 24 lb in F sharp.

Tudor P Edwards	Treble	*Geoffrey W. Randall ..	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	Peter S. Bennett	7
Richard S. Starkie	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	8
David E. Rothera	4	Howard W. Egglestone ..	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry ..	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.
Alternate calls called by Tudor P Edwards and Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 75th peal for the Guild.
Rung on the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt 18 lb. in D

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Maryl R. Fielden	4	George E. Fearn	10
John H Fielden	5	Rev. Roger O Fry	11
David E. Rothera	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

George E. Fearn	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	John H. Fielden	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	Ian C. Maycock	6
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Anthony H. Smith	3	Philip J Rothera	8
Peter S Bennett	4	Howard W Egglestone ..	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt 3 qr 20 lb. in C sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	7
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Richard S Starkie	8
Ralph G Edwards	3	Ernest J. Gower	9
Ann E. Fellows	4	Tudor P. Edwards	10
Geoffrey W. Randall ..	5	D. John Hunt	11
Peter G. Brown	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WOOLAVINGTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Alan Kent	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
*Christopher Avery	2	John Walton	5
John Coombes	3	†Harry Kenner	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal in three methods "inside." † First peal.

HEMINGTON, Som.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb in F.

*Sandra Weaver	Treble	Ian P. Cox	4
*Jennifer M. Durston ..	2	*Robert J. Hawkins	5
*Shirley A. Cox	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Surprise. The ringers of treble, 2 and 5 are the first local ringers to ring a peal of Surprise.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROMHAM, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Owen.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Alfred E. Rushton	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	5
James H. Edwards	2	Rodney H. French	6
Robert L. Piron	3	Steven J. Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	James R. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Steven J. Ivin.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Martyn Marriott and Kathleen Rivett, whose marriage took place earlier this day in this church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)
BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., March 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*William Harrison	Treble	†Robert Peers	4
*Stephen W. J. Pasterfield	2	Alexander J. Martin ..	5
Ernest T. Carvell	3	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J Martin.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung for the birth of Ruth Harrison.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

David Allman	Treble	Keith W. Eaton	4
Frank R Morton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	5
John R. Scott	3	Leon A. Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
DARTMOUTH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	†George E. Mudge	5
Merryn Hutchings	2	D. Roy Bould	6
*Derek Jewell	3	Robert A. Southwood ..	7
John C. Mitchelmore ..	4	Clive G. Bryant	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* 25th peal. † First of Triples.

WEMBURY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Diccon Pearce	Treble	†Merryn Hutchings	4
George E. Mudge	2	John C. Mitchelmore ..	5
D. Roy Bould	3	*Stephen Pierce	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WILBURTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 31 lb. in G.

Roger J. Palmer	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	4
Donald F. Murfet	2	George A. Walker	5
Alan M. Barber	3	Arthur Yarrow	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
First peal on the rehung bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
COGGESHALL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr 12 lb in E.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Catherine M. Powell ..	5
Michael J. Bew	2	*John R. Norris	6
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Walter Arnold	7
Peter G Pitt	4	Harry J. Millatt	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARLOW COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	†Peter G. Brown	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Ian R. Panton	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Peter J. Eves	4	†James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of six-spliced. † 100th peal together.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6) Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Philip Thompson	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	4
*Catherine M. Powell	2	Michael J. Bew	5
*Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 142 methods/variations, as follows: (1) Stockingfield*, Woonton*, Ledgemoor*, (2) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, (3) St. Modwen, Fairfield, Eling, (4) Winshill, Carlton, Lenton, (5) Bronllys*, Talgarth*, Llangors*, Llandefalle*, Llanbedr*, Llangasty*, Cwmdu*, Cathedine*, Tal-y-llyn*, (6) Canon Pyon*, Little Dewchurch*, Garway*, (7) Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, (8) Kentchurch*, King's Pyon*, Michaelchurch*, (9) Mordiford*, Norton Canon*, Orcop*, Pembridge*, Sellack*, Stoke Prior*, Tyberton*, Weston Beggard*, Whitney*, (10) Winforton*, Clyro*, Llanbadarnfawr*, (11) Gladestry*, Aberaeron*. Elerch*, (12) Blackbird*. Thrush*, Robin*, (13) St. Simon, St Martin, St. Osmund, (14) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (15) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, St. Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, (16) St. Ignatius, Churchill, Amersham, (17) Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, (18) Somerville, Magdalen, St. Werburgh, (19) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, (20) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (21) Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Shareshill, Ryton, St. Clear, St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecilia, (22) Heyford, Chilton, St. Dominica, (23) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Chrysostum, (24) Nuffield, Wadham, St. Richard, (25) April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, (26) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, (27) Dedworth, Buttercup, Worthington, (28) Primrose, Violet, St. Thomas the Maryr, (29) Snodsbury, Bedlow, Cherwell, (30) Pennywell, Trinity, Weston, (31) Wychbold. Wallflower, Marlow, (32) Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Chinnor, (33) Maseley, Chiddington, Evenlode, (34) St. Adwena, St. Neots, St. Christopher, (35) Grandsire, Daffodil, St. Quintin, (36) Newborough, Bluebell, St. Lucy, (37) St. Helen, St. Anne, Allestree, (38) Longparish, Middleton Stoney, St. Frideswide, (39) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (40) Northrepps, (41) Fortune, (42) St. Augustine.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Gillian E. Lewis	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
John W. Hope	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
Frederick R. Harris	3	Thomas Bound	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* Rung for the first time. (See page 602.) This is the greatest number of methods/variations rung to a peal of Doubles.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Aug. 10 1967, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In ten methods, being nine extents of Grandsire, five each of Daffodil, St. Quintin, Ladbroke, Newborough, St. Helen and Longparish, and one each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Winchendon Place.

*Ann M. Hunter	Treble	‡Elizabeth M. Barber	4
†Brian P. Denmark	2	Leonard R. Porter	5
Roy H. Jones	3	*Robert J. Stokes	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ Tenth peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Fastest on the bells. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	Eric Edmondson	4
Robert E. Hardy	2	*Graham W. Sillis	5
*Corinna A. Smith	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DROGHEDA, Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Cyril Griffiths	Treble	George L. Roobottom	5
John A. Roden	2	John K. Smith	6
Gordon F. Griffiths	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Charles F. W. Eyre	4	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung in memoriam Harold R. Greene (life member), who was the last surviving founder member of the Irish Association, which was founded in 1898. He died on July 1st, 1967.

DONERAILE, Cork.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents and callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Lucy Ann Key	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	4
E. Marion Key	2	John A. Roden	5
Charles F. W. Eyre	3	Cyril Griffiths	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. E. Dukes on completion of 25 years as secretary of the Irish Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Norman R. Mattingley	5
*Malcolm Barden	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
*Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Richard Hayes	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now "circled the tower" three times to peals. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

R. Keith Lister	Treble	John T. Parsons	5
Roy Jolley	2	*Sydney Osborne	6
John P Partington	3	Albert Greenhalgh	7
John Illingworth	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Christopher A. Lomax and Anita Mary Hilton, both ringers at this church, with best wishes for their future happiness. Tenor 14 cwt.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*Michael H. Tompsett	Treble	John P. Partington	5
James E. Andrews	2	John T. Parsons	6
†Roy Jolley	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
†John Illingworth	4	Frank Reynolds	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John Sykes, B.A., who was introduced as priest-in-charge at this church the previous Thursday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

Alastair M. Elliot	Treble	Robert Bindley	5
Samuel J. Haines	2	Edward Guy Slater	6
*Judith K. Morris	3	Raymond H. Martin	7
*Edward C. Cowd	4	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Bob Major.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Robert Bindley	Treble	*Raymond H. Martin ..	4
Hazel J. Nichols	2	Edward Guy Slater ..	5
Edward C. Cowd	3	*Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* 25th peal together. First of Minor "inside" for the ringer of the 2nd.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Richard Bird, who was for many years choirmaster and organist.

BELTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents Surfleet and four Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

John Hunt	Treble	Edward C. Cowd	4
Raymond H. Martin ..	2	Samuel J. Haines	5
Edward Guy Slater	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDWELLTY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Sannon.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Aldridge	Treble	Thomas Yeomans	5
Roger J. Shea	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
John Prytherch	3	Michael Pilgrim	7
David L. Phillips	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Owen, of Pentre, and Ina Annie Rasmussen, who were married during this day at Christ Church, Roche's Point (Keswick), Ontario, Canada, with the best wishes of ringers in South Wales.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWARK, London.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

Jeremy R. Pratt	Treble	Dennis A. Hewitt	7
*Helen Maltman	2	Michael R. Wycherley ..	8
Kenneth J. Rider	3	John N. Lindon	9
Philip J. Evans	4	Colin G. Wright	10
Clifford A. Barron	5	Alan R. Patterson	11
John Phillips	6	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by John Phillips.

* First peal of Maximus.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Ann Willcox (sister of the tenor ringer) to Mr. Alec Tudor, who were married at Shrewsbury on this day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Tues., July 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	John K. Smith	5
*Edward R. Fairbrother ..	2	Richard C. Warrilow ..	6
Richard J. Clifton	3	*Frank Beech	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Patricia Rogers	Treble	James T. Clay	5
Andrew E. Crowe	2	Richard W. R. Coates ..	6
*Edwin R. Goate	3	Ralph W. Bickers	7
George W. Howlett ..	4	Clive W. Longden	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* 100th peal as conductor. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

GNOSALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 six-scores. 15 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

E. Marion Key	Treble	Cyril Tabberner	4
Pamela E. Key	2	Ian Friend	5
Barnabas G. Key	3	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung as birthday compliments to Barbara Wiggin (21) and to celebrate her engagement to Keith Perry; Lucy Key (18); Valerie Keay (13); and a welcome to Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Alan Foster (tower treasurer), born on July 1st.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Old and Kennington. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
John R. Scott	2	Frank R. Morton	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Sapsford, whose induction took place on July 25th.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb.

*Gillian M. Hoar	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
†Patricia A. Copas	2	Aidan E. Butcher	5
*Ruby M. Myllys	3	*Edward C. Hoar	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Gillian Hoar and Mr. Victor Roberts, of Chesham.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Aug. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

David J. Marshall	Treble	Kilby R. Holtom	6
Barry E. Saunders	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	7
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Patrick I Chapman	4	Alan A. Paul	9
Hugh M. Johnson	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by David J. Marshall.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROADCHALKE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Michael J. Carter	Treble	Neil Skelton	4
Philip Young	2	Reginald T. Jones	5
Denis G. Chalk	3	Bert Marshallsay	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

First peal for all except the conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Alan G Kirk Solbert ..	Treble	Sandra Goodship	4
George W. Pipe	2	Alan R. Bridges	5
*Alan R. McDonald II ..	3	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal.

Specially arranged for the ringers of treble and third, who are members of the Groton School Guild, Mass., U.S.A.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*†Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Douglas Thorp	5
David S. Lockwood ..	2	*Irvin Slack	6
Alan Clifton	3	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	7
Alan Newbould	4	*Ian North	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Patricia Lockwood.

* 25th peal together. † First peal as conductor.

LIVERSEDGE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	*Michael Johnson	5
*Alan Clifton	2	Irvin Slack	6
*David S. Lockwood ..	3	*Rodney Stephenson ..	7
Alan Newbould	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ian North.

* First peal of Little Bob.

IRISH QUARTERS

DUBLIN.—At St. George's, on July 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Saarsteiner (14 years) 1, Hilary Thick (first "inside") 2, C. Reede 3, D. McEndoo (13 years) 4, P. Brown 5, D. Taylor 6, F. Dukes 7, N. Harding (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. A wedding compliment to the tower conductor and his bride, Adrian and Hilary Doak.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Thick 1, H. W. Jones 2, C. J. Reede 3, P. W. Brown 4, W. T Farrell 5, R. I. George 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, H. H Brown 8. On the heavy eight. For Matins, and a compliment to R. I. George, on his election as president of the Cathedral Society.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of St. George, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lucy A. Key 1, G. F. Griffiths 2, J. A. Roden 3, C. Griffiths 4, P. Brown 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, J. W. Dyke 8. For evening service.

DROGHEDA. — On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Saarsteiner (first attempt) 1, L. H. Taylor (first "inside") 2, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 3, Hilary Thick 4, D. H. T. Taylor 5, C. J. Reede 6, N. V. Harding 7, G. McGregor 8.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Aug. 7th, 1,320 Mixed Doubles (six methods): D. Evans 1, E. J. Evans (first "inside") 2, P. Jones 3, J. Clatworthy 4, D. G. Kerley (first as cond.) 5, G. E. Kerley 6. First in six methods for all and on the bells.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, E. Lee 3, J. Brain 4, C. Kortwright 5, L. Childs 6.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wheeler (first quarter) 1, F. Branchflower 2, T. Hancock 3, A. Knight 4, W. A J. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer, and 50th anniversary of the conductor's first quarter peal, Halse, 1917.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jean L. Kimber 1, Juliet S. Stoy 2, R. J. Talbot 3, F. D. Jennings 4, N. Thomson 5, L. A. Bance (first in method) 6, R. J. Cook 7 S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, R. Tipper 2, Lesley Read 3, B. Johnson 4, C. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On July 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: M. Whittell 1, D. J. Derrick 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, A. Munnings 4, N. R. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob: Mary Christian 1, A. Munnings 2, D. J. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Whittell 4, A. Bridges 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6. For Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM. — On July 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Mansfield 1, Miss B. Mansfield 2, J. Linnell 3, R. A. Vickers 4, C. Gough 5, W. A. Yates 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 2.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. For Evensong, and with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Fagg, for their golden wedding. Also a wedding compliment to Christine Key and Tony Fisher.

CARMARTHEN, CARMS. — On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Rogers 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Stella Lewis 3, A. F. Walters 4, J. P. G. Webb 5, Rev. R. Thomas 6, L. H. Jenkins 7, R. C. Warburton 8. For the induction of the Rev. D. Hywel Davies.

CHIGWELL HOUSE, ESSEX.—On July 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Wright 1—2, D. Ellisdon 3—4, J. A. Acres (cond.) 5—6, K. Warner 7—8. First of Major "in hand" for all except the conductor. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the ringing of the extent of Bob Major.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Netherton 1, Margaret A. Phelan 2, G. W. Shanks 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, J. R. Pratt 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung for the Corpus Christi procession, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Shanks.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Upton 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, J. Jeffrey 3, G. H. Humphrey 4, M. Parry 5, T. Mitchell 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. K. Phillips 1, W. W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, F. Wigmore 4, G. J. Mann (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Ruth Peckover (the Vicar's daughter) and Michael Chilvers.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Martin, on July 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Mortimore (first of Major) 1, K. Burgess (first "inside") 2, Sally Parrott 3, W Parrott 4, T. Skilton 5, J. C. Davidge 6 J. Munton 7, P. J. Munday (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Sally Hooper and Michael Kingsley, an engagement compliment to John Helder and a 21st birthday compliment to Keith Burgess. Also on July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Porter 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Parrott 3, Jill Oakshot 4, Felecity Hamilton (first on ten) 5, T. Skilton (first of Royal) 6, J. C. Davidge 7, M. Elliott 8, R. D. Mills 9, P. J. Munday (cond.) 10.

FORDINGTON, DORSET. — On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bryant 1, Miss M. Lush 2, E. H. Amey 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, A. I. Chew (first quarter) 6. For Hardye's School commemoration service.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Putt 1, Elvey Humphries (first quarter) 2, D. Putt 3, Myrtle Groves 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5, F. Dumbrell 6, A. Wood 7, H. Starmer 8. First in method for all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Phyllis Howard, a ringer here for many years.

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—On July 16th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: C. Milner (first quarter) 1, A. C. Banton (cond.) 2, N. Hildred 3, Susan Mitchell 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, S. P. D. Burnett 6. For Evensong. Also on July 23rd, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): C. Milner 1, Margaret C. Woolley 2, C. J. Groome 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, J. Woolley 5. For Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sandra Weaver 1, Jennifer M. Durston 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, I. P. Cox 4, R. J. Hawkins 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 5. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Eastmann, and to welcome Mrs. Eastmann home from a spell in hospital. Also on July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Green (first of Minor) 1, G. Pomeroy 2, H. Hawkins 3, Sandra Weaver 4, R. Weaver 5, R. Hawkins (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Sheila Mary Owen-Jones, married to the Rev. Michael John Bennett at All Saints', Southbourne, this day.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Towne 1, Mrs. F. Ross (first "inside") 2, P. Towne 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. T. Jordan 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,440 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Griffiths 1, F. Kelly 2 E. C. Crewe 3, T. Holmes 4, C. C. Roberts 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6. A farewell quarter for the conductor.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, Claudia A. Critchley 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, A. Carveth 4, A. Locke 5, G. W. Critchley 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8. A compliment to Helen Hobbins and Raymond Haines, married at this church earlier in the day.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 6th, 1,250 London Surprise Major: J. N. Lindon 1, Mrs. B. G. Pipe 2, Miss A. E. Fellows 3, J. Insley 4, R. Aldington 5, S. W. Barton 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, C. A. Barron 8. For Matins.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. P. Turner (aged 12, first Triples) 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, B. R. White 3, M. Journeaux 4, F. A. White 5, T. P. Franklin 6, E. J. Smith 7, P. Beacham (first quarter) 8.

LODERS, DORSET. — On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bryant 1, P. R. Board 2, J. W. Marshall 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears 6.

LONG BREDY, DORSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. W. Marshall 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Holland 1, R. A. Vickers 2, G. Orchard 3 H. Stopp 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, W. H Yates 6. Also 1,440 Cambridge Minor: G. Orchard 1, J. Linnell 2, R. A. Vickers 3, F. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. Both for the Festival of Maids Moreton.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 6th at the Church of All Saints, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Cantrill 1, M Barden 2, W. T. Grice 3, J. T. Mannering 4, S. A. Wigg 5, L. Head (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, A. D. Macfadyen (cond.) 7, F. C. Hogan 8, B. F. L. Groves 9, G. Evenden 10. First on 10 bells 2 and 5. For Evensong.

MICHELDEVER, HANTS. — On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Symes (first quarter) 1, M. Palmer 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, G. Whitear 6. Birthday compliment to treble ringer.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Hedges (first of Minor) 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. G. Edgson 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. John Clarke, mother of five past Newbold ringers. Also on July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and All Saints): Julie Hopkins 1 A. G. Eveleigh 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. A farewell to the Rev. M. K. Tailby (curate) and Mrs. C. Tailby, who are leaving for Stratford-on-Avon.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W. Ring 4, E. Clifton 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Julia A. Fellows 1, R. E. Hardy 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Mrs. K. Hardy 4, W Little 5, G. Dodds 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8. For Evensong. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Perry (first in the method) 1, G. Penney (coud.) 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, Mrs. K. Hardy 4, M. D. Frost 5, G. Dodds 6, G. Ridgeway 7, R. E. Hardy 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Perry.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE. — On July 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Griffiths 1, S. Jones 2, E. C. Crewe 3, G. Case 4, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 5, J. T. Tilston 6. For the induction of the Rev. J. R. Alford.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. M. J. Odlum (first quarter) 1, C. T. Clarke 2, E. T. Dibble 3, M. J. Stone (cond.) 4, J. J. Ford 5, G. Nabb 6.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Cooper 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, E. Dalingwater 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, J. R. Whitham 6, F. J. Jackson 7, R. E. Price 8. For Sunday service.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Costar 1, M. Turner 2, A. Cantwell (cond.) 3, Susan Cantwell 4, B. D. Costar 5, C. Cantwell (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells by a local Sunday service band. For Flower Festival. Also on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Timms 1, A. Cantwell 2, M. Turner (cond.) 3, W. Clarke 4, B. D. Costar 5, C. Cantwell 6. For Evensong Festival service.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss M. Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, E. Fosberry 3, R. P. Wood (cond.) 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. Cherriman 6. For Flower Festival.

TREDUNNOCK, MON.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Colleypriest (first of Minor) 1, P. Williams 2, R. J. Hall (first of Minor "inside") 3, G. Wilkinson 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wells 1, Toni M. Rogers 2, C. Nunn 3, A Ballam 4, J. Underwood 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A welcome to Simon Rogers, son of Janet and Robin Rogers, born July 28th.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX. — On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Lovell (rst quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss E. Campbell (first "inside") 3, Rev. J. B MacGowan 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. Rung by the local band as a 16th birthday compliment to David Poulter, ringer at this church.

WOOL, DORSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. H. Amey 1, R. A. Bryant 2, J. W. Marshall 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Tidwell 6.

WORCESTER.—At St. Swithun's Church, on July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. B. Bell 1, M. J. Robinson 2, P. C. Hassan 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, D. G. Franklin 5, C. J. Pickford (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong by the King's School Society.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Symonds 1, W. C. Shute 2, Miss M. Lush (50th quarter) 3, T. F. Collins (cond.) 4, J. W Rose 5, B. S. B. Kear 6, E. H. Amey 7, G. J. Goringe 8. First in the method by all except 2 and 8.

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BEW—POWELL. — On Saturday, August 26th, 1967, at noon, the marriage will take place at Christ Church, Esher, of Catherine Powell and Michael Bew, both late of Brighton, now ringing in Colchester. A peal will be attempted in the morning before the wedding, and there will be no general ringing immediately prior to the ceremony. All ringing friends very welcome to join in the ringing after the wedding. 2101

MARRIAGE

DAVEY—SARTAIN — On Thursday, August 3rd, 1967, at the Tudor Hall, Frank H. Davey to Ann Sartain. Present address: 67, Le Froy Road, Norwich. 2107

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HARRIS. — The address of Mr. F. L. Harris is now: Lytham House, Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. 2125

ORME.—As from August 18th, Jill and Michael (plus Philip's) new address is: 9, West Court, Goldington Green, near Bedford. As yet no phone; coffee available, as always. 2104

SHORT.—Ron, Audrey and Malcolm have now moved to: 1, White Barns, Middle Street, Puriton, near Bridgwater, Somerset. 2112

PERSONAL

SHORTER.—News wanted of Francis C. Shorter, one time ringer and chorister at St. Lawrence Jewry, City of London. Please contact George W. Fogden, 19, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent. 01-777 7646. 2102

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Brewood (8)	1.00–4.00 p.m.
and after tea until 8 prompt.	
Wolverhampton (12) ..	2.30–3.30 p.m.
Tettenhall (8)	7.30–9.00 p.m.
Penn (8)	7.30–9.00 p.m.

C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec., Stafford Archdeaconry Society. 2136

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Annual Ringers' Sunday, September 3rd
Ringing, 7-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5-6.30 p.m.
Special ringers' services: 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Matins, 6.30 p.m. Evensong Preacher at Evensong Canon Gilbert Thurlow.
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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Surprise practice, Wellington, Saturday, September 2nd, 7-9 p.m.—R. H. Newton. 2148

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5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

Everybody, especially ringers, most welcome.
New Romney 3353. 2025

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 21st, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. Guest of honour, the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The Washington Film will be shown. Tickets (15s.) and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 2114

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION.—Saturday, September 23rd, at Kimpton; programmes available shortly. Entries, please, as soon as possible, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 2088

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Whitby on September 16th. Committee meeting at 3.30 in St. Mary's Church. Service 4.15. Tea at the Mills Cafe, Baxtergate, 5. There is a choice of fish and chips (4s. 9d.) or sandwiches (4s. 6d.). Please state choice when sending names to Miss G. Barkel, Clyde House, Spitalbridge, Whitby, by Thursday, September 14th. The business meeting will be in the cafe, and a new rule about travelling expenses will be put to the vote. Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner will be available. Bells: Pickering (8) 11 a.m.–12 noon; Fylingdales (8) 2–3.30 and after the meeting. Whitby (10) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Parking near St. Mary's, Whitby, will be free for ringers who state their purpose. 2111

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

will be held on Saturday, September 2nd, at

WEST HADDON

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Spratton (5), Clipston (5)	11.00–1.00 only.
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Marston Trussell (5), Sibbertoft (5)	
Welford (8), Thornby (5)	1.00–2.30 only.
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Creaton (6). Hazelbech (8)	1.00–2.30, 6.00–8.00
East Haddon (6), Long Buckby (5) Yelvertoft (5)	2.30–3.45, 6.00–8.00
West Haddon (5)	3.00–4.00, 6.00–8.00
Guilsborough (6)	6.00–8.00 only

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained by the Tuesday previous (August 29th) from Mr. J. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, Warks.

E. BILLINGS, General Secretary.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Brent Knoll on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. — M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 2131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Practice meeting, St. Peter's-in-Thanet (8), Saturday, August 26th. No service. No meeting. Tea available. Bells available from 3.30. 2117

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Monthly practice at Hambledon-on-Thames, Saturday, August 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. All welcome.—Miss Hague.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Hartest, Saturday, August 26th, Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Garwood, The Green, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 2041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Estern Division.—Practice meeting, Bodiam, Saturday, August 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing finishes 8 p.m. Tea break 4.45 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 2096

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Freshwater, August 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names to Anne M. Guy, Afton Road, Freshwater. 2065

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Chesterfield, August 28th, Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield, **without fail, please.** All welcome.—M. Phipps, A. King, Secs. 2080

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall for those who notify Mrs. P. Humphries, 11, Jubilee Road, Cheam (Tel. 01-642 4224). Further ringing after tea. 2093

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Sileby (8), Wednesday, August 30th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2106

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Marsden, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 2.30. Practice method. Lincolnshire Surprise Major. Names for tea to Mr. R. Scawthorn, 45, Woods Avenue, Marsden, not later than August 30th. 2140

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, Preston Plucknett, Yeovil (6, 11 cwt.), September 2nd. Bells 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after with bells until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Taylor, 67, Preston Road, Yeovil, by Wednesday previous. — Mrs. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 2073

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Pavenham (5), Saturday, September 2nd, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea 5.15 Park Lane, Sharnbrook. Sharnbrook (6) from 6.15 p.m. Names must be sent to Miss B. Lovell, 26, Townsend Road, Sharnbrook. 2138

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Farnborough (6), September 2nd. Bells 3–4.30 and 6–8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Coventry Delight. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa. 2141

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Southminster on September 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 2137

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ockham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after for those who notify Mr. D. Lodge, 1, Ash Grove, Guildford, by the previous Wednesday. Send (6) will be available in the evening. 2130

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Worfield, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than August 30th. 2118

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kington District.—Autumn meeting and practice, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Knebworth (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 6.30 p.m. Bring the kids—let them run around in the park.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2103

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Sutton, Hillcrest, Hermitage Road, Higham, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 2082

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly and committee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Burnley (8), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (4s. each) to Miss M. Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley (Tel. 21909).—F. Reynolds. Gen. Sec. 2032

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint Blackburn Branch meeting and Association half-yearly meeting at St. Peter's, Burnley, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. until tea and afterwards. Tea at 4.45 p.m., and Branch business meeting (if any) to follow. Names for tea must be sent to Miss M. J. Smith, 103, Ormerod Road, Burnley (Tel. 21909) by **Wednesday.** Branch target methods: Little Bob and Stedman. A few "Ringing World" copies of July 28th, 1967, still available.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 2108

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—H. R. Preston, Hon. Sec. 2121

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at St. John the Divine, Leicester, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, by Wednesday, August 30th. (Tel. Leicester 824857). Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 2057

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Horncastle (6), September 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs. E. Bennett, Cemetery Lodge, Horncastle. Lincs, by August 29th.—R. Reynolds. Hon. Sec. 2067

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Ditchingham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 2071

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hanslope (8), September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to D. Taylor, 30 Long Street, Hanslope, Bucks, by August 30th—B. R. Eglesfield, Hon. Sec. 2139

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead (8) on September 2nd at 6 p.m. 2146

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Practice meeting, Corfe Mullen Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) available 7 p.m.–9 p.m.—J. Robertson, Branch Sec. 2095

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Thorne, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, before August 31st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2110

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The final for the Crawford Cup will be held at Barton, Saturday, September 2nd. Draw takes place at 2.30 p.m. Gotham bells also available from 3 to 4.30 Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham, by August 30th. 2075

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Turner's Hill (8) on Saturday, September 2nd, for beginners. Rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. E.G. 23815. 2134

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting at Gorseinon (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea please, to J A. Hoare, 6. Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by August 26th. 2072

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice at Lelant on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3.15 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 2142

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Binsted, September 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells after tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Monday, August 28th.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, SO3 6 FE. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 2122

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.— Practice meeting, Stoke Prior (8), September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Also Wychbold (6) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, August 30th. 2115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Stanton Harcourt, Monday, September 4th, 7 to 9 p.m. 2113

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QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, Coventry, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, W. Stote (cond.) 4, R. Winter 5, I. D. Thompson 6, P. Stone 7, L. M. Callow 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate the silver wedding of the conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Capstick 1, W. Wall 2, J. Dickinson 3, G. Temby 4, J. Bagnall 5, K. Price 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, N. Newby 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burles.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Tidwell (first quarter) 1, J. W. Marshall 2, R. A. Bryant (first "inside") 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (50th quarter, 25th as cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Y. Herbert-Jackson 1, W. Kerr (first as cond.) 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, W. Gibbons 4, I. Lamb 5, I. R. Nichols 6, G. A. Packer 7, E. J. Holloway 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, R. D. Hodges (first of Major) 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, L. W. Allen 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Patterson 7, Rev. M. Hart 8. For Evensong, and to welcome Rev. Michael Hart to the parish.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. G. East (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Crosby 2, M. L. Mann 3, D. Surman 4, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 5, D. G. Crosby 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. Butterworth.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fisher 1, H. Gummer (cond.) 2, J. Hughes 3, L. Tucker 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Abbott 6. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service for Leonard James Noad, J.P.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 6th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal: M. Sutton (first on ten) 1, Miss J. E. Davidge 2, M. A. New 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, W. Merritt 5, R. Hulme 6, E. E. Gosling 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the Rev. Michael Pain, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

TRULL, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Hayek (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, Mrs. M. Kerslake (first "inside") 3, R. F. Ascott (cond.) 4, B. G. Vine 5, L. Hayek (first quarter) 6. For the ruby wedding anniversary of Harry Churchill (tower captain) and Mrs. Churchill, married at this church July 27th, 1927. Hearty congratulations.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. H. Langley 1, Mary Carveth 2, P. J. Came 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, T. R. Roast 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A compliment to Sheila Scales and David Henson, married in the Cathedral the previous day.

WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith Ariss (first quarter) 1, P. Stone 2, Caroline Mackie 3, R. Winter 4, P. H. Mackie 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6.

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THE GREAT ABBEY OF WYMONDHAM

THE nave of the great Abbey at Wymondham, Norfolk, was filled to overflowing for the hallowing of the new ring of ten bells on July 29th by the Bishop of Thetford. The address was given by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council. The congregation included Mr. J. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and officers from the four branches of the Association.

After the service of dedication and during the ringing, in which a number of representative bands took part, some 150 ringers and friends were entertained to tea provided by the Wymondham ringers, their wives and helpers.

In his address, Canon Thurlow said the value of Christ's teaching and example about giving is nowhere better illustrated than on this day and in this place. Here stands this great and glorious building through the centuries, a demonstration profoundly moving in the hearts of all who come to it, of what is giving to those who give.

What a waste it all was, from the point of view of Judas Iscariot, who said money was wasted when spent on something lovely. William d'Albini, who in 1107 gave this land and began this building, could have farmed it and made money instead. William Plomer, who gave 6s. 8d. to the bell fund in 1535 and John Drye, who gave it 20s. in 1538, could easily have done the same.

Those who gave new bells here during the Commonwealth (of all strange periods) and other donors down to the Bailey brothers in 1903 who completed the eight, and the Wymondham and Attleborough Round Table and other generous donors who have completed the ten this year, could easily have done better with their money, from the world's point of view.

INHERIT GENERATIONS OF SERVICE

Those who gave up profitable work to become monks in the Abbey need not have done so. Those who during eight centuries have given a vast untold tale of wealth and service and skill and love to maintain this place need not have done so. But they have done so, and we inherit a tale of generations of service, of giving, of glad working together, beyond all reckoning. "Give and it shall be given you" has been and is today the inspiration leading to the existence of this place.

A place like this shows what happens when men serve with their money. But even finer is the giving of service. How well this has been done in the past here. Ringers through the years have given freely of their skill to bring the tower to life. Musicians in the choir and organists have done the same, so it is today. We have here the result of the dedication of the finest skills of the 20th century in the strengthening of the tower so that it is now far stronger than ever before. Our bellfounders have cast us far finer bells than we have ever had before. They are tuned and hung in a way which shows the 20th century can produce in all these respects far finer work than any previous period.

"THE FINE GOLDEN THREAD"

I prophesy that the joy of giving service will continue here in the future as in the past. Do not be discouraged by those who say the Church is falling, the masses are deserting it, God seems dumb, His worshippers desperate, His prophets disheartened. . . . So, in a world where that which Wymondham Abbey stands for is despised, there will continue, I believe, the spinning of the fine golden thread of God's purpose amid the murky surroundings of men's selfishness; God's message will penetrate through the bells, to friend and foe and indifferent alike, and to all who heed the message and give of their service there will be given them the joy of life lived as Our Lord desired, more abundantly.

Mr. T. E. Spight adds a footnote: "It was a pleasure to welcome and make way for a band representing the Whitechapel Bell Foundry—to them we say a special "thank you" —and again thanks, Bill and Trevor, for a job well done."

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Towers Ringable and Unringable

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inquirer who is too bashful to disclose his identity, there can be no hard and fast rule as to when bells may be classed as unringable, for there will always be those ringers to whom the report that any particular bells are unringable presents a challenge—it may be that they wish to dispel the myth, if it is a myth, or they may wish to show off or simply to add to their tower total, and I must plead guilty to falling into the later category.

As to those towers which are shown in "Dove" as unringable, this means "unable to be rung." By this I do not mean "not allowed to be rung" but physically impossible to ring for such reasons as derelict framework or fittings, tie-rods passing through the wheels or other structural reasons.

If a ring of bells is in such a state that a few days' work is necessary to render it ringable, in my view it is unringable. A correspondent once wrote to me to say that a certain ring was not really unringable as it could be rung if new headstocks and wheels were fitted, which put me in mind of a story I once heard of the man who took a pair of boots to be repaired and, apologising to the cobbler, remarked that the soles were bad and the uppers pretty well gone, but the laces were quite good. By the same argument Coventry Cathedral bells are not unringable, they merely require new fittings and a new frame and, of course, a tower.

The object of describing bells as unringable is twofold. Firstly to save ringers from wasting their time in applying for permission to ring where the bells are not in a fit condition to be rung, and secondly to spare the clergy the annoyance of having to say "No" repeatedly—one such Vicar wrote to ask in effect could the same medium which told ringers he had a ring of bells also please say that they were unfit to ring, as he was becoming tired of receiving repeated applications.

I am aware that certain reported unringable bells have been rung after a fashion, indeed I have myself rung at certain towers where I had been given to understand that the bells could not be rung, and if I can be told of cases where "unringable" bells have been rung properly I shall be only too pleased to delete "unringable" in the next edition of "Dove." I am all for "debunking" accepted unringables wherever possible.

I would dearly like to add "Vicar unringable" in certain cases, but I am not sure how the Law of Libel would apply. Then there is the case recently reported to me where the Vicar has removed the ropes and turned the ringing room into an office, and the Wiltshire six-bell tower where, until the arrival of the present incumbent, meetings were held, but he decreed that the bells were unsafe, and when I asked his permission to ring he told me a cock and bull story about the tower not being insured.

I do not class either of these as unringable in the hope that some day the parsons may receive the call to a more fruitful part of the vineyard and when the respective parishes are rid of them the bells may well be rung once more.—Yours sincerely,

R. H. DOVE.

OBITUARY

MR. C. WOODARD

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Claude Woodard whilst on holiday with his son in Anglesey, North Wales. He had been a member of the St. Margaret's, Ipswich, band for the last 37 years and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

On the day of his funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory by P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, A. Munnings 3, C. Sedgley 4, P. May 5, E. Bloomfield (conductor) 6, J. Morley 7, J. Munnings 8.

STEEL BELLS OF BICKNOR

Dear Sir,—What an interesting omission from "Dove" the ring of five at Toller Whelme seems to be; whoever will ring the first peal there? These bells are somewhat unusual but they are by no means unique. I thought that some ringers might be interested to read of a similar experience we had at Bicknor, in Kent. Here is a very light set of four steel bells, of which I append a description, hung in a dilapidated and isolated church nowhere near a house. Here also is a 30ft. climb to the bell chamber, though there is a fixed ladder in position. The bells hang in a frame for five—they form Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 of such a ring, and they are hung with all steel fittings, even fabricated steel channel wheels.

This leads me to believe—and I am sure that the Hampshire experts would bear me out—that such bells were never intended to be rung in full circle. The Bicknor bells—described in Grayling's "Kent Churches" as a "quackery of steel bells," were cast for the 1862 exhibition, and were purchased after that extraordinary event for Bicknor Church.

Treble.—14⅞in. diameter. Inscribed 8322.
Second.—17⅛in. Naylor Vickers and Co., Sheffield. 1862. 8622.
Third.—19¼in. Naylor Vickers and Co., Sheffield. 2665. Patent (Royal Arms).
Tenor.—20⅞in. Naylor Vickers and Co., Sheffield. 8145. Patent (Royal Arms).

Perhaps someone will one day produce a complete article on the history and productions of the Sheffield Bell Foundry, of whose products Cocks, the Buckinghamshire bell-historian said: "Let us hope that nothing short of the removal of their miserable remains from the towers will check the progress of disintegration," the latter referring to the fact that they were rusting away.

A similar set of bells existed at nearby Wormshill, consisting of two steel and two bronze bells. Three of these bells were sold in 1962, leaving only a single bronze bell, for chiming.—Yours sincerely,

Whitstable, Kent. DAVID L. CAWLEY.

SANDWICH: THE TOWN OF SILENT BELLS—By D. L. Cawley

(Continued from page 601)

The second church in Sandwich of which we shall treat is St. Mary's. Like its companions it also had a central tower, and from what is left of its original architecture it can be assumed that it too was Norman. The early records of these bells are most interesting. The earliest payments are of course for bell ropes, these being specially frequent between 1444 and 1582, but by far the most remarkable entry is a payment in 1464 for a chiming clock which was made in the nearby village of Wingham. At this time there was a ring of four bells known respectively as (tenor) Great bell; (3rd) Mary bell; (2nd) Little bell; (treble) Fourth bell. There was also a "wackerell" or Sanctus bell. In 1516 two clappers were purchased for the tenor, and the wheels were "reset." Presumably these were only half-wheels. One frequent payment at this time is for ringing the bells during thunderstorms; in 1517, for example, the princely sum of 1d. was paid "for bread and drink for the ringers on St. Lambard's day at night when it thundered"; the sexton came off even better—he got 1½d.! After the Reformation Sermons replaced Superstitions; and entries for tolling the "sermon" bell on the "Sabbaoth daye" are not uncommon. By 1639 there were only three bells left; perhaps "Mary" and certainly the "wackerell" had been disposed of for religious reasons. But the others still went by their old names for the "fourth" (which by the old backward notation is the treble) was reported as being cracked.

To remedy this, the wardens called in John Wilnar, of Borden, who made a report which still exists. In it he estimated £16 for recasting the "fourth" bell; but to recast the three remaining heavy bells into a lighter ring of five, taking the remaining metal to his own use, would be only £36. The churchwardens agreed to the latter course, and the ring of five was cast and installed in 1639 and 1640. The wardens paid Henry Wilnar, the founder's successor, the sum of only £32; and also £1 3s. 8d. for the installation of the chimes. Evidently the clock of 1464 was still ticking away merrily.

The period 1660-1670 was a troublesome one politically and otherwise. After the troubles of the Commonwealth, the churchwardens of Sandwich seem to have been slow in repairing their churches As we have seen, St. Clement's lost its spire in 1664; in 1662 St. Peter's tower was described as "cleft or splitt from the very toppe"; and in a terrific gale in 1663 the tower of St. Mary's collapsed into the body of the church. So much for the tower; the bells, however, were undamaged. As only the outer walls of the church were left the whole building was thrown under one gigantic roof; no attempt was made to rebuild either arcades (of which there are still remains) or tower. To pay for the rebuilding, the five bells were sold to the church of Elham, near Canterbury

As late as 1757 Mr. Fausset, the Kent antiquary, was able to note at Elham "5 heavy bells all made by John Wilnar in ye year 1659." Assuming that he misread 1659 for 1639, we may be fairly certain that these were the Sandwich bells. Only six years later they were recast and made up to eight (tenor 16 cwt.) by Lester and Pack, and these are the bells which ring out from Elham Church today. No attempt was made to replace the ring at St. Mary's; in 1718 a turret was built over the south porch, and a bell by Richard Phelps was installed. This cost £14 15s. 11d. No other bells have ever been added, and apart from the recasting of the bell in 1876 by Messrs. Warner there have been no alterations in the tower. The vast church remains with traces of its ancient grandeur; the great roof still remains intact, a veritable maze of timber, and a tremendous piece of craftsmanship; go and see it if you are ever in Sandwich.

(To be continued)

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Highlights of Bristol University Society's Tour

THE usual ingredients of the average "most successful, thoroughly enjoyed by all" bellringers' tour seem to include at least some of the following: "This was a gentle start to a somewhat busy week ahead" or "we set off equipped with a 75-tower itinerary and an ambitious array of duplicated methods" and "Tuesday was our busiest day, and though we passed on at a hair-raising pace we were delayed by a mile-long traffic jam."

None of this for the Bristol University ringers, whose recipe for success is completely different. We travelled on bicycles, which for some seemingly undiscovered reason never find themselves stuck in traffic jams, and wended our way in the most leisurely and enjoyable fashion along the highways and country by-ways of Dorset and Hampshire in a 12-day tour.

The Society at Norleywood (left to right). Top row: Helen F. Roberts, John Milton, Christine Webb, John T. Parsons, Susan M. Evans.
Middle row: S. Clarke Walters, Mary Suthers, Angela Hawes, Mandi McCallion, Maureen Simons, Kay Moore, Richard S. Humphries, Roger G. Havard, R. Ben Walter, Roger Powell.
Seated: Michael G. R. Zobel, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman, Nicholas W. H. Simon, Michael A. Gilbey.

IN AND AROUND SALISBURY

Friday, June 16th, marked the start of the tour, when we visited Woodford, and St. Paul's, Salisbury, before signing in at the Youth Hostel for the week-end. It was with regret that we rang at St. Thomas's at a time of sorrow for the passing of Mr. Harold Roles, for many years the tower's captain. On Saturday we made our way up the Nadder valley, ringing at Wilton and at Barford St. Martin before spending an hour at Dinton.

By Sunday we had been joined by our secretary, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman, Mary Suthers and Clarke Walters, and they brought with them a day of perfect weather. The morning was spent in Salisbury, first at St. Martin's for service (here Bristol Major was a speciality) and later at the 13th century hotel, the Rose and Crown, with lawns set on the banks of the gently flowing River Avon and almost in the shade of Salisbury Cathedral. That afternoon, at Coombe Bissett, a village which boasts of a somewhat awkward ring of six, someone saw the following advertisement on a notice board:—

"For sale, two dinner jackets with trousers.
One tall and slim,
The other not so tall and not so slim."

That evening, after ringing at Britford, many of us found heart and voice for a rousing chorus in the hostel common room, ably accompanied by Mandi McCallion at the piano.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

The first ringing on Monday took place at Downton, where the six provided some delightful music. We were sorry that Mary Suthers had to make a trip to hospital at this juncture, but it was fortunate that her ailment was not serious. We adjourned to the King's Arms for lunch before visiting Fordingbridge, and later we rang at Damerham, where the bells had a beautiful "go." Everyone beat a hasty retreat to the Youth Hostel at Cranborne (in order to secure the best beds), which was our base for the next three nights.

It was here that the Society's Anglo-American relationships were put to some very strenuous tests in the presence of a party of 30 American students. Our bond of friendship was hardly improved the next morning by a display of change ringing in the hostel kitchen. The equipment used included eight saucepans of varying size, age and layers of grease, eight hooks in a line along the wall at shoulder height, two potato peelers, four bottle washers and two hand-brushes. The other hostellers watched in amazement as mutilated Bob Major and a better course of Grandsire Triples emanated from those weird instruments.

A COLOUR CINE FILM

On Wednesday, whilst spending a day with us, Roger Fry placed his Morris Oxford Traveller at our disposal so that the film unit could turn mobile. We set off on the long climb from the Coote Arms, where we had stopped for lunch, and there is no prize for guessing that right from the start of that gruelling climb Richard Humphries appears in the lead. Some of the mentionable highlights include Mike Zobel in the middle of a morning wash, and Pauline Bligh-Cheesman about to be thrown into a stream on one of those twilight walks at Cranborne.

The following day we went farther afield to visit Wimborne Minster, which is a "Royal Peculiar"; to this day it bears the title because in 1318 Edward II declared the Minster his free chapel and as such to be exempt from all ordinary jurisdiction. In the main our ringing here was also beyond ordinary jurisdiction, but the best touch was one of Little Bob Royal. We proceeded leisurely, and after visiting Canford early in the afternoon made our way to Witchampton, a church famed for its wondrous contents.

In this extraordinary church perhaps the most fascinating feature was a door labelled "Parable of the Pitcher." On opening the door, there was a sudden whirring commotion, a flickering of lights, and out of the darkness would suddenly appear a trickle of water gurgling from a pitcher into a silver chalice mounted on a pile of stones and rocks. Filled with awe, we made a hasty departure, only to find ourselves leaving the village by way of a little bridge bearing a notice from the time of George IV saying that anyone damaging the bridge was liable to transportation for life (i.e. to Australia).

On Thursday we all rang at Ringwood and Sopley before cycling to the Youth Hostel at Burley. The hostel is situated in a wooded part of the predominantly open heathland, where the forest ponies roam at their leisure in small groups. After a superb breakfast on Friday, a trip was made to Christchurch Priory, where the magnificence of the church and the bells made this very memorable.

TWO THUNDERSTORMS

Friday was a rough day weather-wise, and in the face of menacing dark grey thunderclouds edging up over the horizon only half a dozen of us braved the cold waves at Milford-on-Sea, eagerly encouraged by Kay Moore, who had had the courage to take a previous swim at lunchtime. We rang at Lymington and, after weathering a ferocious thunderstorm, arrived for ringing at Milford looking more like a gaggle of wet geese than a party of bellringers. Our woes were aggravated at Norleywood Youth Hostel by the catering and air-conditioning arrangements, which proved unsatisfactory.

Undeterred, we made the best of both worlds, and Saturday's ringing was particularly good. Some cycled through part of the New Forest, via Beaulieu, where they called upon Lord Montagu, to Lyndhurst. A welcome and significant addition to our strength was enjoyed on the arrival of Kenneth Darvill and Richard Youdale. By the time everyone was under way to Southampton the heavens opened, thunderclaps resounded over the forests, and lightning flashed repeatedly over Southampton's mist-shrouded chimneys and factories The deluge was fast and furious and water lay inches deep on the main road. But lo, out of the flood rose the sweet pealing of St. Mary's bells, a fine Taylor ten housed in an equally splendid steeple.

On Sunday afternoon came the moment that many of us had awaited eagerly throughout the tour. Ringing at Winchester Cathedral, where the spacious belfry is crossed by large timbers and is walled by gracious stone arches, is a sight which stirs in a person that grand, majestic feeling. The Minster Cafe was a fine spot to say our farewells to Roger Powell, Richard, Clarke, Mary, Kay, Gill and Elizabeth, who had been with us for only the week-end, to the chagrin of at least one gentleman. The rest of us retired to the Youth Hostel, which is housed in the old City Mill. This was an excellent setting to hear a piano recital by Nicholas Simon, whose repertoire included the most rhythmic Spliced Surprise Royal, Spliced Plain and Little Maximus and half-muffled Stedman Triples and Caters.

On Monday we rang at Old Alresford, New Alresford and at Cheriton, where we were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. Mr. Cholmeley. The tour concluded with a brief ring at Twyford on Tuesday morning. We thank Miss Bligh-Cheesman for making the excellent arrangements. J. T. (P.).

Letters to the Editor

YORK MINSTER BELL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—The writer of the article on the "York Minster Bell Window" is, I think, mistaken when he describes the other panel at the bottom of the left-hand light as showing the tuning of a bell.

This does, I believe, depict the earlier form of bell moulding as described in an earlier manuscript by Theophilus in "De Diversis Artibus," where the core mould is built up on a tapered oak spindle running between two trestles and, when dry, this core is used as the foundation for building up a full-size model of the bell in wax, which is carefully shaped and decorated. It is this latter process, I think, which is shown in this particular panel of the window. At a later stage the wax is invested with clay and allowed to dry, then heated, which process melts out the wax, which is collected, and into the space left by the wax the metal is poured after burying the entire mould in a pit to prevent it from bursting.

This whole process is very fully described in the book I have just mentioned, which has been retranslated and edited by C. R. Dodwell and published by Nelson and Sons in 1961.—Yours sincerely,

DOUGLAS HUGHES.

London, E.

"FILLET"

Dear Sir, — Under "Modern Glossary Wanted" (page 588), the question is asked "Why is the sally called the fillet in Cornwall?" One might, of course, wonder why it is called the sally across the border!

I cannot think of any reason for the latter. There is perhaps a possibility for fillet in a Cornish word for a sheepskin coat. But that begins with a P and not F. It is pretty far-fetched but there is just a slight resemblance.

I never heard of a sally until I crossed the border, and thought it rather silly; but it has spread into Cornwall with the advent of change ringing. Like everything else Cornish, we easily get laughed out of our ringing peculiarities. And "Stand" is now probably more common than "Up next fillet."

Here is another for the query "Sets Light" "Sets Tender." In Cornish towers I have heard "she sets dry" or "sets hard." That comes from rick buildings, where the side of a rick is "dry" if it does not stick out far enough and "hard" when too far.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helston, Cornwall.

ACCURACY OF COMPOSITION PUBLICATION

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice by Mr. D. Knox that a comment in my earlier letter on this subject (page 323) is only partly correct. I refer to the composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major by Richard J. Parker in the issue of December 30th, 1966 (page 868). There is repetition of the second lead of the fifth course, the same lead occurring after the second bob at fifths, in the seventh course. This repetition, of course, occurs in each part. Perhaps the composer would be good enough to enlighten us on the correct composition.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney, S.W.

EXPEDITING THE END?

Dear Sir,—Whether or not the 5.30 a.m. peal was fully muffled and rung with the Vicar's consent, there can be no doubt that such actions are regarded by the Press and non-ringing public as absolute madness.

Moreover, I recently heard of a tower where, after a peal rung by a visiting band (which, incidentally, followed quite a long false start), some drastically altered rope ends were thoughtlessly left for the local ringers to correct.

Further, it seems "The Ringing World" columns nowadays are crowded with bickering items, often over trivial and non-essential issues.

All too frequently we hear of silent towers, unsupported clergy, empty churchts—often amidst towering, crowded blocks of tenements or flats—small wonder one often hears it opined that, be it another generation or so, the end of our art is well in sight.

Acts of lunacy, selfishness, thoughtlessness, continual back-biting, the grossly illegal false peal reports—all of these can do nothing but expedite that end!—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park, Liverpool.

RUNG 35 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—The extent of Spliced Minor by Mr. Threadgold (page 468) was rung at Lamberhurst on January 1st, 1932. The methods we rang were Kilndown Alliance and Belvedere Little Bob.

The composition and methods were sent to me by the late Mr. A. G. Driver.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see Mr. Chant's extents for methods in Groups J/M but was struck by the lack of balance between the methods.

Some years ago I was asked for an extent of Court, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Hereward and produced that given as No. 306 in the Collection of Minor Methods. This extent can be adapted to accommodate Groups J/M only, as indicated below.—Yours sincerely.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

	23456	M
	56342	M
	42635	M
	35264	M
S	64253	J
	32564	J
—	64532	M
	32456	M
	56243	M
	43625	M
	25364	M
—	64325	J
	53264	J
	42653	J
S	35642	J
	26435	J
	54326	J
	63254	J
	42563	J
—	63542	M

42356

Twice repeated.

Note.—Group J/M methods are those where the lead-end is 65432. For Group J second's place is made, and for Group M sixth's place is made.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—Some two or three weeks ago a correspondent wrote for information re the bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-West and I waited for someone with far more knowledge than myself to answer the letter.

Fifty years ago my father and I occasionally stayed with W A Alps and his wife (when we were in London), who were caretakers of a block of offices in the vicinity of St. Dunstan's.

W. A. Alps, known as the "man of few words" because he could talk at knowledgeable length on any subject, suggested during one of the week-ends that we get permission to ring for Evensong at St. Dunstan's. This he did and we rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by that old London stalwart Challis F. Winney. I can remember W. A. Alps, T. Langdon, H. Langdon, R. Newton, my father and myself ringing, but cannot remember the eighth ringer.

It was the only time I was in the tower and I cannot even remember any other ringing at the tower (although, of course, there may have been), but I still have an impression that they were a good old-fashioned eight of about 22 cwt., but again I am open to correction. However, I did ring on the bells, and this is all the information I can give your correspondent.—Yours sincerely,

W. HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

INSURANCE OF HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—The "Late News" item on page 595 (August 18th) should raise the question of insurance of handbells by many of those who read the item concerning the theft of 21 handbells.

When I started to build up my own set of of handbells, which now total 23, I had them insured against theft.

The policy covers their location whether in or out of the home and the annual cost was £1 for a value of £100. With the rise in cost of material, I recently had the bells revalued, and the sum of £170 would now be required to replace the set if it were stolen, therefore I am having my policy amended.

Under an ordinary "Home" policy, the bells, or for that matter any property which is stolen from a motor car or outside the home, is not ordinarily covered unless the policy has been specifically endorsed.

I would strongly recommend those who own their own sets of handbells to have them revalued and adequately covered against theft under all circumstances, i.e. within the home and out of it, whether in a motor car, in the belfry or on loan to friends.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Sir,—I must take issue with you over the announcement in the issue of August 4th (page 552), that the correct place to thank local ringers, etc., is in the Personal Column. Surely the right way to thank people is to write a letter to them personally and enclose a donation to their belfry fund. Under no circumstances can an impersonal notice in "The Ringing World" ever replace a personal letter even if it does help the finances of the paper.—Yours sincerely,

D. E. SIBSON.

Putney, S.W.

Note.—We agree with reader Sibson, but add that a paragraph at the end of the report is not the proper place for an expression of thanks to people who do not see the journal.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

M.U.G.S. Sample 23 Towers in Devon and Cornwall

THE West Country, with its narrow lanes and steep hills, ice cream and cream teas, beer and pastry, provided the venue for the 1967 summer tour of the Manchester University Guild. After last year's highly successful tour on barges it was decided to rough it again—this time on a caravan site, which Stephen and John found at the happily-named North Morte, in Devon, so called, apparently, after the number of ships that have come to grief on the rocks of this peninsula.

Most of the party met at Evercreech, Somerset, on Saturday, July 1st, where some fair ringing was achieved on the ten bells. Another carload had arrived by the time the 12 at Taunton (which we found difficult) were tackled and some rather undistinguished ringing resulted. We fared much better at South Molton (8), however, and the sight of a crate of empty beer bottles in the ringing chamber seemed to convince some that another visit sometime might be worthwhile. And from South Molton it was back to the cars again to cover the remaining 40-odd miles to the caravan site, which was shrouded in a dark sea mist

Sunday, however, dawned bright and clear—but, please, not handbells at 7 a.m. After morning ringing at Ilfracombe we were free from ringing until Evensong at the other Ilfracombe church, where we joined the local band.

The North v. South cricket match in the afternoon resulted in a resounding victory for the North by 50 runs to 46, despite being outnumbered by seven to six. Jim proved to be the North's hero, ripping through the South's tail with two beautiful run-outs.

BEST RINGING

A touch of Grandsire Caters at Minehead (10) on Monday provided some of the best ringing of the tour. In the afternoon Dunster (8) was visited and then the cars set off in various directions over and around Exmoor. A series of misfortunes rendered a Devon cream tea somewhat of a farce for eight of us, but notwithstanding the mauve coloured boiling water that arrived for the pot, we all managed to meet for an evening ring at Lynton (6).

Tuesday found us in and around Exeter. The first stop was at Cullompton (10) and then on to the Cathedral, where the lack of experience on 12 bells for most of the Guild was again only too apparent. Chris turned the tenor in and the look of delight when he perfectly struck the 7-8 down dodge was one not to be forgotten The heavy eight at Crediton were tackled before the long journey back to the site.

The Guild has a long history of lost peals on its summer tour and on Wednesday it began to look as if 1967 was going to be no exception for after Pilton and Braunton has been visited in the morning an attempt for Spliced Minor at Morthoe in the afternoon came to grief ten minutes from the end of the last extent, when a rope broke. Georgeham (8) provided a fine start to an evening which ended with the girls soundly thrashing some of the boys at skittles.

Thursday, and into Cornwall. The long draught and springy ropes at Kilkhampton (8) (where the group photograph was taken) made handling difficult and an attempt to ring call changes in true West Country fashion proved to all concerned that it is not as easy as it might sound. The eight bells at Stratton were some of the best we rang during the whole week. The rest of the afternoon was spent sightseeing and Clovelly (6) was added to our list of towers on the return journey. A barbecue, of which much had been hoped, proved an expensive flop, but spirits were cheered in the usual way before everyone returned to the site.

PEAL HOODOO BROKEN

The peal hoodoo was broken at last on Friday at Appledore, when an excellent peal of Yorkshire was rung, whilst the rest of the party rang at Bideford. The long journey over to Tiverton in the afternoon proved well worthwhile, for the eight there were the best of all on the tour.

No little difficulty was encountered on Saturday in being out of the caravans by 10 a.m. Some of the party left fairly early but the majority stayed another night in the area. Yet another cream tea was inevitable for those who stayed, and a rather charming waitress brightened still further (for some) an already glorious day. Old Cleeve (8) proved a bit of a handful, but after a couple of false starts a fair course of London was rung. On Sunday morning the local band at Bridgwater were joined for morning service on their fine eight before those still remaining wended their way home.

All in all it was a most enjoyable week. The best ringing was achieved in the peal, as might be expected. In some towers the ropes were much longer than we were accustomed to and the striking suffered. Twenty-three towers were visited, which proved just about ideal. Thanks must be extended to all incumbents, to the local ringers and, of course, to Stephen and John for their excellent organisation.

D. J. J.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS and friends gathered at Bubwith (4), Eastrington (6) and Goole (8) for the August meeting of the Eastern District. Holidays and perhaps the switching of the date may have affected the attendance in the afternoon but more members arrived after tea at Goole.

We were very grateful to the Vicar of Eastrington for permission to ring, and the local ladies for serving such a splendid tea at fairly short notice, also the curate at Goole, the Rev French Chang-Him (from the Seychelles) for conducting Evensong at Goole.

Welcome visitors were the Association's general secretary, W. F. Moreton, and family, and Peter Payne, from Chiddingfold, Surrey. Also present were Mr. H. Rodmell (87) and Mr. T. Goodin (86), of Sutton-on-Hull, who though deprived of the annual "old members" gathering and cake, were presented with gifts of assorted fruit from Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole. There was also fruit for Mr. Atkinson, of York, and Mr. L. Rodmell, of Patrington.

New members elected during the business meeting were Mr. R Moxon (Wetherby), Mr. J. Leary (Hedon) and Mr. P. Payne as non-resident life member. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

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Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 602)

SIX-LEAD SPLICE

This is similar to the three-lead splice, the important differences being:

(a) As its name implies, six leads are selected throughout the 720.

(b) There is only one fixed bell

A list of six-lead splices is given in the C.C. Collection of 1961 but the two 720's in Fig 11 will suffice for our present purpose

In both 720's the 6th is fixed bell in the six-lead splice; it is 4ths place fixed in (i) and 5th place fixed in (ii). In both cases it is the pivot bell making 5ths at the half-lead. On examination it will be found that the 6th carries out the same duties in the 6-leads that are introduced that it would have done in the original method In both 720's there is also a 3-lead splice present; Hull Surprise in the first 720 with the tenors fixed in 2nds and 5ths place, and Clarence in the second 720 with the same two bells fixed in 2nds and 4ths. It is not difficult to construct the 2nds place variations of the two 720's in Fig. 11.

Fig. 11

(i) 9 methods		(ii) 6 methods	
23456	Balmoral	23456	Neasden
56342	"	— 64235	"
42635	Sandal	52364	Bacup S.
35264	Balmoral	43652	Neasden
— 64235	Hull S.	— 26435	"
35426	Balmoral	54326	"
— 26435	"	— 63542	Clarence
35642	Sandal	25463	Bacup S.
42563	Balmoral	34625	Neasden
— 63542	"	56234	"
42356		42356	

Each twice repeated.

PARKER'S ARRANGEMENT

If two regular methods such as Neasden and Old Oxford or Primrose and Cambridge Surprise are 6th and 2nds lead-end variations of each other, and they have either the 5th as pivot (as in the first two methods) or the 3rd as pivot (as in the last two), then they can be spliced together in an arrangement which was first made by J. W. Parker.

J. W. Parker's Arrangement.

Fig. 12

720 (i)

23456	Cambridge Sur.
— 35642	"
42563	Primrose Sur.
26435	"
63254	Cambridge Sur.
54326	"
— 42635	"
35264	Primrose Sur.
— 56423	"
62534	Cambridge Sur.
34256	

Twice repeated
3rd Pivot

720 (ii)

23456	Neasden
64523	"
— 35642	"
26435	Old Oxford
42563	"
54326	Neasden
63254	"
— 42635	"
— 56423	Old Oxford
45362	"
34256	

Twice repeated.
5th Pivot

In 720 (i) (Fig 12) with the 3rd place bell as pivot the order of leads in each course is 2nds, 6ths, 6ths, 2nds, and in 720 (ii) with the 5th as pivot, 6ths, 2nds, 2nds, 6ths. In both cases the two courses are linked together by a bob made by the tenor, the 2nd bob returning the bells into the course from which they started (plain course in the first part). The 3rd bob in each part is simply a "shunt" bob, whose purpose is to prevent repetition (e.g. the bells would come round at the end of the first part without it) The 720's could be regarded as six courses of similar pattern with a shunt bob in alternate courses. the first course starting at the beginning of its 4th or 3rd lead.

The 6th in either of the arrangements never makes a 6ths place or lies a 2nds place at the lead-ends. This knowledge, which is very useful for the conductor. can also be of assistance to other ringers. If in doubt as to whether a 2nds or 6ths place lead-end is coming up, a glance at the position of the tenor may help. If the 6th is finishing the slowwork or in a position to move to the treble and go into slowwork there must be a 6ths place lead-end, if the 6th is in a position to dodge in 5–6 it must be a 2nds place lead-end. The only remaining position is when the 6th is the bob-making bell, in which case neither 2nds nor 6ths is made.

In the early stages, or indeed at the later ones when the occasion demands, the conductor can be helpful by calling out the necessary instructions such as "Seconds" or "Sixths" as the lead-end comes up. Mr Wilfrid Moreton contented himself (and his band) with the words "With" or "Without."

Fig 13

720 IN FOUR SURPRISE METHODS

23456	Cambridge Sur.
— 45642	Norfolk Sur.
26435	Ipswich Sur.
42563	"
54326	Norfolk Sur.
63254	"
— 42635	Cambridge Sur.
35264	Primrose Sur.
— 56423	"
62534	Cambridge Sur.
34256	

Norfolk and Ipswich Surprise may be introduced between the first and second bob in each part if desired (see Fig. 13). They have the same changes in a course as Cambridge and Primrose, but as they have a fifth pivot instead of a 3rd the order of the leads is changed, as can be seen by comparing the two complete courses in the 720's in Fig. 12.

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QUARTER PEALS

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer J. Tayler (first quarter) 1, Jane M. Dennis 2, G. J. Tayler (first "inside") 3, H. D. Taylor 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. J. Talbot 1, Kathleen Chilcott 2, Jean Kimber 3, Juliet Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, R. J. Cook (cond.) 6, F. D. Jennings 7, S. P. Kimber 8, P. E. Darby 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10. For Evensong, also to welcome the birth of Philip Trevor Clark and a wedding anniversary compliment to Jean and Stewart Kimber.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 5th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): R. Russell 1, J. C. Hudson 2, R. N. Scholes 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4. For the wedding of Ronald O'Connor and Ann Helsdon.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,420 Plain Bob Doubles: T. A. Hiller 1, D. B. Ellery 2, R. Williamson (first "inside") 3, Angela Quick (first in method) 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, J. Krsmanovic 6. Rung in memoriam Bertram Elsworth, died July 10th, 1967.

CHARING, KENT.—The Charing band have rung the following quarters: Little Chart, Kent, April 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Catherine Robbins (first quarter), A. J. Robbins (first "inside"), P. M. Bradford (cond.). Little Chart, Kent, July 28th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) Yalding, Kent, July 29th 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): P. M. Bradford (cond.). Wateringbury Kent, July 29th, 1,272 Minor (Kent and Oxford): P. J. Bagshaw (cond.). Charing, Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Bagshaw (cond.). Charing, Aug. 3rd, 1,272 Minimus P. J. Bagshaw (cond.). Charing, Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) Charing, Aug. 6th, 1,296 Lightfoot S. Major P. J. Bagshaw (cond.), first blows in the method by all the band.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. N. Willis 1, Miss C. Neville 2, Miss G. Perry (cond.) 3, Miss J. Darby 4, G. Walker 5, P. Dickinson 6. For Chigwell School speech day service.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, A. V. Pearson 2, B. Drew (cond.) 3, F. Bennett 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, V. Parton 7, J. Courtman 8. Rung before Evensong and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Weston, on the occasion of their golden wedding. Mr. Weston has been a member of Claverley Church choir for 60 years.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Bennett (first quarter) 1, C. Stevenson 2, G. Marchant 3, J. Britchford (cond.) 4, D. Fowles 5, Miss K. Tebbutt 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 30th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. P. H. Moorby (first Triples) 1, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 2, N. G. T. Steere 3, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 4, K. Taber 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, W. F. Oatway 2. On the middle eight for Evensong. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Taber 1, R. Davies 2, G. Fisher 3, F. Mitchell 4, N. Brown 5, G. H. Humphries 6, A. Brown 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. On the back eight for Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. N. Norris (first of Caters) 1, Mrs. C. F. Hughes D'Aeth 2, P. T. Dale 3, Mrs. E. Lancaster 4, H. A. Bradbury 5, D. Laud 6, T. Norris (first of Grandsire Caters) 7, R. G. Bell 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, I. R. Lloyd 10. Rung immediately prior to the wedding of Mr. David Hibbert and Miss Pat Brereton, both members of the local band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At the Parish Church of Emmanuel on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary G. Gage 1, R. Kenrick 2, J. Elliott 3, Marion J. Glover 4, Doreen Hunter 5, R. A. Gage 6, M. E. Snape (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8. For morning service.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On July 9th 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Jane Chapman 2, Caroline Cole 3, June Whitcher 4, R. J. Chapman 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. Hawkins 8, R. Durrant 9, A. J. Slade 10, I. L. Dear 11, J. S. N. Porter 12. For Matins. Also on July 23rd, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: J. Hoath (first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, Laura Grindrod 3, R. J. Chapman 4, I. L. Dear 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, R. Durrant 7, M. C. Austin 8, J. S. N. Porter 9, R. E. J. Dennis 10. For Matins.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: W. A. Hollamby 1, Alan H. Long 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, R. A. Grant 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First of Surprise 2 and 4.

History of Surprise Peals on Handbells

By Robert B. Smith

(Continued from page 599)

PART II (1931 ONWARDS)

IT is surprising that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on handbells was not rung until 1933, 32 years after the first peal of Surprise on handbells. It was rung by members of the Hertford County Association and was conducted by Harold Cashmore. They followed up the ringing of Cambridge with peals of London—seven of them in a row. In 1935 this band rang the first peal of spliced "in hand," London and Cambridge, and by 1937 they had increased the number of methods from two to six. During the years up to and including 1945 no new methods were rung to Surprise peals on handbells but it would be wrong to imagine that progress was not being made. More peals were rung during the years 1935 to 1945 inclusive than during the previous 35 years, mainly by one band, but by now 12 different ringers had taken part in these peals; provision was being made for the future.

The year 1946 saw the first peal of Yorkshire on handbells by the Hertfordshire band, who rang as follows: Henry Hodgetts 1–2, Christopher W. Woolley 3–4, Harold G. Cashmore 5–6, Frederick W. Brinklow 7–8. These four ringers had now rung more than 25 Surprise peals on handbells as a band over a period of some 15 years and were still "going strong."

LEICESTER—A NEW DIMENSION

A new dimension in Surprise ringing on handbells came into being in 1947, when the Leicester band came up with a peal of Cambridge Royal "out of the blue," so to speak, as none of the band had previously rung a peal of Surprise on handbells. The band was: Walter P. Whitehead 1–2, Jill Poole 3–4, Harold J. Poole 5–6, Albert Ballard 7–8, Edward R. Whitehead 9–10. The peal was conducted by Harold J. Poole, who soon had the band ringing further peals of Cambridge Major and Royal and, by September 28th of the same year, Cambridge Maximus, the 6th ringer being Peter J. Staniforth. Before the end of the year three of the band had completed peals of Surprise from Minor to Maximus, actually in a period of just over eight months. With bands in two centres now ringing Surprise peals, 1947 became an historic year for another reason; it was the first year in which the total reached double figures, when the number was 14.

We had to wait until 1950 for further developments, although peals were now being rung at a much higher rate than previously. The Hertford band increased the number of Surprise Major methods from six to eight, then nine. In the same year the Leicester band rang Yorkshire Royal and they too were bringing new members into their band. By 1953 the Hertfordshire band had rung a peal in 16 Surprise Major methods, which was to remain the record until 1964. The 1950's generally were very quiet from the point of view of new milestones being passed. One exception to this is that a band ringing Surprise Minor peals had started up in Hampshire and had increased the number of Minor methods to a peal from seven to ten by the end of 1956. Odd peals from other than the familiar areas began to creep in with peals in Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire.

Up to the end of 1960 a total of 165 peals of Surprise had been rung on handbells over a period of 60 years. By the end of 1965 this total had increased to 333—an increase of over 100 per cent in five years! Why the sudden explosion? It is true that the great majority of these peals have come from the two main bands, i.e. the Middlesex/Hertford band and the Leicester band. We find, however, that no less than ten Guilds or Associations have been credited with these peals, involving some 38 ringers, showing that more people are now taking part in these peals than ever before.

PROGRESSIVE PERIOD

One might think that with an increasing number of peals being rung people are being conservative in methods they attempt but from the following it will be observed that new fields are being conquered each year. In 1961 the Leicester band rang a second peal of Cambridge Maximus and followed this up with peals of Maximus in the following methods in 1962: Yorkshire, York and New Cambridge. The year 1963 took over where 1962 left off, with a peal of New Durham Maximus and 10,440 Cambridge Royal being rung by the same band. The Hertford band in the meantime had increased the number of Surprise Minor methods in a handbell peal to 31. They were on the move, too, with a number of people taking part in peals of Spliced Surprise Major, and it was only a matter of time now before they would surpass the 1952 record of 16 methods. Towards the end of 1963 the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal was rung by the Leicester band, although they tended to ring new methods rather than spliced.

In the three years 1964–67 the scene has been dominated by the Hertford/Middlesex band, which has taken the Spliced Surprise Major record from 16 to 25 and the Spliced Surprise Royal record from two to six. Peals of London Major and Bristol, in addition to the spliced peals, appear quite regularly, and it is good to see that new names keep appearing in the columns. What does the future hold for Surprise ringing on handbells? One could speculate, but I would just say that it now looks brighter than ever before!

(Concluded)

A choir of over 50 bellringers will lead the singing and render an anthem at the Three Counties Festival at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, September 16th. The anthem, "O thou sweetest source" (Wood), will be sung. A dinner and social evening will be held in the Albion Restaurant starting at 7.15 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Christopher T. Osenton has "circled the tower" to peals at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, on four occasions.

A strange coincidence means that confusion could ensue. Both this year's and last year's secretary of the U.B.S.C.R. live in the same road in Wheathampstead.

Congratulations to Mr. Arthur G. Mason on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung at Crayford on August 19th, 1917. He returned to Crayford on the anniversary day and rang in a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the occasion.

Mr. W. Viggers has had a week in Aldershot Hospital following an accident, when his motorcycle skidded over a manhole. He was rendered unconscious and had ten stitches inserted in his head. Will is now back at work, checking up (among other things) details for the 1968 Diary.

With the peal of Bob Minor rung at Westbury-on-Trym, Mr. D. John Hunt has now rung peals at all 22 towers within the Bristol City boundary that are allowed for ringing. The only ones that now remain unconquered are St. Thomas's (8), which were last rung in 1961 and where the frame is unsafe, and All Saints' (8), where the tower is reputed unsafe and the bells were last rung in 1951.

Correction.—The names of the ringers of the 5th and 6th in the peal at Deptford (see page 540) are given in the wrong order. The peal was composed by J. R. Pritchard.

The footnote to the peal at Rodmersham (page 590) should be under Mountsorrel, Leics (page 589). The error was made in transpositions after the pages had left the Editor, and were apparently unchecked due to a holiday-depleted staff.

After spending nearly a year in Israel and surviving the Middle East war, Jane Holden (15) returned to Jesmond to ring her first quarter peal of Minor. She rang remarkably well considering her long absence from ringing in her relatively short ringing career.

In a comment on the peal at Barking, Suffolk, Mr. Frank C. Price writes: "It was a first-class peal, very well struck. The American lads showed us what they can really do on church bells—yet another compliment to Russell S. Young, who taught them."

According to "The Sentinel," the magazine of the Ely Diocesan Association, there are 102 women members of the Association. Wisbech leads with 33 women and girls, followed by Huntingdon (30), Cambridge (26) and Ely (13).

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MOORLYNCH FESTIVAL

A peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Moorlynch, Somerset, on Sunday, August 6th, on the occasion of the Festival held to mark the 650th anniversary of the induction of the first Vicar.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells and the Archdeacon of Wells rode to Moorlynch on horseback from a neighbouring village to commence the Festival, and their procession, dressed in mediæval costume of the 14th century approached the church as the peal came to a successful conclusion.

Costume was worn by the villagers throughout the week of festivities and included lady ringers with wimples, long robes and flowing sleeves; rather a mixed blessing when handling a bell!

The bells were rung each evening and at the end of the play "Six Bells for Moorlynch," an embroidery of fiction and fact, which was written specially for the festival. The Lord Abbot once offered a ring of bells to the first of the "Seven Sisters of Glastonbury" (seven villages on the Polden Hills forming one parish within the jurisdiction of the Abbey) to have three births and three deaths within its boundaries, and the play unfolds the story of how Moorlynch won her fine ring.

Altogether it was a grand week, enjoyed by local ringers and Bridgwater Branch helpers alike.

A No. 1 ISSUE READER

This week we had a nice letter from Mr. W. T Cox, who is leaving Burbage, Leics, to live at No. 5, Hinton Road, Gloucester. Now 85 years of age, he has been a reader of "The Ringing World" since its No. 1 issue. He was then a member of the band at St. Nicolas', Guildford, and rang with Mr. Jack Goldsmith on many occasions.

Mr. Cox started ringing at Dunsfold, Surrey, under the tuition of Arthur Bartlett, of Chiddingfold, but most of his change ringing was done in Coventry with Messrs Perrin, Perrens and Roberts. His last ringing tower was in Gloucester, where he had to give it up through heart trouble.

Looking back, he reflects: "I wonder more young people don't join the ranks. If they only knew how fascinating it is! With best wishes for the future of 'The Ringing World.'"

TRAINING QUARTERS AT BLACKBURN

The Blackburn Branch, to give a little extra practice combined with good striking to ringers who are beyond the "beginner" stage but not quite "experienced" ringers, is arranging a series of quarter peals in which only one such ringer participates with a good band.

The first of the series, a quarter of Kent T.B. for Ian Smith, of Darwen, was unfortunately lost through a miscall on the part of the conductor not far from the end. Mr. John Pilkington sends, through us, his apologies to Ian "as he rang so well." The second, for Douglas Deakin, was successful; he will now no doubt remember to make "places up" in the future.

RINGING AT EXPO 67

Mr. Paul L. Taylor has recently returned from a visit to Canada. In the British Pavilion at Expo 67 he had a surprise. There was a model of an English church with a wedding in progress. Looking through the window into the belfry one saw eight ringers in action and from the tower emerged the strains of Stedman Triples. "It was a very good model," he told "The Ringing World."

ENTHUSIASM IN BEDFORDSHIRE

August generally tends to see a big drop in attendance at meetings, but the evening meeting at Haynes on August 12th was very well attended To see so many enthusiastic learners was most gratifying, and the Ringing Master (Mr. C Mann) catered admirably for their capabilities and also for the wants of the more experienced ringer who dared to try many of the more obscure Doubles methods.

Next meeting: Ampthill and Maulden, September 9th. L. E.

SITE OFFER NOT ENTERTAINED

An offer in the region of £250,000 for the site of St. Peter's Church, Harrogate, from a firm of developers has been turned down. The Archdeacon of Leeds, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, issued a statement that the offer would not be considered. While the church stands on what must commercially be one of the most valuable sites in Harrogate, it is really the only central Anglican church in the town, states the "Harrogate Advertiser."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

The election of 17 new ringing members was the notable feature of the meeting held at Isleworth on August 5th. Seven of these were from Chiswick, where the new band is making good progress, and the others were from Bedfont, Ealing, Sunbury, Twickenham and Uxbridge. The meeting was also pleased to elect as an honorary member the Rev. W. J. Davies, Vicar of St. Mary's, Twickenham, whose bells are shortly to be rehung.

On a sadder note, the meeting stood in memory of Mr. F. A. Finch, who had at one time been District secretary. It was also disappointing to learn that because of complaints Feltham bells will no longer be available for peals or meetings, although the louvres are well boarded and the sound of the bells is often drowned by the passing traffic, trains and aircraft.

Ringing on the bells of Isleworth was enjoyed in the afternoon and evening, and the meeting expressed its thanks to the Vicar and Mr. H. W. Rogers, tower captain, for the use of the bells and Church Hall, and to the ladies who prepared the fine tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable meeting with the Barnsley and District Society was held on August 12th. Ringing began at Wortley (8), where trouble with the chiming hammers delayed matters a little. The six at Hoylandswaine were also put to good use prior to tea—an ample spread—at Penistone..

The vice-president of the District welcomed all present, and the District warmly approved his suggestion of sending its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moxon and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew King on the occasion of their recent marriages. The committee is to work out a further programme of practice meetings when it meets on October 7th at Rawmarsh, but two interim practices were announced—Silkstone (6) in September, and Wath-on-Dearne (8) in October.

Visitors were present from Burnley (Lancs), Heckington (Lincs), Lowestoft (Suffolk) and Brighton (Sussex) and the evening concluded on the excellent octave at Penistone.

Next District meeting: November 18th—Rawmarsh (8). Thrybergh (6) and Eastwood (8) (provisional).

IN DEFENCE OF FRAMSDEN RINGING

Another letter in defence of ringing Framsden bells appears in answer to Mr. Salmon (see page 604) in the "East Anglian Daily Times." This was from Mr. C. S. Bloomfield, of Hemingstone, Ipswich. He writes:—

"It is pretty obvious that he knows very little of the art of campanology. Framsden bells were there long, long before he ever lived at Framsden and were rung by many famous ringers, the Wightmans among them.

"I would suggest that these bells are not rung nearly as much as they ought to be and certainly not more than four hours per week, which is not much out of 168 hours, so who is selfish?

"I would remind Mr. Salmon that the present holders of the shield for striking for Suffolk come from the Framsden district, with Mr. L. Brett, of Framsden, as captain. Perhaps when the bells ring they remind your correspondent of the existence of the Church, and it makes him feel uncomfortable."

Another letter in defence of bellringing is from Mr. Alan J. Page. He writes:—

"As a Liberal and a free-thinker, I strongly object to this unjust criticism of freedom of thought and action and of what is also an old English art. Mr. Salmon's mind is so biased that he even finds it necessary indirectly to attack the village church.

"Long may they stand and long may their towers project the age-long message of tolerance, peace and goodwill towards men. If Christianity has inspired nothing more than the erection of these lovely, ancient buildings and beautiful music, then its message has not been in vain."

"THE SENTINEL"

Another attractive issue of "The Sentinel," the newsletter of the Ely Diocesan Association, the work of Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, of 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, has been received. This is a photo-litho production and sales equal about one-third of the membership of the Association.

It has a coloured, hand-painted cover of the steeple of St. Mary Magdalene's, Warboys, and the story of its bells is featured.

Also there is the story of the Grand Old Man of Warboys, Mr. James Clack, who is now 88 and began ringing at the age of nine or ten. Unfortunately an accident last December has broken a record only a little short of 79 years. This includes having rung during six reigns, at the coronations of four monarchs, and victory peals after the South African and two world wars. Practically all his ringing has been done in his own parish church. Jim has indeed set a wonderful example of loyalty at home.

"The Sentinel" is sold at 2s. a copy. It is essentially a "labour of love," but what a lovely love! Good luck, Trevor!!

CROSSWORD No. 4

The winner of Crossword No. 4 was Mrs. N. Marshall, 22, Myrtle Drive, Kirkham, Preston, Lancs, who has been awarded the prize of 10s. The solution was as follows:

Across.—1 Superlative, 10 Apple, 11 Neighbour, 12 Partaking, 13 Chain, 14 Rounds, 16 Arteries, 18 New Rates, 20 Boston, 23 Wield, 24 Double Bob, 26 Odd or Even, 27 Natty, 28 Call it Round.

Down. — 2 Upper, 3 Emerald, 4 Lentil, 5 Triggers, 6 Vehicle, 7 Jasper Snowdon, 8 Royalist, 9 Brings and Buys, 15 Unwieldy, 17 Red Devil, 19 Andorra, 21 Orlando, 22 Gurnet, 25 Baton.

MR. D. BERESFORD'S PEAL WEEK

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
SEATON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Gregory.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Brenda M. Davies	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Nicholas J. Davies	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in the method.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Kenneth Newman	7
John R. Pratchett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*†Jane Foster	2	††Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Susan J. Newman	3	‡John R. Pratchett	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal.

BRADPOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 9 lb in F.

Jane Foster	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Kenneth Newman	7
John R. Pratchett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
25th peal and first of Surprise on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MOORLYNCH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Alan G. Kent	Treble	D. Keith Lane	4
*Graham Nabb	2	Michael J. Stone	5
F. A. Keith Prime	3	Ronald D. Short	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the opening of the Moorlynch Festival to mark the 650th anniversary of the institution of the first Vicar, Walter de Strete, in 1317.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Basil Jones	Treble	*Robert B. Smith	6
Alan McFall	2	†J David Atkinson	7
Derek F. Yates	3	William H. Dowse	8
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Frank Osbaldiston	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 150th peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal "inside."

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb. in F.

Derek Yates	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	William H. Dowse	6
J. Colin Ashworth	3	John H. Fielden	7
David V. Hodgson	4	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Carol Fernley, of the local band, which took place earlier in the day.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Frank Osbaldiston	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
Robert J Warrilow	3	Basil Jones	7
Alan McFall	4	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung in honour of the wedding of E. Christine Townend, of the local band, and David C. File, which took place earlier in the day.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Derek F. Yates	5
*John Jessup	2	Basil Jones	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Michael J. Platt	4	Alan F. Scholfield	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Jeffrey Brannan.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Chester, (7) Carlisle. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Caroline Stewart	Treble	David J. Midgley	4
Harold Dowler	2	Norman Sherratt	5
Charles A. S. Webb	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent Cambridge Surprise, two extents Kent T.B., one extent Oxford T.B. and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Diane Bentley	Treble	Christopher Jones	4
Reginald W. Worrall	2	Harry W. Howard	5
David Godfrey	3	A. Gordon Lawrence	Tenor

Conducted by A. Gordon Lawrence, except the 7th extent by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Pamela, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Howard, and Roy Griffiths, who were married at this church on Saturday, August 12th, 1967.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*David O. Knewstub	Treble	Thomas R. Sharp	5
*Mary G. Wilkinson	2	Kevin A. Hughes	6
†Valerie M. Jones	3	Anthony M. Faulkner	7
*Jane R. Fransella	4	‡Dennis Ellisdon	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung to celebrate the wedding, prior to the peal, of Anne Margaret Martin, daughter of the Vicar, and Seville Robert Brooks.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Sidney C. Easter	5
John A. Clark	2	Ian V. Foster	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Patrick Cross	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by James L. Towler.
* Has "circled the tower" twice to peals.
Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Frederick White, for many years ringer and chorister at this church.

BENTLEY COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Victor J. C. Dale	Treble	Barbara Fisher	4
Harry Turner	2	Ronald J. Brown	5
*Helen Copperthwaite	3	Frank Southwood	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Minor and on an "inside" bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,344 Bristol, 864 each London and Rutland, 768 Ealing, 672 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 137 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Harold Evans	Treble	*Richard Hayes	5
Tony Lewis	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Ann Jenner	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of six-spliced. First of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	John W. Smith	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Percy J. Spice	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of Arthur G. Mason's first peal, which was rung on these bells on August 19th, 1917, conducted by the late E. Barnett, sen.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Harold Evans	5
*Paul J. Dye	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6
*Ann Jenner	3	*Stanley Jenner	7
*John A. Howard	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.

*D. Paul Smith	Treble	Ian H. Oram	4
†Robert Edmondson	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*John Pladdys	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Michael H. O'Callaghan.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob "inside." First peal as conductor. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer E. Pearce	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*Jennifer L. Quaife	2	John Pladdys	5
D. Paul Smith	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung on the Feast of St. Lawrence, Martyr.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Richard L. Jones	Treble	Tony Lewis	4
Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Timothy G. Pett	3	John Pladdys	Tenor

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Minor. First of Surprise as conductor. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FLIXTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek Yates	2	Dennis McCormick	6
Alan J. Brown	3	Alan McFall	7
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung as a "get well" peal for the Rector, the Rev. J. G. K. Freeborn.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 [illegible] SURPRISE MAJOR

*John Ridley	Treble	*John Elliott	5
*Martin Snape	2	*Thomas Hesketh	6
*Keith A. Walpole	3	*Denis Jones	7
*Eric Cook	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.
Rung for the centenary of the formation of the Borough of Southport.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	Richard Grant	6
David Wilford	2	Shirley Burton	7
Ernest W. Rawson	3	E. Alan Jacques	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	William J. Root	9
Jack P. Kesterton	5	John Bramley	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
The conductor's 150th peal on these twelve bells.
Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Sidney Rudge, A.R.C.O., deputy organist at Leicester Cathedral, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

PECKLETON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick, (2) Newcastle, (3) Sandiacre, (4) Northumberland, (5) Carlisle, (6) Chester, (7) Munden.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Christopher M. Sturgess	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	4
Michael E. Brown	2	Robin A. Gilliver	5
Stephen C. Wells	3	Brian L. Burrows	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Alnwick, (3) Ipswich, (4) London, (5) Bourne, (6) Surfleet, (7) Norwich. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. Harold Dove	Treble	Christopher M. Sturgess	4
Robin A. Gilliver	2	Stephen C. Wells	5
Brian L. Burrows	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Milne, daughter of the treble ringer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Fri., Aug. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Yvonne Brook	Treble	Harry Barnes	4
Henry P. Collin	2	†Clive W. Brook	5
Walter Weston	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by [illegible].
* First peal of Minor. † First in three methods.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Daphne M. Weston and Mr. Robert Burwell at Sleaford Parish Church. Miss Weston, a member of the above Guild, is the daughter of the ringer of the third.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EVERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 124).

EVERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., July 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

Raymond J. Ballard	Treble	Walter Sherratt	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Roy Worrall	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Dennis Latham	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. Yates, Vicar of Kidsgrove since 1950.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Charles A. S. Webb	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
Hilary F. Pardoe	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Dennis Latham	4	*Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* 100th peal together.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Raymond J Ballard ..	Treble	F Hector Bennett	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
*Caroline Stewart	3	*David J. Midgley	7
*T. Felicity Webber	4	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Superlative. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Mon., May 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being two extents of Stedman's Principle, four extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two extents and one 240 (Morris's) of Grandsire and eight extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Utton	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
*Winston S. Girling	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Richard C. L. Brown ..	3	†Keith Rowley	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. L. Brown.
* First in ten Doubles methods. † First peal, first attempt.
Rung as a "welcome home" tribute to Sir Francis Chichester.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Richard A. J. Bower ..	4
H. William Barrett	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
David Cubitt	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F Bailey.

PASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

A. Frederick Boyce	Treble	H William Barrett	4
Richard A. J. Bower ..	2	Gilbert E. Larter	5
Walter Ayre	3	Rev. Peter N. Bond	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sun., Aug. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.

Thomas J. Brock	Treble	Anthony H. Roberts ..	4
Diane Toone	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Stephen F. High	3	Winston S. Girling	Tenor

Conducted by Winston S. Girling.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 9 lb. in F sharp.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HINTON WALDRIST, Berks.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods: Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge, Buxton and Pinehurst, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Jonathan R. Rowson ..	4
Anne M. Carpenter ..	2	A. Keith P. Poole	5
Catherine A. Salter	3	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
First peal in 12 methods for all the band.
Rung to mark the birthday, on July 21st, of the ringer of the third.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Martin and All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

R. M. Heyworth	Treble	G. R. Mordaunt	5
N. H. Leslie	2	F. A. White	6
B. Wakefield	3	B. R. White	7
D. A. Leslie	4	J. R. Mitty	Tenor

Conducted by B. R. White.
Rung for the forthcoming marriage of Miss B. A. S. Waller and Mr. D. A. Cook.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Murray A. Coleman ..	Treble	Edward C Buckby	5
Philip Bosworth	2	Kevan J Chapman ..	6
Barry Care	3	John G. Mitchell	7
Sheila J. Staley	4	*Richard J. Cowley ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Ann E. Chettle and Terry G. Smith, who were married at St. Mary's, Rushden, on Saturday, August 5th.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Buxton and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Brian R. Danby	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	Peter C. Randall	5
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	3	Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* Most Minor methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Simon P. Rogers	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	4
Arthur F. Walters	2	Richard L. Underwood ..	5
Derek H. Walters	3	David P. Griffiths	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor, in the [illegible].

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

John Hartless	Treble	*David Wilson	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	2	Alec W. Fry	6
Dorothy T. Gardiner ..	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD
BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., May 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being two extents of Stedman's Principle, four extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire and eight extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb in G.

*Stephen Bedford	Treble	Richard C. L. Brown ..	4
*Adrian Knights	2	Michael J. Parker	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	*Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.
* First peal in ten Doubles methods.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 9½ lb. in A.

*Michael Baldry	Treble	†Andrew Ellis	4
Stephen Bedford	2	Vernon Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung for the christening of Christopher Mark Jones, son of Jeffrey Jones, a ringer at this church.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NUTFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Christopher F Mew .. Treble	Julie S. Armstrong 4
*Janet M Hudson 2	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Jennifer E. Pearce 3	Brian J. Bull .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Michael Hart as assistant curate at St. Mary's, Putney.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

E. Sybil M. Tonkin .. .. Treble	Robert C. Woodward .. 4
David R McLean 2	*Ian V. J. Smith 5
E. Winifred Keys 3	John G. Hallett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J Smith.

* 75th peal.

Rung as a farewell compliment to John and Jean Hallett, shortly leaving for Canada.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

DYFFRYN, near Neath, Glam.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.
Tenor 12¾ cwt

Benjamin Williams .. .. Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 4
Alwyn R. Lewis 2	John M. Hughes 5
Gwyn I. Lewis 3	*Hubert Williams .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to David Richard Jones, first grandson of the conductor.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb.

Derek K. Knowles .. .. Treble	Anthony P. Smith 4
Rev. A S Roberts 2	Harry Griffiths 5
Eric E. Speake 3	Morley P. Tobin .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr 25 lb in F

Jennie Taylor .. .. .. Treble	Shelagh R Collins 5
Frances Fairbank 2	James R Taylor 6
Anne B. Speed 3	Denis A Bayles 7
Alan Griffin 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 16 lb. in E.

Alan Newbould .. .. Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
John Potts 2	Ronald R. Warford 6
Michael R Meadows .. 3	H. David Holland 7
J. Paul Coad 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Quickest peal on the bells.

(The Beverley and District Society)
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb in E.

*Mrs. F. Ross .. .. .. Treble	C. L. Digby Munday .. 5
*John R. Leary 2	†Roderick R Horton .. 6
†Robert H. Jordan 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
Stephen K. Thompson .. 4	Ronald Ducker .. .. Tenor

Composed by G H. Beever. Conducted by John R. Leary.

* First peal attempt. † First of Major.

KEIGHLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A.

H. David Holland .. .. Treble	J. Paul Coad 4
Arnold Cole 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Alan Newbould 3	John Potts .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen K. Thompson .. Treble	Howard C. Palmer 4
Graham K. Smith 2	J. Paul Coad 5
Roderick R. Horton .. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., July 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2	Edward J. Beer 7–8
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3–4	Frank J. Matthews .. 9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6	*John W. Gander 11–12

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs R. B. Smith on the birth of a daughter, Lisa Jill, on July 19th, 1967.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being nine methods rung in the following seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Hereward Bob, (4) Windsor, Single Bob II, (5) College Little Bob, (6) Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court Bob, (7) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley 1–2	Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6	

First peal in nine methods by all. The conductor's 25th peal "in hand."

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Melvyn J. Price, brother of the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge, Northcourt Road.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*†‡Jonathan R. Rowson .. 1–2	*†Christopher I. Rowson .. 5–6
*Michael C. E. Hodge .. 3–4	James R. White 7–8

Arranged and Conducted by James R. White.

* First peal on handbells. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First of Major.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Sun., June 11, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne O. Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6	

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 7200 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising ten different extents. Tenor size 27 in A sharp.

Susanne O. Sargeant 1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3–4
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5–6	

Longest length by all the band.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHARMOUTH, Dorset.—At the Coach and Horses Hotel.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

Edgar R. Rapley 1–2	Dennis Beresford 5–6
Joan Beresford 3–4	Peter M. Wilkinson 7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
Umpire: John R. Pratchett.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKETTY, Swansea, Glamorgan.—In the Belfry of St. Paul's Church.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in F

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

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY—On August 12th.

CHERITON, HANTS.—1,360 Minor (nine methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, J. Hartless 4, D. C. Jackson (cond., 100th quarter) 5, T. Matcham 6.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (rung alternately): G. M. Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, J. S. Hopwood 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (12 methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Susan V. Banks 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. S. Hopwood 6.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, J. S Hopwood 3, Susan V. Banks 4, T. Matcham 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on July 23rd, 1,260 Walsingham Alliance, Little, Double and Plain Bob Minor: D. C. Henderson 1, M. C. E. Hodge 2, L. P. Halling 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5 C I. Rowson (cond.) 6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R. for the school leavers' service, and as a farewell to the music staff, Messrs. J. G. Cullen and P B. Billington.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Milward (first as cond.) 1, C. Himms 2, F. W. James 3, A. C. Freeman 4, H. C. Milward (first "inside") 5, H. C. Kent 6.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sue Walker 1, W. S. Rice 2, P. J. England 3, M. Dodson 4, G. Hebden 5, R. Rice 6, D. Yeo 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8. First in method by all except 7 and 8.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 5th, 1,272 Double Bob Minimus ("in hand"): G. I. Lucas 1—2, K. I. Lucas 3—4. A wdding compliment to Miss S. Spearing

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on July 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Dawson 1, S. Bateman 2, J. Collard (first in method) 3, F. J. Sampson 4, B. Martin 5, T. Newlands 6, D. Rennolds 7, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.—On July 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Schofield 1, W. Carbutt 2, H. Rusby 3, G. Hancock 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For the wedding of Mr. C. Moxon and Miss C. Saville at Westerham.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Collins 1, Patricia Hill 2, J. Priest 3, J. Collier 4, P. Privett (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6. Rung on St. Lawrence's Day.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,399 Doubles (eight methods): S. Bateman 1, P. Williams 2, D. Rennolds (cond.) 3, T. Newlands 4, W. Willans 5, J. W. Collard 6. Most methods for all.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 1, D. Ralls 2, Janet A. Pullen 3, Mrs. V. A. Copleston 4, P. J. Bloomfield 5, R. E. Copleston 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, G. C. King 8. First quarter of Stedman for all except 1 and 7.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Avril Smith 1, I. L. Dollins 2, Susan Barker 3, S. Bridge 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First "inside" 2 and 3. Rung by a local St. Peter's band as a compliment to the daughter and son-in-law of the Vicar (Canon G. Davies).

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Adrienne Gibson 1, R. E. Fentiman 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, Sally Parrott 4, W. Parrott 5, S. Warren 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, W. J. Munton 8. Rung as a diamond wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. E. R. Chapman, friend of the ringers and a former organist, and as a wedding compliment to George A. Cockman, a member of the band.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. J. England 1, Brenda Boyce 2, R. Rice 3, J. Sheppard 4, D. Massey 5, R. C. Tayler 6, G W. Massey (cond.) 7, R. J. Bowden 8. E. T Skipsey 9, W. S. Rice 10. First on ten 2 and 5. Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Skipsey.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Richardson 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, Miss D. Robotham 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6, L. Tubb cover. First in method 1, 4 and 6 as conductor. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Len Tubb, whose granddaughter was christened at St. Mary's on July 30th.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT-WITH-LITTLE WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Webster 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Smith 4, F. Sismey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Princess Anne's birthday.

HAYES, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Hilda Oakshett 1, D. P. Smith 2, I. H. Oram 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, M. H. O'Callaghan (cond.) 5, T. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pady (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Bailey 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, C. Webb (cond.) 4, P. Henry 5, Miss J. Warner 6. For Evensong.

HOLMBURY ST. MARY, SURREY.—At the youth hostel, on Aug. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles ("in hand"): A. J. Cox 1—2, P. C. Randall (cond.) 3—4, J. W. Belshaw (first "in hand") 5—6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsir. T ples: P. Sippitt 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2 Miss J. Peacock 3, C. C. M. Pain 4, J. W. Stephenson 5 C E. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, F. Scoones 8 Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Sharp, sideman at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julia A. Bryce (first quarter) 1, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 2, R. A. Ward 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P Harris 5, I. N. Pett 6. In celebration of ten years' incumbency by the Rector (the Rev. Father Francis J. Williams, B.H.C.).

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 29th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: B. J. Harfield 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, P. D. Hepburn (first "inside") 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. McKenzie (first quarter) 6.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): P. Hughes 1, R. K. Williams 2, M. V. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, C. Phillips 5, A. J. Williams 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Wright 1, R. Meakes (first "inside") 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, W. Avery 6. Also on June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour 3, T. Wright 4, C. Meakes (first as cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes 1, T. Wright 2, R. Hazell (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, Gillian Hazell 5, W. Avery 6. Rung for the wedding of Philip F. Ray and Trudi Rich.

LAXTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Chambers 1, A. Smithson 2, L. Parker 3, W. Riley 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. J. J. Chambers, for many years an active member of the church

LITTLE WENLOCK, SALOP.—On Aug. 15th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: A. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, S. Yates (first "inside") 2, Miss B. Pickering 3, N. White 4, P. Davies (cond.) 5.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—1,280 Little Bob Minor: R. G. Newsum 1, C. Geary 2, W. Barwell 3, C. Beswick (first in method) 4, D. J. Marshall 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

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LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Lunn 1, D. Williams 2, I. Roberts (cond.) 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Wilson.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, R. Williamson 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, V Griffin 4, M. Hiller 5, D. Ellery 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. A. Pletchey 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Angela Quick, on her 15th birthday.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On Aug 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1—2 Heather A. Mann 3—4, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, John Watson 7—8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Gillian J. Colleypriest 1, G. Wilkinson 2, P. A. Williams 3, J. Prytherch 4, D. L. Phillips 5. Conducted jointly by P. A. Williams and D. L. Phillips. Most methods 1, 2 and 4.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Aston 1, Susan Chew 2, R. W. Ingram 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. J. W. Tibbetts. Also on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Wright (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, D. J. Purnell 4, R. J. W. Tibbetts 5, M. Androlia (cond.) 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,632 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss R. J. Sinden 2, Mrs B. Foster 3, J. Hedgecock 4, D. W. Grimwood 5, P. D. Beal 6, N. J. Chesson 7, N. J. Davies (cond.) 8. A peal attempt called round.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): I. V. Foster 1, Rosemary Frith 2, Claire Hudson 3, J. West 4, J. L. Towler (cond.) 5, Yvonne A. Murray 6. An engagement compliment to Tony Spurgeon and Susan Palmer.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and St. Clement's): J. B. Keeler 1, D. W. Grimwood 2, P. D. J Beal 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, M. Barden 5, N. J. Chesson (cond.) 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Franklin (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, P. Stockwell 3, Mrs. A. Bridges 4 C. S. Jarrett 5, C. R. Lovett 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Steed, the Vicar's warden.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Jones 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, R. Lister (first of Doubles) 3, A. D. Barker (cond.) 4, D. Wight 5, H. O. Young 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For the golden wedding of Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Bryant Bevan.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, Elisabeth A. Tutty 3, A. Ballard (cond.) 4, A. E. Chilton 5, H. Trewin 6, W. K. Martin 7, W. Gilks 8. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Bob and May Smith.

TREDUNNOCK, MON.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Colleypriest (first of Minor) 1, P. Williams 2, R. J. Hall (first of Minor "inside") 3, G. Wilkinson 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: Kay Whittaker 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, J. H. Thompson 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. First of Minor in the method by all. For Festal Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Mount (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (200th quarter) 2, Laura M. Grindrod (25th quarter) 3, E. T. Newnham 4, D. Hawkins 5, R. Durrant 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, J. E. Murfitt (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. G. Ponting 1, Jill M. May 2, Carolyn White 3, T. F. M. Maybrey 4, P. Munday 5, P. G. Sherwood 6, D. J. Tubbs 7, D. A. R. May (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding earlier this day at Weybridge of Martin Kirk and Terry Lee.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, NOTTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): R. Looker (first in methods) 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp (first in methods) 3, R. Preston 4, O. Homewood (first in methods) 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. Rung by Melton Mowbray Sunday service ringers.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Tombs 1, D. White 2, C. Richards 3, M. Stracey 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6.

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BIRTH

POYNER.—To Harry and Mary, on August 18th, 1967, a daughter, Hilary Jane. 2177

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

BROOKES—EAMES. — The marriage of David C. Brookes and Lesley M. Eames will take place at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday, September 9th, at 1 p.m. All ringing friends very welcome at the church. 2186

BULL—HUDSON. — The marriage will take place between Brian J. Bull and Janet M. Hudson at St. Mary's, Stow, Lincolnshire, on September 16th, 1967, at 2 p.m. Ringing friends welcome at church. Married address: 21, Erpingham Road, S.W.15. 789–3114.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

GOODFELLOW—BAKER.—On September 3rd, 1927, at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, Frederick William Goodfellow to Grace Baker. Present address: Seaford, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 2184

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

AINSWORTH.—The postal address of Mr. and Mrs J. A. Ainsworth is now: 54, Royal Oak Road. Halesowen, Worcestershire. Telephone number during business hours, 021 EDG 4828. 2156

JENNER.—As from September 6th, Stan and Anne's new address will be: 1, Middle Walk, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 2187

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MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Week-end Course on Bellringing, September 15th–17th.

A few places are still available for this course For details of programme and costs write to Mrs. M. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Cheltenham, Glos, as soon as possible. Final date for application: September 8th. 2164

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION.—Saturday, September 23rd, at Kimpton; programmes available shortly. Entries, please, as soon as possible, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts 2088

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— South and West District. — Surprise Major practice at **St. Mary's, Staines,** on Wednesday, September 6th, 8–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2132

SPECIAL BEGINNERS' PRACTICE. — Saturday, September 9th. Harlington 3.30–4.30, Cranford 6–8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Plain Hunt only. Own tea arrangements, please.—Colin Stevenson,. Anne Horsford. 2158

WORLE, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Flower Festival—September 15th to 17th

Saturday ringing 3 p.m.–4 p.m. (adjustable) and 6.45 p.m.–7.45 p.m. 2165

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Freshers coming to Bristol this year are invited to contact the secretary at: **32,** Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. 2127

HULL Colleges Guild.—Will any freshers coming up to Hull in October please contact Mr. G. W. Randall, 32, Coventry Road, Warwick, for details of the Guild's activities.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Evening meeting at Haddenham, September 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 until 8.30. Special methods: Reverse Bob and Trinity Sunday Bob. 2155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Southminster on September 2nd. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 2137

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch. — Three-tower Branch practice, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Saturday, September 2nd, 2–3.15 p.m. Horfield 3.30–4.45 p.m. Westbury 6.30–8 p.m. Tea at Horfield 5 p.m.—Ann P. Burcher, Hon. Sec., 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Ockham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after for those who notify Mr. D. Lodge, 1, Ash Grove, Guildford. Send (6) will be available in the evening. 2130

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kington District.—Autumn meeting and practice, Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—Evening meeting, Knebworth (8), Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 6.30 p.m. Bring the kids—let them run around in the park.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr. B. Sutton, Hillcrest, Hermitage Road, Higham, Rochester, please.—T. Barton. 2082

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Winwick on September 2nd, 3–4.30 p.m. Nearby Newton 4.15. Service at Newton 4.45, followed by tea. Names to Mr. D. Bennett, 71, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows.—K. S. Wilson, Sec. 2190

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Ditchingham on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 2071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Turner's Hill (8) on Saturday, September 2nd. for beginners. Rounds, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead, Sussex. E.G. 23815. 2134

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Method ringing practice at Lelant on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3.15 p.m. Please bring your own tea. 2142

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.— Practice meeting, Stoke Prior (8), September 2nd. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Village Hall. Also Wychbold (6) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 2115

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

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Toddington (6) on Friday, September [illegible]

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lyng (5), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Durston and West Monkton bells available after meeting. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41, George Street, Taunton. 2116

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Ampthill (6) on Saturday, September 9th, 3 to 4.45. Tea and business at Maulden (5) 6–8.30. Everyone made welcome. 2160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congleton (rehung 8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (limited) to H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield, before September 5th. 2152

DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. —A practice meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, September 9th. —G. Skinner. 2183

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Lindfield (8), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Drew, 1, Alma Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Thursday, September 7th, please. Names are still being collected by the secretary for the outing on October 14th. 2129

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Evening meeting at Barkingside, September 9th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. Social after ringing—games, dances, tiddlywinks relay race! Names for social to D. Ellisdon, 161, Redbridge Lane East, Ilford. 2145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Glasgow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Thursday. 2179

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam, Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at the Pike House for those who send names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, September 5th. 2181

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Puttenham (6) on Saturday, September 9th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2176

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 2169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Boxley on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Loran, Rendlesham, Chatham Road, Sandling, near Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2120

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting at Bitton, Somerset, Saturday, September 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, by September 6th. 2188

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—Branch meeting at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness. Please note: No names, no tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 2157

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, September 9th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 2172

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Miller, 27, Scarfield Drive, Bamford, Rochdale, by Wednesday, 6th.—G. Cheetham. 2100

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Qpeniborough, Saturday, September 9th. Ringing: Barkby (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Queniborough (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Lowe, 22, Barkby Lane, Queniborough, not later than Wednesday, September 6th. 2151

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Half-annual meeting, St. Elvan's, Aberdare, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. There will be a charge of 2s. 6d. for tea. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), by Monday, September 4th. 2089

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, St. Anne's, Highgate West Hill, N.6, Saturday, September 9th, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7. Business in tower 6.15 p.m. Ringing after. Own tea arrangements.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec 2168

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries, Saturday, September 9th, at Shipdham, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own tea. Hingham (8) also available 5–6 p.m. only. 2170

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A ten-bell practice will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, September 9th, from 2.30–4.30 p.m. 1929

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Tenby on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Jenkins, Nythfu, St. Mary's Street, Tenby.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2175

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Great Cheverall (6), Saturday, September 9th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to G. B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than Wednesday, 6th. 1771

SALISBURY DIOCESSAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch. — Meeting at Lillington (5), Saturday, September 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Thornford (6) also available. Visitors welcome. Names to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Tuesday, 5th. Phone: Yetminster 332. 2153

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, September 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 2185

THREE COUNTIES FESTIVAL, DERBY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1967

To mark the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild from the old Midland Counties Association

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route 1

Greasley (8)	9.30–10.30
Eastwood (8)	10.00–11.00
West Hallam (8)	10.30–11.30
Stanton-by-Dale (6)	11.00–12.00
Sandiacre (6)	11.30–12.30
Long Eaton (8)	12.00– 1.00
Breaston (6)	1.45– 2.45
Ockbrook (6)	2.15– 3.15

Route 2

Hugglescote (8)	10.00–11.00
Whitwick (8)	10.30–11.30
Shepshed (8)	11.00–12.00
Hathern (8)	11.30–12.30
Shardlow (6)	1.45– 2.15
Alvaston (6)	2.15– 3.15

Route 3

Burton All Saints (6)	9.45–10.45
Burton Winshill (6)	10.30–11.30
Burton St. Paul (10)	11.15–12.15
Etwall (6)	1.00– 2.00

Route 4

Old Whittington (6)	9.30–10.15
Wingerworth (5)	10.00–11.45
North Wingfield (6)	10.15–11.00
Clay Cross (6)	10.45–11.30
Swanwick (6)	11.30–12.15
Heanor (8)	11.00– 3.00

Lunch (cold buffet) available at Sawley Women's Intitute (Plant Lane, near church) at 1 p.m. Price 3s. 6d. Tickets from tour organisers or D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.

Lunch (cold buffet)) available at Heanor Church Hall at 1 p.m. Price 3s. Tickets from tour organisers or from D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys.

RINGING IN DERBY

St. Peter's (8)	2.30– 4.00
Cathedral (10)	3.30– 5.00
St. Peter's (8)	6.00– 7.00
St. Luke's (8)	6.00– 7.00
St. Andrew's (10)	6.00– 7.00

Service in Cathedral at 5 p.m. with ringers' choir and handbells. All touring ringers are expected to attend.

Dinner and Social Evening 7.15–11.45 p.m. in Albion Restaurant, Derby. Tickets 25s., from B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicester; W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts; G. A. Halls, 54, Wilson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 2173

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts and Newark Districts.—Joint meeting at Tuxford on September 9th. Names for tea to Rev. T. W. Swift, The Vicarage, Tuxford, Newark, by previous Wednesday. 2178

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, September 9th. Ringing from 3–4.30. Service, followed by tea and business meeting. All wishing for tea please book to Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Thursday, Sept. 7th.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 2126

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Barnes on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Barnes. Special method: Yorkshire. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Mann, 124A, Putney Bridge Road, Putney, S.W.15, by Wednesday, September 6th. 2147

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 2180

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Alkelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr D. S. Wright, Church Street, Giggleswick, Settle, no later than Wednesday, September 6th. Business meeting, as usual, after tea.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2144

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 13th, at Penn, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. Branch 8-bell striking competition, Saturday, September 23rd, Farnham Royal.—Miss Hague. 2092

BREDGAR, Kent.—The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, September 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers' tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Edmed, Mead House. Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, by September 11th. 2171

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Wittersham, September 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Appledore bells available 3–4 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. P. J. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham, by Saturday, September 9th. 2189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer (8), September 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. Names, together with money, to Mr. F. W. Lawrence 19, St. Gregory's Close, Deal, not later than September 14th. 2161

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, September 12th, please. 2163

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 2191

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Whitby on September 16th. Committee meeting at 3.30 in St. Mary's Church. Service 4.15. Tea at the Mills Cafe, Baxtergate, 5. There is a choice of fish and chips (4s. 9d.) or sandwiches (4s. 6d.). Please state choice when sending names to Miss G. Barkel, Clyde House, Spitalbridge, Whitby, by Thursday, September 14th. The business meeting will be in the cafe, and a new rule about travelling expenses will be put to the vote. Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner will be available. Bells: Pickering (8) 11 a.m.–12 noon; Fylingdales (8) 2–3.30 and after the meeting. Whitby (10) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Parking near St. Mary's, Whitby, will be free for ringers who state their purpose. 2111

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, Saturday, September 23rd. Business meeting, Club Room, Cheltenham Central Police Station, 2 p.m. Evening meal, Gupshill Manor, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, 6.45 p.m. (Application to secretary before September 15th; cost £1.) Ringing arrangements, apply Arthur Pearce, Sec., 197, Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor, Manchester 23. 2150

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MILFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 5th, 1,320 Doubles "in hand" (R.C.P and Plain Bob): A. J. Cox 1—2, P. C. Randall (cond.) 3—4, J. W. Belshaw 5—6. In youth hostel.

NOTICES—continued

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
October 21st.

Snowdon Dinner, 1967, Cottingham. Tickets, with ringing programme (17 towers), £1 each, now available from: R. Ducker, 2, Cavendish Road, Hull, Yorkshire. Please send s.a.e. (3¼x5½), with names of recipients. Also available at Association and Beverley and District meetings. 2064

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Patsull (6) .. .. 10.15–11.00 a.m
Codsall (8) .. .. .. 1.00–2.00 p.m.
Brewood (8) .. .. .. 1.00–4.00 p.m.
and after tea until 8 prompt
Wolverhampton (12) .. 2.30–3.30 p.m.
Tettenhall (8) .. .. 7.30–9.00 p.m.
Penn (8) .. .. .. 7.30–9.00 p.m.

C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec., Stafford Archdeaconry Society. 2136

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX

Annual Ringers' Sunday, September 3rd
Ringing, 7-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5-6.30 p.m. Special ringers' services: 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Matins, 6.30 p.m. Evensong Preacher at Evensong Canon Gilbert Thurlow.
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ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL, DERBY

OUR PICTURE

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL DERBY

IN 1927 the Parish Church of All Saints, Derby, became the Cathedral, the seat of the Bishop and Mother Church of the Diocese. A Parish Church became a Cathedral. The great Perpendicular tower is all that is left of the mediæval building.

In 1723 the Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, who was then the Vicar of All Saints, facing the ruinous condition of the nave and chancel, demolished the whole building except the tower and began a complete restoration. James Gibbs, architect of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was engaged for the job.

The earliest records imply that there were five bells at All Saints' as long ago as 1509. However, apart from the possible exception of the tenor, it is certain that these bells were replaced or recast in the next hundred years or so. In 1620 the five bells were augmented to six by the addition of a treble—the present fifth bell in the ring of ten. This bell was cast by George Oldfield of Nottingham and bears the inscription "Batchelers Bell" (several of the bells have inscriptions which are mis-spelt). The history behind the inscription is most interesting. It appears that a company in the town started a lottery and several young men of the parish "subscribed three guineas to be adventured in it." Their enterprise was rewarded and they won £12, which they donated towards the cost of the new treble. Until 1926, when the bells were retuned and rehung on an iron frame, the "Batchelers Bell" was a maiden bell, that is it was not in need of tuning when taken from the mould after casting.

TENOR OVER 500 YEARS OLD

The heaviest bell of the original six, and the present tenor, is the oldest bell in the tower and is well over 500 years old. The other four—the present sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth—were also cast by the Oldfields at dates between 1607 and 1655. Little is known of how or why these bells were acquired by the Cathedral, but they probably replaced the older bells.

The present eighth bell, however, has an unusual history. From parish records it appears that this bell became cracked in the year 1712 and a Mr. Hatton was engaged to recast it. Surprisingly, the present eighth bell carries the date 1632—not 1712, and, as stated above, is the work of Oldfield. The explanation for this discrepancy lies partly in legend and partly in the records of Ashbourne Parish Church—there is no clue in the Cathedral records. Legend has it that in the year 1815 the eighth bell was exchanged for a bell from Ashbourne. The records of Ashbourne Parish Church for that year reveal that their tenor had become cracked and the Church Council had decided on exchanging their ring of six bells for a new ring of eight. William Dobson of Downham Market was engaged to do the job. Fortunately, when the six bells were removed from Ashbourne their inscriptions were recorded. The fifth bell had the inscription "God Save the Church" 1632. This corresponds exactly with that on the Cathedral eighth. Thus it would appear that in 1815 Dobson exchanged the Cathedral 1712 bell for the old fifth bell at Ashbourne.

NONE RECAST

In 1677 the ring of six was augmented to ten by William Noone of Nottingham by the addition of four trebles. Thus we see that the present ten bells, apart from the relatively recent refugee from Ashbourne, have been at Derby Cathedral for nearly 300 years. None of the bells has been recast and, considering this, the bells are of surprising good tone. In this respect the ring is probably unique.

The bells were rehung on a wooden frame in 1687 and again, on the present iron frame, when All Saints' became a Cathedral in 1927.

In years gone by the Cathedral ringers were paid for their efforts. The parish records contain countless entries of such payments and from these we can see the occasions which were marked by ringing on the bells. The births, deaths and coronations of countless Kings, Queens and Princes, the failure of Guy Fawkes to blow up Parliament were all proclaimed. Victories by the score—to name just a few, Marlborough's victory at Blenheim in 1705, the taking of Quebec in 1759, the victories of Nelson and Rodney and the Battles of Waterloo and Trafalgar. The last entry in one book of parish records reveals that the bells were rung to mark the death of Wellington in 1852. Less than 60 peals have been rung on the bells but the first—Grandsire Triples—was rung over 200 years ago by an all-Cathedral band.

The present band of ringers is led by Harold Taylor, who took over as Ringing Master in 1948—the year he rang his first peal. Harold Taylor took over the leadership of a depleted band and over a period of years has built it up to its present strength. Of the present band of 15 ringers, 11 rang peals last year and no less than six of them hold responsible office in the Derby Diocesan Association.

The cover picture shows the Cathedral as it was a few months ago. Already changes are taking place, for the Provost of the Cathedral has launched a £200,000 appeal to pay for extensions and repairs to the building. The Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers have pledged themselves to raise £1,000 towards this appeal. Already over £300 has been raised in less than six months.

Note.—If anyone wishes to help the Derby Diocesan Association in their efforts to raise £1,000 towards Derby Cathedral extension they should send donations to: D. W. Friend, 32, Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

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Annual Ringing Festival

At Brewood, near Wolverhampton On Saturday, September 16th.

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Brewood (8)	1.00–4.00 p.m
and after tea until 8 prompt	
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FOUR GUILDS REVIEW 21 years OF PROGRESS

On Saturday, September 16th, a service is being held in Derby Cathedral to give thanks for the formation of four Guilds out of the Midland Counties' Association some 21 years ago. The new organisations were the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties' Guild.

These eventful 21 years in the lives of the three territorial bodies are reviewed below. Each is associated with a Diocese; each has received the benefits of association with the Bishop and diocesan life. Furthermore, each has gained by being a smaller unit with a wide measure of independence.

The response to these privileges has been most praiseworthy. Membership has shown an increase, there are fewer silent towers, and the art of change ringing has been advanced by better tuition, schools of ringing education and combined practices. While much remains to be accomplished before an efficient band of change ringers exists in every tower, it is with thankful hearts the ringers from the three dioceses will assemble at Derby Cathedral.

AT the extraordinary meeting of the M.C.A. in St. Margaret's Choir Vestry on October 7th, 1944, the Chesterfield District, which was rather remote and not well served by the Association, was in favour of splitting the M.C.A. into Diocesan Guilds, but the Derby District, which was quite active and enjoying good meetings, was against the dissolution.

The situation was resolved at the 1945 April meeting in Derby and at the beginning of 1946 the Derby and District Association of Change Ringers was formed.

The M.C.A. had about 750 ringing members in 1908 and around 1,100 on its dissolution in 1945, so perhaps from the review of the four organisations springing from the M.C.A. we can now judge, 21 years later, whether the break-up was, or was not, a good thing and whether ringing in the Midlands is a dying art.

ORGANISATION

In 1947 the Association was renamed the Derbyshire Association of Change Ringers and divided into four districts, namely Chesterfield, Derby, Ilkeston and Peak. Thus the basis of a true Diocesan Association was already established.

There are, however, several other organisations which claim the allegiance of bands in the diocese: these are the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Sheffield and District Society, the East Derbyshire and Notts, the Midland Counties Guild and latterly the North Leicester and South Derbyshire Association.

The Association flourished and lived in friendly relationships with the neighbouring organisations and in 1963 it was decided to rename it the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers.

It is not an easy diocese to organise as the county is very long, the towers in the Peak District widely dispersed and the south and south-west areas are weak and share allegiance between three organisations.

Each district has its own committee and organises its own district functions such as monthly meetings. Quarterly meetings are organised by the general committee.

It has been found that the regular monthly meetings on Saturday afternoons have not been popular in general and the District committees have not pressed these, taking the view that an unsuccessful meeting does far more harm than no meeting at all. Many alternative ventures have been tried with a great deal of success, for example, evening meetings, special District practices for advanced ringers and for learners separately, striking contests, outings, parties, dinners, coach outings to quarterly meetings, ringing courses both residential and one-day courses.

The annual Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner has been the highlight of the year since its inception and has grown in attendance from 70 to 240. The award of Capita Magnissimus held great interest for many years, but is now discontinued because the organisers have become jaded.

RINGING CENTRES

Between the two wars there were several strong centres of ringing in Derbyshire. Chesterfield had a fine treble ten band led by the famous Knight brothers and neighbouring Bolsover had a standard of eight bell ringing under the Mastership of John Flint which was second to none. Ripley had a good eight bell team aspiring to London and Bristol. Derby St. Andrew's had a 10 bell band ringing excellent Stedman Caters, but also proficient in even bell methods; Albert Ward is a name known to many of us today. Long Eaton had a good eight bell band and amongst six bell teams Sandiacre was quite well known.

In 1946 these traditional bands did not exist except perhaps at Bolsover, where the tradition of good striking on eight bells has been maintained, although the strength of the band has waxed and waned.

Whilst the Derby St. Andrew's band had virtually disappeared St. Peter's, Derby, led by the well balanced captain Jack Glew, who was Ringing Master for 50 years, soon, aided by the St. Luke's ringers, established a most popular practice which attracted ringers from as far as Ashby, Burton and Nottingham. This practice has continued under Alfred Mould, a highly qualified ringer of infinite patience, up to the present time.

By the early 50's the Derby Cathedral band, hitherto very weak, had grown and established a Surprise Royal practice and became the centre of ten bell ringing in the diocese. Harold Taylor achieved and maintained this situation.

Later on in the 50's George Freebrey established a good practice at St. Andrew's, Derby, and it was possible to attend three first class practices a week for those who were keen enough.

In the Chesterfield area there has been no sustained centre of ringing other than Bolsover, but at Old Whittington a very good standard of Minor ringing has been established for many years.

In the Peak District Darley Dale has always had a reasonable Sunday service band led by George Paulson and Herbert Taylor, but has varied in strength but now, blessed with the Rev. St. John Smith as Rector, there are signs of increasing strength.

Burbage and Fairfield, Buxton, are the only other two Peak towers with any continuity and these have produced several first class ringers of whom perhaps Brian Woodruffe is the most well known.

The Ilkeston District had fine practices at Ilkeston and Sandiacre for a few years after the war, but these declined. Sandiacre soon revived and in the last few years the Sawley band, following David Marshall's return, has provided a good practice for the area.

One other most important occurrence in the area was the establishment at West Hallam of an evening institute bell ringing class started by Gordon Halls in 1960 and continuing successfully today. This has gradually produced ringers in six bell methods and recently in eight bell methods to provide the nucleus of proficient bands in the whole District.

OFFICERS AND PERSONALITIES

The D.D.A.C.B.R. has never had a great ringing personality to dominate it which perhaps is a good thing since it is probably for this reason that it is administered by a strong committee.

The first officers were Jack Bailey as vice-president and who is still a vice-president, Walter Steen as treasurer and still a faithful member and William Lancaster who, as hard-working general secretary, did most to launch

THREE COUNTIES FESTIVAL, DERBY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1967

To mark the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild from the old Midland Counties Association

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route 1

Greasley (8)	9.30–10.30
Eastwood (8)	10.00–11.00
West Hallam (8)	10.30–11.30
Stanton-by-Dale (6)	11.00–12.00
Sandiacre (6)	11.30–12.30
Long Eaton (8)	12.00– 1.00
Breaston (6)	1.45– 2.45
Ockbrook (6)	2.15– 3.15

Route 2

Hugglescote (8)	10.00–11.00
Whitwick (8)	10.30–11.30
Shepshed (8)	11.00–12.00
Hathern (8)	11.30–12.30
Shardlow (6)	1.45– 2.15
Alvaston (6)	2.15– 3.15

Route 3

Burton All Saints (6)	9.45–10.45
Burton Winshill (6)	10.30–11.30
Burton St. Paul (10)	11.15–12.15
Etwall (6)	1.00– 2.00

Route 4

Old Whittington (6)	9.30–10.15
Wingerworth (5)	10.00–11.45
North Wingfield (6)	10.15–11.00
Clay Cross (6)	10.45–11.30
Swanwick (6)	11.30–12.15
Heanor (8)	11.00– 3.00

Lunch (cold buffet) available at Sawley Women's Intitute (Plant Lane, near church) at 1 p.m. Price 3s. 6d. Tickets from tour organisers or D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.

Lunch (cold buffet)) available at Heanor Church Hall at 1 p.m. Price 3s. Tickets from tour organisers or from D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys.

RINGING IN DERBY

St. Peter's (8)	2.30– 4.00
Cathedral (10)	3.30– 5.00
St. Peter's (8)	6.00– 7.00
St. Luke's (8)	6.00– 7.00
St. Andrew's (10)	6.00– 7.00

Service in Cathedral at 5 p.m. with ringers' choir and handbells. All touring ringers are expected to attend.

Dinner and Social Evening 7.15–11.45 p.m. in Albion Restaurant, Derby. Tickets 25s., from B. S. Payne, 66, Melton Road, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicester; W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Burton Lane, Whatton, Notts; G. A. Halls, 54, Wilson Avenue, Littleover, Derby.

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the new Association. He served for five years, then became vice-president until 1957.

The Association has been very fortunate with general secretaries having had only two—Arthur B. Cooper for eight years, followed by Burley P. Morris. The same can be said of the treasurers, each of whom has been very efficient, particularly the present one, Joseph C. Woolley, who does far more than his office demands in safeguarding the financial interest of the organisation.

Since 1957 the appointment of vice-presidents has been regarded as an honour for sustained service as an officer. To a lesser extent the status of honorary life member is awarded for sustained active membership.

Exclusively the successive Provosts of Derby have been presidents and the Very Rev. R. A. Beddows, occupying the office since 1954, has proved a great asset providing just the right stimuli to which the members have responded on each occasion It was he who, having heard the usual carping about finance for several years, galvanised the Association into appointing a financial action committee comprising Gordon Halls, David J. Marshall and Denis R. Carlisle, together with the secretary and treasurer, which had far-reaching effects on finance and increased activity in many directions. The financial problems were resolved. A Bell Repair Fund affiliation scheme was inaugurated which has made the fund most effective. An annual striking contest was introduced and proved very successful, coach tours to quarterly meetings proved popular and boosted attendance, ringing courses, both one-day and weekend residential, were well supported and in general much greater emphasis was put on the social aspects of bell ringing.

The Association now has three Central Council representatives, the longest serving one being Alfred Mould, who was representative for 15 years and always provided a most interesting account of the meeting.

During the years the following officers have become necessary, peal secretary, education officer, Bell Repair Fund treasurer and secretary, bell restoration consultants, architectural adviser and consultant to the Diocesan Advisory Board.

This latter office is held by Gordon Halls and in many other ways he has possibly made the greatest contribution towards making the Association the active body that it has become. The Association is pioneering in outlook and as an example of this dropped its non-resident life membership fee from 5s. to 2s. 6d., scorning to make a profit out of the enthusiasm of peal ringers who pay courtesy to the Association by ringing peals for it.

Another decision of which the Association is justifiably proud is in setting itself the target of raising £1,000 towards the Provost's Cathedral Appeal Fund, although it has yet a long way to go.

Each District has its own committee which together form the general committee. Notable in District officers are Malcolm Phipps, who has been invaluable as secretary of the Chesterfield District and Gladys and Alex Richardson who, together, have for many years made the greatest contribution towards keeping the geographically difficult Peak District active. About four general committee meetings are held each year at Matlock and these are extremely well attended despite long travelling distances, the number ranging from 25 to 30.

MEMBERSHIP

With regard to the numerical strength of the Association there were 180 members in 1946 and this rose to 287 by 1950. It must be remembered that the large majority of ringers at that time were trained before the war and there was very little effort put into training new recruits and inevitably the number dropped back to 250 between 1953 and 1956 after which the total once again rose due to recruitment and more enlightened teaching methods.

The total apparently fell back to 250 in 1960 but this was due to a more realistic appraisal of the numbers on the basis of those who actually paid subscriptions. Since 1960 the total has increased to nearly 400.

There are around 80 churches with five or more bells in the diocese and today 55 of these have some ringers who are members of the D.D.A.C.B.R. and about 38 have the bells rung reasonably adequately for Sunday service. This may seem deplorably low, but in 1947 the figure was about 24.

PEAL RINGING

There has always been plenty of interest in peal ringing in the Association, although it is not prolific. The total will reach 1,200 this year which indicates an average of 57 a year.

Even bell methods are the most popular on six and eight bells, advanced Surprise ringing being the target. On ten bells interest is divided evenly between Caters and Royal. Hardly any twelve bell peals are rung because there are no rings of twelve in the diocese.

Generally speaking the standard of striking is not good, but the technical standard is reasonably high amongst the peal ringing members. The standard of striking is improving as more interest in this is created by striking contests and more peals are "stood" for poor striking.

THE FUTURE

It is difficult to predict what will happen, but it is interesting to reflect that whereas church membership has seriously declined in the last two decades ringing has more than held its own.

Fewer rings of bells will become available because new churches are being built without provision for rings of bells and some churches with rings of bells are being pulled down. There is more tendency for requests to ring being refused probably because of the noise nuisance. For this reason the D.D.A.C.B.R. is paying some attention to sound control, and also to maintenance and augmentation of existing rings.

The Association appears to be firmly founded and there is reason to expect some expansion in strength.

From this review of the history of the Association it would appear that the diocese has benefited from the dissolving of the old M.C.A.

D. R. CARLISLE.

Southwell Guild Doubled its Membership

THE Southwell Diocesan Guild, like its compatriots, the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Association and the Midland Counties Guild, was founded in 1946. It was formed by the amalgamation of what was left of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association and its near neighbour, the North Notts Association. These two Societies, which were all but derelict due in no small part to the recent war and the ban on church bell ringing, came together to form the two Districts of the new Guild.

The chairman of the old Midland Counties Association and Vicar of West Bridgford (the late Canon R. F. Wilkinson) became its new chairman, and the Bishop of Southwell (the Rt. Rev. Russell Barry) its president. Enthusiasm at a new venture was soon engendered by the hon. general secretary (the late Tom Groombridge, jun.), and before the end of the first year a third District in the Newark area was formed. At the end of the first year membership stood at 213, including 46 newly-elected members. No less than 60 of the present members can look back and say "I was a founder member of the Guild." These 213 members represented 37 different towers of the then 86, there being at this time four rings of ten, 17 of eight, 41 of six and 24 of five.

Peals in the first year totalled 31, the majority being rung in and around Nottingham, but the honour of the peal for the Guild belongs to Ordsall, with a peal in three Minor methods on January 12th, 1946.

The death of Tom Groombridge, jun., on May 24th, 1947, left a gap which, with the Guild in its infancy, caused no small setback, and it is much to the credit of his successor, Mr. J. W. Raithby, that this was soon overcome. Jim remained as general secretary for the next 13 years.

Membership, despite setbacks, continued to rise, slowly but surely, and the 300 mark was passed in 1950. Peals were becoming more widespread, and the 100th was rung at Greasley on November 24th, 1948, the average up to this time being around 30 per year. This was soon increased to nearly 50 per year, and the 500th was rung on January 7th, 1956, at Winthorpe.

With increasing membership a new step was taken in 1958, when a fourth District, centred on Mansfield, was created, and at the end of 12 years membership had reached 349.

The year 1960 saw the retirement of Mr. J. W. Raithby from the secretaryship and the election of his successor, Mr. W. L. Exton.

SUCCESS OF SMALLER DISTRICTS

The creation of smaller and more easily-worked Districts had its reward in much greater increases in membership, with a result that no less than 119 additional members were added in the next four years, and a further District, the Bingham District, was formed in 1962. The Guild now has five Districts in an area which contains only 92 towers with five or more bells.

The year 1962 also saw for the first time the installation of a ring of 12 bells in the Diocese, the old eight at Southwell being recast into a ring of 12 with a flat sixth by the kind generosity of Sir Stuart C. Goodwin. The almost unique but difficult ringers' gallery was filled in and a bright new ringing room created. The first 12-bell peal for the Guild, Stedman Cinques, was rung on September 21st, 1962, conducted by J. L. Millhouse and, thanks to the assistance received from neighbouring Guilds, contained no less than ten resident members of the Guild.

The year 1963 was a sad one for the Guild, in that its chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, died on April 10th, and its first president, Bishop Barry, retired in October. Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the vice-chairman, was elected to the chair, and the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gordon D. Savage, became its second president.

100 PEALS IN A YEAR REACHED

The 1,000th peal for the Guild, Stedman Triples on the light eight, was rung at Southwell on October 24th, 1964. The second 500 took just over a year less than the first. The year 1964 also saw for the first time a total of over 100 peals for the Guild in a year, the total being 120.

By the end of 1966 membership had again showed an increase and the 500 mark was passed, the year closing at 521. These now represent no less than 65 different towers.

Bell restorations and augmentations have taken place almost continuously and during the 21 years the bells in no less than 40 of our towers have been through the bellfounders' hands. Twenty-one have been rehung, including Balderton and Granby, which have since been augmented, and 19 have been augmented, the majority with rehangings. This has resulted in 47 additional bells being added, not including all those which have been recast, and there are now two rings of twelve, three of ten, 23 of eight, 45 of six and 19 of five.

What will the next 21 years provide? A membership of 1,000 with sufficient members to ensure that all our bells are rung Sunday by Sunday, more restorations and augmentations, perhaps 100 rings of bells? Who knows? Only the future and the efforts we are all prepared to make will eventually tell.

W. L. EXTON,
Hon. General Secretary.

21 years Achievement for Leicester Guild

FROM 1882 Leicestershire had been part of the Midland Counties Association and for many years was a very active District. After the lifting of the war-time ban on ringing many young ringers were enrolled and thoughts were expressed that the three M.C.A. Districts of Hinckley, Loughborough and Leicester did not effectively cover the diocese from an Association point of view. So were sown the seeds from which the Leicester Diocesan Guild grew, due to the untiring efforts of the late Harold J. Poole, who became its founder president.

From January 1st, 1946, when the Guild commenced as a separate organisation, covering the Diocese of Leicester, progress has been continuous. Three new Districts were formed which made a total of six Districts, and this resulted in towers being visited much more often than prior to 1946.

MEMORABLE FESTIVAL

During the years that followed many names and functions came to notice. In 1947 the Guild Festival was held on Saturday, October 25th, to mark the coming of age of the restoration of the Leicester Diocese. Thirty-three Associations and Guilds from all parts of the country and Ireland were represented at the dinner when 270 people were present. A dance followed at the De Montfort Hall, attended by 1,200 people, and as a result of the weekend the Bell Repair Fund benefited by £101 19s. 2d. It is interesting to note that the festival secretary for that occasion was Miss J. Poole, who is now the president of the Guild. A festival has been held every year since 1947, and the Guild, in celebrating its own 21st birthday in 1967, is also commemorating the ruby year of the diocese.

From the small donation received from the M.C.A. the Guild developed the existing Bell Repair Fund, and no less than 37 towers have received grants from between £5 and £50 each. Attempts are now being made to increase the source of income for the fund and it is hoped that even larger donations may be given to P.C.C.s within the diocese who will be attempting restorations or augmentations to their bells.

HIGH PEAL STANDARD

Leicester has always been noted for its prolific peal ringing on all numbers of bells—both 'in hand" and on tower bells—and in methods to suit the capabilities of all ringers—the total at the end of 1966 being 3,768. For many years the Guild was "top of the league" and many notable individual performances were recorded. Mention must be made of the performance of the multi-Minor method ringing by the Copt Oak band, and also the Cathedral band, which explored many new fields in Surprise Maximus. The tradition of handbell ringing, the standard of which had been set very high by members of the M.C.A. in the early 1900's, viz.: silent Stedman Cinques, was maintained under the leadership of Harold Poole, when the first peals ever of Surprise Royal and Maximus "in hand" were rung. It is pleasing to note that peals of these standards are still being recorded.

Two names will go down in history as "true sons of Leicestershire" Mr Ernest Morris, the author of many books of interest to campanologists, was the first person to complete 2,000 peals, which he accomplished in 1961. The other is that of Mr. Harold Poole, who reached the figure of 1,000 peals and had the distinction of ringing 100 peals in six months and holding the record for most peals rung in a year, namely 143. Other members have served the Exercise by their compositions; to mention but a few, Frederick H. Dexter, John O. Lancashire and Ernest Tipler.

NOTED HOSPITALITY

Much of the Guild's success has been due to the friendliness, hospitality and warm welcome its members have given to visitors from other areas. Indeed on two occasions in the same year two national Societies, viz.: the National Guild of Police Ringers and the Ladies' Guild, visited Leicester to celebrate landmarks in their history, the former 21 years and the latter 40 years.

The Guild, although comparatively young, felt its status was officially acknowledged when the Central Council accepted its invitation to visit the diocese for its conference in 1956. It also looks back with pride to July 27th, 28th, 1963, when the extent of Plain Bob Major was completed at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, conducted by Robert B. Smith (imported, matched and now exported!). The following year, recognition was again achieved when Peter Staniforth was included in the band who visited Washington, U.S.A., for the dedication of the Gloria in Excelsis tower.

In summing up the first 21 years of the Guild, foundations were laid by members of the M.C.A. and it is pleasing to note the younger element of the diocese taking over leadership. In particular, mention must be made of Brian G. Warwick, who held the office of general secretary for ten of these years when the Guild was at its transitional stage. His hard work must be an example for all to follow. In quoting the words of a former general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood: "Let us take for our motto, 'Each for all,' not adopting a parochial attitude, but all working for the general good of the Guild and of ringers generally," we look forward with hope that our past glories will be enhanced in the future.

PETER J. STANIFORTH,
Member of the M.C.A. and
Past President of the Guild.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

PRIOR to the decentralisation of the Midland Counties Association the Burton-on-Trent District—now Midland Counties Guild—was looked upon as the "Cinderella" District of the M.C.A., and that still applies as the present Guild still remains the smallest of the four Guilds formed 21 years ago.

In 1946 the M.C. Guild commenced with 14 towers and 138 members, with officials: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. B. G. Key; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; and secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

During the 21 years some progress has been made for the Guild now covers 21 towers. The membership remains about the same, and the finances continue in a healthy state. Meetings have been arranged at two monthly intervals, with attendances around an average of 30 per meeting, whilst 30 to 40 peals are rung each year.

Four years ago the Guild commenced an annual dinner festival, which each year has been well supported.

Over the 21 years the Guild has been well served by its three presidents: Mr. W. W. Worthington, Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert and Mr. B. Worthington, grandson of the first president. Likewise Mr. B. G. Key, Mr. W. H. Curson and Mr. R. A. Welton have acted as chairmen, whilst Mr. J. H. Brittan (treasurer) and Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary) have been officers since the formation of the Guild in 1946.

BREDGAR NOW HAS A SIX

We hear that a first-class job of restoration has been made at Bredgar, Kent, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The four old bells are now, for the first time, in tune with each other and the two new trebles blend in excellently with them.

The rededication on September 16th will be performed by the Rural Dean of Sittingbourne, the Rev. Leslie Wilkinson, whose son, Peter, is a very keen ringer and who has a flourishing band at his own church (Eastchurch).

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT GATES

AN APPRECIATION

Herbert Gates, or "Herby" as he was affectionately called, came to Hertfordshire, as far as I know, from Caythorpe, Lincs, after the first World War. He first went to Northaw, where he came under the wing of Bruce McKie and then, in 1919, to Hemel Hempstead. The writer soon found him out when he came to the area in 1922 and very soon included him in district and local peals. He was a very conscientious, regular Sunday service ringer, quite a reliable striker, but like others a difficult person to put right if he made a mistake. Herby was always ready to have a go at various methods, hence the variety in his 61 peals.

In 1944 and after the second World War he attached himself to the Apsley tower for a few years and helped with the "build-up" then taking place. He surprised the writer after a bout of 'flu by asking for London, and proved he had done his "homework" by ringing it faultlessly, even at 68. He was a member of the Cumberland Youths, ringing a peal in 21 methods, on the 5th, for that Society.

Latterly he was losing his sight, but this did not deter him from attending to ring, which he did until a few days before entering hospital. Fortunately he did not have a long stay there for he was soon called to rest. Some of his friends attended the West Herts Crematorium for the final act and later that evening rang a quarter peal in his memory at his own tower. Others who would have been present did not know of his demise as they were on holiday; but it is hoped to attempt a peal later on in his memory.

His wife predeceased him and there were no children, so the memory keeps on with his old friends in this District and in Lincolnshire.

His peal list is appended:—

Minor, one method to 21 (also Cambridge, London and seven Surprise), 30; Grandsire Triples 4, Plain Bob Major 16, Little Bob Major 2, Wellington Little Court 1, Single Oxford Major 1, Kent T.B. Major 4, Oxford T.B. Major 1, Double Norwich 1, New Cambridge Major 1. Total 61 (60 for Hertford County, 1 for Society of Royal Cumberland Youths).

W. A.

MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 200 PEALS AS CONDUCTOR

These include many peals of Plain Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, also the following:—

Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques; Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus; Little Bob Major and Royal; Double Norwich Major and Caters; Treble Bob Major and Royal; Spliced T.B. Major; Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal; Plain Bob Triples; Minor in 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 methods; peals in a variety of Single Surprise Major methods and Spliced Surprise Major including Pitman's four with all the work for every bell.

His peals as conductor include a "Family" peal of Minor, a married couples' peal of Major, a Sheffield Society all-officers' peal, a peal of Bob Major with all his own lady pupils and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on Rotherham back eight with all his own pupils at that tower.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Visitors from the Northern and St. Albans Districts and also from Chelmsford were very welcome at the Eastern District's evening meeting at All Saints', Hereford, on August 12th, otherwise it would have been a poor meeting. In the absence of the Ringing Master, the secretary took charge, and ringing ranged from rounds for learners to Cambridge Major and Stedman Caters.

Letters to the Editor

YORK BELLFOUNDER'S WINDOW

Dear Sir,—I think that for the record someone ought to correct one statement in your most interesting article on the Bellfounder's Window at York.

The window shows, apparently, a bell mounted on a spindle passing right through the crown; on the end of the spindle is a crank which a boy is turning; and the bellfounder is holding a long curved tool against the surface of the revolving "bell." Your article describes this as "tuning a bell," but surely this is most unlikely. I have never heard of tower bells being tuned at all at this period, and even if they were occasionally tuned I have never heard of a bell being tuned by the removal of metal from the outside.

What is happening in this picture is more interesting than tuning, because it represents a technique which is no longer used in England—the use of a model for making the mould. On the spindle is built the core, and over this is built the full-scale model of the bell, either in clay or in wax or tallow; it is this model which the founder is shown shaping in the window. The technique is described by a German monk called Theophilus in his fascinating book "De Diversis Artibus"; the core is made, and then the tallow model laid on it; then the spindle is mounted on pivots with a crank at one end, and "with the boy who turns it sitting ready you shape it with tools suitable to the work"—exactly what the window depicts. Wax and tallow were still in use for small bells in 1320, but tower bells were mostly made from clay models.

When the model was complete more loam was applied to the outside to form the cope, and then the whole was baked, melting the wax or tallow and rendering the clay friable and easily removed.

The only discrepancy in the window is that Tunnoc is shown shaping a model which already has all its ornament applied. This must be artist's licence, enabling Tunnoc to be shown engaged in one of the most interesting and typical parts of his work, and at the same time showing what pretty bells he could make. One doubts whether his furnace was quite the elegant Gothic affair shown in the window, but after all this is a decoration, not a diagram.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.).

Exeter.

DOUBLES NAMES CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir, — Reference the peal rung at Bronllys and conducted by Colin A. Lewis (page 558), most of the methods named by Mr. Lewis have been named already:—

New Bob—Grandsire Single is called Hendred.
New Bob—All Saints Pl. is called St. Merryn.
New Bob—O.D.S. is called Sherewell.
Huntspill—Grandsire Single is called Radlett.
Huntspill All Saints Pl. is called Hadham.
Huntspill O.D.S. is called Shillingstone.
St. Vedast—Grandsire S. is called St. Breward.
St. Vedast—All Saints Pl. is called Chippingham.

As far as I know, New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast with Grandsire Extremes have not been named. Mr. Lewis's names for these have been noted.

Maseley should be Haseley.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

WEDDING RINGING CUPIDITY

Dear Sir,—When one of our local Sandiacre, Derbyshire, band announced that he was getting married, we naturally wanted to ring for the wedding. This would normally have been at Eastwood, but as the rebuilding of the church, recently gutted by fire, was not completed the wedding was tranferred to Greasley, Notts, where there is a good ring of eight.

Our tower secretary, the father of the ringer in question, wrote to the Vicar of Greasley for permission to ring the bells and to our surprise this was refused on the grounds of "fairness to our own ringers" and the requirement of "having a full team who are used to ringing together and who are familiar with the bells."

Explanatory correspondence followed and we were informed that we were not welcome to ring for the wedding but if we persisted we could ring but a fee of £5 5s. would still be imposed.

The Vicar of Greasley is most generous in granting permission for peals to be rung at this tower and I have no doubt that had I requested the bells for a peal after the wedding it would normally have been granted; I can only assume that the motive for this decision was one of cupidity. The Vicar, of course, is at liberty to do what he likes regarding the use of the bells, but I am astonished to see such an attitude in the ringers of Greasley, which is so much at variance with the spirit of our organised bellringing fraternity. —Yours faithfully,

DENIS R. CARLISLE.

Sandiacre.

FAKED PEALS OF 100 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Are faked peals a modern idea? In the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum the following peals are mentioned:

Woodfield, Suffolk, January 27th, 1851, Kent T.B. Royal.

Haygate, Sussex, January 2nd, 1852, Kent T.B. Royal.

Leyton Undershaft, Wilts, January, 1852, Stedman Cinques.

I should be interested to know where these places are!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

DOUBLES RECORD IS 180 M/V

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal rung at Staunton-on-Wye, Herts, on August 10th, did not contain the greatest number of Doubles methods and variations yet rung. A peal of 180 methods/variations was rung at South Collingham, Notts, on January 24th, 1966, in which I took part.

I was also under the impression that most of the variations listed on page 602 of last week's "R.W." have been both rung and named, although I have kept no comprehensive records.—Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

London, S.W.

Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, is still holding his half day tours of Devon. His latest on August 26th visited the 6-bell towers of Ilsington, Coffinswell, Kingskerswell and East Allington. The Cambridge Minor on the last-named tower was the most enjoyable. The tea interval was spent at Totnes.

RIDGEWELL, ESSEX

Dear Sir,—Readers with copies of "Dove" may like to note that Ridgewell Church, Essex, has only five bells and not six. Although these are of considerable interest to the antiquarian (the third and tenor being 14th century bells), they are not at present of much interest to the ringer as the whole ring is hopelessly unringable and no doubt has been for a century or more. But a board on the wall of the tower records that on December 26th, 1814, "a true and compleat peal of bob major, of 5040 changes" was rung in 3 hours and 25 minutes "by the Ridgwell (sic) company of ringers." Only five names are given and there have never been more than five bells, so one can only guess at the meaning of "major."

The details of the bells are as follows:

Treble and second by Richard Bowler, 1600 and 1601 respectively (second partly broken).

Third by Robert Rider, circa 1375.

Fourth by Charles Newman, 1695 (a lovely bell with a true—or almost true—hum note).

Tenor by "P. W.," 14th century. Weight approximately 12 cwt., strike note approximately F sharp.

The frame and most of the fittings no doubt date from circa 1600 and are in very bad condition. The rope circle, reading clockwise, is 1, 3, 5, 4, 2! All the bells have been "clocked" for years but the Rector agreed to my suggestion that the fourth should be disconnected immediately, as the indentation has become dangerously deep. The fact that points such as this so often escape the notice of archdeacon and architect, on their inspections, shows that there is a serious loophole in the Church's measures for the preservation of its heritage where bells are concerned. I believe that the Bath and Wells Association has tackled this problem; perhaps other Guilds and Associations could follow suit?—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

RINGING A PART OF THE SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Some years ago a friend and I spent several hours getting a ring of six ringable; this resulted in a band starting which after a few years were a credit to the ringing world. A new incumbent came and ringing has had to stop.

At another tower the bells were sent to the foundry some years ago; money has been raised for many things but still no effort has been made for the return of the bells. Now on August 11th we read that bells are yet another adornment of religion and of doubtful merit. (This statement contradicts Psalm 150.)

The writer continues that those who hear the bells are coming to church anyway but, like others who prefer to separate bells from the rest of the service, he forgets that those same people once inside must hear the organ, the choir and the sermon.

It was therefore very uplifting to attend the S.W. District, Suffolk Guild, meeting at Hartest and listen to the Rector explaining that ringing is a very important *part* of the act of worship. How I wished afterwards that our secretary had taken shorthand notes of this sermon to enable me to send it to you for possible publication. Ringing is only made possible by a united effort, and many of those who continually complain about lack of support for the Church would do well if they examined the reason.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

AN IRISH RHAPSODY FROM STAFFS RINGERS

IT really started in 1958, when the Central Council visited Dublin. We decided then that a return visit was inevitable. The plans were discussed at Northampton in 1966 with a chat to that energetic man Fred Dukes. The members of the party were finalised to 14, and car ferry, sailing tickets and accommodation were acquired by the end of January this year. Things were mostly in the hands of the Irish Association secretary from then on and, as he had three parties to organise simultaneously, the result is a tribute to his ability. For our part, everything ran to the timetable like a well-oiled machine.

A week or so before the departure date we received a huge parcel of literature from the Irish Tourist Board, with brochures covering all the places we were likely to visit.

Although the car ferry ticket had been applied for in January, it had not been possible to obtain sailing tickets for all three cars on the same boat, so four of us travelled on the morning ferry and made a leisurely run from Dun Laoghaire to Limerick, arriving in time for an evening meal. The other two cars came on the evening ferry from Holyhead, leaving an hour late as the ship had to wait for the motor rail car, which had broken down en route from London. A further delay at the Irish Customs and it was 2 a.m. when they left the docks, and Limerick was not reached until 5 a.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT LIMERICK

Three hours' sleep and a hearty breakfast later and we assembled in the belfry at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Dean led us in prayer before we started to ring Bob Major. Unfortunately the peal was lost after two and a quarter hours. In the evening we had a most enjoyable hour at Mount St. Alphonsus. Here we were joined by some of the local ringers, who had come to ring for service. On leaving the belfry we were astonished to see the crowds of people attending service (this on a Saturday at 7 p.m.), so many that the church was packed with people unable to get inside.

On Sunday morning we had a quick run out to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. A full day would not have been sufficient to take in all the beauty and history of this noble building and the houses which have been preserved for the edification of future generations. Then on to Doneraile (a pleasant six), where we rang seven 720's of Bob Minor in near tropical conditions. Cyril must have lost a stone judging by the perspiration on his shirt.

From Doneraile a long, picturesque run down to Bantry Bay to stay three nights at Castletownbere at the foot of the Slieve Miskisk Mountains. The Berehaven is the only hotel on this 30-mile-long peninsula, and if the water was cold the welcome from the locals fully compensated for it.

CATTLE AND THE NAVY

We awoke on Monday morning to the sound of cattle lowing and were told it was the monthly cattle fair, when all the farmers in the area bring their beasts and dispose of them by selling or by barter, all of this taking place in the main street. George viewed nthe various cattle with a distinctly jaundiced eye and did not appear very impressed. He certainly did not bid for any of them. We were advised that it was a good day to go sightseeing away from the village, so we motored round the wonderful "Ring of Kerry."

Tuesday was spent exploring the peninsula nearer to the hotel. Some ventured on the water in motor boats, but only Gordon faced the rigours of a dip in the sea. Arriving back at the hotel we found the Irish Navy in charge. A corvette had anchored in the bay and the boys in blue had been given shore leave.

Our hostess apologised for a slight delay in preparing our meal, as the fishing boat was a little late getting in! However, it was well worth waiting for! Our visit coincided with the annual regatta week, and a massive marquee had been erected in the town square and a dance arranged for each night. With the navy singing their traditional Irish folk songs and a dance band playing till the early hours, it was not such a tranquil scene as one may have expected in this isolated corner of Erin. Nevertheless, we would all gladly have stayed longer but the ringing programme was once more uppermost as we set off for Bandon. En route we stopped at Rosscarbery to look in the tiny Cathedral, where the five bells are silent. We saw scaffolding round the tower and hope this is an omen for good.

At Bandon the Rector and local ringers met us and joined in prayer before ringing the six (14 cwt.), where one peers round the clock pendulum framing to find the other ropes. Not all the ladies were able to negotiate the ladders to the ringing chamber. A short roadside stop for sandwiches, then on to Cork, passing on the way numerous horse-drawn caravans which can be hired in this area. At Cork we were met by Mr. Bogan. We were impressed by the tuneful eight, though they are somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber. Another long run brought us to Waterford, the bells here being pleasant to hear and easy to handle. Once again we were made welcome by the Dean. Dusk was drawing on by the time we reached Enniscorthy, where we were staying the night. This little town standing on the River Slaney possesses a castle and two fine churches, one of them housing a bell (about 30 cwt.) which would make an excellent tenor to a ring.

On Thursday we travelled to Kilkenny. The massive ringing chamber and its close proximity to the bells adds atmosphere to the musical ring.

BELLS WENT DRY

A peal attempt was scheduled at Arklow in the afternoon and we arrived to find Fred Dukes awaited us. A good start was made for Stedman Triples but the peal attempt was abandoned after one and a quarter hours when the third and fourth bells went dry.

Next morning we travelled to Blessington via the Vale of Avoca and Glendalough. We found the ring of six almost unringable and the ropes in poor condition. We were told later that the Dublin ringers visit the tower frequently to ring for service. Stout fellows! We all enjoyed our lunch at the Devonshire Hotel, which adjoins the church, and admired the view of the lakes from the Rector's gateway.

From Blessington a run over the Wicklow Mountains, covering mile after mile of glorious scenery before arriving at Bray. The disappointment at not hearing the tenor (due to clapper trouble) could not dim the spell of ringing on this magnificent ring, and all want to return to hear the full octave. We were met here by Peter Brown from Dublin, who had arranged extra ringing for us in the evening at St. George's, Dublin. After this, George Roobottom's unerring instinct led us to the Yacht at Clontarf, without doubt the finest hostelry on this coast.

Our disappointments at Limerick and Arklow were somewhat alleviated on Saturday, when we rang a good peal of Stedman Triples at Drogheda in memoriam to Albert Greene, the last surviving founder member of the Irish Association.

George and his passengers had to leave on Sunday afternoon, but with co-operation and organisation on the part of the Dublin ringers it was possible to visit St. Patrick's, Christ Church and St. John's (Augustinian Church) and ring at all of them before lunch at the Four Courts and saying au revoir. Although somewhat depleted by their departure, we were able to ring at Christ Church for Evensong and thence to St. George's to wind up the tour with an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service, which was attended by all of us.

Space will not permit mention of all the names of those to whom we are indebted for a wonderful holiday as well as a ringing tour of all the available towers in Eire. Without the ready assistance of Fred Dukes it would not have been possible and without his efficient organisation it would not have worked out so smoothly. So to Fred we offer our sincere thanks.

Members of the ringing tour were from St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, Stafford, St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton.

5,376 Spliced Surprise Major

By RICHARD J. PARKER

In eight methods (Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire) with all the work of each method for every bell.

	2345678		Reduce to 5,056 by either
			(a) omitting bracketed
—	4235678	B.	and two leads of
	5728463	Y.	Bristol in all parts
	8673542	Y.	except 6th and 7th.
	3462857	Lin.	This gives
—	4257386	P.	1,120 Rutland,
	7826435	C.	896 Yorkshire,
	6385742	Y.	672 Cambridge and
—	3542678	S.	Lincolnshire,
—	6435827	Lon.	576 Bristol,
—	3645827	B.	448 Pudsey and
	5267384	C.	Superlative,
	7824536	C.	224 London,
	4386752	P.	with 108 changes of
	6532478	S.	method, or
	2758643	Y.	(b) Substituting one lead
	8473265	Lin.	(bobbed) of Lincoln-
—	4365827	Lin.	shire for the last
	6483752	R.	seven leads in one
	8674235	R.	part and reducing two
	7826543	R.	other parts as in (a).
(—)	5278364	R.	This gives
(—)	7528364	B.	960 Rutland,
(—)	2758364	B.	896 Yorkshire,
—	3527486	R.	704 Bristol and
			Lincolnshire
			672 Cambridge,
			448 Pudsey and
			Superlative,
			224 London,
			with 111 changes of
			method.

First rung at Whalley, Lancs, on December 30th, 1966.

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Treble Bob Minor and Splicing

BY THE PROFESSOR

(Continued from page 618)

Finally let us look at the system of splicing termed "grid" or "pattern" splicing and termed by A. G. Driver "Composite Courses."

Fig 14

(i) 720 in Six Surprise Methods By A. G. Driver

		Old Primrose Surprise
		123456 lead-head.
23456	Cambridge Sur.	214365
— 35642	Norfolk Sur.	124635
26435	Ipswich Sur.	216453
42563	Hull Sur.	261435
63254	Cambridge Sur.	624153
54326	"	621435
— 42635	Norfolk Sur.	264153
— 56423	Primrose Sur.	624513
62534	Bourne Sur.	265431
45362	Ipswich Sur.	256413
		524631
34256		254361
		523416
(ii) 720 in 10 or 11 Methods By H. Chant		532461
		354216
		534126
		351462
23456	London Sch.	354126
56342	Merton	531462
64523	College Ex.	513426
35264	Morning Star	154362
— 35642	"	514632
54326	London Sch.	156423 lead-end.
26435	Merton	
63254	College Ex.	(165423)
42563	Morning Star	
— 42635	"	
— 42356		

If the path of the fifth in A. G. Driver's arrangement is traced through it will be found to follow the path traced by the individual bells in ringing Old Primrose Surprise from lead-head to lead-end. Reduced to its bare essentials it will be found that when the 5th bell is in:

(a) 2nds or 5ths, Primrose or Cambridge is rung.
(b) 3rds or 6ths, Norfolk or Ipswich is rung.
(c) 4ths, Hull or Bourne is rung.

The 5th itself rings, as it were, Old Primrose throughout, varying only the leads by 2nds or 6ths.

The policy pursued by the 5th in 720 (i) (Fig. 14) is followed by the 6th in 720 (ii) but I leave the ringers to work this out for themselves. There are quite a few 720's based on this system, many of which are quite interesting to ring.

I would, however, like to conclude by making one or two comments about the well-known 720 in 13 methods by A. G. Driver (Fig. 15).

Fig. T5
720 in 13 Methods by A. G. Driver.

	23456	Capel T.B.
	56342	Oxford T.B.
—	35642	"
—	63542	Sandal T.B.
	42356	"
	56234	Oxford T.B.
	25463	Carisbrooke Del.
	34625	Oxford
—	63425	Ockley T.B.
	54263	Donottar Del.
	25346	Sandal
—	46325	Oxford
	34562	Wath Del.
	25634	Oxford
	62453	London Sch.
	53246	"
—	46253	Oxford
—	24653	"
	62345	Duke of Norfolk
	53462	Pontefract Del.
	45236	Kingston
—	36245	Oxford
—	23645	Oxford
	62534	College Ex.
	45362	Donottar Del.
	34256	Kingston
	56423	Oxford
—	45623	"
—	64523	Norbury
	35264	Pontefract Del.
	23456	

It will be seen that: Oxford is rung with the 6th in 3rds and 4ths, Sandal or Duke of Norfolk, etc., with the 6th in 2nds and 6ths, and Wath or Pontefract Delight, etc., with the 6th in 5ths.

The difficulty encountered in ringing this 720 is the changeover in 3–4 from forward to backward hunting or vice versa. Although we have previously touched upon the transition at the lead-ends from one method to another and there are more difficult transitions to be encountered than those in this 720, nevertheless, once the principles of this have been mastered, there should be no great difficulty in tackling others.

Fig. 16

	(i)	(ii)
Forward	512634	512463
	156243	154236
	516234	514263
	152643	152436
Backward	125463	154263
	215436	514236
	124563	152463
	214536	512436

	(iii)	(iv)
Backward	513246	215346
	153264	125364
	512346	213546
	152364	123564
Forward	125634	125346
	216543	213564
	126534	123546
	215643	215364

Very little difficulty should be encountered in (i) and (iii) in Fig. 16, where 6ths place is made at the lead-end, the change from one method to the next being straightforward, but in (ii) and (iv) when 2nds is made, difficulty will probably be met in 3–4. If one tries to memorise the actual work done in 3–4 there are some rather peculiar duties to learn, but one of the chief causes of breakdown at these points is that in cases of misunderstanding one, or both, of the ringers tends to finish up going the wrong way. Normally, if there was no change of method in, say, example (ii), the 2nd would move to 5–6 and the 4th as first bell to lead and, if there is a muddle, ringers tend to persist in this general direction.

Strangely enough, if this lead-end was the end of a touch or a 720, and a change of method was made, most if not all of these difficulties would vanish. The moral of this is to learn how each bell starts from rounds and regard the new lead as a fresh start, watching carefully whether one's bell falls into 3rds or 4ths at the backstroke when the treble is leading. But I am repeating myself.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that these brief notes may be of service to some ringers, as, although far from being a comprehensive view of the subject, they will, I hope contain enough information and guidance for further progress.

[Concluded]

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. C. Baker 1, N. Dawson (first "inside") 2, B. Martin 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, F. J. Sampson 5, T. Newlands 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. Williams 8. For Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. I. Hunt, whose letter was posted in the Bristol area, cannot expect publication unless he sends his name and address.

A busy committee convener of the Central Council makes an appeal to correspondents to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for replies. The suggestion is to be commended.

Robert C. Kippin appeals for a little less of "Noddy" correspondence. "A joke's a joke, but this has gone on far too long. Let's keep a sense of decorum in our paper," he writes.

In aid of Midhurst Bell Restoration Fund, a bell quiz has been organised with a shilling entrance fee. For details, write Goodman, June Lane, Midhurst. There are 70 questions.

To honour the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner, a peal was attempted at Babworth. A broken rope, occurring too late for a second start, was a big disappointment.

Our story of a peal attempt at Lowestoft being lost through "lack of suspension" in one of the ringers' trousers (see "R.W.", August 18th) was prominently featured in the "Daily Mirror" of August 30th with an interview with Ralph Bickers, the ringer in the predicament.

There was a good response, particularly by people from other Districts, at the St. Albans District meeting on August 9th. Mr. A. R. Carter was transferred from the non-resident to resident ringing membership. Next meeting, King's Walden, September 16th.

Mr. Arthur G. Mason rang his 50th peal of Maximus at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on August 28th. It was Cambridge Surprise, conducted by Brian Harris. During the week-end he rang in peals also at St. Albans and Swaffham, Norfolk.

During the recent Lancashire Peal Week a peal of note was the one of Cambridge at Chorley, where the two ladies took control by ringing the seventh and tenor and calling the peal. Margaret Fort rang the tenor and Maryl Fielden rang the seventh and conducted. A splendid effort by both.

UPHAM'S CAPTAIN WAITS 54 YEARS FOR FIRST PEAL

There were two "firsts" for ringers in the peal rung at Upham, Hants, on August 23rd, one of which was Miss Valerie Rushforth, who rang the treble. She learned to ring at St. Peter's, Petersfield, and is now at Keele University where she belongs to the Ringing Society. She rang a good peal and the band wish it recorded as a 21st birthday compliment to her.

The tenor ringer, Mr. Walter J. Stubbington, also rang faultlessly his first peal: he is captain of Upham tower, where all his family have at some time learned to ring. Mr. Stubbington still lives in the house where he was born, and the only time he left Upham was to fight in the first Great War. He started to ring in 1913 at the age of 13, when he was taught by his brother. The captain of ringers at that time was Mr. W. Kimber.

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LEAD-HEADS AND LEAD-ENDS

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE

MR. A. S. HUDSON does well to point out ("Ringing World," page 570) the confusion that can arise through imprecise use of the term "lead-end." But his statement regarding handstroke and backstroke rows relates only to single hunt-controlled methods. It needs qualification, i.e. as to whether the method be single or twin hunt-controlled, or omni-working. The following may be helpful to learners in clearing the point.

A plain course of changes is divided into groups of rows known as "leads" or "divisions"; "leads" in hunt-controlled methods (such as Plain Bob) and "divisions" in omni-working methods, i.e. with no hunt-control (as in Stedman or Duffield). Incidentally, the number of such leads or divisions in the plain course is equal to the number of "working" bells. For example, in Grandsire Triples five, with two hunt-bells; and in Stedman Triples seven, all "working." ("Division" is the term used in the Central Council's Handbook).

Fig. 1

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                0000   Lead-head
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"Lead" or       0000
"Division"      - -    Half-lead
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                0000
                0000   Lead-end
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Fig. 1 shows a number of skeleton rows from a course, with one lead or division marked off between the two division lines. Clearly there can be no doubt as to which of the rows in the "lead" is its "head" row and which is its "end" row. But the question at once arises as to how the design itself of the method is set within the lead; i.e. where the treble's leading rows occur if it be a hunt-trolled method; or where certain "key" work occurs if it be a non-hunt-controlled method. The answer lies in the fact that there is a convention in method design that regular methods must have symmetrical setting of design within the lead or division. (For the remainder of the discussion let us (properly) use the term "division" as applying for "lead" also.)

This factor of symmetry means that a division has reflective design about its mid-line; in other words, the pattern of the changes in the lower half, folded up over the upper half, will fit it exactly.

Fig. 2	Fig. 3
0010 h	01020 b
0100 b	10200 h
1000 h	12000 b
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1000 b	21000 h
0100 h	20100 b
0010 b	02010 h
0001 h	00201 b
- -	00021 h
0001 b	- -
0010 h	00012 b
0100 b	00102 h
1000 h	01020 b
----	10200 h
1000 b	12000 b
0100 h	----
0010 b	21000 h
	20100 b
	02010 h

Fig. 2 shows a single-hunt (skeleton) method with the path of the hunt-bell (treble) set symmetrically in the division, and, of course, in the parts of the contiguous divisions shown above and below it. This is the standard arrangement in regard to the division parting lines in all hunt-controlled methods having one hunt-bell (treble) only. Note the nature of the stroke for each row—hand (h) or back (b).

It is seen that the "lead-head" row in the this class of method is a backstroke row and the "lead-end" row is a handstroke row. In effect, in such methods, when the conductor calls "Go" the last-rung row of rounds (a backstroke row, of course) is the first or lead-head row of a division of the method being rung. So much for methods single-hunt-controlled.

Now consider methods with a twin-hunt-control—e.g. Grandsire. Here we find something rather different. Our two hunt bells are the treble and the bell in the hunt. Again their paths are to be symmetrically set with respect to the divisions. Fig. 3 shows how this is done. The division parting line has two leading blows above it, the treble's; and two leading blows below it, the bell-in-the-hunt's. This symmetry is maintained at the lying position (the "half-lead") and, in fact, throughout the division. This is confirmed in the Central Council's Handbook, where it points out that the division parting is mid-way of the four rows of the leadings of the two hunt-bells. The same is true of their lyings, mid-way behind. Now note the nature of the rows, h or b. The lead-head row is now at **handstroke**, and the lead-end row at **backstroke**. This, as seen, is just the reverse of the case of the single hunt-control method.

This brings us to the crux of the discussion. Groups of change rows, from the small division, through the course, and up to the "part" may each be conveniently and briefly referred to or identified by a particular row representing the whole group. In hunt-controlled methods this is a row in which the treble is at the lead, and, in fact, at backstroke. Now look again carefully at Figs. 2 and 3, and note in each case where the treble's backstroke-leading row occurs. In Fig. 2 (single hunt-control type of method) it is the lead-**head** row; but in Fig. 3 (twin hunt-control type of method) it is the lead-**end** row. To generalise, we may usefully employ a term covering the concept of both rows, namely, "Index," and we may now formulate a relevant rule:—

"Divisions, Courses and Parts of compositions may be identified and indicated briefly by a method's Index rows. In all hunt-controlled methods these rows occur at the treble's backstroke leading, so if the method is of the single hunt type the index row is a lead-**head** row; but if of the twin hunt type the index row is a lead-**end** row. In omni-working (non-hunt-controlled) methods the index rows may be either div-head or div-end rows according to the design in the division."

The requisite qualification of or addition to Mr. Hudson's definition, referred to at the outset, may be seen to be expressed in the foregoing rule.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' SHREWSBURY PEAL

The 175th anniversary of the dedication of St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, was commemorated by a peal of 5,175 Stedman Cinques on August 19th, rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, all of whom are associated with St. Paul's Cathedral, London. In the picture are:—

Front row (left to right): Rev. B. K. Lunn, J. Chilcott (composer and conductor), R. Cousins, W. T. Cook and James Phillips (who took the picture by remote control).

Back row: A. Kench, P. A. F. Chalk, M. V. Chilcott, J. A. Waugh, D. Randall, L. Overington and M. P. Moreton.

R.U.S.C.R. WANDERINGS

June 21st saw Reading University ringers in Gloucestershire. Had great fun visiting Compton Bassett (yes, we know it's in Wilts), Westerleigh, Frampton Cotterell, Mangotsfield, Bilton, Warmley, Marshfield and Chippenham St. Andrew. The minibus arrived a traditional hour late, and rather wrecked earlier proceedings.

After ringing at Mangotsfield we were greeted by a dear old lady who thanked us profusely for ringing the bells for her birthday. We rather disappointed Ronald because he saw no smocked yokels with straw in their ears and cider mugs in hand in the heathen wilds of Gloucestershire.

The glorious weather (acknowledgments to the Met. Office) proved too hot for most of us and envious looks were cast at the coupé driven by the élite of the Society! We plodded on in a fiery minibus, gallantly steered by Fred Scott.

Many, many thanks go from the Society to Fred for driving the bus, to all friends who met us at the towers, and incumbents.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Although the attendance was small, the quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch at Sandford on July 29th proved to be very enjoyable. The annual meeting was fixed for December 11th.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Crofts 1, Margaret Powell 2, K. Bellew 3, S. Bendle 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, F. Crofts (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong, and also to celebrate recent successes in examinations for the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MISS DIANE STREET MARRIED

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A former secretary of the Guildford District, Miss Diane Mary Street, of Godalming, was married on August 19th to Mr. Stuart William Holland, who was a fellow teacher with her at George Abbot's School, Guildford. The ceremony at Godalming Parish Church was conducted by a former vicar, Canon A. C. G. Oldham. The bells of the parish church were rung by Diane's friends before and after the service.

The bride wore a full-length white satin dress with lace bell sleeves and full-length train. Her headdress was of Swiss gentians and she carried a bouquet of apricot roses, lilies-of-the-valley and miniature gladioli.

The reception for 130 guests was held at the Chichester Hall, Witley, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District.

While at Bishop Otter Training College, Chichester, the bride wrote a novel mathematical thesis on the weights of tenor bells in the country, giving average weights per county and drawing certain deductions. A summary was published in "The Ringing World".

ECUMENICAL WEDDING BELLS IN EDINBURGH

Denominational differences have never been an obstacle to friendly co-operation between the two ringing towers in Edinburgh — St. Cuthbert's Church of Scotland and St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral—and two recent weddings have strengthened the tie still further.

On April 1st June Phillips, of the Cathedral, and Magnus Peterson, of St. Cuthbert's, were married in the Cathedral, and on August 11th Elizabeth Graham, of St. Cuthbert's, and Harry Glover, of the Cathedral, were married in St. Cuthbert's, and for each wedding a combined band rang both before and after the service—the joyful noise produced compensating to some extent for the absence of sunshine.

Magnus has been appointed to a lectureship in the University; it is hoped he and June will still be ringing in both towers. The Glovers have settled in Alva, and all are sorry to lose them as Edinburgh ringers. Fortunately, however, Alva is only a few miles from Alloa, where there is a light ring of eight and a shortage of ringers, so Harry and Elizabeth will be a welcome additon to the strength there.

MR. AND MRS. N. CHADDOCK LEAVE ROTHERHAM

On the evening of July 31st, in Rotherham Parish Church belfry, Mr. Alec Holroyd, on behalf of the ringers at the Parish Church, presented a handsome electric clock to Elsie and Norman Chaddock as a token of esteem and good wishes to them on their imminent departure to the East Riding of Yorkshire. Mr. Chaddock is taking up a senior post at Market Weighton County Secondary School in September. After about an hour's ringing, including Stedman Caters and 5-Spliced Surprise Major, and Bob Royal for the latest recruits, the party adjourned to the Drawbridge Hotel, where they were joined by the Vicar and his family, senior church officials and churchwardens and a few other close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaddock have been associated with the Parish Church since 1938, when Norman taught Elsie to ring there, and he has been in charge of the ringing there for the last 15 years. He has also been on the P.C.C. for about 12 years and a people's warden for the last five years. During this time, helped by Elsie, Susan, John and other experienced pupils, he has trained bands at four other local towers.

Mr. Alec Holroyd succeeds him as captain of the tower and P.C.C. representative, and Mr. Stuart Armeson as Ringing Master. A farewell peal of Stedman Caters was lost when there was a shift course in the last course, but a later attempt for Bob Royal resulted in an excellent peal being rung.

A SUSSEX UNIVERSITY ROMANCE

Esher Parish Church was the scene of the marriage on Saturday, August 26th, of two prominent ringers, Mr. Michael J. Bew and Miss Catherine M. Powell.

Catherine had already been ringing in Surrey for several years when she became one of the first undergraduates at Sussex University in 1962. Mike came up to the same university in the following year and they were both very active members of the St. Peter's, Brighton, band and founder members of the University of Sussex Society. Brighton was sorry to lose them to Essex when, last year, Mike moved to Colchester to start his post-graduate research at the new University of Essex and was shortly followed by his fiancée, who has since been organising the computer there instead of the one at Brighton College of Technology. They have already done much ringing in Essex and will doubtless make an impact on the Essex Association in the future.

The marriage service was preceded by a peal of Plain Bob Major on Esher bells. The officiant was the Rev. E. Bugden, and the best man was Mr. Paul Kenrick, who used to share a flat with the bridegroom in Brighton. There were three bridesmaids, dressed very prettily in blue. Catherine had made her own gown and her train, which she designed herself, was a masterpiece, beautifully decorated with gold and silver bells. A reception for about 60 guests, including a good smattering of ringers, was held at Oxshott Village Centre. After the cutting of the cake a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Angela Newing, Angela Wright, Ray Talbot and Bernard Stone.

We wish Mike and Catherine the very best of good fortune, health and happiness in the years ahead. A. N.

LOOKING BACK ON THE PAST

[Photo by Lillies of Surbiton.

The wedding took place on August 12th at St. James' Church, Weybridge, between Martin J. Kirk, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, and Ann Teresa Lee, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lee, of Netherby Park, Weybridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Pierre Dil.

The bride was attended by her sisters, the Misses Barbara and Judith Lee. The best man was Mr. Peter Noble, and the ushers were Messrs. John A. Harrison and Keith Walker.

The couple met at college in Chichester and they are both primary school teachers in Surrey. The bridegroom is a member of the recently-formed band at Guildford Cathedral.

The bells at Weybridge were rung after the ceremony by relations and friends of the couple and a quarter peal of Cambridge S.M. was rung at West Clandon after the reception, which was held at the High Pine Club, Weybridge.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPTS

September 9th.—Leicester Cathedral: Spliced Surprise Maximus, Lancashire Association, 2 p.m.

September 16th.—Debenham, Suffolk: 10,080 Bob Major, starting 2 p.m. To commemorate a peal in the same method and the same length rung at Debenham in 1767.

YORKSHIRE PEALS FROM RUTLAND

Mr. J. Martin Thorley's annual week took place in the Rutland area, the 11 peals all being credited to the Yorkshire Association. The conducting was shared by Roger D. Bailey (four), J. M. Thorley and C. Barrie Dove three each, and G. W. Randall. It looks as if Yorkshire will provide the leading peal ringer for 1967, but there are another four months to go.

A WEEK IN THE RUTLAND AREA

RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Remigius, St. Cleer, St. Chrysostom, Horsley, Church Gresley, Winchendon, Ryton, St. Luke, St. John, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, Shareshill, St. Thomas, Lapley, St. Giles, St. Osmund, St. Felix, St. Patrick, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Martin, Austrey, St. Peter, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Simon, Elford, Cossington, Eynsham, St. Alban, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain, Seighford, Old, April Day and Kennington.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Paul Coad .. .. .. Treble	Roger N. Scholes 3
J. Martin Thorley 2	Christopher J. Groome .. 4
C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A 13th wedding anniversary compliment to Paddy and the conductor.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Christopher J. Groome .. Treble	*J. Charles Hudson 4
J. Paul Coad 2	C. Barrie Dove.. 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	*J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 25th peal together. Tenor 10 cwt.

BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Surfleet, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Roger D. Bailey.. .. .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Roger N. Scholes 3	J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

100th peal as conductor for the Yorkshire Association.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
Roger N. Scholes 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Christopher J. Groome .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge, two of Beverley and two of Surfleet.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*†Roger N. Scholes 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
*Christopher J. Groome.. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 25th peal—all rung with the ringer of the fifth.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight Plain Methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) Thelwall and Childwall, (3) Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles B. Dove.. .. .. Treble	C. John Groome 4
G. William Randall 2	R. Douglas Bailey 5
R. Nigel Scholes 3	James M. Thorley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. William Randall.

RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods: (1) Norwich, (2) Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., (3) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Cambridge and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

Roger N. Scholes .. .. Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Roger D. Bailey 5
Christopher J. Groome .. 3	C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

A compliment to Roger D. Bailey on being awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science of the University of London.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in E flat.

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey.. 5
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	Ronald J. Hill 6
*Roger N. Scholes 3	Geoffrey W. Randall.. .. 7
J. Charles Hudson 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Major.

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Oswald Delight, Norwich Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Surfleet Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Roger N. Scholes .. .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Roger D. Bailey 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Christopher J. Groome .. 3	Geoffrey W. Randall.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

WEST DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Oxford and Kent, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Norwich, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge and (7) Double Bob, Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Roger N. Scholes .. .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	Geoffrey W. Randall.. .. 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	Roger D. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D Bailey.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	*John G. Mitchell 5
J. Charles Hudson 2	C. Barrie Dove 6
Roger D. Bailey.. 3	Christopher J. Groome .. 7
Roger N. Scholes 4	J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal.

A LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Maryl R. Fielden .. .. Treble	†Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	†J. Barry Pickup 6
*James E. Andrews 3	‡Richard S. Starkie 7
Jeffrey Kershaw 4	John H. Fielden .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal in the method and 25th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

DEANE, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Margaret E. Fort .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Maryl R. Fielden 2	*Richard S. Starkie 6
Ian H. Oram 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
John H. Fielden 4	J. Barry Pickup .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* 50th peal together.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire and 448 of Bristol; with 136 changes of method Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Fothergill 5
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	John H. Fielden.. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Richard S. Starkie .. .. Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Geoffrey Fothergill 2	*James E. Andrews 6
Maryl R. Fielden 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Edward Jenkins 4	Jeffrey Kershaw .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in the method.

LANCASHIRE PEAL WEEK—continued

ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Geoffrey Fothergill	Treble	John H. Fielden	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
James E. Andrews	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

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

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
James E. Andrews	2	John H. Fielden	6
Geoffrey Fothergill	3	Maryl R. Fielden	7
Richard S. Starkie	4	Margaret E. Fort	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Maryl R. Fielden.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

*Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Richard S. Starkie ..	5
Maryl R. Fielden	2	†‡Geoffrey Fothergill ..	6
†James E. Andrews	3	*Jeffrey Kershaw	7
J. Barry Pickup	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* 100th peal together. † First of Wembley. ‡ 100th for the Association.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5175 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Roger F. Overington	Treble	Antony R. Kench	7
Brooke K. Lunn	2	Jack A. Waugh	8
Michael V. Chilcott	3	Dennis Randall	9
John Chilcott	4	James Phillips	10
Raymond G. Cousins ..	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
William T. Cook	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.
Rung on the 175th anniversary of the dedication of this church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Thomas E. Howarth ..	Treble	†Richard A. Hutchings ..	4
John V. P. Lochner ..	2	H. Lyndon Hatfield	5
Robert Peers	3	Terence M. FitzGerald ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung as a compliment to the tower captain (Tony Fox) and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEDWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard	Treble	*Peter C. Randall	5
*Anthony J. Cox	2	Norman W. Attaway ..	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Stanley Ruddlesden ..	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Christine F. Telfer	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Eric N. Harrison	2	Denis A. Bayles	6
*Rodney A. Yeates	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
John E. Anderson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, Bristol.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

Paul Rigby	Treble	Frank D. Mack	4
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Robert C. Kippin	5
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First of Minor (2nd peal) on the bells.
Rung as part of the 1,250th anniversary celebrations of this church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOKE EDITH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven different extents.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Michael Hart	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
Robert D. Hodges	2	John F. I. Turney	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by John F. I. Turney.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of this parish, the Rev. J. T. Spence, who was instituted on July 17th; also as a farewell to the Rev. Michael Hart, who is leaving to be curate at Putney.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,184 Bristol; with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Frederick J. Cullum	6
Christopher T. Osenton ..	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Christopher T. Osenton has now "circled the tower" four times.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
GIGGLESWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb in A flat.

*W. Stephen Walker	Treble	James Blackburn	5
James E. Dickinson ..	2	†Kevin Price	6
Alan Capstick	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	7
Stanley Anderton	4	*Harold Walker	Tenor

Composed by W. Hubbard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First of Triples in the method by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to David S. Parry and Jennifer Langhorne, who were married at this church earlier in the day; also to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burles, of Barrow-in-Furness, on their golden wedding anniversary.

HEVERSHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Diana J. Handley	Treble	John Ascroft	4
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
*Patricia James	3	Peter Handley	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal "inside".

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	2	Peter Pearce	6
Frances Fairbank	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
H. George Hart	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

HORNCASTLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Harry Barnes	Treble	†Richard Bennett	4
*Terence J. Hester	2	Horace Bennett	5
Peter Pearce	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † First peal.
Rung for the wedding of David Parry on August 12th.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	Peter Pearce 4
Terence J Hester 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Anthony K. Fortin 3	D. Kay Adkins .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Terence J. Hester .. .. Treble	Peter Pearce 4
Elsie K. Hart 2	Frank Reed 5
H. George Hart.. 3	D. Kay Adkins .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' composition.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans .. .. Treble	Walter Tomlinson 4
John Walden 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Angela Edith Blatherwick and Mr. Philip Applewhite, which preceded this peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

D. Walford Davies .. .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	D. R. Lynn Jones 5
William T. Petty 3	Raymond J. Mayle .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung muffled in memory of Harry Green, a friend of this tower; also of Howard Underhill, a former ringer.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., April 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of the following seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frank C. Pearson .. .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
John R. Smith 2	Derrick W. Pardon 5
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 3	H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Smith.

KETTERINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being two extents of Stedman, four extents of Grandsire, and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Martin Cubitt .. .. .. Treble	H. William Barrett 3
David Cubitt 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Leslie F. Bailey .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Barry J. Davis .. .. Treble	Mark W. Sayers.. 5
*Phillip J. Davis 2	Robert A. Reeves 6
John F. Carter 3	Paul R. Davis 7
Diana Reeves 4	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal at first attempt.

ALDERMASTON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 14 lb. in G.

Jane R. Fransella .. .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett 5
John Pladdys 2	Michael J. Church 6
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Beryl R. Simpson 4	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by B. D. Price. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

LONG WITTENHAM, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being 720 of St. Clement's and 1,440 each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	*Roy H. Jones 4
Angela M. Ayres 2	Frank E. Godden 5
*†Leonard R. Porter .. 3	David L. Wilcox .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Elsie Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Graham C. Paul .. .. Treble	Michael P. Moreton.. .. 5
Barry E. Saunders 2	Alan A. Paul 6
James Linnell 3	Patrick I. Chapman 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Barrie Hendry .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Alan A. Paul 2	Richard F. B. Speed .. 6
Graham C. Paul 3	David J. Marshall 7
Barrie Hendry 4	Patrick I. Chapman .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Christopher C. Stokes .. 2	Barry E. Saunders 6
Rupert A. Clarke 3	James Linnell 7
Graham C. Paul 4	Alan A. Paul .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all, and for the Guild.

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Christopher C. Stokes .. Treble	James Linnell 5
Raymond A. Vickers .. 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Rupert A. Clarke 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method for all, and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

SHIRLEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., July 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Raymond Aldington .. .. Treble	R. George Morris 5
Muriel Reay 2	Maurice F. Edwards .. 6
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	David J. Purnell 7
John R. Insley 4	George E. Fearn .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SHIRLEY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Ann E. Fellows	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	George E. Fearn	6
*James W. Belshaw	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
James Insley	4	David J. Purnell	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of London on an "inside" bell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Margaret E. Egglestone	Treble	Lawrence J. Pizzey	5
*David J. Derrick	2	†Robert J. Southgate	6
Brian Redges	3	Robin H. Rogers	7
Martin H. Whittell	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Major. † First of Treble Bob Major.

TUDDENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Leslie P. Brain	Treble	David J. Derrick	4
Lawrence J. Parry	2	Alan J. Munnings	5
W. Keith Whittell	3	Mrs. Winifred Lockwood	Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Winifred Lockwood.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Percy William Marjoram, a former ringer at this church, and Claude William John Woodard, a former ringer at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, who rang his last peal at this church.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Michael R. Wycherley	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	5
John Pladdys	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
Dennis A. Hewitt	3	C. Martin Press	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by C. Martin Press.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Aug. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
Robert N. Harris	3	*Colin A. Osbon	7
Richard Hayes	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 1,184 Bristol: 110 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Derek C Slater	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Frank H. Hicks	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*John A. Howard	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings) Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*F. Malcolm Bowers	Treble	Marion L. Lidgey	4
*Anthony P. Smith	2	†Michael Peters	5
Harry Miles	3	‡Denis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by F. Malcolm Bowers.
* First peal of Stedman and of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First of Stedman. First as conductor. First of Doubles on the bells.

LELANT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Uny.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

Marion L. Lidgey	Treble	*John J. George	4
Harry Miles	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
Anthony P. Smith	3	W. Reginald Curtis	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony P. Smith.
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Plain Bob on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Mary of Upham.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being two extents of Stedman and eight each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Valerie A. Rushforth	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
David G. Hatherly	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
Lesley J. Read	3	*Walter J. Stubbington	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¾ cwt.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Neil Donovan	6
*Richard Parker	2	David Nichols	7
Elsie Chaddock	3	Frederick Jackson	8
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Alec Holroyd	5	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Arranged by A. Cattell. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Bob Royal. 200th peal as conductor.
A farewell to Elsie and Norman Chaddock, who are moving to the East Riding of Yorkshire.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Reverse Canterbury, (6) Southrepps, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*Rev. Nicholas J. D. Webb	4
*John Webb	2	*Alan Newbould	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	*J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in eight methods.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods viz.: (1) Single Oxford. (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
Alan Newbould	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
Michael R. Meadows	3	J. Paul Coad	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Robert B. Smith	Treble	‡Brian Schofield	6
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	2	*Arthur E. Whiting	7
*John Jessup	3	Derek F. Yates	8
*Michael J. Platt	4	Robert J. Warrilow	9
†Gerald Moorhouse	5	William H. Dowse	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Robert B Smith.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal on tower bells. ‡ First of Royal. Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In two methods, comprising 3,440 Rutland and 1,720 Yorkshire; with 86 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1—2	Robert B. Smith	5—6
Neil Bennett	3—4	Frederick Shallcross	7—8
		*Gerald Moorhouse	9—10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 100th peal, first of Surprise Royal and first of Surprise on handbells. First of Surprise Royal on handbells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Royal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 21, North Riding, Bricket Wood.
On Fri., Aug. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

Walter G. Paul	1—2	Brian B. Hullah	3—4
D. Kay Adkins	5—6		

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

DATE TOUCHES

BASSALEG, MON.—On Aug. 17th, 1,967 Minor ("R.W." page 571): Gillian Colleypriest 1, R. J. Hall 2, G. Wilkinson 3, P. Williams 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Colleypriest.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,967 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1, R. Blackler 2, G. A. Dawson 3, Elizabeth J. Foster 4, P. Church 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First date touch of Minor this year containing no change more than three times Rung for the Wollaton annual fete and gala held on this day

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ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Gillian Laver (first "inside") 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. A. Laver 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, V. Stedman 6. For Evensong.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. W. Judkins (first quarter) 1, R. T. Falder 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, K. J. Perrin 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 2, 4 and 5, on having successful G.C.E. results.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (four methods): Doreen Metcalfe 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, J. A. Coates 3, S. G. Pick 4, B. S. Payne 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to Hilary Jane Poyner.

BALDERTON, NOTTS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wakefield 1—2, K. Vernon (longest touch) 3, P. Raithby 4, P. Holmes 5, C. W. Reed (cond.) 6.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Udall 1, G. W. Hawkeworth 2, M. E. Hearnshaw 3, A. Noton (first quarter "inside") 4, T. Wylie 5, A. M. Smith (first as cond.) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. Clifton 1, B. Johnson 2, Sylvia Knight 3, P. Richardson 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. R. P. Sherlock 7, H. Deacon 8. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Maureen White 1, Lynne Payne 2, Sylvia Knight 3, Carole Cattermole 4, H. Deacon 5, Mary White 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, D. Dury 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Martin's, on July 6th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: M. F. Edwards 1, Ann E. Fellows 2, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 3, C. A. S. Webb 4, J. R. Insley 5, S. W. Barton 6, J. Insley 7, N. J. Goodman 8, J. A. Anderson 9, G. E. Fearn 10, H. H. Fearn 11, P. D. Warren 12.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: R. V. Smith 1, S. R. Smith (first "inside") 2, D. B. Brown (cond.) 3, Beryl Cross 4, Deborah Maggs 5, Jennifer Howell (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. R. O. Stephenson, as an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Gilbert 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, R. Bushell (first as cond.) 3, F. Dadson 4, J. Clark 5, M. Lacey 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. N. Shotton and Miss M. McCreight. Also on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Kenward 1, Miss P. Tomsett 2, R. Bushell (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, F. Dadson 5, M. Lacey 6.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Conway 1, R. G. Pike (first as cond.) 2, D. T. Matkin 3, R. J. Peckham 4, J. R. Price 5, R. W. Price 6, E. J. Booth 7, F. Price 8. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 18th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, N. Dawson 2, E. Ovens 3, B. Martin 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6 A. W. Gibbs 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

CALDICOT, MON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Colleypriest 1, Rev. R. Hallett 2 Marion Bennett 3, P. Bennett 4, G. Wilkinson 5, P. Williams 6, D. Phillips (cond.) 7, I. Cooper 8. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Timothy Hallett.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Davy 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, R. Surrage 3, K. Butler 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, J. Davy 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Court, tower secretary.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): P. R. Everest 1, G. Palmer 2, M. Thompson 3, R. Everest (cond.) 4, H. W. Evans 5, R. Sherlock 6, N. Butcher 7, W. Bear 8. A birthday compliment to Anne Everest. For Evensong

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Abbott 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Ann Smith 3, J. Pailing (cond.) 4, B. P. Morris 5, H. E. Taylor 6, S. Foskett 7, J. Asbury 8. For Pastoral Sunday Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell (first on eight) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (cond.) 2, D. Hill 3, J. Kingsnorth 4, D. G. Mayell 5, F. J. White 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, R. S. Tucker 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON. — On Aug. 20th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Cope 1, Angela Ayres 2 S. Royal 3, R. Heyworth 4, C. Holloway 5, R. Partridge 6, F. Absolom 7, G. McIlhone (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Lucas 1, J. Dunford 2, H. J. Sanger 3, R. G. Beck 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, D. McKay 6, A. P. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2.

HALSE, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 1, F. Branchflower 2, T. Hancock 3, F. Morris 4, A. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. The conductor rang his first quarter in this tower on August 5th, 1917.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Barnard 1, G. Barnard 2, Miss J. Wilsher (first "inside") 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. Rung on the completion of the redecoration of the interior of the church by voluntary labour.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Ruth Gay 2, Sue Gay 3, R. J. Gay 4, P. W. Gay (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Ruth Gay, who is about to leave for Canada.

KILMINGTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, G. Travers (first "inside," age 12) 2, T. Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

KINETON, WARWICKS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Randall 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, Dr. Mackie (first quarter) 3, P. C. Randall 4, J. J. Green 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. Newbold, who rang at Kineton for many years.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth Wilkins 2, Ann Salvage 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. Bishop 5, D. Wilkins (first as cond.) 6.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Minnion 1, B. Hawkins 2, C. R. Balcomb 3, A. F. Sawyer 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, P. R. Daws 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to David Hawkins, tower captain, and Rose Brindle-Carter.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On Aug. 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ronalie Ratcliffe (first quarter) 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, P. R. Daws 3, J. A. Collier 4, J. C. Davidge 5, C. W. Daws (cond.) 6 First of Kent 2, 3 and 5.

LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,339 Erin Caters: Miss D. Colgate 1, Miss R. J. Cotton 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, K. Rider 5, E. J. Ladd 6, J. R. Pratt 7, D. P. Smith 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

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LUTON, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Elisabeth McCartney 1, K. Lewin 2, G. Hawkins 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6, C. McCartney 7. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Osborne and the Rev. A. M. Girling, who were married in this church the previous day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cheryl Chorlton (first of Minor) 1, Joy Askew (first as cond.) 2, R. Askew 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock 5, S. Pardoe 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Holden (first of Minor) 1, R. Yeates 2, R. Askew 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, S. Pardoe 5, G. White 6. For Evensong.

PATSHULL, STAFFS. — On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. J. Bennett (first attempt) 1, P. R. Johnson 2, Barbara Pickering 3, P. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 5, S. W. Illage 6.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Aug. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nancie Page (first Major) 1, Wilfrid Palin 2, Jennifer Lees 3, Eileen Palin 4, L. Reynolds 5, J. Watson 6, B. Lawes 7, A. Mann (cond.) 8. Rung for the birth of Andrew Michael, second child of Laith Reynolds (tower captain) and Jan Reynolds.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Aug. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Bush 1, Miss P. Blackith (first of Major) 2, H. Goakes 3, M. Tyler 4, J. David 5, F. Boyall 6, R. Daw 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. For morning service.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Aug. 21st, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Collins (first of Doubles) 1, J. Avenall 2, Judith Collins 3, P. R. Collins 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. First in two methods 1 and 3.

RADLETT, HERTS. — On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: M. Donnall (first quarter) 1, R. Clouston 2, Anne Hunter 3, N. Woodward 4, B. Denmark (cond.) 5, J. Southey 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Hallett 1, A. J. House 2, Mrs. J. H. Hunt 3, F. C. May 4, T. Sharp 5, H. Furminger 6, M. J. Hallett 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hunt.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather J. Trueman 1, Valerie J. Williams 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, H. J. Page 4, D. R. Fallick 5, D. C. Jackson 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. Williams 8. Rung to mark the christening of Deborah and Helen, daughters of Valerie and Peter Williams, on Sunday, August 13th, 1967.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: F. G. Beddow 1, C. R. F. Cole 2, S. D. Cowan 3, A. Gibson 4, A. J. Slade 5, P. J. Evans 6, R. H. Newton 7, P. J. Munday 8, R. D. Mills 9, J. Brain 10, F. W. Ellis 11, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 12. First Maximus 3, 4, 8 and 9. Rung for the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the church. For Evensong.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown 2, A. G. Seares 3, H. Shine 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, W. J. Garrod 6. Rung half-muffled in grateful remembrance of Mrs. J. Garrod, wife of the tower captain. R.I.P.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Chapman 1, Liz C. Duncan (first "inside") 2, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 3, A. Knight 4, H. H. N. Duncan 5, H. Archer 6.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Hitchins 1, F. Slatford 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, C. Quartley 4, N. Knee 5, G. Eyles 6, C. Andrews (cond.) 7, R. Lucas 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson for Mr. E. C. Shepherd.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX. — At All Hallows' Church, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pearce 1, Anne Homford 2, Pamela Brown 3, Jennifer Pearce 4, M. Stacey 5, A. Fulwell 6, N. Edwards (cond.) 7, G. Pearce 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Whait 1, T. E. Harrold 2, J. Harrold 3, R. J. Welch 4, R. F. Roe 5, G. Pluckrose 6, Miss R. J. Watkin (cond.) 7, C. H. F. Knight 8.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. H. Fitter 1, Lynda Deebank 2, R. Weekes 3, D. Main 4, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 5, M. F. Edwards 6. Also on Aug. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Park, sen. 1, K. Park, jun. 2, D. Main 3, R. Weekes 4, M. F. Edwards 5, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

LOOKING BACK

W. Stote's Peterborough Guild Memories

The photograph of 41 years ago from Mr. P. Amos, in your issue of August 18th, brings back memories of many friends I made in the Peterborough Guild between 1926 and the start of World War II.

I had cycled from Southam to Great Brington, a distance of 18 miles or so, and was very grateful for the practice I obtained, as with all the meetings of both the Daventry and Guilsborough Branches of the Guild. Towers with expert bands of ringers and regular practice nights were really hard to come by. So, as an 18-year-old with very limited means and the determination to make the grade as a ringer, I just had to do something or "bust".

I had rung my first touch of Bob Minor a few weeks previously on a visit to Allesley, then a 6-bell tower, where I now ring most Sunday evenings for service. It was Mr. Fred Wilford, the first Master of the Guild, who first started me on the road to progress. We were at a meeting at Guilsborough and he was one short for Kent Minor. I was persuaded to stand in, despite the fact that I had never looked at the method. He told me every bell to dodge with for the first two leads. After then the rest came easily. Lack of opportunity to practise with a progressive band was my chief trouble. I had both Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major "taped" 18 months before I had a chance to strike a blow in either of them!

THE HANCOCKS OF WILLOUGHBY

I became very friendly with the Hancock family of Willoughby which, although in my own county of Warwick, is situated next to the county boundary. James M. Hancock and his two sons, Fred and George, had a set of handbells which they used to some good purpose. It was George who first persuaded me to try 1-2 to a course of Grandsire Doubles. We rang it straight off and then he called my first six-score "in hand" with himself ringing 3-4 and his father 5-6. He also showed me how to transpose the lead heads of Grandsire Doubles. This gave me an insight into composition, for which George has my everlasting gratitude James Merton Hancock passed away early in 1941, having been predeceased by his good wife a few years earlier. I remember them both with esteem and affection because they were more like a mother and father to me when I visited their house at Willoughby. The Hancock family have always been regarded as resident members of the Guild and stalwarts of the Daventry Branch in particular! George has been Branch president for a long time now and his brother Fred the indefatigable Branch secretary.

It also brings back the memory of the late Rev. W. H. Fearis, Rector of Welton, George's predecessor in office. He was elected Branch president at a meeting held at this church on April 10th, 1926, and held the office continuously up to the time of his death, about 1941. Although not a ringer himself, he was always happy in the company of ringers. He was very proud of his office and missed very few of the Branch meetings during the years of his presidency. Indeed a clergyman after a ringer's own heart!

Ernest Augustus Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, Leics, was a constant visitor to meetings. A man of lovable disposition, a churchwarden and a practising Christian, he gained the respect and admiration of us all. He passed away suddenly in February, 1935. A cortege of 150 ringers followed his coffin to the grave. Greater evidence of the esteem in which he was held would be hard to find.

Grandsire and Plain Bob and perhaps Stedman Doubles were as much as they could manage at most meetings; but, in their humble way, they taught me much that has stood me in good stead over the years, and not confined to the sphere of ringing either! I was proposed as a non-resident member of the Guild at a meeting held at Dodford on November 7th, 1925. In all probability I could have held such membership longer than any other living ringer. I don't say that this is actually the case, but it is certainly not impossible. I would indeed be pleased to learn of any other living ringer who was elected to non-resident membership of the Guild at an earlier date than this!

The date given for the photograph being taken is three months too early. It was taken on July 3rd of that year. I was not ringing anywhere on April 3rd, 1926, that much I do know. Both you and Mr. Amos have my best thanks for the publication of the photograph. It has caused me to delve into the past and resurrect memories which, though they may not be recorded here, are none the less worthwhile recalling.

REDEDICATION

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE

In October, 1965, the Church of St. Bartholomew, Quorn, was extensively damaged by fire. The work of restoration is now almost complete and a Festival of Rededication will be held in early September.

The bells have been recast by John Taylor and Co. with new frames and fittings, etc. This hardly needs saying as after the fire the tower was an empty shell! The total weight of the bells is now about 47 cwt. as compared with the old weight of 59 cwt. The weight has been lessened somewhat to make it easier to hang the bells on one level in the confined space. The original inscriptions have been replaced plus the words "Recast 1967" and on the tenor the names of the present Vicar, the Rev. Robin Everett, and the churchwardens.

Sunday, August 20th, was observed as the Patronal Festival and during evensong the bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Ven. Dr. H. Lockley, in the presence of a full congregation.

After the Third Collect the Archdeacon, Vicar and choir assembled under the tower for the Prayers of Dedication; the choir sang "Ding-dong merrily on high" and the procession returned to the chancel whilst rounds were rung.

Then followed prayers familiar to us all, taken from a number of Guild services; so to the excellent sermon by Dr. Lockley on the text "Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways: to give knowledge of salvation unto his people". Touches were rung as the congregation left the church by ringers from six other towers, including the president and other officers of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and representatives of the Bell Foundry.

The important work of teaching learners (including the Vicar!) has already begun and practice night is Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

B. S. P.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. First meeting for Sunday service ringing at Edgbaston Old Church, 5.30–6.30 p.m., October 1st. 2227

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Freshers coming to Bristol this year are invited to contact the secretary at: 32, Butterfield Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. 2127

HULL Colleges Guild.—Will any freshers coming up to Hull in October please contact Mr. G. W. Randall, 32, Coventry Road, Warwick, for details of the Guild's activities.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this year. Please write to Liz Webb, 8, Church Avenue, Warmley, Bristol. 2198

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.—Notice to freshers.—The first meeting of the Michaelmas term will be held on Friday, October 6th, at St. Marie's (R.C.), Norfolk Row, at 8 p.m. 2221

PERSONAL

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."—Proverbs xvi, 24.

Mr. BERNARD FAIRHEAD'S IRISH TOUR

A PARTY of ringers from Colchester and district had an enjoyable tour of Ireland, embracing both North and South during the week commencing Friday, July 21st, efficiently organised by Bernard Fairhead, with Fred Dukes supervising arrangements the other side of the water.

The sea crossing from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire occupied Friday. Our first engagement was with the magnificent eight at Bray but the absence of the tenor clapper limited ringing to the front seven. The coast was followed to Arklow and then on to the fine ten at Wexford, but it was necessary for us to put on two ropes before Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters could be attempted. The night was spent at Foulkmills, amusement being provided by Mick Howes and Stephen Humphrey having a collapsed bed.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and we rang for morning service at Waterford Cathedral. A shift course spoilt both the Stedman and Yorkshire. Other towers visited that day were Kilkenny and Doneraile and we stayed the night in a farmhouse at Bandon. A good touch of London was rung on the noisy six at Bandon the next morning before proceeding to Cork. The superb heavy eight at St. Finbarre's Cathedral sounded well to our Superlative. The rest of the day was spent admiring the wonderful scenery around the Killarney lakes.

PEAL LOST

Tuesday should have been the highlight of the week for eight of the party because a peal attempt was scheduled at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. It was not to be, as two bells shifted after an hour's good ringing. This setback was soon forgotten when we were ringing on Limerick's excellent ten, and it was here that the best striking of the week was produced. Our residence at Kells that night was another "best of the week."

On Wednesday we crossed the border into Northern Ireland, heading for Belfast, where we were to stay for two nights, and ringing at Drogheda, Rostrevor, Hillsborough and Lurgan on the way. The next day we were due to ring at St. Donard's, Belfast, and St. Mark's, Dundela, where a reasonable half-course of Cambridge Royal was rung, Holywood and Carrickfergus.

HIGHLIGHT

A good touch of Yorkshire was rung on Friday at Coleraine and afterwards ringing at Ballymena and Enniskillen, reached only after some hectic driving and shouts of "Mind the tyres." The highlight of the week was the Plain Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques rung on Saturday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Christ Church Cathedral was then visited, but the odd-struck tenor proved to be a bit of a handful. That was the final night of the tour and it was spent in an appropriate fashion with St. Patrick's ringers. The crossing to Holyhead on Sunday proved to be too much for some members of the party. Our thanks to all who helped in this enjoyable week, especially Fred Dukes and Bernard Fairhead.

JACK AND ROVER.

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BIRTHS

JAMES.—To David and Margaret (née Ross), of 109, Queenston Drive, Pittsburgh 15235, Pa., U.S.A., on August 14th, 1967, a son, Robert William, a brother for Richard.

PURNELL.—To David and Audrey (née Parker), of 18, Glendower Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, 22b, a daughter, Helen Joy, on Thursday, August 24th, 1967. Telephone now: 021-356 7889. 2223

SILVER WEDDING

CHILTON.—Congratulations, Mum and Dad, on your silver wedding, September 19th, 1967.—Love, Margaret. 2231

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

BULL—HUDSON.—The address after the marriage of Brian Bull and Janet Hudson on September 16th will be 27, Erpingham Road, S.W.15, and not 21, as printed last week.

JONES—BENTLEY.—The marriage between Mr. Christopher J. Jones and Miss Diana Bentley will take place on September 16th, 1967, at 11.30 a.m. at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Knutsford. All ringing friends welcome at the service. 2211

DEATH

CHAPMAN.—On August 21st, 1967, at St. Helier's Hospital, James Chapman, aged 86; 50 years tower captain at St. Leonard's, Streatham, until he retired 1963. 2196

RETURN THANKS

ARTHUR F. BALLAM, Hall Cottage, West Stow, wishes to thank all kind ringing friends for words and messages of sympathy shown to him in his sad bereavement in the death of his wife, Ada Gwendoline. 2228

PUBLICATIONS

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHADDOCK.—The address of Elsie and Norman Chaddock is now: Old School House, Hutton Cranswick, near Driffield, East Yorkshire. Please note for Central Council Sunday Service and Education Commitee correspondence. 2209

CLIFT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clift is now 5, Washington Avenue, Grove Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. All ringing friends welcome. Telephone in business hours: OHH2-2211 (Ext. 245). 2252

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—The address of the treasurer, Mr. John H. Allen, is now 11, Parkdale, Wolverhampton, Staffs. Please ensure that all subscriptions, peal fees, etc., are forwarded to new address. 2251

MISCELLANEOUS

BREDGAR, Kent.—The bells will be rededicated on Saturday, September 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringers' tea 5.30 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. Edmed, Mead House, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, by September 11th. 2171

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 6.15 for 6.45.

Tickets. 23s. 6d., from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, October 25th. S.A.E., please. 2199

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, Stokesay, Craven Arms, Salop, Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th. Viewing from noon till dusk, 16th; all day Sunday, 17th, except times of services. Tower open same hours. Teas at Vicarage. 2233

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — **Annual Dinner,** Ashford, Saturday, September 30th, 1967. Tickets available for first 100 applicants from own District secretary or A. P. S. Berry, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1980

ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH.—Because Mr. Norman Chaddock has left Rotherham to take up an appointment at Market Weighton, future communications about Rotherham, All Saints', Church bells should preferably be addressed to the new tower captain: Alec Holroyd, 56, Bent Lathes Avenue, Rotherham (Rotherham 3477). 2214

ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS', STEPNEY.—Due to structural alterations to the church, practices during September have been cancelled.—A. Cuthbert, Hon. Sec., 18, Claude Road, Leyton, E.10. 2234

SPECIAL BEGINNERS' PRACTICE.—Saturday, September 9th. Harlington 3.30–4.30, Cranford 6–8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Plain Hunt only. Own tea arrangements, please.—Colin Stevenson, Anne Horsford. 2158

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Ixworth (6), Friday, September 8th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. **Please note the change of day.**—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2195

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Merriott, Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Ringing until 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2212

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Congleton (rehung 8), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (limited) to H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Langley, Macclesfield. 2152

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 9th, Stapleford and Little Shelford. Bells, Stapleford (6), 3 p.m. Service, Stapleford, 4.30. Tea, Stapleford, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Little Shelford (6) approx. 6 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2250

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting at Barkingside, September 9th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. Social after ringing—games, dances, tiddlywinks relay race! Names for social to D. Ellisdon, 161, Redbridge Lane East, Ilford. 2145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hatherop, September 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 2222

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Petrock's, Exeter, on Saturday, September 9th, from 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 2213

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Puttenham (6) on Saturday, September 9th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2176

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 2169

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Boxley on Saturday, September 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Loran, Rendlesham, Chatham Road, Sandling, near Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2120

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, September 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. Latham, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill. Tel. PRE 4310.—M. E. D. 2240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Owston Ferry on Saturday, September 9th. Special methods: Norfolk Surprise and St. Simon's Doubles. Names for tea to me, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 2197

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Anne's, Highgate West Hill, N.6, Saturday, September 9th, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7. Business in tower 6.15 p.m. Ringing after. Own tea arrangements.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec 2168

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Claydon (5), Saturday, September 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks. 2220

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, September 9th, at Benefield. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 2201

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Tenby on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Jenkins, Nythfu, St. Mary's Street, Tenby.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 2175

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, September 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton. 2185

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, September 9th. Ringing from 3–4.30. Service, followed by tea and business meeting. All wishing for tea please book to Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 2126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Walberton on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 2180

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on Tuesday, September 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: September 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; September 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; September 26th, St. Lawrence Jewry; October 3rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2224

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 13th, at Penn, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. Branch 8-bell striking competition, Saturday, September 23rd, Farnham Royal.—Miss Hague. 2092

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Merstham, Wednesday, September 13th, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. **Please note:** Quarterly meeting on September 16th at Merstham **deferred to September 30th at Nutfield.**—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2217

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Monken Hadley, Thursday, September 14th. Bells from 7 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2230

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Porlock (6), Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those notifying E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 2243

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tickenham (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2053

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual meeting, **Blaydon** (note, not Whickham as arranged), September 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Newcastle upon Tyne. 2245

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Woodston, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise Minor and Double Court Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District).—Joint meeting at Bocking, September 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 2194

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening (6), Saturday, September 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Nicholas, 4, Blueboys Park, Minchinhampton, Glos, by Tuesday, September 12th. 2246

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, Sawbridgeworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riversfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth.—D. Kingston, Dis. Sec. 2249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Walden, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. King's Walden (6), 6.30–8.30. Names for tea, *please*, to Mr. L. Denison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2210

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Wittersham, September 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Appledore bells available 3–4 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. P. J. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham, by Saturday, September 9th. 2189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer (8), September 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. Names, together with money, to Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 19, St. Gregory's Close, Deal, not later than September 14th 2161

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, joint with the CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Northenden (6), 3 till 5 p.m., and Cheadle (8), 7 till 9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. No business meeting unless necessary.—C. Andrew, Branch Sec. 2238

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting, Lincoln St. Giles', September 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service and meeting 4.15. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, by Thursday previous.—G. R. P. 2193

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — A ringers' one-day course will be held at Portmadoc, Saturday, September 16th. Morning session, 10.45 a.m. to 12 noon. Afternoon session, 2 to 4 p.m. Arrangements for lunch please notify the Rev. Idris M. Jones, The Vicarage, Portmadoc. 2232

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, Mildenhall. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2247

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District.—Practice meeting, Hinderclay (6), September 16th, 6.30–9 p.m.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 2216

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Horsmonden (8) ..	11.00–11.45	Tenterden (8)	10.45–11.45
Brenchley (8)	11.45–12.30	Rolvenden (8)	11.30–12.15
Goudhurst (8)	12.30– 1.15	Benenden (8)	12.15– 1.00
Route 2		**Route 4**	
Marden (8)	9.45–10.30	Beckley (6)	9.45–10.30
Staplehurst (8) ..	10.15–11.00	Northiam (6)	10.30–11.15
Headcorn (8)	11.15–12.00	Ewhurst (5)	11.15–12.00
Smarden (6)	11.45–12.30	Sandhurst (6)	12.00–12.45
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Advance notice is also given of a special "learners" practice at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 21st.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 2229

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Meeting at Church Oakley, Saturday, September 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, September 12th, please. 2163

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Southampton and Christchurch Districts, Saturday, September 16th, Fawley. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 5.15, followed by discussion on name for new District. Lymington and Lyndhurst bells available in the evening. Names for tea *essential* to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelyn, Springfield Grove, Fawley. Tel. Blackfield 3185.—L. F. Cobb. 2202

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 2191

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a general meeting at Whitby on September 16th. Committee meeting at 3.30 in St. Mary's Church. Service 4.15. Tea at the Mills Cafe, Baxtergate, 5. There is a choice of fish and chips (4s. 9d.) or sandwiches (4s. 6d.). Please state choice when sending names to Miss G. Barkel, Clyde House, Spitalbridge, Whitby, by Thursday, September 14th. The business meeting will be in the cafe, and a new rule about travelling expenses will be put to the vote. Tickets for the Snowdon Dinner will be available. Bells: Pickering (8) 11 a.m.–12 noon; Fylingdales (8) 2–3.30 and after the meeting. Whitby (10) 2–4.15 and after the meeting. Parking near St. Mary's, Whitby, will be free for ringers who state their purpose.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, September 21st, 7.45–9 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2133

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—281st anniversary, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 2/6 per head. Names for tea to R. T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos, not later than Tuesday, September 19th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 24th. Ringing 2 p.m. 2239

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 7 p.m.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2242

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, September 23rd. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in hall. The ringers' wives are catering. A bumper attendance is hoped for at this attractive village. Names to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere, by Tuesday, 19th, please. 2192

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting, Caistor, on September 23rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 2226

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, Saturday, September 23rd. Business meeting, Club Room, Cheltenham Central Police Station, 2 p.m. Evening meal, Gupshill Manor, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, 6.45 p.m. (Application to secretary before September 15th; cost £1.) Ringing arrangements, apply Arthur Pearce, Sec., 197, Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor, Manchester 23. 2150

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Sutton Courtenay, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 19th, please, also striking competition entries and annual dinner ticket applications same time to C. Corderoy, Sec., West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewburn, Didcot, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, King's Cliffe (6), September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Llangattock and Llanbedr Ystradyw, Brecons, September 23rd. Llangattock bells (8) 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Evensong at Llanbedr Ystradyw 4 p.m., followed by tea at 2s. 6d. per head, and meeting. Immediately after District meeting there will be a meeting of the Guild committee. Further ringing at Llanbedr Ystradyw 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Llangattock 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon, Brecons., *before* September 18th. 2135

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting, Budock, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Number for tea by September 18th. 2241

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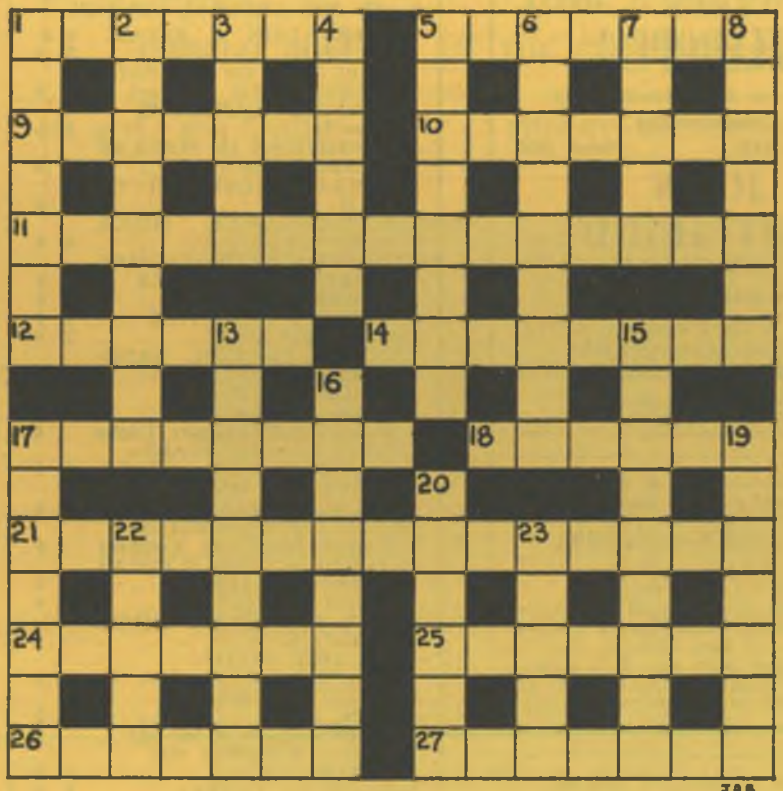

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Use your imagination here (7)
5. Tread very softly, but it will get you caught (7)
9. Home or not? (2, 2, 3)
10. Might be described as dodging (7)
11. Recasts a red ring (anag.) (9, 6)
12. Our subscriber is usually this, but the converse is not always true—alas (6)
14. These may leave you in low water (3, 5)
17. Went before—possibly as conductor (8)
18. The Beginners' Handbook might be described as this (6)
21. Robert lobbed fox and the outcome had a slow hunt! (6, 6, 3)
24. An alert rigger will show you the answer (7)
25. The Central Council approves this type of method (7)
26. Dan and Ted get nothing although it's all given! (7)
27. Joins up without the need for a splice (7)

DOWN

1. New rigs become one who moves to and fro (7)
2. Sounds like correct entrance to generate (9)
3. Nothing and empty, yet like an egg (5)
4. Involve adjustment of tail-ends without shillings and pence (6)
5. This is restricted to one course and the winner has to be quick every time (3, 5)
6. Variety of calcium sulphate (9)
7. For a ringer this could be Frank, Richard or Tony (5)
8. Gets Sid to make summaries (7)
13. This military command's applicable when ringing rounds (4, 5)
15. Occupants of a silent tower? (4-5)
16. Made good (8)
17. Conspired (7)
19. Famous composer—for ringers this one (7)
20 and 22. Sounds just like a well known Birmingham ringer—but he isn't! (6, 5)
23. Within the law (5)

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WILLIAM A. YATES WEEK-END IN LINCOLNSHIRE

MR. WILLIAM A. YATES' annual week-end tour is eagerly anticipated by many ringers from South Northamptonshire and North Bucks. It may be said that "a splendid time is guaranteed for all," and this year's tour was no exception. The southern part of Lincolnshire was chosen, mainly because it was an area not well known to many of the company. This proved a wise choice, as we had the pleasure of ringing some very good rings of bells and travelling through interesting agricultural countryside.

Six members of the party started the tour rather early by ringing a peal of Watford Surprise Major on the delightful bells at Edenham on July 13th, being joined by Martin Thorley and Ron Russell, afterwards meeting the remainder at the headquarters in Spalding.

The real business of the tour began on Friday. We journeyed north, stopping first at Surfleet. We managed to keep the 12 going throughout our visit here despite the sceptics' view that the ringing would be better on the back eight or ten. After a short but pleasant ring at Sutterton we climbed the seemingly endless staircase to the belfry at Boston. Some of the older members had to stop for a breather halfway up, but after a short wait for the belfry key, during which the stupendous view from this famous landmark was admired, we succeeded in ringing reasonable Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Caters. Everyone seemed to have an inexplicable thirst after ringing here.

CLOCK HAMMER DAMAGE

After lunch we moved west to Heckington. Edgar Cole, who was well known to some of the party, due to his frequent excursions into Northamptonshire, met us here. Journeying further inland we came to Ewerby. The ten bells here hang in a very impressive tower with a church to match, standing in picturesque surroundings. After a cup of tea in Sleaford we rang, or rather tried to ring, the bells in the Parish Church. Unfortunately, however, even our strongest members could not manage to pull the seventh up. Inspection revealed that the clock hammers were not pulled off properly and were gnawing huge chunks out of the wheel as the bell swung. Time did not allow for repairs, so we moved off again to Billingborough.

We tried to ring a touch of eight-spliced on this handy light octave, but apparently the conductor was still mourning his missed ring at Sleaford and forgot to call Pudsey, so we only rang seven. Ringing for the day should have finished here, but a young local kindly offered to let us join the practice at Horbling and afterwards led the way to the Abbey of Sempringham, where we rang a number of Minor methods on the pretty six.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and some of the party were awakened early by the arrival outside the hotel of stalls for the market. Nothing however seemed to disturb Our Man from Stony Stratford, and we were slightly late in starting at our first tower for the day, Pinchbeck. The Lincoln Guild Report notes these bells as excellent. They must have a very astute assessor as they go and sound very well. We then retraced our route through Spalding to Fulney. The bells were not to our taste at all, nothing being rung very well. The next tower was at Holbeach. We arrived early and had time for a thirst quencher before tackling the eight bells in the Parish Church. Use was made of the well-known Bailey Patent Touch Cleanerupper to reduce a well-known composition of Yorkshire by Mr. Pitstow to a plain course. After lunch we continued along the A.17, busy with holiday traffic, to Gedney, a church likened by certain itinerant members of the party to a church in Suffolk; was it Long Melford?

Next came Long Sutton, a church with one of the few lead-covered spires, and also a very enjoyable ring of eight bells. Some of our efforts were tape-recorded here. By this stage of the afternoon there seemed to be more interest in the England–Pakistan Test Match than in ringing. However, there were still two more towers to ring at before the end of the day, and the first of these was at Lutton. The bells are only a light six but are difficult to ring quickly, as we found much to our discomfort. There seemed to be yards of rope flying about. King's Lynn was the last tower of the day, a noble ten. After driving through a very heavy rainstorm we arrived back at Spalding, where the tour's accountant, Mr. Vickers, told everyone how much they were in the hotel's debt.

During Sunday service ringing at Spalding, Bill Yates presented Ron Noon with a small "thank you' gift for all he had done to make the week-end so memorable. Ron then suggested that we ring at St. John's, Peterborough, for 11 o'clock service. This we proceeded to. (Our thanks to Ray Daw for allowing us to join in the ringing.) Farewells were said here before we split up for the ride home, some stopping at Islip for the final round of the crib championship, the cream coming to the top, as usual.

Our thanks are due to all tower captains and incumbents of towers visited, and Ron Noon and Bill Yates for such a satisfactory tour.

G. C. P.

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QUARTER PEALS

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Vitler 1, Susan Harrison (first in two methods) 2, J. M. Swift 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, I. Smith 5, R. Vitler 6. A compliment to Diana Chambers, a ringer, and Peter White, a chorister at this church, who were married recntly. 75th quarter together 4 and 5.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 17th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. S. Woods 1, D. Deakin 2, J. L. Riley 3, A. J. Helliwell (cond. 720) 4, M. Bell 5, J. Pilkington (cond. 552) 6.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. Ford (first quarter) 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, F. Boyce 3, K. L. Brown 4, P. Bower 5, R. A. J. Bower (cond.) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Cullwick (first on eight) 2, E. W. Furbank 3, J. H. Sitch 4, A. Pryke 5, H. Turner (cond.) 6, B. C. Hines 7, H. Flanders 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss D. M. Landon, for many years a life honorary member of the Essex Association.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. C. Lyne 1, Delphine Holman 2, H. J. Baker 3, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 4, Jill Riley 5, R. W. Sherriff 6, J. T. Thorne 7, A. G. Foster (cond.) 8.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Hooper (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott (first "inside")' 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6. For Evensong.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Coombs 1, S. C. I. Davis 2, H. J. Coombs (first "inside") 3, B. Wyatt 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung before service as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. A. J. Frith, and Mrs. Frith (a ringer), who are leaving after 10 years.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS. — On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Johnson 1, F. N. Pailing 2, C. L. D. Munday 3, D. P. B. Miles 4, J. I. Booth 5, R. A. Bradley 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Spivey (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong, and for the christening of Michael Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Page Jones.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. W. Beeson 1, C. A. Charman 2, G. W. Charman 3, D. R. Stacey 4, H. G. Arthur (cond.) 5, O. L. Warner 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Noel Stacey.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Davies 2, P. Richardson 3, D. Manger 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: M. Tyler 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Smith 4, G. Cowlin 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Before Evensong. A birthday compliment to Michael Spencer.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Taylor 1, Anne Oakley 2, P. Carter 3, M. Pring 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, Pamela Dence 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Church and Miss Evelyn Payne, married earlier this day.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Floyd 1, A. J. White 2, A. Hole 3, L. R. Woodruffe 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5.

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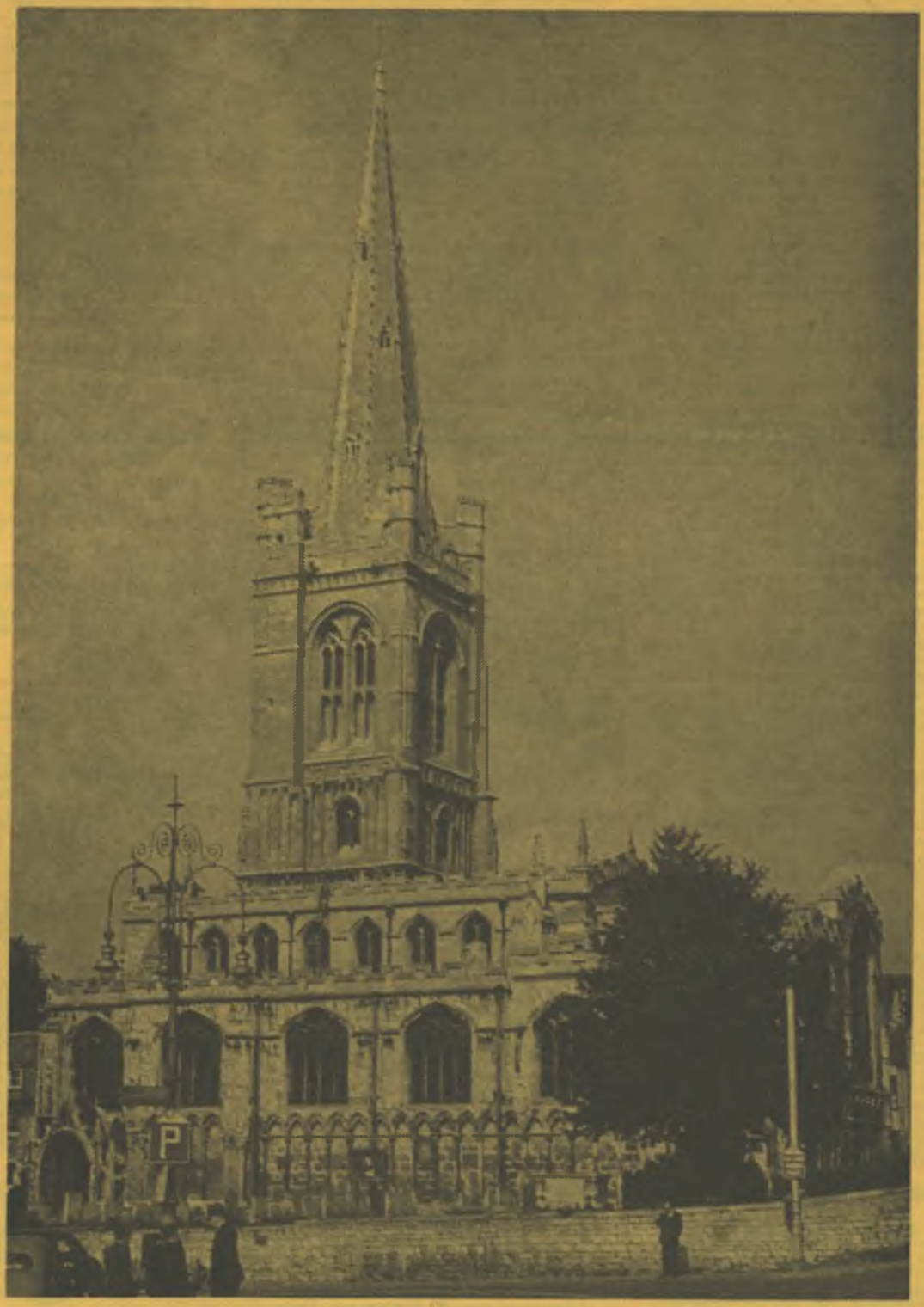

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STAMFORD, LINCS

COMMENT

WHEN RINGING IS A NUISANCE

By M. KING

QUITE often we read of nuisance bells disturbing the general public, a public which is all too conscious of any extra noise, as is evident from the protests over the sonic boom tests. The public will, however, tolerate noises which must take place—the noise of traffic in the streets, the cries of children playing, the barking of dogs, the cackling of farmyard hens and the ringing of bells prior to Sunday services. Admittedly there are those who will complain of any noise if it so happens to disturb them.

I am no legal expert, but I contend that it would be difficult for a member of the public to complain in the law courts about bells on Sundays. Perhaps not so difficult would be the case of a complaint against ringers practising on their bells every week at a certain set time. Still difficult would be a complaint against ringers ringing a full peal at a tower where such an occurrence is somewhat rare, or, for that matter, a District Society's meeting.

So when are bells a nuisance?

They are a nuisance when they are rung without due consideration to the public who have to listen. One such instance would be to ring at a tower in the centre of a city amidst offices and shops during the hours of the working day for a period of over one hour. However, if a full peal was rung at such a time (providing it was not on a day of national celebration), then the public would have every right to complain, because the bells would be a nuisance. Even blocking up a tower in order to effect sound deduction would not prevent the bells being heard by someone working in the vicinity. Such complaints have been noted in the columns of the Press (e.g. a peal at Goole about two or three years ago was rung during working hour and caused adverse comments).

But perhaps the most obvious case for when not to ring our bells (dedicated to God and not to the purpose of ringers who wish to create their own personal records) is during the hours from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. The majority of people are by then taking their rest and although some will tolerate half-an-hour's ringing at either end of this 12-hour spell they certainly will not tolerate bells being rung at 5.30 a.m., as was the case in a recent peal at Huntington, Yorkshire. At this time, the day-time noises are, for the most part, absent. Any unusual noise is bound to disturb, and this includes muffled bells. Even muffled bells make a noise, and for two and a half hours this can add up to quite a lot of noise. That the noise of the muffled bells caused so many complaints to the Vicar so as to make him reduce the amount of ringing at his tower in the future surely is quite sufficient to say that the ringing was being a nuisance. If it was not a nuisance, why were there complaints?

This surely was a case where ringing was a nuisance. The ringers made an effort (so they claim) to reduce the volume of noise but it seems it was not sufficient. It would therefore be better for them, or anyone else who wants to ring bells at such a ridiculous time, to take to their senses and to leave their "selfish" desires to their imagination and certainly not inflict them on a public that could not care less whether Mr. "X" had rung six three-hour peals in a day.

So when we aim to ring a peal, let us think carefully about whether we are going to be a nuisance to the majority of the public or not.

CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAYS

YARMOUTH BELLMEN

Bellmen of Great Yarmouth Parish Church were required, as was the custom, to walk about the town uttering prayers for the souls of those who left money for that purpose. A similar practice was established at Bury St. Edmunds, and also at Peterborough, where in 1477 the bellman received 2d. for performing such duty.

DISLOYAL TOWER

Queen Elizabeth I loved bells, and to commemorate her visit to Cambridge on August 4th, 1564, "a merry din" was created on almost every bell in the town—Great St. Mary's Church excepted. For their oversight or unwillingness to ring, the ringers suffered a fine of 2s. 2d. to the Queen's Almoner's servant.

MAINTAINED EXCELLENT REPUTATION

Kettering bellringers of the 18th century were known for their excellent ringing. On February 28th, 1729, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples in three hours and 18 minutes, after which it was asserted by various people that such performance could not be completed in less than three and a half hours. With their reputation at stake, the ringers rang the same length again on April 12th 1731, before "skilled judges," this time succeeding in 2 hours and 48 minutes, to the utter astonishment of their critics.

BELLS AND BOMBS

During the 1939–45 war an enemy aeroplane, flying above South Lincolnshire, dropped 14 high explosive bombs on Bicker. None of the bombs, one of which fell 20 feet from the fine Norman church, exploded. As a thanksgiving two new treble bells were added to the village's original ring of six.

BOYS RANG BELLS

Shrove Tuesday was eagerly looked forward to by youths at Lowick. On that day they were allowed to ring the church bells — or rather it should be said, jangle them—as they liked and for as long as they liked. This practice was eventually discontinued, and the parish clerk undertook the task of ringing the pancake bell. At Stanwick, boys from the Free School were allowed to jangle the bells for the same occasion. A similar tradition existed at Thrapston. Women and children of Islip were permitted to try and ring the bells on Shrove Tuesday on payment of a halfpenny. This was bad practice, really, and one imagines that a proportion of the proceeds went for the provision of new stays!

THIEVES IN THE NIGHT

At 5 o'clock on the morning of Trinity Sunday, 1766, the steeple of All Saints' Church, Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire, collapsed with a roar that prematurely awoke the village. The bells lay among the ruins, some badly broken. Parishioners, fearful that the bells would be stolen, mounted guard for several nights, armed with cudgels and blunderbusses. However, nothing untoward happened, and the watchers withdrew to the comfort of a hostelry. It was then that churchwardens under darkness lifted two bells from the debris, placed them on a wagon and conveyed them to a bellfounder, who paid a sum of money to those who purloined the bells. The proceeds from this illegal sale was for the renovation of Fulbourn's other church, St. Vigor's (so it is said). Aggrieved parishioners of All Saints' were not easily calmed until an Act of Parliament united both parishes on May 9th, 1776.

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OUR PICTURE

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, STAMFORD, LINCS.

By J. H. BLUFF,
Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

THE origins of this fine church are shrouded in the mists of antiquity, like those of the town of which it is so elegant an ornament.

The church stands well, on an island site, rising from west to east, and dominating the square or market place. It retains much of its 13th century glory in the arcading of the south and east walls. The imposing battlements date from the last quarter of the 15th century, when extensive restoration was carried out by the brothers William and John Browne, wealthy merchants of the "Staple of Calais".

Towards the end of this period must be assigned the present very fine tower and spire. The tower rises at the north west corner of the church in three plain stages above a basement with panelling in the lowest stage; within the battlemented parapet rises the beautiful crocketed octagonal spire, an object of delicacy and beauty which can be seen from all the main approaches to the town.

The tower contains a ring of six bells with a 14 cwt. tenor, the back five being cast by Tobias Norris, the Stamford bellfounder, in 1674. The inscriptions on these are:—

Treble.—Hic nova campana Margaretta est nominata.

Third.—In multis annis resonet campana Johanis.

Fourth.—Newcast 1726.

Tenor.—God save the King. Tobias Norris cast me 1674.

The present treble was cast by Eyres, of St. Neots, in 1808.

Special features are the remains of two holy water stoups in the west wall, one near each of the entrance doorways. The font is of grey Purbeck marble, octagonal in shape and elaborately carved, and dates from about 1500.

Over the chancel arch is a shield with a heart of gold and a letter B in the centre. This is believed to represent the name of Browne, the family whose association with the parish was of such lasting benefit.

The church possesses several good specimens of memorial brasses, mostly to the memory of members of the Browne family. One small headless brass now fixed on the south wall formerly lay in the middle of the chancel and is in memory of Henry Wykys, Vicar of All Saints' from 1479 to 1508.

All the stained glass is modern, some of it very good. I would like to draw particular attention to the great west window given in 1888 by C. J. Browne, of Boston, U.S.A. It depicts a company of saints with incidents from the lives of the more important ones; and the coat-of-arms of members of the Browne family and of the Borough of Stamford.

A visit to this beautiful church is well worth while.

The Cambridge University Guild's latest handbell peal is noteworthy for two reasons: it was the first peal rung by Dr. J. B. Williamson for 41 years, and was the first Guild peal in which a member from the Lucy Cavendish College has taken part.

POINTS FROM 1965 PEALS

BY CANON C. K. H. FELSTEAD

IT has been quite a shock to realise that it is nearly two years since my last article appeared. One of the reasons why I hadn't realised the passage of time is that there has not been the usual dropping off of enquiries about peals lately. The general experience is of a sudden increase in letters about peals immediately after an article appears, gradually decreasing as time goes on. That makes me realise that another effort is due. But it hasn't happened this time and I am still getting quite a lot of correspondence (I am pleased that it is so since it means, I hope, that my records are of use to the Exercise. The only thing is that some correspondents have to wait for a considerable time for an answer sometimes—I hope they don't mind having to be patient.)

Even though this article has to deal with peals two year old, I hope it is not too out of date. It may bring to light some new knowledge for those who rang in them, and correct any records that may be kept.

OUTSTANDING MILESTONE

The most outstanding milestone at the end of 1965 was the 500th peal at Willesden on December 16th. Thus it becomes the fourth church tower to reach this total. Twelve peals had been rung before augmentation to eight at the beginning of the first war. The total at the beginning of the second war was 182. Thus there have been nearly 300 peals in the past 25 years. Of course, the variety of methods rung is greater than in any other tower. At the time of writing, it won't be very long before it has caught Crayford, if the present rate of peals continues. Hughenden claimed its 350th peal on September 2nd, 1965. I made it the previous one on August 19th. Here is a place to compare notes with the tower captain.

I confirm Accrington's claim for the 200th peal on August 8th. This was a 6-bell tower until 1954 and 58 peals had been rung when they were augmented. Since then 67 (practically half) of the 142 which have been rung were on six bells. So at heart it seems to remain a 6-bell tower. Two days after this, on August 10th, I make it that the 200th peal was rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford. This was not claimed. Cheltenham had its 100th peal since "Bell News" started in 1881 on August 28th. But I have some earlier peals here from various sources to make the total 112. The same is true of Dereham, which reached the 50 mark since 1881 on August 18th. I have seven early ones there from 1754. But I think 50 is the true total for the following towers: Barrow-on-Humber, Tichmarsh, Bigby, Grimsby (St. James') and Huntingdon (All Saints'). Only the last of these was claimed.

FIRST PEALS

I think all towers where a first on the bells was rung had this claim attached and I confirm them. They were Froxfield, South Lopham, Turramurra, Claypole, Landewednack, Bryanston, Long Crichel, Preston (St. Mark's), Stowe and Shenstone (on the new bells).

Finally, we come to infrequent visitors to the peal pages. The two longest absent were not quite accurate in their footnotes. The peal at North Tawton was the first since 1901, not 1902. Similarly, that at St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol, was the first since 1902, not 1903. In both cases the only other peal I have was in 1900. It isn't often that a tower is peal silent for as long as over 60 years once it has had its first peal. It was about 40 years ago that the next tower last appeared—Ilfracombe, where I confirm the last peal was in 1926. There were peals here in 1897, 1905 and 1907 also. I had the last peal at Merthyr Tydfil in 1929, not 1928 as claimed. It *was* the first of Major, as suggested. In fact, of the previous 16 peals, 15 were of Grandsire and one was Stedman. West Lydford last had a peal in 1930. There were three earlier ones than that—1912, 1920 and 1928. Chesham had its only previous peal in 1933. I confirm that both Samlesbury and Wonersh last had peals in 1935. In the case of the former, ten peals were rung from 1900 to 1913 and 20 from 1919 to 1935. In the latter tower, I confirm the 1965 peal was the first on the eight. On the old six there had been peals in 1914, 1925, 1930 and 1933 as well.

Wylam-on-Tyne had not had a peal since 1937 until the one on December 28th, 1965. Previous peals were in 1898, 1902, 1903, 1905 and 1928 (two). All were of Minor in seven methods, except one of the 1928 ones which was Bob Minor. The last tower not appearing in the peal lists since before the second war is Chicheley. Here four peals were rung from 1905 to 1913 and six between the wars. A rare visitor to the peal pages, but which has not as long a silence as the previous ones, was Amberley. The first peal here was in 1893, then came two in 1895, since when there was only one rung until the 1965 one—in 1951.

One or two other points of interest arise. Chalgrove's claim for the first on the bells cannot be substantiated unless the bells have been recast. A peal in seven Minor methods was rung on February 25th, 1939. I have not recorded a previous peal at Letcombe Regis. If there *was* one in 1939, I should be very pleased to have information about it to complete the record. I can confirm the first of Surprise Major at Barthomley. Of the 59 previous peals, commencing in 1908, there have been 32 of Grandsire Triples, 24 of Plain Bob (19 of Major and 5 of Minor), 1 of Stedman Triples (in 1910) and 2 of Kent T.B. Major. Rather an unusual list.

I hope shortly, whilst I have more time during the holiday season, to deal with the 1966 peals.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

In the idyllic sylvan setting of Savernake Forest on a perfect summer afternoon, the Marlborough Branch met for its monthly meeting at St. Katherine's Church on August 26th. The attendance was excellent and all were pleased to welcome Mr. W. West (Guild president) and Mrs. West. There was also present a high proportion of young people of both sexes, all keen ringers, which augurs well for the future of the Branch.

Ringing on the five bells was under the direction of Mr. F. Reed (Ringing Master) and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. Currie); Mr. Alan Keen was organist.

A bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom by Mrs. Aldridge, Mrs. C. P. Tilley and helpers. Afterwards Mr. G. Newman (chairman) extended a warm welcome to the visitors and thanked all concerned for arrangements which had resulted in a most pleasant meeting. Mr. West briefly replied Mr. Newman also congratulated Mr. Alan Keen on his success in graduating at the Northern School of Music at Manchester and on gaining the Stuart Macpherson Memorial Award. He was loudly applauded. Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) announced that the proposed meeting in September at Burbage was not now possible and an alternative tower was in prospect.

Ringing was then resumed until 8 p.m.

The quarter peal at Hailsham on Sunday, August 27th, was a 12th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, Janet Birch, ringing in her first quarter peal attempt. Congratulations!

OUTINGS

HIGHAM RINGERS' OUTING

Good weather for the second year running added to the enjoyment on the Higham (Leics) outing on July 22nd. After an early start our coach, laden with ringers, relatives and friends, headed north for the first ring of the day at Penkridge. The long rope draught was somewhat disconcerting for certain members of the party, but the bells handled surprisingly well and ringing (including London Major) was quite good.

On from Penkridge to Lilleshall (an easy-going 9 cwt. six), where several touches of Minor were rung. Being forewarned that the village lacked a certain establishment essential to the full enjoyment of a ringers' outing, Ken, our coach driver, set off to a hostelry just outside the village with several thirsty non-ringers.

A half-hour journey brought us into the ancient town of Shrewsbury and a break for lunch. Ringing followed on the pleasant ten at St. Mary's, although it was not as good as it might have been. However, Little Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were struck quite well.

All likely hiding places were tried before the key was found at the next tower, Hope Bowdler. We were then informed by the church gardener that the key was hidden in the lych-gate of the small church, which stands in a pleasant setting between Caer Caradoc and Wenlock Edge.

Structural weaknesses in the tower windows meant we were unable to ring at Ludlow, but a break was taken in the town for tea and a laze in the glorious sunshine.

The eight at Bewdley are not the easiest of bells to strike well and ringing was consequently not as good as it might have been. Cambridge and Bristol were among the methods rung.

The final tower of the day was at Areley Kings (an excellent 8 cwt. six), where ringing concluded with some well-struck Spliced Surprise Minor. It seems ironic, however, that such good bells are seldom rung.

After the customary stop for refreshment on the return journey, where plans were made for innumerable visits to all parts of the country, we finally arrived home at about 11.45 p.m.

We would like to thank all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells; Ken, our 'bus driver; all ringing friends from other towers who joined us; and Robin Gilliver for his customary rendering of "The Music Man" and for making the arrangements for yet another very enjoyable day. K. P. G.

WESTHOUGHTON RINGERS VISIT YORK

A 7 a.m. start was necessary when Westhoughton and District ringers and friends (the Fan Club) held their annual outing to York. The unfamiliar Yorkshire tail-ends on the fine eight at Skipton resulted in justice not being done to the bells, although a fairly good course of Grandsire Triples came round. On the good bells at Knaresborough we could only manage a rather lumpy touch of Stedman.

After an excellent lunch in York came the highlight of the day, a ring at the Minster itself. In spite of the 180 feet draught of rope we rang the middle eight (using the semitone) reasonably well to a touch of Stedman and courses of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise. After a brief visit to Acomb, where Grandsire Doubles and Cambridge Minor pealed forth, we returned to York for a chicken tea.

The last tower on the list was the very good eight at Otley, where a musical touch of Stedman was mutilated but Plain Bob, Grandsire and Yorkshire were successfully accomplished.

Special thanks to the courageous organiser-in-chief, Mr. Albert Greenhalgh. J. E. A.

RUTLAND

By P. AMOS

Rutland is the smallest county in England, having fought recently to keep its independence—and won! It is **unquestionably** one of the most picturesque of areas, for no matter to what part of it you may go you can find scenery to gladden the eye, heart and mind. Hills and vales, waterways and a reservoir, as well as lovely old churches and other historic buildings, all go to make those who, like myself, have travelled it from corner to corner and been in every one of its 52 churches feel relaxed there.

Only two have eight bells, twelve have six (one of these, at Ketton, without wheels, are swing-chimed), ten have five, eight have four (one of which, at Brook, has no wheels remaining since their last restoration in 1811), three have three (these include the chapel in Uppingham School), nine have two (one of these, at Wardley, used to have three) and eight have one.

In addition to the two at Tickencote, there is a cracked bell of circa 1500 preserved, not hung. The oldest bell in Rutland is the 7¼ cwt. tenor (34½ in. diam.) at Teigh, a three-bell tower on its northern border. This bell bears the inscription "In Noie IHS Maria" (In the name of Jesus, Mary), together with the Royal heads of Edward I and Queen Eleanor; it is undoubtedly early 14th century. Here the other two bells, it seems from records, were of similar age and casting prior to 1746, when the Church of the Holy Trinity suffered a great fire—only the one bell and the lower half of the tower remaining. The rebuilding was not completed until 1782, but in 1746 two bells were recast.

There is much history to be found at **Lyddington,** where parts of an early monastery saved from the wrath of Henry VIII can still be seen. Also, in the Church of St. Andrew, is a very unusual communion rail of 1635, where communicants kneel all around with the celebrant in the middle. The five bells here have been unringable for many years—with four others we did manage to get them up for a few rounds and a scratch 720 (such as it was) in 1931, the last time, it is believed, they were raised. The treble now has no complete wheel and the frame is, in my opinion, too decrepit to be retained. A chiming apparatus sounds the bells on Sundays.

Both here and in the neighbouring village of Caldecote the bells bear inscriptions of a famous Church of England rebel parson's descendants—John Browne, named on the tenor at Lyddington, and Peter Browne on the treble at Caldecote, were both descendants of the Rev. Robert Browne (born in 1550 and died in 1631), who was Rector of Achurch, in Northants, in 1585, and who broke away to form the "Brownish" movement—now the Congregationalists.

Burley-on-the-Hill, where there is a large tower with only one bell, of 14 cwt. (43½ in.), is also very historic, and Whissendine, close by, is a glorious church well worth a visit by any stranger. Langham, not far from Oakham, has a lovely toned six (tenor 14 cwt.) by Taylors. Here Messrs. Ruddles have been one of the few small brewers who have so far escaped being swallowed up by multiple concerns. Finally, a visit to Stoke Dry Church, which, like Whiston, Northants, is still lit by candles and is undergoing a big restoration. Some architectural pillars can be seen, and a reservoir close by gives scenery not to be missed. From Stockerston on the other side (just inside Leicestershire) it is even more beautiful. Stoke Dry has the last bell cast by Thomas Eayre, jun., before he went bankrupt. It is its only bell, dated 1761, weighing 9 cwt., 37 in. in diameter.

All in all, there is much to be seen and learned from Rutland.

OBITUARY

HARRY BENNETT

AN APPRECIATION

The death of Harry Bennett on June 27th, 1967, has been a sad loss to St. Stephen's, Bristol. At the age of 81 he had rendered 46 years of loyal service to his church as a ringer and as an active member of the congregation and P.C.C.

He learned to ring at Minchinhampton, Glos, and joined the St. Stephen's Guild in 1921. In the late '20s he was secretary of the local ringing branch. It was about this time his interest in peal ringing developed and among these was his first peal of Stedman Cinques on December 31st, 1929, at St. Mary Redcliffe. The band included such well-known ringing personalities as A. E. Reeves, W. A. Cave and J. A. Burford who composed and conducted the peal. Earlier that year he had rung his first of Stedman Triples with the St. Stephen's Guild in his own tower. Harry did not ring a large number of peals—his last, at the age of 72, was Grandsire Caters, half-muffled, at St. Stephen's, in memory of his ringing colleague William H. Parker; but his conduct and regularity of attendance for Sunday ringing and services provided an example we can only wish to emulate. Our sympathy is extended to his wife.

A. M. T.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

Members of the Central District visited the Church of St. Mary, Beddington, Surrey, for their meeting on July 29th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening catered for all tastes, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Royal and London Major.

After a short service, the company sat down to an enjoyable tea provided by the committee. The main subject discussed at the business meeting which followed was, of course, the 1968 A.G.M. which is to be held in the district. In view of the great success of the "new look" meeting at Lincoln, it was felt that a dinner could be arranged next year near Hertford, and that on the same day ringing could take place in St. Albans and along the route to Hertford. A further meeting is to be held on September 30th at North Mymms. J. H.

5,040 BOB MAJOR (Handbells)

Arranged by ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD

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BUCKS RINGERS FACE ROAD TERRORS

ON the evening of Friday, August 4th, eight ringers in two cars set out hot-foot for Herefordshire and a week-end's camping and tower-grabbing. With Ann and Stephen Cass, Louise Evans and Ron Snack, from Little Missenden, went Christine Wilkins from Wendover, Angela and Tony Fortin from Amersham, and Sara Woolley from Bushey. Slight consternation ensued when it was discovered that a ninth ringer who had been hoping to come with an empty car wasn't coming after all, so that the two passengers who had been temporarily wedged in the back of Tony's van under conditions of great tightness would have to stay put. One of these was Angela, who shortly after leaving home realised that she'd forgotten her jacket and, not being allowed to go back for it, gloomily resigned herself to a week-end of borrowed pullovers.

We were somewhere near Oxford when the outing was nearly brought to a premature finish as the van hit a slight hump, leapt dramatically into the air, narrowly missed hitting some oncoming cars and swerved across the grass verge before coming to an abrupt halt in a ditch with a terrific crash of breaking glass. ("Sorry," said the driver, inadequately.)

Meanwhile, passers-by were leaping out of their vehicles and converging on the van from all directions. Having made tender enquiries after the health of the occupants and finding no injuries, they very kindly helped to heave it back on to the road. To everyone's relief there was no apparent damage except to the number plate, which was soon resecured with a bit of wire; the shattering noise had come from a small meths lamp—sad, but less immediately disastrous than the loss of a headlamp. Back on the road silence reigned until a small voice was heard to say: "Well, if we could stop for that, we might at least have gone back for my jacket," adding: "Nobody can say we haven't got off to a flying start!".

The tower-grab was launched with a ring at Windrush en route, where we were joined by Christopher Dalton, complete with his musical ear and his tuning forks. We were soon to learn to take in our stride such cryptic remarks as "This bell's got a flat hum note" and "That bell is the only one in the ring with true harmonics".

LITTLE SLEEP

A further halt, this time for refreshment, retarded us still more, and it was midnight before we drove through the gate into the camp site at Leominster. The tents went up by the light of headlamps — remarkably quickly under the circumstances. Besides being pitch dark, it was getting colder and colder, and the long grass was so soggy with dew that we were simply paddling. We were all in bed by 1 o'clock, but what with the strangeness of the surroundings and the low temperature and blankets that kept falling off, very little sleep was snatched by anybody—except Ron, who can sleep anywhere and has spent many a blissful night in the waiting room at King's Cross. Tony, who had bedded down in the van claiming that the snoring of a certain member of the party always made sleep impossible, was the first up—he went for a walk round the town at 5.30. Much scratching of heads when he was found to be missing—"Is he in there with you, girls?".

Breakfast and washing-up were soon over under Ann's capable management, and we set out for Cradley, the first tower of the day, with scornful backward glances at the caravans, whose slothful owners had been asleep when we arrived and were still asleep now we were up and away.

Cradley is certainly worth a mention. The six bells, which we much enjoyed ringing, are housed in a very wide, square tower. The tower stands on a hill, and everyone who had the nerve to ascend the steep steel ladders to the top agreed that the view was worth all the effort. The churchyard was immaculate—in fact Cradley had won the local best-kept churchyard competition two years running and was then disqualified!

Left to right: Louise Evans, Christopher Dalton, Christine Wilkins (obscured), Tony Fortin, Stephen Cass, Ann Cass, Ron Snack and Angela Fortin.

DETACHED TOWERS

Later in the morning we visited Bosbury, which has a very interesting church with a detached tower. A rope broke at the start of some Grandsire, but a new one was soon fitted and ringing on the nice six began again, to the greatest distress of a small brown and white dog on the pavement opposite, which threw back its head and howled.

At Eastnor local ringers helped to ring some Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor, and then followed us to Ledbury where there is another detached tower. The pleasant, moderately heavy ring of eight proved a bit difficult for the band; more experienced ringers would really have been needed to do the bells justice. But we managed Ledbury's fish and chips better, partaking of them twice during the week-end.

The highlight of the day as far as towers went was Eardisland, where some fairly respectable Grandsire Triples was rung on the frequently-pealed and beautiful eight, with a good —for us—lower in peal at the end. We rolled back to camp feeling very pleased with our day's work; there had been some good ringing on widely differing bells; our two tenor grabbers, Louise and Christine, had had a fruitful time, and two of us had notched up our 200th towers.

A better night was spent by all after this; we were tired and it was warmer, although raining, and we had become wise to the antics of blankets under canvas. By morning it was still raining, and it was decided to back Ann's estate car up to the entrance of one of the tents, cook in the back of it and eat in the tent. The manœuvring was carried out by Stephen who, although managing not to demolish the tent, filled it with exhaust fumes and nearly suffocated everybody inside.

EARFUL FOR LEOMINSTER

Two people nobly stayed behind to wash up while the rest of us went over to the church to raise the bells and give the natives of Leominster their first earful of our ringing. There was just time for some Bob Minor on the front six before the 9 o'clock service; we pelted back to the camp, did much clearing up, and then the whole band went back to the church where we produced the best striking of the week-end —rounds on the ten (with Tony ringing two as usual).

Grub-up was soon followed by tents-down and anchors aweigh; we were kindly given permission to ring on the sixes at Pencombe and Staunton on the way home. Chris Dalton then left us to go and investigate an "unringable" somewhere—without his picnic tea. Oh well, his loss was our gain.

Thus finished our week-end, which altogether had been a great success. Our especial thanks go to tower captains and incumbents; to Christine who wrote to them; to Ann who looked after us so well; and to Louise who opened all the tins.

S. W.

5,175 STEDMAN CINQUES

By JOHN CHILCOTT

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 E 6 19

3 1 4 5 6 2 7 8 E 9 0	A	
3 1 2 4 6 5	—	
3 1 5 2 6 4	—	
3 1 5 4 6 2	S —	X
3 1 2 5 6 4	—	
3 1 4 2 6 5	—	
3 1 4 5 6 2 8 7 E 9 0	B	
3 1 4 2 6 5	x	
3 1 4 5 6 2 8 7 0 9 E	C	
3 1 4 2 6 5	x	
4 1 3 2 6 5	— S	
4 1 5 3 6 2	—	O
4 1 2 3 6 5	S	

Repeat, substituting D for A and omitting O produces 214365.

For 5,043 changes reduce one x by omitting S6.19 and substituting S19 for 19 in the previous course.

A =	S4.5	7.8.9	15.17.18.19	21.22	24.25
B =	5.6	9.10	S13.14.15	S18.19	22.23
C =	5.6	9.10	S14	S18.19	23
D =	S2.36	12.13	S15	19	

Rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on August 19th, 1967.

Letters to the Editor

DOUBLES M/V

Dear Sir, — Re Mr. C. Lewis' peal of 142 Doubles methods/variations, I would like to point out that a peal of 180 methods/variations was rung at South Collingham, Notts, on January 24th, 1965, conducted by myself.

Some of the methods named by Mr. Lewis and his band were rung by us at that time and below I give a list of correct variation names which we used.

Name	*P/course*	*Bob*
Burton Joyce	Westminster II	Grandsire S.
*Lillingstone	Blackburn	,,
*Brightwell	St. Hilary	,,
Stoke Bardolph	Westminster II	All Sts. Pl.
Arnold	Blackburn	,,
*Sandford	St. Hilary	,,
Epperstone	Westminster II	Antelope S.
*Sevalcliffe	Blackburn	,,
*Standlake	St. Hilary	,,
*Landsdowne Parva	Westminster II	Pink's S.
*Ardingley	Blackburn	,,
*West Hanney	St. Hilary	,,

Those names marked with an asterisk were obtained from the Collection of Mr. R. Jones. —Yours faithfully,

G. A. DAWSON.

Nottingham.

RINGING IN THE STATES

Dear Sir,—"The Ringing World" of August 11th, 1967, carries a query from Mr. H. O. Whipple, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, about ringing in the United States. About two years ago I made a study of the total of ten towers containing rings of bells. Mr. Douglas Hughes gave much assistance in this.

If Mr. Whipple will communicate directly with me I will be happy to pass on what information I have obtained.

In a number of situations all that is needed is a band of bellringers to make them sound in their original glorious way. In most cases where they could be rung the problem also involves the high-density population and the likelihood that change-ringing would not be accepted by the neighbours.

I will be delighted to hear from Mr. Whipple.

—Yours faithfully,
FRANK ELDRIDGE,
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Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

SPLICED 720's

Dear Sir, — I was pleased to see that my spliced 720s in Double Court and Hereward elicited several replies. I suspected that extents in these two methods had been previously arranged, but mine were produced because I could not find any such arrangement in print and I felt sure that such a splice would be welcomed by many ringers.

As Mr. C. K. Lewis infers, his 720 is more "balanced" than mine, but I should not be surprised if many ringers prefer their "odd" method in three complete courses.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

CASE FOR AMENDMENT OF RULES

Dear Sir,—I should like to draw attention to the decisions of the Central Council (published in the Handbook) relating to the use of bobs and singles in composition and, in particular, to the following:—

> "Calls may be made at any place within the lead, but the traditional practice of making them at the lead-end should be adhered to, and is recommended.
>
> "Only one type of bob and single may be used in any one composition."

To my knowledge there are at least three compositions, rung in recent months, which include bobs and singles at the lead-end, and either bobs or singles at the half-lead, making three types of call in all. This clearly contravenes the decisions I have quoted, so presumably peals rung using such compositions should not be recognised by the Central Council. The compositions referred to are as follows:—

1. 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, by R. W. Pipe.
2. 5,024 Superlative Surprise Major, by R. J. Parker, published August 25th in "The Ringing World".
3. 5,120 Lincolnshire Surprise Major, by R. J. Parker. This has not yet been published although I believe it has been rung several times, so I am open to correction.
4. I believe there is also a peal of London Surprise Royal, by R. W. Pipe, with calls at the half-lead.

Perhaps, with our more liberal present day outlook, this rule should be amended or abolished altogether since in some methods there are desirable qualities that can only be achieved by the use of half-lead calls. This is well illustrated by the splendid peal of Cambridge Royal by R. W. Pipe, in which outstanding qualities are achieved (8790s, etc.) that would not otherwise be possible. In addition, so far as one may judge from the peal reports, this composition has achieved some popularity so that we are already turning a blind eye to the Central Council ruling. It would appear also that peals of "Real" Superlative and "Real" Double Norwich are excluded by this rule.

Perhaps the appropriate Central Council committee(s) (presumably the Methods Committee and Peals Analysis Committee) would care to comment.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Watford, Herts.

INACCURACY OF COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Dennis Knox for pointing out the error in the peal of 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major "composed" by myself and published in "R.W." issue of December 30th, 1966. I apparently forgot to check it for the f.c.e. 23456. My apologies to Tony Lewis and the rest of the band who rang this composition at Helmshore.

I would also like to thank D. Sibson for his unfailing interest in suspect compositions and hope this now satisfies his query.—Yours sincerely.

R. PARKER.

Burnley.

NORWICH CATHEDRAL CHIMES

Sir,—What has happened to the pleasing and unusual clock chimes on the ancient bells at Norwich Cathedral?

They were certainly not working on August 15th, so has Canon Thurlow forgotten to wind the clock up recently or do I need a hearing aid?—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

DUPLICATE DOUBLES NAMES

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform Mr. Lewis that most of the methods contained in his list of those rung at Staverton ("R.W.", August 25th) have been named. They are:—

New Bob	Ant. Single	St. Samson
Huntspill	Ant. Single	Oake
St. Vedast	Ant. Single	Stowey
New Bob	Pink Single	St. Clether
Huntspill	Pink Single	Bradden
St. Vedast	Pink Single	Kelmarsh
Westminster II	Rev. Cant. Bob	Oakehampton
Blackburn	Rev. Cant. Bob	Northam
St. Hilary	Rev. Cant. Bob	Farewell
Westminster II	Grand. Single	Burton Joyce
Blackburn	Grand. Single	Lillingstone
St. Hilary	Grand Single	Brightwell
Westminster II	All Saints Pl.	Stoke Bardolph
Blackburn	All Saints Pl.	Arnold
St. Hilary	All Saints Pl.	Sandford
Westminster	Ant. Single	Epperstone
Blackburn	Ant. Single	Swalcliffe
St. Hilary	Ant. Single	Standlake
Westminster II	Pink Single	Iffley
Blackburn	Pink Single	Ardingly
St. Hilary	Pink Single	West Hanney
Westminster II	O.D.S.	St. Erme
Blackburn	O.D.S.	Veryan
St. Hilary	O.D.S.	St. Maurice

Other methods are named on page 322 of "R.W." dated May 12th, 1967.

As far as I know, New Bob, Huntspill and St. Vedast with a London Extreme have not been named and Mr. Lewis' names have been noted.

To the best of my knowledge Mr. Lewis' claim to have rung the greatest number of Doubles Methods to a peal is incorrect. At South Collingham in January, 1966, Mr. George Dawson conducted a peal in 180 methods ("R.W.", February 18th, 1966).—

Yours faithfully,
ROY H. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

COMPOSITION FALSE

Dear Sir,—I have to point out that a peal of 5,103 Grandsire Cinques composed by me and rung at Newport in December, 1963, and later at Macclesfield is false. The falseness occurs at the 4th and 19th courses and in the 30th and 33rd courses.

I apologise to the respective conductors, Mr. T. P. Edwards and Mr. J. Nelson, and the other members who took part. Unfortunately the composition was not checked before being handed to Mr. Edwards or subsequently, and I accept the responsibility for not having done so.—Yours, etc.,

ALBERT M. TYLER.

Bristol.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir, — According to our Association's old list of non-resident members, the late Mr. W. A. Alps lived at 7 and 8, Idol Lane, E.C.3, which is in the vicinity of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, and I feel that Mr. W. Hibbert probably rang his quarter peal at this church, where there was a fine Rudhall eight (tenor 28 cwt.) and the ringing chamber housed the blower motor of the organ. About 30 years ago I was told that some ringing was being done at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West by a curate and some boys, but perhaps one of the older London ringers could tell us when the bells were last rung.—Yours faithfully, H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

(Another letter on page 664)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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RAVING RINGERS 1967 "ANNUAL"

On July 22nd we, the Raving Ringers, commenced our "annual". In the afternoon of that day two towers were on the programme prior to establishing ourselves in our base for the week at Tunbridge Wells. Ringing at both was not of our best, being unused to ringing together. Before we could proceed to the second tower Ron informed us that he thought he had left the gas on at his house. This incident reduced numbers by two, since Michael Church very kindly offered to drive him. A slight "technical hitch" prevented Ted Venn and Pete Heritage from joining us as well. In fact it was not until nearly midnight that Ted and Co. finally arrived at Tunbridge Wells.

Numbers at Warnham were sadly depleted as a consequence of these two mishaps, which factor did not, however, prevent us from ringing the first of many touches of spliced—only six maybe, but none the less a start.

Nine tired bodies sauntered down the road to ring at Tunbridge Wells the next morning, while the other half of the party trundled off to ring at Tonbridge. They came back reporting that they had not thought much of Tonbridge. We discovered why when we went there the following Sunday — they had rung the bells too quickly; we found them to be a very pleasant eight!

Following lunch at the hotel some handbell ringing was attempted, but only a few of our party were in practice and this venture was soon ended in favour of a visit to Bodiam Castle.

It was when travelling from here to Brookland (with its unusual five in a detached wooden campanile) that we had trouble with the navigator, who saw non-existent roads on the map!

Both at Brookland and Rye trouble of a different kind was experienced with rope control, it being thought that the effect of shorts on the rope at Brookland prevented one ringer from doing his best. However, shorts were the ideal garb for the paddle which took place at Winchelsea later that evening.

They say that accountants can manage money matters, and this proved very true for one accountant in our midst. This fortunate fellow won £2 5s. on the fruit machine in the hotel bar. As if not satisfied with this, "Midas II" succeeded in winning a further £2 10s. later in the week at another hostelry (all this had to be in kind). While all this was going on the Oxfordshire ladies were quietly winning hand after hand of crib against the Peterborough "A" team!

The minibus was 15 minutes late departing from the hotel on Monday for the first tower, Fletching. This church is one of many interesting Sussex churches with Saxon remains. In this instance it is the tower which is of Saxon origin. The bells themselves are rather oddstruck and ringing was not of the best. Little Horsted and Ringmer followed, some difficulty being experienced with Ringmer bells owing to the rather short draught! While ringing was in progress, Ray and Jill took over the local general store in an effort to purchase enough food for the 15 who were to feed in the "Whittlebury Café".

For once we forgave the navigator his inability to find the church at Lewes, since it is not on the map! This was the first ten of the tour, and as such ringing was quite reasonable, with methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Royal. Newick followed Lewes and we had some fun with the excessively fluffy sallies and light bells.

In between ice creams at Uckfield some quite good ringing was achieved with methods up to spliced being accomplished. Inside the tower were pictures of the Monkees. From Uckfield we proceeded to the very pleasant bells at Fairwarp. Unfortunately they are more than a little loud outside. Three young girls heard the bells and went up to grab the tower, enabling the Peterborough Guild members present to experience a lesson in the art of call-change ringing.

The first tower on Tuesday was at Leigh, where we were met by the Vicar, and ringing proceeded quite well on the enjoyable six there. It was decided that Penshurst would be the place for renewing provisions, and while Ray took command of this the others started ringing. The bells are pleasing in sound, but fearfully springy in the ringing of them.

Competitive games in the pub at Cowden were followed by a competition in the tower. Three teams participated: pure Oxford Guild, pure Peterborough Guild and mixed Bucks. Herts and Surrey. Peterborough Guild were the winners, the mixed team being a close second. Ringing at Hammerwood (5) was varied and the Oxfordshire contingent showed themselves particularly adept at ringing Minimus.

Lunch time was spent in East Grinstead and, as on other occasions, the Ravers rode into town and there was a blast on the juke boxes and the thump of darts as they hit the board (or anywhere else). At Coleman's Hatch homage was paid to an absent friend, who must have put a jinx on us because nothing seemed to want to come round.

At least at the next tower—Hartfield—we had good support in the belfry and redeemed ourselves (the good support being offered because of the presence of some little boys with water pistols!). Our long day's ringing was rounded off by a visit to Withyham, where we were met by Mr. Frank Hairs, to whom we must offer thanks for recommending to us our hotel. Ringing at this tower was better than at Coleman's Hatch and Glasgow came round.

Wednesday was just right for the proposed programme. It was to be the day of our annual dip. Thus impatience was expressed when we were forced to keep to a leisurely pace along the road to Eastbourne, owing to the driver in front (a woman, sad to say), who insisted on braking at every corner. Mrs. Percy met us at Willingdon and while ringing was in progress explained to the various navigators just how to reach the rest of the day's towers.

Evening ringing was at Alfriston, but prior to ringing on the delightful six (the writer being a ringer from an infamous tower in Hertfordshire could not understand why they had guides for the ropes!) we held our meeting, during which it was decided that the few who had been to Ireland could very well face the idea of returning next year for the sake of the many who have never been.

Thursday's weather was not up to the high standard so far set in the week, but this did not mar the beauty of all the Kentish lanes round which our navigator directed us. Our first stop was to photograph the House of Whitbread, i.e., the oast houses wherein that beverage originates. The day's programme included three sixes, two tens and one eight. Ringing at the sixes was quite good, making it most enjoyable; at the tens we were not so fortunate, but the eight was the newly-rehung eight at Sevenoaks. They were delightful to ring and we managed some reasonable ringing, with one person ringing her first touch of 8-spliced.

Highlight of the day was a lunch-time game of football on the green at Bearsted. The teams were composed of mainly Peterborough Guild members with their star, Ray, and a mixed team, including one girl, from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, etc.

Once more, on Friday, there were two tens, and this determined us to ring London Royal or bust. St. Peter's, Brighton, though pleasant, did not lend itself to this, but later in the day at St. Nicholas' in the same town it was accomplished.

This year we were without our most eminent clerical friend Michael O'Coleman, but so as not to be without a representative from this Guild his place was taken by Peter Heritage, aided by Jill's black cardigan and one of Ron's clean (?) shirts.

The unique occurrence of two lots of spliced taking place at the same time in the same tower was experienced at Keymer. Roger Smith spliced the rope holding the ropes when down. Fellow countyman Graham (Smiler) Paul called a touch of spliced Surprise Minor.

More spliced, this time only eight, took place at Hurstpierpoint; but Ted was most disgruntled when it would not come round, until he realised that three and four had crossed as clean as a whistle in the change-over from Pudsey. A raging thirst on the part of rather a lot of ringers prevented the best at Slaugham, the last tower of the day.

We rang at six good eights on Saturday, our last full day. It is hard to say which were the best and there was certainly no worst.

While ringing at Blacklands, Hastings, was in progress members trooped four at a time over the way for tea at the house of David Floyd's aunt. We were regally entertained. Glasgow was to be the last touch so that the Glaswegians had to be finished their refreshments at 4.15 in order to return to the tower.

Eight-spliced was rung at Battle, without the three star (?) ringers who were once more refreshing themselves. Orders were issued by the Ringing Master for the day that they were to participate in the touch of the same at the next tower for the benefit of Sue. This next tower was the last of the day, and Howard and Francis Oglesby, who spent the day with us, said their goodbyes before trekking home.

Sausages on sticks washed down with beer or cider proved a substitute for fish and chips that evening. However, it was not enough to eat one's own sausage. Basher Saunders' sausage seemed much more inviting to one member of the party.

Throughout the week members of the minibus had been pleading with Basher to give a recital, but it was not until the effect of some unknown number of pints that he obliged us. Along with Jint, he proved that the suffering of listening to the other Barry had been unnecessary because in those two we had two very fine voices.

Goodbyes at the hotel and tower for Sunday said, Ravers proceeded in various directions. The minibus made for Oxford, stopping at two points on the way for dumping off of personnel.

Thanks are due to those whose recommendations prevented us from ringing at anything but the best of West Kent and East Sussex, to incumbents for permitting us to ring, to all the drivers, and to our two Ringing Masters Ron and Jim. Most of all we must thank Ted and Chris, without whom we could not have had a tour. If next year's tour is as good as this one has been, we will never stand the pace. Only one word would describe it—FANTABULOUS!

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Singles in Standard Surprise Maj. Methods

By R. J. PARKER

Pudsey

Without using singles it is possible to obtain 30 roll-ups which include 5 and 6. By use of singles this number can be increased to 36, being 18 5678s and 18 6578s. These are obtained when 5 and 6 are in either of the two positions: 3 and 6 (two roll-ups in the 3rd lead); 4 and 5 (two roll-ups in the 5th lead); 5 and 6 (two roll-ups at the course-end). The following 18 courses give the 36 roll-ups:—

45236
25346 Six 5678 roll-ups in the 3rd lead.
35426

43652
32654 Six 5678 roll-ups in the 5th lead.
24653

23456
34256 Six 5678 roll-ups at the course-end.
42356

46235
26345 Six 6578 roll-ups in the 3rd lead.
36425

43562
32564 Six 6578 roll-ups in the 5th lead.
24563

23465
34265 Six 6578 roll-ups at the course-end.
42365

An example of the type of composition that can produce these courses is Giles Thompson's 30-course block for Yorkshire. Two reduced forms of this can be obtained, still retaining the symmetry of an equal six-part, but these unfortunately have the disadvantage of being 24 courses in length.

M	W	H
2	S	
—	—	—
	—	

Repeat 5 times.

M	W	H
—		—
—	—	
S	2	

Repeat 5 times.

Both 5376 Pudsey Surprise Major by G. B. Thompson, containing 74 roll-ups, including 18 5678s and 18 6578s.

When producing a composition of shorter length care must be taken not to omit the leads in which the roll-ups occur, especially when using Befores.

5,088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. J. Parker.

	B	M	W	H	
A		—			43652
	x				35426
			—		42356
		3	3	—	34256
B		3		—	53246
		S	2	—	23465
		2A			34265
		B			23456

Repeat.

Contains 72 roll-ups, including 18 5678s and 18 6578s.

Superlative

This is the only one of the standard eight Surprise methods that can produce all six of the courses with 56 in their Home position. However, a problem with this is that neither of the calling positions B, M or W_t can produce a course that is true to these six courses. This necessitates splitting the tenors, and by using the calling position 4½–5 (equivalent to a 5ths–4ths at lead-ends), a true course can be introduced. Roll-ups occur when 5 and 6 are in the positions: 3 and 5 (two roll-ups in the 1st lead), 4 and 6 (two roll-ups in the 7ths lead), 5 and 6 (two roll-ups at the course-end). The following 18 courses give 36 roll-ups:—

46352
36254
26453 Twelve 6578 roll-ups in the 1st lead.
26354
36452
46253

34526
42536
23546 Twelve 6578 roll-ups in the 7th lead.
32546
24536
43526

23456
34256
42356 Twelve 5678 roll-ups at the course-
24356 [end.
43256
32456

These can be arranged in many ways, even compositions containing six consecutive calls in one position are possible, resembling compositions of Plain Major methods. A peculiarity of the falseness of Superlative causes compositions to be especially suitable for handbell peals, due to 5–6 coursing most of the way. An example of a composition is given below:—

5,248 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. J. Parker

M	W	4½–5	H	
			2	34256
		x	S	65234
			S	62534
S	3			42536
S	—			36524
—	S			26453
3	S	x	S	32456

Repeat.

For 5,024 omit two consecutive singles Home in second part.

Lincolnshire

Three 5678 courses and three 6578 courses are possible in Lincolnshire, giving 18–5678 roll-ups and 18–6578 roll-ups. No more are possible if the other four combination courses are to be included. A basic block of 18 courses is available, but difficulty is encountered when trying to add more courses, necessitating splitting the tenors. The 18-course block is given below:—

M	W	H
S	S	
S	S	
	S	—

Repeat five times.

Another six courses are:—

574362
573264
572463
672453
674352
673254

These can be inserted by a bob at 5ths after the second single Wrong, but the original course cannot be returned to.

The resulting composition unfortunately uses bobs at 6½, where it affects 2, 3 and 4, whilst reverse roll-ups are produced on the front.

5,120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By R. J. Parker

	M	W	6½	H	
	S	S			53462
	S	S			63425
5ths	S		3		574362
	S		2		673254
		S	4ths		53426
	S	S			23465
	S	S			63452
	S			—	43256
	S	S			52364
	S	S			62345
		S			42365
	S	S			62354
	S	S			52346
		S		—	34256
		A			23456

Contains 67 roll-ups, including 18 5678s and 18 6578s.

KENT RINGERS VISIT LONDON AREA

Ringers from seven towers in North Kent, viz. Faversham, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Milton Regis, Eastchurch, Newington and Halling, spent a very pleasant day visiting towers in the South London area on August Bank Holiday.

The party of 38 travelled through the early morning fog via Dartford and Swanley to St. Mary Cray, where the six bells were soon put to good use. The very pleasant six at Hayes, Kent, were followed by the only ten of the day, at St. George's, Beckenham. Here nothing more adventurous than Grandsire Caters was attempted in order to keep the striking as good as possible, as many of the party were not very experienced 10-bell ringers.

Lunch was taken in the City of London, followed by a trip past St. Paul's, St. Clement Danes' and St. Martin-in-the-Fields en route for the easy-going eight at Barnes. Here it was difficult to maintain as high a standard of striking as possible owing to the organ being played by one of the party. Then came the heavier eight at Mortlake, where the iron-rung ladder giving access to the ringing chamber discouraged some of the ladies from ringing. St. Mary's, Hampton, bells, which are frequently heard on the radio on Sunday mornings, were also visited.

Tea was taken in a restaurant at the entrance to Bushey Park, where deer were in evidence. The last 6-bell tower of the day was St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, where the recently-restored set were soon tapping round nicely. At our last tower, the eight at Ewell, some good ringing was enjoyed, including a very-well-struck course of Cambridge Major. Other methods rung during the day included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, St. Clements, Cambridge Minor and two attempts at London Minor.

Laurie Mitchell was responsible for organising the tour and Nicholas Chesson acted as Ringing Master. L. M.

5,024 RUTLAND SURPRISE

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M	B	W	H	2 3 4 5 6	
—	x	—	—	4 2 3 5 6	A
—	x	—	—	3 4 2 5 6	A
—	x		—	2 4 5 3 6	A
—	x			4 3 5 2 6	
—			—	6 5 3 2 4	
—	x	—	—	3 6 5 2 4	
	x	—	—	3 4 6 2 5	
—	x		—	6 4 2 3 5	
—	x		—	2 4 3 6 5	
	2A			2 6 4 3 5	
	x		—	2 6 3 5 4	
	2A			2 5 6 3 4	
	x		—	2 5 3 4 6	
	A			2 3 4 5 6	

First rung at Sutton-on-Trent on November 2nd, 1966, conducted by J. L. Millhouse.

TOWN OF SILENT TOWERS:

The Story of the Bells of Sandwich

(Continued from page 614)

The last of the three churches to describe is St. Peter's Church, whose brick tower still contains the only ring of bells left in the town today. The building on the whole is somewhat later in date than the other two, its windows being mainly in the Decorated style of architecture. It also has a central tower, though this, for reasons which will be apparent later, is not quite central! The bells of this church were always the principal bells in Sandwich; as early as 1534 we read of the "Brandegose" bell which was rung before every common assembly for half an hour on the fourth bell, and later we hear of the Market bell before the ringing of which no sales were permitted. For these jobs the sexton received four shillings each. He also received money for the ringing of the Curfew at 8 p.m. Originally this and the "Angelus" (at 4 in the morning!) were rung only from two weeks after Michaelmas to two weeks after Lady Day, Sundays or funeral days excepted, and for the twelve days after Christmas (for which £3 extra was due). Payments such as "candles and oil 6/8d." in connection with this are not uncommon. Today, however the curfew alone survives; and every night at eight the lovely tenor of Sandwich can be heard for miles booming out over the surrounding flats.

We do not know how many bells there were at this time; there must have been at least four. In 1546 there was an accident on the third of these, when one Henry Cosyn was killed by the bell rope, "being snayred therein in the ringing soe that his speache was taken from hym." By 1641 the tower was described as "splitt and cloven" and only fit for rebuilding. As we have read, it was much the same in 1652, though ringing carried on. In 1663 for some reason or other we hear that the "joye bells were much ringed"; and on the same night that St. Mary's tower gave way, St. Peter's steeple split open and the upper portion of the tower fell, completely destroying the south aisle. As the church was otherwise sound, the upper half of the tower was entirely demolished and dangerous crags removed, and the south arcade and south tower arch bricked up as they are today. For this reason the tower now appears to be half way along the south side of the church. Shortly afterwards the belfry was rebuilt with brick in the upper portions, which bricks were made from mud from the old haven. A new stair turret was built and the tower was surmounted by an onion cupola which is still a distinctive—if not particularly attractive—landmark today. Again the records do not tell us how many bells were installed, though doubtless there was at least one. Things really began to move, however, in 1726. In that year, the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury resolved to recast the heavy ring of six bells in the north tower of the Cathedral and add two trebles to make eight. Owing to the state of the north tower, it was deemed prudent to rehang the new peal in the south tower; and this already contained a ring of six bells, and also the great clock bell "Dunstan." The space problem was solved by placing "Dunstan" on the roof leads, and selling the other bells With the tenor recast by Samuel Knight—who had also cast the eight for the Cathedral—the bells were hung in the tower of St. Peter's Church. There they became known as the "Oxfords," for the two rings at Canterbury were known respectively as the "Oxford" (south) and "Arundel" (north) rings, after the names of the towers in which they hung.

In 1758 Mr Fausset was able to record five bells at St. Peter's, of which the four smallest were cast by Joseph Hatch, 1625, and the tenor by Samuel Knight, 1727. Whether there were any further additions or whether there was a separate bell in the tower already is not known, but in 1779 we find that the tower had six bells. As the total weight of these Knight's 1727 tenor had originally been much the tenor weighed some 15 cwt. Perhaps was 55 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. we may assume that heavier and had been recast into two trebles—not an unknown practice in those days. Whatever happened, it is clear that by that time the bells were regarded as unsatisfactory, and they were taken down and recast with additional metal into the eight bells at present in use at the church.

The work was carried out by Mr. William Mears, of Whitchapel, before he was taken in as a partner in the firm which was at that time trading as Pack and Chapman; strangely enough, Mears had first become interested in bellfounding while watching William Chapman casting the new Great Dunstan in the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral in 1762, and it was the old Canterbury bells that he was now recasting The only other bells cast by Mears before he was taken into partnership at Whitechapel are the treble and third of the splendid ring of six at St. Dunstan's Church, in the Mears family's native city of Canterbury.

The new ring of bells cost £366; to this was added £1 14s. for ropes, £59 for new fittings and alterations to the frame, and nearly £4 for carriage from London, making a total of just over £430; the old bells fetched £247, and the rates £36; the rest, nearly £150, was raised by voluntary subscription. Apparently the old frame was retained and altered by Mr. Forbes, whose name appears on the tenor, and who hung the bells. The particulars of these bells are as follows:—

Treble (27½" diameter, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., F): I mean to make it understood that tho I'm little yet I'm good. Mears & Co. Fecit 1779.

Second (30", 5–0–13, E): To honour both of God and king our voices shall in consort ring. Wm. Mears & Co., London. Fecit 1779.

Third (32", 5–3–15, D): Whilst thus we join in chearfull sound may love and loyalty abound. Wm. Mears & Co., London. Fecit 1779.

Fourth (34½", 7–1–24, C): Music is medicine to the mind. Mears & Co. 1779.

Fifth (36" 7–2–23, B flat): In Wedlock bands all ye who join with hands and harts unite so snall our tunefull Tongues combine to laud the nuptials rite. Mears & Co. Fecit.

Sixth (38½", 9–2–1, A): Peace and good neighbourhood. Wm Mears & Co., London. Fecit 1779.

Seventh (42", 11–3–13, G): Ye ringers all tha' prize your health and happiness be sober merry wise and youll the same possess. Wm. Mears & Co., London. Fecit 1779.

Tenor (46½ , 15–2–9, F); Forbes. 1779. The Revd. Mr. J Conant, A. M., Rector. W. W. Bradley, W. Brice, Ch. Wardens. 1779.

These bells form an excellent sounding ring. The first full peal on them was by Squire Powell's Quex Institution on December 27th, 1823, when S. Carter conducted 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Whether there have been any other peals is an open question; the writer would be interested to hear of others. Work on the bells has been infrequent. In 1898 a new clock and chimes were fitted by Gillett and Johnston: and in 1932 the tenor bell was quarter turned. rehung and refitted with ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The other seven bells retain their original fittings and are quite unringable; the writer has yet to find anyone who can reliably say that they have rung in this tower.

In 1966 the clock was rebuilt, a new aluminium ladder provided to give access above the ringing chamber in place of a rotten newell stair of wood, and the whole clock room and ringing room chamber cleaned, decorated and rewired. New clocking ropes were provided for the bells, though the dangers of this practice are known to the authorities. There is no prospect of the bells being rehung at present. The tenor is rung "up" on most nights at 8 p.m. for the curfew.

It seems that the days are gone when St. Clement's bells shouted across to St. Peter's splendid octave. no doubt reminding the people of St. Mary's of their long-lost ring. Only St. Clement's is in use as a parish church today. Would it be too much to hope that one day those splendid arches in that mighty tower will resound again, possibly with the music of St. Peter's bells responding in the distance, and the music of both rings is carried on the evening air across the open flats, onward and outward to the open sea?

(Concluded)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association held its September quarterly meeting at the Church of St. James, Preston Plucknett, Yeovil. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. David Nye. The choir was in attendance, the organist being Mr. Graham Score. The tea and meeting which followed were held in the church itself—a new and very pleasant experience for all.

New members elected were Mr. George Guppy, Mr. John Hawkins and Mr. Simon Hooper (East Chinnock), Mr. M. Walker (East Coker), Mr. John Caller (West Coker) and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott (non-resident life member).

Certificates were presented to Miss L. Legget, Miss M. Baker, Mrs. R. Rendell and Messrs. E. T. Paul Field, Ivan Reed, Alan Woodhouse, Tim Shire, Nigel Hunt, Tom Tulk, Robin Geard, Andrew Strickland, Ian Bowron, Reg Hunt, Sidney White and Ronald White.

It was unanimously agreed that the name of the late Mr. W. Delamont, of Hardington Mandeville, be recorded in the minutes.

Ringing on the good-going, if somewhat noisy, six (tenor 11 cwt.) was under the direction of the tower captain, Ringing Master and assistant Ringing Master, and included Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, April Day, Stedman, Kent and London.

The Branch is grateful to the Rev. David Nye, the organist and choir, Mrs. Score and her tea ladies for the very excellent tea, and to the tower captain, Mr. Jim Taylor, for a most enjoyable evening.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Aldbourne, Wilts, appears to have some promising material. In a recent Sunday service quarter there were three firsts and a first away from the tenor.

Five members of the Collins family took part in a quarter of Grandsire Triples at Chobham, Surrey. There should be a Collins peal before long.

A welcome back as a peal conductor to Mr. Francis C. Mogford. He called his first on August 26th at Marksbury after his fracture of both legs last September.

The Central District of the Ladies' Guild has arranged a dinner in connection with the 1968 A.G.M. It will take place at the Mayflower, Hertingfordbury, near Hertford.

All inquiries regarding the bells at St. Peter's, Pentre, Rhondda, Glamorgan, should be made to Mr. Tudor P. Edwards, 5, Pleasant View, Pentre, Rhondda, Glamorgan (Tel.: Pentre 3705).

On July 7th the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held their quarterly meeting at Sandford. Although the numbers were small a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The annual meeting was fixed for December 16th.

In a recent peal rung as a compliment for Mr. George Waterman's 82nd birthday, Mr. Edward B. Smith took part on the first day of his retirement. He is extremely interested in work for his church, and fellow members of the ringing fraternity wish him well in the future.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BANK HOLIDAY COMBINED OUTING

The East Derbyshire and West Notts Association and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild combined in a very successful outing on August Bank Holiday in and around Beverley and Hull. Two bus-loads of ringers and friends made a start at 8 a.m. from Mansfield and 7.30 a.m. from Alfreton, arriving at Beverley St. Mary's at 10.30. These lovely bells were rung for an hour with rounds for the not-so-proficient and Grandsire Caters, Kent Royal and Bob Royal for the others. The party then went to Hull for a picnic lunch and afterwards to Holy Trinity for a pleasant ring on the only 12 of the tour. Rounds was again on the menu but some nice touches of Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent were rung.

Cottingham was our next tower and although the nice eight are a trifle noisy in the ringing chamber they sound very well outside. Here we rang Stedman Triples, Kent, Plain Bob, rounds and a final touch of Cambridge Major. After this we called at Beverley Minster (10), where an hour's enjoyable ringing was had by all the company with the mixture as before. Tea was had at the Beverley Arms Hotel, where full justice was done to a bountiful meal. The next tower contained the beautiful six at Walkington, where a nice touch of Cambridge Minor was rung, also Kent and Bob Minor and once again rounds. Our last ring was at Goole, where a nice ring was enjoyed to finish off a wonderful day. Home was reached soon after 11 p.m., and a tired but happy party dispersed after climbing over 400 steps during the tour.

Our thanks go to the incumbents and our ringing friends in Yorkshire, especially to Ben Cooper and Neville Pailing, and also to Eric Sterland and Don Beach for a well-organised outing. May it be the first of many.

S. W. F.

BRAINTWISTER No. 2 SOLUTION

By A. S. HUDSON

The Tower Snatch has brought some interesting replies. Not quite so easy as the first problem perhaps, but nevertheless a number of people experienced no great difficulty. I had not realised, until I came to setting these problems, how difficult it is to set them unambiguously, and it would appear that problem No. 2 can be taken in two different ways. Fortunately only one person noticed that if you read it incorrectly there will be six possible solutions. However, if you read it the way it was intended, there is a unique solution. It all depends how many towers John had already got before the outing started, and it was intended that he should have only rung at one. In view of this ambiguity all the possible correct entries were included in the draw. The correct solution is

MUCH GRAPPLING	Ann, Dick, John
S. TWISTEAD	David, Dennis, John, Bill
N. JANGLING	Dick, Bill, John, David
BACKWOODSBURY	Ann, Dennis, Dick.

The prize this time goes to Mr. B. E. Matthews, of London, W.1, who receives a Ringers' Diary voucher.

One or two readers complained that it was a very bad outing; apparently there should have been twice as many towers and three times as many ringers. I agree entirely—but don't ask me to set a puzzle round it!

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HEADINGTON, OXFORD

The six bells at St. Andrew's Church commenced ringing again on Sunday, August 20th, after the rather long silence necessary for the bells to be rehung and for other work to be done. The bells have been tuned and rehung in a new iron frame in which provision has been made for the addition of two more bells at a future date. The work has been carried out by Messrs. F. A. White, of Appleton, Berks, and is another good example of their craftsmanship. The ringing chamber floor has also been renewed. Delays there were with this rehanging, the main one occurring after the bells had been taken down and the frame dismantled, when someone realised that no faculty had been applied for, and this resulted in a "standstill" for some time until the faculty had been obtained. I am pleased to be able to say that these bells are *not* now anti-clockwise although it seems that the architect tried to retain the old frame, despite its very poor condition, but common sense prevailed.

Of the bells themselves, Mr. F. Sharpe, in his "Church Bells of Oxfordshire", gives the following information. He says that the oldest bell in the ring, the fifth, is a beautiful bell by the successors of John Danyell, of London, *c.* 1470. The treble and third are by John Briant, 1792; the second, with the initials MD, is probably Michael Darbie's, 1654; the fourth is by Richard Purdue, 1624; and the tenor was cast by William Yare, 1613. The weights are now given as treble 4-0-5, second 4-2-15, third 4-0-2, fourth 5-3-7, fifth 7-0-14, tenor 7-3-6. It should be noted that the third is the lightest bell in the ring, three pounds lighter than the treble which is by the same founder.

It is intended that a thanksgiving service will be held in December in connection with the bells and the organ, which is also receiving attention at this time. Regular ringing takes place at this tower: 10.15 a.m. and 5.50 p.m. on Sundays with a practice each Tuesday starting at 7.45 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

P. W.

HANDBELLS—AND OTHER BELLS

Mr. P. Amos, Northampton, writes: "Re the Surrey ringer who had his handbells stolen, dealers are, at this moment, falling over each other to get hold of handbells, so beware! The laughable thing is that hardly any of them in second-hand shops, gift shops, or market stalls know the difference between handbells and auctioneers' bells or criers' bells (as we call them).

"I once advertised in a national newspaper to buy a set of handbells and was inundated with letters and callers, offering wooden-handled auctioneers' bells and even some shop door bells with springs still on. The would-be sellers look dumbfounded when you tell them, with a laugh, that they are not handbells!

"To those dealers, if anyone has got any handbells handy it is advisable *never to let them see them.*"

Congratulations to Mr. Walter Ayre, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee, on conducting his 500th peal on August 26th.

After meeting short for a peal at North Mymms, Herts, Jennifer M. Judge, aged 17 years, was disturbed from her rest in bed, came with enthusiasm to score her first peal, and so helped Walter Wainwright, aged 69 years, to score his first "inside".

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS, CHESTERFIELD

THE church — of cruciform design — was erected in several stages, the present chancel and chapels dating back to the early 1200's, the tower and south transept following in 1305–77.

The tower and spire are carried on four massive piers down to ground level and containing the "crossing" in which for some years now has been located the central altar. Above this is a vaulted ceiling having in the centre a very nice trap through which the bells could be brought down if necessary. Immediately above is the ringing room, then the clock room which, until 1946, housed an ancient treadmill used, evidently, to raise the builders' material for the erection of the tower.

Higher still, but still below the louvres, are the ten bells, carried in a modern steel frame resting on heavy steel girders built into the walls, the whole installation being some eight feet lower than the old ten with their wooden frame, and designed to greatly minimise the thrust of the bells when swinging.

The present ring of ten, with a tenor of 1 ton, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat, was installed in 1947 and succeeds a previous ten installed in 1820, both being by the Whitechapel Foundry. Previous to this a ring of eight existed, having been recast in 1774, but there is not any record earlier than this.

The spire itself dates back to the latter part of the 14th century, 1375–1400, and is 228ft. high from ground level. The latest survey shows an "out-of-truth" vertically of 8ft. 7½in. on the north side.

On December 22nd, 1961, a disastrous fire occurred in the choir vestry, demolishing the famous Schnetzler organ, vestments and music, and completely ruining the ringing room and the room above. The bells were not adversely affected, and a new set of ropes from the bell foundry enabled the bells to be rung on Christmas morning as usual.

Renovations have now restored the tower to its former condition.

S. S.

BRANCH OFFICER'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Mr. H. J. Rooney, Branch representative and assistant secretary of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, having recently obtained a new appointment, has now moved to St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and the Branch has lost a most valuable officer and member. Jack Rooney represented the Branch for several years and has given much time and effort in support of its activities. Always willing to help out where required and a regular attender at the Hinton Waldrist weekly practice, which he says he much enjoyed, Jack will be missed within the Branch, but he hopes to visit us from time to time. The Branch and his many ringing friends wish him well and success in his new appointment, and although our loss his move will be to the Hertford County Association a gain.

C. R. M.

Mr. Francis C. Mogford is welcomed back as a peal conductor since his fracture of both legs last September. On August 26th he called a peal at Marksbury, Somerset.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	5
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	7
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) ..	4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	5
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Scl.)	2	R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	3	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	7
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	4	B. E. Mozley (Selwyn) ..	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	Treble	R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
*Jane E. Shaw (New Hall)	2	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
†K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	3	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	8
J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	4	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	9
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	5	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by G. W. Debenham. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal.

IRCHESTER, Northants.—At The Cottage, Knuston Hall.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 9 in B flat.

Frances A. Threlfall (Lucy Cav.)	1—2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	5—6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3—4	J. B. Williamson (Trinity)	7—8

Composed by E. M. Atkins (St. Cath.'s) Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

TICHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,568 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,280 Bristol and 1,024 Superlative; with 106 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F.

D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	5
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	6
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) ..	3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	7
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) ..	4	S. C. Walters (Pembroke)	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

THE EAST RIDING RINGERS' PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

ILKLEY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Stephen K. Thompson ..	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	5
Robert C. Hawtree	2	David S. Johnson	6
Elizabeth Johnson	3	Howard C. Palmer	7
John S. Rank	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Ronald Ducker.
First peal in the method by all the band. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Stephen K. Thompson ..	Treble	Robert C. Hawtree	5
Christopher L. D. Munday	2	David S. Johnson	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Howard C. Palmer	7
Ronald Ducker	4	John S. Rank	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of seventh.

CROSTHWAITE, Keswick, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	5
*Elizabeth Johnson	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
†Roderick R. Horton ..	3	‡Robert C. Hawtree	7
†Stephen K. Thompson ..	4	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by David S. Johnson.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major "inside" and first blows in the method. † 25th peal.

ASPATRIA, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Roderick R. Horton ..	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Elizabeth Johnson	2	John S. Rank	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	David S. Johnson	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 225th peal.

BIRSTWITH, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Apostle.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland; with 55 changes of method and all the work of each method rung by every bell.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Stephen K. Thompson ..	Treble	David S. Johnson	5
Howard C. Palmer	2	*Robert C. Hawtree	6
Ronald Ducker	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
Christopher L. D. Munday	4	John S. Rank	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by John S. Rank.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR OF THE NORTH WEST

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 19. 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	George E. Thoday	6
David E. Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John S. Mason	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	3	George E. Thoday	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Peter Border	9
John G. Gipson	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John H. Fielden	6
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Antony R. Kench	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
F. John Nelson	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Maryl R. Fielden and Wilfred Williams.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin and All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

LANCASTER.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	George E. Thoday	6
John G. Gipson..	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John H. Fielden	6
Tudor P Edwards	2	George E. Thoday	7
Antony R. Kench	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
David E. Rothera	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
F. John Nelson	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of London Surprise Royal on the bells.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Peter Border	Treble	John G Gipson	6
George E. Thoday	2	Robert E J. Dennis	7
Antony R. Kench	3	Rev. Giles C. Galley	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

HORNBY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967. in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 7 lb. in G.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
George E. Thoday	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Robert E J. Dennis	3	John S. Mason	7
Rev. Giles C Galley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

F. John Nelson	Treble	John S. Mason	5
Leslie Barry	2	John G. Gipson	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Ralph G. Edwards	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Rev. Giles C. Galley	2	Neil Bennett	6
Ruth M. Border	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MARSDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Peter Border	2	John S. Mason	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	8
Antony R Kench	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9
David E Rothera	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 London and 1,280 each Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative; with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
F. John Nelson	2	John G. Gipson	6
Antony R. Kench	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
George E. Thoday	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	John H. Fielden	7
Wilfred Williams	2	John S. Mason	8
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	9
Antony R. Kench	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
Ralph G. Edwards	5	Peter Border	11
Rev. Giles C. Galley	6	Tudor P Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., Aug. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 each London and Cambridge and 800 each Bristol, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; with 134 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

John S. Mason	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
George E. Thoday	2	John G. Gipson	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

WIGAN, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John S. Mason	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Peter Border	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
David E. Rothera	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ST. HELENS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

John S. Mason	Treble	John H. Fielden	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Tudor P. Edwards	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
David E. Rothera	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal in the tower.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARKSBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four six-scores of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire (14 callings).
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Alan J. Coombs	Treble	Francis C. Mogford	4
Ronald E. G. Smith	2	Benedict P. Wilde	5
*Robert Perry	3	*Henry J. Coombs	Tenor

Conducted by Francis C. Mogford.
* First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Kent T.B., two Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
John E. Brough	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* Has now "completed the circle" to peals.
Rung for the birthday of Mrs. Scott, mother of the tenor ringer.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Bridget Bates	Treble	*Peter H. Mackie	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Peter C. Randall	3	John K. Foot	7
Stephen F. Royal	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method by all the band.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret Lawson	Treble	Andrew G. Craddock	5
Ann Lawson	2	George S. Deas	6
*Christine H. Telfer	3	Michael Maughan	7
Enid Lawson	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	†Richard C. Taylor	7
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Jacqueline S. King	3	*Philip N. Tubbs	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
Richard J. Bowden	5	Edward J. Chivers	11
*Frank L. Harris	6	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.
* 25th peal of Stedman Cinques together. † First on 12 bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 42 lb. in A flat.

Jill M. May	Treble	Bernard J. Stone	5
John F. M. Maybrey	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
John R. Norris	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Angela M. Wright	4	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Bew and Catherine M. Powell.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTONE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., July 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 21 to 27. Tenor 9 cwt.

Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
Rev. Michael Hart	2	Michael V. Powell	5
Robert D. Hodges	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
Rung to welcome back from New Zealand Mr. and Mrs. Colin Smith.

KIMBOLTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160s and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

Denise Jaine	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Rev. Michael Hart	2	Peter D. Sell	5
Dennis Jaine	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Robert B. Smith	2	Basil Jones	8
Alan McFall	3	Richard A. G. Inglis	9
Alexander J. Martin	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5	Brian Harris	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	Thomas H. Francis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being one extent each of (1) York S., (2) London, (3) Norwich, (4) Cambridge, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*John Pearce	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	Francis M. Byrne	5
Brian M. Barker	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal. 500th as conductor. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Christopher Movley	Treble	Richard S. Starkie	5
Derek Butterworth	2	Philip G. K. Davies	6
Christine Andrew	3	Neil Bennett	7
Basil Jones	4	*Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method.

EAST CROMPTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	†Wyn Pugh	5
John P. Partington	2	†A. Peter Ogden	6
Derek Sanderson	3	Michael J. Platt	7
*Janet Lawson	4	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal. † First of Major.

LECK, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter,
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents Grandsire (10 callings) and 21 Plain Bob (4 callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Joseph Whalley	Treble	†Robert Moore	3
James E. Dickinson	2	*Kevin M. Price	4
Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Doubles in two methods on tower bells and first of Doubles without a covering bell. † First of Doubles.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Raymond C. Price	Treble	David L. Phillips	5
Mary E. Pryor	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
Nevil A. James	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal of Major.
Arranged to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Augustine's Church, Penarth. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM, London, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

David A. Wright	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
*Colin G. Wright	2	*John Pladdys	6
*Sara K. D. Woolley	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Superlative. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Aug. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

H. William Barrett	Treble	Alexander J. Martin	5
Bernard F. L. Groves	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Alan McFall	7
*George P. Adams	4	Richard A. G. Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of London and 50th of Surprise.

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WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat

Henry Tooke .. .. .. Treble		Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Robin R. Churchill	2	Martin Cubitt	5
Leslie F. Bailey	3	Richard A. J. Bower .. Tenor	

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

CASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being two extents of Stedman, four of Grandsire and six each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

David Cubitt .. .. .. Tenor		Martin Cubitt	3
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor			

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
First peal of Doubles on these bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDERMASTON BOB and PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble		Anthony D. Smith	5
Mrs. A. D. Smith	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Walter Hunt	4	David L. Wilcox .. .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

ALDERMASTON BOB
78.18 x 18 x 18 x 18 2nd pl. l.e. 13528476 4th pl. Bob.

CUMNOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In three methods: London, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

Anne M. Carpenter .. .. Treble		A. Keith P. Poole	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	5
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor	

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
First peal in three Surprise Minor methods by all the band.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, Berks.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In five methods: Primrose, London, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Hilary M. Dickson .. Treble		A. Keith P. Poole	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	5
Jonathan R. Rowson ..	3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor	

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal. First in five Surprise methods by all the band.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At New College.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

John W. T. Hibbert .. .. Treble		Frederick Sharpe	6
William Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Frederick C. White	8
G. Robert Mordaunt ..	4	Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	9
Dennis A. Leslie	5	Francis A. White .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 VERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble		Barry E. Saunders	5
James Linnell	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Charles E. Truman	4	George W. Holland .. .. Tenor	

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

VERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 58.16 x 16.78 l.h. 12 8674523

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Derek Butterworth .. .. Treble		*Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Brian Harris	3	Colin W. Reed	9
Alexander J. Martin	4	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	10
Alan F. Schofield	5	Edward Jenkins	11
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6	Basil Jones .. .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* 50th peal of Maximus. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

LOWDHAM, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw .. .. Treble		Derek J. Tysoe	3
F. William Midwinter .. 2		H. Geoffrey Wells	4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor			

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung to welcome Rev. F. G. H. Love, inducted Vicar on July 11th, 1967.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINCHESTER, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, SS. Peter and Paul and St. Swithin.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 62 lb. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards .. .. Treble		Derek E. Sibson	7
Joan Beresford	2	Noel J. Diserens	8
Brian Bladon	3	Dennis Beresford	9
*Beryl R. Simpson	4	R. Roger Savory	10
Ronald F. Diserens ..	5	David E. House	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	6	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor	

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal on twelve. First of Maximus in the method.
In memoriam Thomas Parrott, grandfather of the fourth ringer, a past member of the Cathedral band, who died May 12th, 1967, aged 83.

WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—3T—14—125T—36—127T—38—14—50—16—7T—10—ET l.h. B

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnsons' variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert .. .. Treble		*Andrew J. Jobson	5
*Mrs. H. D. Holland ..	2	Richard Farnsworth ..	6
John E. Turley	3	Richard J. Parker	7
†Robert M. Chambers ..	4	H. David Holland .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan F. Scholfield	1—2	Gerald Moorhouse	5—6
Robert B. Smith	3—4	Alan McFall	7—8

Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal in the method "in hand".

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1—2	Edward J. Beer	7—8
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3—4	Christopher T. Osenton	9—10
*Trevor A. Cross	5—6	Stuart Sandford	11—12

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Cinques "in hand".

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., July 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross	1—2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5—6
Edward J. Beer	3—4	Cyril S. Jarrett	7—8

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

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Peter J. Staniforth	1—2	John M. Jelley	5—6
*Robert C. Kippin	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8
Robert B. Smith	9—10		

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to May and Bob Smith.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—In the Tower of St. Andrew's Church.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 20 in E.

Frank Lord	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
Michael W. Crowder ..	3—4	Philip Barnes	7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

HALF PEAL

ORTON, WESTMORLAND.—On Aug. 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: J. Whalley 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. Blackburn 3, R Moore 4, J. E. Burles 5, K. M. Price (first on eight bells as cond.) 6, T. F. Metcalfe 7, N. M. Newby 8. First on eight bells by 1 and 4.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): T. Jones (first quarter) 1, D. Mamby (first away from tenor) 2, A. Palmer 3, K. Harvey (first quarter) 4, A. Keen 5 F. Read (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, C. Barnes (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Hough 1, Margaret Elwood 2, M. Mulvey 3, J. Humphreys 4, C. Collins 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B.): R. Looker 1, R. E. Manton 2 W. Clamp 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, and as a birthday compliment to S. R. Manton.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hollis (first away from cover) 1, Christine Morton (first "inside") 2, G. Lonsdale 3, C. G. Wright 4, Mary Wilkinson (first as cond.) 5, D. Knewstub cover. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. J. Taylor 1, Jane M. Dennis 2, A. F. Lee 3, H. D. Taylor 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, P. M. Giles 6, J. E. Newman (cond.) 7, B. Sarl 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. Anthony Brian Green.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles B. Vitler 1, J. M. Swift 2, L. Cooksey 3, J. Carr 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, R. Vitler 6. A farewell to John Barrow, organist and choirmaster, who is leaving to take up an appointment with the Royal School of Church Music.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Stocken 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Wendy V. Cox 3, L. C. Meadows 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Boyle (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, M. P. Inskipp 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRYANSTON, DORSET. — 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. J. Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, D. J. Knight 3, M. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. G. Bleathman 6.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): D. Sadowski (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, J. Drew 4, P. Robertson (cond.) 5, D. Deakins 6.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Banks (first quarter) 1, Margaret Hill 2, J. Cooper 3, R. G Yeomans 4, G. Davis 5, F. E. Sismey (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to 2 and 3, Sunday service ringers, shortly leaving for universities.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 1, Jane Dando 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Linda Cull 4, M. G. Palmer 5, A. P Reeves 6. First of Bob Minor 2 and 5.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET. — On July 14th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Goringe 1, J. W. Rose 2, P. Herbert 3, E. Goringe 4, B. Kear 5, R. F. Symonds (first as cond.) 6, E. H. Amey 7, H. Goringe 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Richard J. Collins 1, Patricia C. Hill 2, Judith M. Collins 3, Rosemary A. Collins (firs: "inside") 4, J. A. Collier 5, P. J. Privett 6, P. Roy Collins 7 Ronald Collins 8.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1 Miss P. Brown 2, Miss R. J. Couon 3, G. W. Shanks 4, K. J. Rider 5, D. P. Smith 6, R. J. Collis cover. For Benedictions.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): B. Mills 1, R. Jones 2, J. Coombes 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Chaplin 6. First in nine methods 1 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover). Heather Cranshaw 1, Margaret Savage 2, Jennifer Parker 3, Marion Kemp 4, A J. Leeves (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Jane Hough 6, P. Harrison 7, O. Webster 8. First "inside" 2 and 3. Rung for the wedding of Lancelot Whitehead and Margaret Grantham, the latter having been secretary of the local band for two and a half years.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hazel King (first quarter) 1, D. Potter 2, Janet Pullen 3, D. Ralls 4, G. C. King 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6.

DURWESTON, DORSET. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor C. F. Longridge 1 W. T. Perrins 2, T. G. Bleathman 3 M. J. Corry 4, T. F. Collins 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor C. J Corry 1, Susan M. Corry 2, F. Hilliar 3, D. J. Knight 4, M. J. Corry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2, N. O. Skelton 3, T. F. Collins 4, M. J. Corry 5, J. N. Longridge 6.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,259 Doubles (five methods/variations): Miss R. Liddell 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, R. Liddell 3, M. Boskett 4, P. Robertson (cond.) 5, D. Deakins 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples Susan Marrison (first on eight) 1, Amette Bradbury 2, Rosemary Earl 3, F. Lambert 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, D. Reed 7, R. Peckham 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Lewis, for many years a ringer at this church who died August 10th, aged 92.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Kemp 1, R. T. Lambert 2, R. E. Lambert 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. Harrison 6, A. Bromley 7, E. G. Baker 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Brenda West and John Lee, married this day at the R.C. Church, Goudhurst.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. R. 1, A. W. Cole 2, Susan Wenden 3, J. Gould 4, F. H. Erith 5, D. N. Wenden (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tower captain, Arthur Cole, who was 83 the previous day.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Birch (first attempt) 1, Velia Titterley 2, Amette E. Bradbury 3, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 4, D. R. McLean (25th quarter Doubles) 5, G. Titherley 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5. For Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples F Rummery 1, W. Gorringe (cond.) 2, Marion Kemp 3, E. G. Baker 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, A. H. Kemp 6, P. Harrison 7, D. West 8. Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rummery.

HAWKLEY, HANTS. — On Aug 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Julie Lacey (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hatherly 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Tipper 6.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lindsay 1, Dorothy M. L. Nichols 2, Mary Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, Kevin M. Price 5, J. Whalley (first as cond.) 6. Rung to mark Hawkshead's first place in the Lancashire best kept village competition (championship class).

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. P. Sawford 1, J. G. Flint 2, C. R. Hardy 3, P. Rogers 4, D. G. Carr (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: Judith Loten 1, Mrs. J. I. Cornwall 2, R. H. Newton 3, R. Biggs 4, M. J. Best 5, A. Newton 6, E. E. Goslin 7, D. A. Cornwall (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. For Evensong.

LLANBLETHIAN GLAM. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Davies 1, T. E. Hiddins 2 D. R. L. Jones (first as cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, W. T. Petty 5, R. J. Mayle 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Taylor 1, B. Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also on Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Blacker (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs (first "inside") 3, H. J. Coombs 4 B. P. Wilde (cond.) 5, M. Bees 6. Also the same day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, M. Jones (first quarter) 3, B. P Wilde (cond.) 4, H. J. Coombs 5, M. Bees 6. Both rung for the dedication of new ropes.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Gillian Read 1, D. M. Hughes 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read (cond.) 4, T. S. Bowles 5, R Lintott 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss E. Maiklam (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Lodge 2, D. Lodge 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. A. Collier (cond.) 5.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hilliar 1, Ben Ridout 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, R. Ridout 4, B. Ridout 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS. — On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Tipper 1, Valerie Rusaforth 2, K Sansom 3, D. Hatherly 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: G. Maggs (first of Surprise) 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, M. Maggs (first of Cambridge) 4, M. Ingram 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. Hollis 1, Ruth Gordon 2, J. Wood 3, Tessa Hollis 4, Elsie Chaddock 5, R. Harper 6 A. Holroyd 7, H. O. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, D. Nichols 10. Rung half-muffled prior to Evensong as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Norah Ford, Lady Mayoress of Rotherham, who died the previous week.

ROUGHAM SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): C. Hancock 1, L. Wright 2 R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary for C. Blake, 15 years a chorister. Also on Aug. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Ipswich and Plain): D. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice (cond.) 5, M. Rose 6. A 37th wedding anniversary for L. Nice, and the 5th for E. Nice.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Stocken 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, Wendy V. Cox 3, L. C. Meadows 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 behind): Gillian Coman 1, Helen Dadswell 2, Eileen Coman 3, Angela Rudd 4, T. Edwards (cond.) 5, G. Muggeridge 6, A. Smith 7, G. Coman 8. For the Festival of Flowers Also on Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Coman 1, Marion Carley 3, Gillian Coman 4, T. Edwards 5, Angela Rudd 6, A Smith (cond.) 7, G. Coman 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to George and Eileen Coman.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Nevitt (first quarter) 1, D. J. Marshall 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Halling 1, Miss N. Price 2, J. Attwood, sen. 3, R. Liddell 4, D. Trentfield (first of Triples) 5, P. Robertson (cond.) 6, J. Attwood jun. 7, D. Deakins (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled after the death of John Moore.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. — On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Andrew J. Goodyer (10½ years, first quarter) 1, Margaret E. Goodyer 2, B. Applebaun 3, S. James 4, J. Rainsford (cond.) 5, R. Walters 6.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: T. Stephens 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, H. Read (first Cambridge Major) 4, A. Berry 5, J. Clements 6, I. Lloyd 7, P. Robertson (first of Major as cond.) 8.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ariss (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Mackie (first "inside") 2, A. Boyd 3, L. P. Mackie 4, G. W. Randall 5, P. H. Mackie (first as cond.) 6. For Matins.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): C. R. Hardy 1, J. G. Flint (first T.B. "inside") 2, P. Clarke 3, A. S. Smith 4, D. G. Carr (first of T.B. as cond.) 5, D. W. Manton 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 3.

WEDDING

WOODRUFFE—BULLEN

The wedding took place on Friday, September 1st, 1967, at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, Mon, between Brian J. Woodruffe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodruffe, of Fairfield, Buxton and Patricia Bullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bullen, of Pontypool. The service was conducted by the Rev. Curtis Morgan. The bride was attended by a college friend, Miss Mary Gash, and Mr. Hugh Mason was the best man. A reception was held at the Bridge Hotel, Newbridge-on-Usk, after which the happy couple left for a honeymoon in South Devon.

The small Church of St. Mary, Panteg, is beautifully situated in the countryside and made an ideal setting for a wedding. It has a tower containing three bells, hung for ringing, and the temptation to ring them proved too much for the bridegroom's ringing friends and one of the band now claims to have rung the extents on 3 to 8 bells! The bells were rung both before and after the service.

On the eve of the wedding the bridegroom conducted a peal of Bob Maximus on handbells, the band comprising Miss Hazel Way, Arthur Hoare and Edmund Morris, of Swansea (these three rang many handbell peals with Brian during his stay in Swansea), and Bob Smith and Bernard Groves, who have been ringing friends of the bridegroom since schooldays. A good peal was scored, most of which was recorded on tape.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at All Saints', Newport, on the Saturday morning after the wedding, in which four of the guests took part. It is hoped that it will not spoil the honeymoon when the bridegroom notes that Bernard Groves has scored his 800th peal before him!

M. J. P.

OUTING TO WILTSHIRE AND SOMERSET

The silence of some 15 years was broken at Berwick St. John's, Wiltshire, on Sunday morning, September 3rd, by a band of ringers from Wiltshire, Hampshire and London. The six bells, last rehung by Stokes of Woodbury in 1885, went remarkably well after the long idleness forced upon them by the state of the tower stonework, which has now been repaired. The ringing included a course of London. Afterwards we were very kindly entertained to coffee and biscuits at the home of Mr. Bartlett, one of the churchwardens.

The party moved on over the Downs to Sutton Veny, whose pleasant six were rehung and somewhat drastically retuned by Gillett and Johnston in 1928 (tenor 8-2-12 in F/F sharp!). The new Rector hopes to resume local ringing here. The more or less "minor" five at Norton Bavant proved something of a handful due to lack of oil; the three old bells here were augmented by Llewellin and James in 1894.

After lunch in Warminster we visited Berkley, a 10 cwt. four hung on two levels in the minute west tower of this unusual 18th century church. Ringing here is made more interesting by the ropes, all dropping an inch or two from the corners of the tower; however, we managed Reverse Canterbury Minimus. After a quick ring following a christening at Norton St. Philip we called at Freshford, a village typical of the Bath-Bradford district, with its maze of steep, narrow streets and lanes. The bells (Taylor, 1885-1935) are an enjoyable five.

On the light four at Farleigh Hungerford we rang Stedman Minimus and more Reverse Canterbury. We had to miss out the bells at Westwood, nearby, which for some obscure reason have been declared unsafe, although they were rung regularly until four years or so ago and the Rector wishes that they still were. For evening service ringing we joined the local bands on the two very enjoyable eights in Bradford-on-Avon—at Christ Church an excellent Gillett ring of 1923 and at Holy Trinity a grand heavy octave last rehung by Blackbourn and Greenleaf in 1891. Five of the party rang at Yatesbury on the way home and were glad to be joined by Mr. Fred Preston, the local captain.

C. J. N. D.

LETTERS continued

ISLEWORTH CHURCH, MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for harking back to the issue of July 21st—I had expected that by now someone else would have put the record straight on two matters regarding the front page illustration of, and article about, Isleworth Church, Middlesex.

Firstly, the bells are a ring of ten in a major key of between E flat and D—the notes of the 3rd, 6th, 7th and tenor bells should therefore read E flat, B flat, A flat and E flat respectively and not as printed. The tenor bell, in particular, is rather light at 16-0-24 for its note, the old Lester and Pack octave having been very considerably reduced on the Loughborough tuning machine in 1902-3. Opinions of course vary on the present tonal qualities of these bells—some idea of what they must have sounded like pefore retuning can be gained from listening to Long Crendon, Bucks, bells which were cast by the same founders in 1768, the year after Isleworth's.

Secondly, from the front page illustration readers night reasonably have assumed that the "new and exciting church" mentioned in the article had already been built; however, as one who passes Isleworth Church on average twice a day, I can assume them that as vet not one brick has been laid upon another. The photograph was evidently retouched to show how the tower will look when—and if—the present rebuilding scheme is completed.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

St. Margaret's, Middlesex.

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KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Will freshers coming to Keele in October please contact the secretary, Miss J. Quickfall, 21, Saxby Avenue, Skegness, Lincs, for information about the Keele Association. 2258

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Freshers coming to Manchester this year are invited to contact me for details of the Guild's activities, at 28, Dene Road, Cottingham, Yorks.—C. L. D. Munday, Sec. 2261

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this year. Please write to Liz Webb, 8, Church Avenue, Warmley, Bristol. 2198

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will any freshers coming up to Southampton University this October please contact the secretary, Miss Susan E. M. Davis, 90, Elers Road, West Ealing, London, W.13. 2259

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER.—Will any ringers coming to Lancaster in October please contact Mr. K. Lewin, 38, Shaftesbury Road, Luton, Beds. 2260

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Horsmonden (8) ..	11.00–11.45	Tenterden (8)	10.45–11.45
Brenchley (8)	11.45–12.30	Rolvenden (8)	11.30–12.15
Goudhurst (8)	12.30– 1.15	Benenden (8)	12.15– 1.00
Route 2		**Route 4**	
Marden (8)	9.45–10.30	Beckley (6)	9.45–10.30
Staplehurst (8) ..	10.15–11.00	Northiam (6)	10.30–11.15
Headcorn (8)	11.15–12.00	Ewhurst (5)	11.15–12.00
Smarden (6)	11.45–12.30	Sandhurst (6)	12.00–12.45
Frittenden (8)	12.15– 1.00	Hawkhurst (8) ..	1.45– 2.30

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

ARNOLD — MASON. — Church of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, Sunday, October 1st, at 2 p.m. Peter Brian, Manor Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hampshire, to Christine Lesley (student-nurse, R.S.H. Hospital, Southampton), former vice-captain Coton tower, and a Coton handbell ringer. 2294

PERSONAL

"The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits." (2 Timothy ii, 6.)

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Will all freshers interested in ringing please come to the Week One stall on Tuesday, October 3rd. 2295

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SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Students at all Brighton colleges as well as at the University are eligible to join the above Guild. Please attend St. Peter's Society practices (Fridays, 7.30) or contact R. H. Newton, Brighton College of Education, Falmer, Brighton, after September 18th, for details of the Guild's activities. 2270

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice at Bleadon (6), Saturday, September 23rd, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 2286

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL. — All ringers attending Bradford University this year will be made very welcome at the Cathedral. Ringing, Sunday, 10.30 and 5.30. Practice, Tuesday, 7 p.m. 2275

CRANBROOK, KENT.—The tower secretary is now Mr. R. H. Candy, to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 2278

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—The open practice due on Saturday, September 16th, is cancelled because of peal attempt by Cambridge University Guild in memoriam E. Maurice Atkins, commencing 4 p.m.,—C. P. Yates, Hon. Sec. 2289

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN ringers wish to thank all ringing friends for supporting their ringing Sunday. 2288

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330TH *ANNIVERSARY DINNER*

Saturday, November 4th, 1967

The 330th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th (6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.) at the Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/- each) now available from the secretary. Remittances with orders, please; cheques and postal orders to be made payable to the Society.

Excellent transport facilities; Bank and Cannon Street stations within one minute walk.

Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later.

J. G. A. PRIOR, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

ANNUAL DINNER

will be held at Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock, on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

Tickets, 20/- each, can be obtained from D. K. Knowles, 21, Broad Lane North, Willenhall, Staffs.

Please send cash with application.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD AUTUMN MEETING, BRIGHTON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1967.

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Ringing arrangements as per Programme.

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LUNCH—Howard's Restaurant, Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, 12.30 p.m. 13/9 per head.

TEA, 5.30 p.m., Howard's Restaurant, 5/6. Business meeting will follow.

Please notify Hon. Sec. for lunch and tea.

J. A. Hoare,
6, Gendros Cres.,
Fforestfach,
Swansea, Glam.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner-dance will be held in the Assembly Rooms, The Firs, Bowdon, near Altrincham, on Saturday, October 14th, 1967. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Guest of honour, J. Freeman, Esq., vice-president of the Central Council. Tickets 24/- each. Applications for tickets to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, by October 7th. Bowdon bells available from 4 to 5.45 p.m. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 2271

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District. — A District practice will be held at Great Waltham on September 20th, 7.30 to 9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 2274

EXMOUTH, Devon.—Withycombe Raleigh annual Ringers' Evensong this year is on October 29th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells from 5 p.m. and after service. Come and join us in ringing and worship.—D. Wills. 2269

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, Stokesay, Craven Arms, Salop, Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th. Viewing from noon till dusk, 16th; all day Sunday, 17th, except times of services. Tower open same hours. Teas at Vicarage. 2233

HOLY TRINITY, LODDON

BELL RESTORATION FUND

Anyone interested? Please send donations to MR. A. H. ROBERTS, 9, Mill Road, Loddon, Norwich. NOR 21W.

No donation is too small.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — **Annual Dinner,** Ashford. Saturday, September 30th, 1967. Tickets available for first 100 applicants from own District secretary or A. P. S. Berry, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone, Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 1980

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

will be held at the

VICTORIA HOTEL, PRESTON

on

Saturday, October 28th

Assemble 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Ringing at St. John's, Preston, 4–6.30 p.m.

Tickets, 27/6 each, from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Preston. Please send stamped addressed envelope. 2263

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

21ST *ANNIVERSARY DINNER*

followed by Social Evening, to be held at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, on Saturday, October 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, price 25/-, from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester (Tel. Narborough 3732), by Saturday, October 21st. Ringing arrangements later. 2253

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Woodston, Saturday, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Netherseale Surprise Minor and Double Court Minor. —M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and SUFFOLK GUILD (South West District). —Joint meeting at Bocking, September 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 2194

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 16th, Sawbridgeworth. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riversfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth.—D. Kingston, Dis. Sec. 2249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Walden, September 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. King's Walden (6), 6.30–8.30. Names for tea, *please*, to Mr. L. Denison, 50, Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2210

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer (8), September 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. Names, together with money, to Mr. F. W. Lawrence, 19, St. Gregory's Close, Deal. 2161

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting, Lincoln St. Giles', September 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 Service and meeting 4.15. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham.—G. R. P. 2193

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District.—Practice meeting, Hinderclay (6), September 16th, 6.30–9 p.m.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 2216

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), Saturday, September 16th. Bells 3 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Advance notice is also given of a special "learners" practice at Barcombe (6) on Saturday, October 21st.—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec. 2229

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Chaddesley Corbett, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 2191

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Worplesdon (8), Tuesday, September 19th, 7.30–9 p.m. 2266

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — September's practice meeting at Silkstone (6) on Tuesday, September 19th, at 7.30. Methods: Call-changes up to P.B. Minor. Ringing Master, P. Carbutt. October practice meeting will be at Wath. All beginners and other ringers welcome. — M. King, Hon. Sec. 2300

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District. — Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, September 21st, 7.45–9 p.m. All welcome. —C. H. Rogers. 2133

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—281st anniversary, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 2/6 per head. Names for tea to R. T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos, not later than Tuesday, September 19th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 24th. Ringing 2 p.m. 2239

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, September 23rd, 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2303

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Church Lawton, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea MUST be received by September 20th. —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 2292

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Saturday, September 23rd, Rugby. Bells (5) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) 6 to 7.30. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. 2291

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting Blackwell (6), Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying A. Smithson, 27, Littlemore Lane, Newton, Derbyshire, by Wednesday previous. Please attend.—E. J. S. 2301

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Saturday, September 23rd, at Thorne. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Bell, 24, Tennyson Avenue, Thorne. 2302

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, September 23rd. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in hall. The ringers' wives are catering. A bumper attendance is hoped for at this attractive village. Names to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere, by Tuesday, 19th. please. 2192

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stretton District. — Ringing practice, September 23rd, Chirbury. Bells (6) 3 to 5.30 p.m. Montgomery (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. STOKESAY Flower Ringing Festival, September 16th-17th, 3 p.m. Teas, Vicarage.—G. Randle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2280

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m. Free tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Further ringing at All Souls', Bolton (8) from 6 p.m.—J. E. Andews, Sec. 2290

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, September 23rd. Ringing 5.30 to 8, Enderby. No tea or business.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 2244

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Melton District—joint with Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) at Bottesford on September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Box, 6 Belvoir Drive, Bottesford, Nottingham, by previous Wednesday. 2283

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting, Caistor, on September 23rd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—C. A. H. 2226

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Saturday, September 23rd, 1967

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

St. Stephen's, Newcastle (8)	10.30–11.30	Durham Cathedral (8) ..	5.0 – 6.0
St. John's, Newcastle (8) ..	11.15–12.00	Brancepeth (8)	5.0 – 6.0
Chester-le-Street (8)	12.15– 1.15	Lanchester (6)	5.0 – 6.0
St. Andrew's, Roker (10) ..	2.0 – 3.0		

SERVICE in DURHAM CATHEDRAL, 3.45 p.m.

DINNER in ST. AIDAN'S COLLEGE, DURHAM, 7 p.m.

(Reception from 6.30 p.m.) 2272

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE RINGERS.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, Saturday, September 23rd. Business meeting, Club Room, Cheltenham Central Police Station, 2 p.m. Evening meal, Gupshill Manor, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, 6.45 p.m. (Application to secretary; cost £1.) Ringing arrangements, apply Arthur Pearce. Sec., 197, Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor, Manchester 23. 2150

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — The meeting at Uttoxeter on September 17th has been cancelled, but there will be an evening meeting at Draycott-in-the-Moors, starting at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Sutton Courtenay, September 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 19th, please, also striking competition entries and annual dinner ticket applications same time to C. Corderoy, Sec., West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewburn, Didcot, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Bicester and District Branch—Annual general meeting, Brill, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, by Tuesday, September 19th. 2282

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, King's Cliffe (6), September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Members taking part in the outing on Saturday, September 23rd, please note that the coach leaves Market Square at 1 p.m. prompt.—F. W. Hancock. 2268

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 2285

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District — Meeting, September 23rd, Selston. Bells (6) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston. Please support.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. V. J. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 2256

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Llangattock and Llanbedr Ystradyw, Brecons, September 23rd. Llangattock bells (8) 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Evensong at Llanbedr Ystradyw 4 p.m., followed by tea at 2s. 6d. per head, and meeting. Immediately after District meeting there will be a meeting of the Guild committee. Further ringing at Llanbedr Ystradyw 6.30 to 7.30 p.m. and Llangattock 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon, Brecons., *before* September 18th. 2135

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Meeting, Budock, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. Number for tea by September 18th. 2241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Wednesday, September 27th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Ealing and Watford Surprise Major.—D. S. Johnson, Ringing Master; R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2281

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, North Mymms, Saturday, September 30th. Ringing 3.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and service, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 2264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Striking competition.—The finals of both the 6- and 8-bell sections will be at Farnworth (Bolton) on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Please note, no ringing at Walkden. — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 2262

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Kessingland, Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea/business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. J. Brock, 38, Church Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. P. J. C. 2119

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, Nutfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Clarke, 16, Bayfield Road, Horley, by previous Wednesday. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2218

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The Branch is holding a social evening on Saturday, October 7th, at the Moorland Hotel, Wotter (near Shaugh Prior), at 7.30 p.m. Buffet and bar facilities, entertainment to suit all ages. Bring your friends for a gay social evening. Tickets, price 11/6, obtainable from the Branch secretary, R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. 2254

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Autumn general meeting, Reading, Saturday, October 7th. 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Lawrence's Hall. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church 5.45 p.m. Tea tickets 3/3 each. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, October 2nd. List of towers will be issued with tickets or on receipt of s.a.e.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Stoke Damerel (Plymouth), Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (10), 7.30. Names for tea, please, by Monday, October 9th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 2255

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. Don't forget contest, November 18th. 2265

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THE RENEGADE RINGER

A Slight Element of Truth Pervades This Story

By T. A. BEVIS

THE Vicar thrust his hands deep into baggy pockets and watched the ethereal glow of a fenland sunset. The new aluminium sphere at the top of the church spire glinted spectacularly. In this sphere the Vicar had placed a number of objects, including a local newspaper, to commemorate the spire's renovation. In a day or two a weather vane would surmount the sphere and the job would be complete.

"Why are the ringers so difficult?" Mr. Abrams asked himself. "Did I really overstep my authority?" His was not a common problem. Some ringers were inclined to regard themselves as a society set more or less apart from the church.

It did seem quite out of keeping with Christian ethics when ringers performed their duty prior to service time—and then left whilst the first hymn was being sung.

The Vicar had done all he could to persuade his campanologists to join the congregation, mindfully recalling the adage; "When hand says come and feet say go..." It was most discouraging, especially as there was a promising number of young recruits involved.

A few bellringers sympathised with the Vicar, but the majority differed. Harold Milligan, the captain, was the principal tenor man. He was a descendant of Irish immigrants who had settled in the fens two centuries ago. Harold had inherited a strong portion of Irish stubbornness and temper, but he was an honest, straightforward man.

"What right," asked Harold one practice night, "has the Vicar to insist that we stay to service after sweating on his behalf! If he rang I'll wager he'd be thirsty too! Anyone wanting to leave can go as they've done for years— by the turret-door." At St. Andrew's there were two entrances to the steeple—one internally, the other externally.

The last time Milligan and the Vicar met had not been under entirely harmonious circumstances. The Vicar firmly intimated that he would seriously consider having the exterior entrance blocked up. Two weeks later the clergyman arranged for a local builder to carry out this threat, feeling that a bold front would serve a useful purpose.

Alas, the action had the opposite effect. Milligan and the senior ringers refused to ring the bells, and the young team began to drift away.

That was the Vicar's dilemma. His eyes rested on the horizon and a solution seemed to be as far away as the sun itself.

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The tower's shadow fell across the Plough Inn. The landlord bantered good-naturedly with a few of the regulars. Milligan, unusually preoccupied, sat moodily in a corner of the bar, looking at the tower through a window.

A bearded son of the soil muttered to his friend, "What's up wi' him tonight? Other times he's the life and soul of the place." Overhearing that remark, mine host commented: "Oh, Harold's got bell trouble. See how he listens to the quarter chimes. Like one real gone! I'll say this though, Harold's drinking like never before ... good for trade, y'know..."

Milligan sopped up his fifth pint, licked his lips and jabbed a podgy finger at the landlord.

"Vicar wants to look after his end; I can manage my own. The chancel's his concern—not the tower." All eyes were on him. "All he thinks about is that damned sphere at the top." He gripped the table edge. "Vicar had the cheek to put a no-good newspaper inside it... not the one I work for!"

Milligan went to the door and looked up at the dark mass of stone. The steeplejacks had left the grappling ladders attached to the spire. The bellringer drained his mug and put on his cap... "Cheerio, mates." He walked unsteadily.

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The Vicar had settled down at last. An oil-lamp cast a gentle, soothing light on a prayer book and a couple of Bibles. Littered over the desk were numerous pieces of paper on which were written references. He stabbed pen on paper in a flourish of instantaneous inspiration, quite unaware of a cock pheasant's harsh call to its mate, nearby in the fen. The sun reluctantly turned a deep red, and peeped over the horizon at a peaceful group of Lombardy poplars.

Cock pheasant called again. The church clock struck twice.

Mr. Abrams raised his head. "The clock struck two?" He scratched his head. "It cannot be the clock. There it is again! What on earth..." Adjusting his spectacles the clergyman hurried to a window.

His eyes were riveted to the church spire in incredulous wonder. "Surely not! But it is! Someone has climbed the steeple and... bless my soul, he's striking the sphere!"

Milligan did not fancy heights, which was surprising, really, considered he climbed towers to ring bells. He was certainly not interested in the fine view from the battlements—and even less from his precarious perch on the spire. He sat astride the new sphere holding on to a vertical shaft which was later to receive the new weather vane.

The chief bellringer, mightily fortified with an outsize dose of alcohol, had scaled the spire and was belabouring the round container with a heavy hammer for all he was worth.

He swung hard at the sphere and matched his voice with the crunching impact. "Sounds like the last lot of Double Norwich we rang... Here's to the Vicar...." (Clang!) "And this is for the daft things inside." Another blow descended on to the much-dented object.

Far away across the fen, the twinkling lights of Ely glinted like tinsel against the black mass of Norman church. Ditches gleamed like ribbons in web-like patterns. Churchyard chestnut trees hummed evensong in the strengthening breeze. Hair waving wildly, Milligan saw lights appearing all around.

He glanced down and shuddered. Earth seemed far away. A thin ledge offered little comfort—beyond that a sheer drop, 120 feet into a graveyard bursting at the seams with tombstones.

A sudden gust of wind hit Milligan. The ringer threw both arms round the shaft and the hammer dropped noiselessly into the darkening abyss.

It was cold, but Milligan perspired. His unenviable predicament sobered him. He listened in terror at the flapping of his jacket as it threatened to detach itself from its owner.

"Oh, God... I think I'll fall... can't move to the ladder... seems to be slipping." Fear clutched at him. He winced as the church clock chimed. The bells he loved petrified him now.

Harold was certain that the spire had moved, throwing him to one side. Imagination took a hand now... "I'm falling!" he cried, "I'm going over..."

"No, Milligan, you are not falling," a calm voice intoned from below.

The renegade ringer glanced sideways. From the corner of his eyes he observed a white head of hair. The composed face of the Vicar returned Harold's amazed stare.

Mr. Abrams placed a reassuring hand on Milligan's foot.

"You must do exactly as I say and, above all, man, do not panic." Milligan nodded.

"Work round slightly to the left," the Vicar said. With some difficulty, the ringer did so.

Talking quietly but distinctly, Mr. Abrams continued, "I will guide your feet on to the ladder, but keep hold of the shaft." Milligan proffered a foot which was taken and placed on the ladder, above his helper's head, followed by the other foot.

"Now, Harold, I shall hold you firmly by the legs." The Vicar shouted against the wind. "Your feet are on the second rung. Let go of the shaft, bend down and grasp hold of the ladder."

Milligan perspired afresh. "The wind, sir! The wind will blow us off the spire!"

Mr. Abrams spoke sharply: "Do as I say! We must not waste time. I have hold of you."

In the split second of relinquishing his grip from the shaft, Milligan felt that all eternity was before him.

Little by little, helped and persuaded by the Vicar, the trembling man descended the spire to the battlements where both rescued and rescuer were received by friendly hands.

Talking to his churchwarden a few weeks later, the Vicar said his experience of rock climbing while in Cumberland served him in good stead that eventful evening.

"My prayer was answered," he sighed thankfully. "Our bellringers are together again—they were lost and are found. But reward of rewards! they stay to the services. Milligan? A loyal and devoted man." He smiled. "Colours a little when passing the bricked-up entrance though..."

At the tip of the spire the disfigured sphere, green with the passing years, remains undisturbed.

NOTICES—continued

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COMPOSITION

5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (for Handbells)
Arranged by JAMES R. WHITE

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62453			S		A
56423	—				A
25463	—				A
34526	S		—	—	A
53642	—		—		B
43652	[S]			[4]	B
63245	[S]		—		B
53246			S		B
42356	S			S	B
43526		A			
64235	—		2		
34265	S			4	
24536	S		—		
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All blocks of 4, S—S—.
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Rung at Abingdon on August 12th, 1967, conducted by James R. White.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL
Annual Ringing Festival

At Brewood, near Wolverhampton
On Saturday, September 16th.

Service 4 p.m.; preacher, the Bishop of Shrewsbury. Tea 5 p.m., for which please remit 3s. each for tickets to Mr. S. Dumbell, 8, The Pavement, Brewood, Stafford, before September 6th. Ringing arrangements (subject to confirmation):

Patsull (6) .. .. 10.15–11.00 a.m
Codsall (8) .. .. .. 1.00–2.00 p.m.
Brewood (8) .. .. .. 1.00–4.00 p.m.
and after tea until 8 prompt
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THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. ETHELBERT, HEREFORD

On a site which has had a church before 600 A.D. stands Hereford Cathedral. Welsh hordes burned down the church built by Bishop Althelstan in 1055, and twenty years later Robert Rosinga, of Lorraine, the first Norman Bishop, started the present building.

Few English Cathedrals have a more perfect series of different styles of English architecture than Hereford, which contains examples of all the fashions of architecture in use in this country during the five centuries preceding the 16th.

The massive central tower (1320–40), which is enriched with ball-flower ornament, was at one time surmounted by a timber spire. A second tower built over the west end in the 14th century collapsed in 1786 carrying with it two bays, one of which has never been rebuilt.

Inside the Cathedral, the most conspicuous piece of old work is in the Norman nave arcades with their cylindrical piers. The triforium and clerestory represent a Gothic design by James Wyatt, and his vault is a good version of a 14th century one, in painted wood and fine bosses.

The west front, reconstructed by Wyatt after the collapse of the tower, was replaced by work designed by John Oland Scott, 1901–7, which has added to the beauty of the building.

[Photo by courtesy of "Hereford Times."

TELLING AUSTRALIA ABOUT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Philip Gray's report to "Ringing Towers"

I HAVE now been a member of the Central Council for ten years, firstly representing the old New South Wales Association and, more recently, ANZAB. It has been a great pleasure and honour for me to do this, and I am most grateful for your continuing support. After such a time one becomes, I suppose, more aware of what the existence of such a body stands for rather than the proceedings of any particular meeting. In truth, one meeting is very much like another, just as with our Churches, one service is very like another, and indeed with our ringing where one session is much like another. This is no criticism of what these bodies stand for however. The sense of continuity and stability needs to be very strong indeed in ringing as new faces appear on the ever-changing scene and older ones drop out. I have become convinced that the continued existence of the Central Council, its working committees and, particularly, "The Ringing World" are of more value to ringing than the transactions of any particular meeting.

Even after only ten years I think I can claim to have served on the Council for longer than perhaps two-thirds of those present at Nottingham. It cannot be truthfully said that it is always the same old crowd meeting year after year. You may feel, as do many ringers in England, that its business is repetitive, unimaginative and that it is shy of tackling the real issues. I think that there are most important issues about which the Council does too little, but in its quiet way it does tackle a lot of problems and I think that it is the awareness of the need of maintaining continuity that makes the quiet behind-the-scenes approach the best. Come what may, our bells must ring out every one of 52 Sundays in every year and "The Ringing World" must appear on every Thursday of every year. These are the absolute priorities. This background is not consistent with revolutions, resignations en masse and bitter personal feuds. Revolutions are for the very poor or the very rich but not for us.

This lengthy introduction to the Nottingham meeting is necessary to put to you the background to the debate on "The Ringing World," of which you will all be reading in due course in that paper. It was, at times, an angry debate because many of us on the Council last year believed that we had set a revolution rolling which would transform our paper within a year and make it immediately appealing to at least some of those very many ringers who do not at present buy it. Some real improvements have occurred, as you have seen, and the circulation has risen modestly, but the personality clashes of revolution brought us, I believe, perilously closer to the brink of disaster than most members realised before this meeting. But a revolution in "The Ringing World" has not taken place in the past year and the possibility of the Council being so displeased by this apparent flouting of its wishes, expressed at Bath in 1966 and calling for a bloodbath that might have destroyed "The Ringing World" was, I believe, a real one. Fortunately it shrank from this with good sense and adroit chairmanship by the President, but I am sure that the process of change which has now been set in motion will continue, though not at bush-fire speed. It is said that these stresses and strains have resulted in the resignation of George Pipe and Dennis Beresford from "The Ringing World" committee, for it is small reward for the great amount of work that they have put in; I cannot believe, however, that their work will not bear fruit in time. It is more serious that the "Ringing World" Committee has not had its infusion of new and younger blood which George and Dennis represented because it needs it as much as any Belfry, Association or Council just to carry on the work.

"The Ringing World" is, of course, owned by the Central Council and it is quite clear that the members of the Council take this responsibility very seriously. It is also quite clear that a substantial majority are still very genuinely concerned that the paper is not being used to the maximum advantage of all the ringers whom we represent. The Nottingham meeting was thus an instalment in an unfinished story and the Council did at least show that it was able to control its temper.

A totally uncontentious point was one of direct concern to all Australians; the possibility of getting a ring of bells installed in Canberra. Following a letter from Bill Pitcher, the President of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, has in the last few weeks been in correspondence with the Australian and British Governments and now believes that the situation is still open enough to allow for a ring of bells hung for change-ringing to be hung in Canberra, if sufficient pressure can be brought to bear. He arranged therefore for Fred Sharpe, the Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee, to put a motion to the meeting requesting the Australian and British Governments to consider the installation of "8 or more bells hung for ringing in the English fashion" as part of the gift of the British Government to Canberra on the occasion of the City's Golden Jubilee. I had great pleasure in seconding the motion and every member of the Council had no hesitation in voting for it. This will now be forwarded to the appropriate high quarters by Gilbert Thurlow. Let us look forward to a fine ring of bells sounding out across Lake Burley Griffin and an annual meeting of ANZAB being held in Canberra soon.

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Saturday, November 4th, 1967

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INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE REPLACES MONTHLY MEETING OF BEVERLEY SOCIETY

EARLIER this year the committee of the Beverley and District Society considered the possibility of arranging a one-day course of instruction and a comprehensive questionnaire was issued, with suggestions for a very wide range of subjects, which members were asked to complete. The response was most encouraging and the course was duly arranged to take the place of the normal September monthly meeting.

Most of the administrative work was ably undertaken by Mr. D. S. Johnson and Miss J. Gray, and more than 50 members, including a large proportion of very young people, assembled at the Village Hall, Walkington, at 9.30 a.m. on September 9th.

After a short introduction by the president, Mr. K. Kirk, the party divided into two groups, one for a lecture in the Hall by J. Henry Fielden on learning to ring and conduct Surprise Major, and the other in Walkington Church for a demonstration on teaching beginners correct handling and ringing up and down in peal by W. F. Moreton.

After a short break for coffee and biscuits a lecture was given by John S. Rank on elementary change ringing and method construction, and there was a session of instruction in handbell ringing by R. Ducker.

The first part of the afternoon was taken up with a demonstration and talk by W. F. Moreton on bell maintenance, rope splicing, sound control and the organisation of a band, and later there was further instruction in handbell ringing by R. Ducker and a lecture by W. F. Moreton on learning and conducting Surprise Minor. A model bell was kindly loaned by Mr. D. Stipetic, of Holy Trinity, Hull.

A substantial tea was provided by the Walkington ringers and helpers and there was practical ringing in the evening of St. Mary's, Beverley and Walkington. The numbers present at the tea were 57 and Mr. Kirk thanked all those who had co-operated so well in the organisation of this first venture by the Beverley Society. A. C. C.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Litton Cheney, October 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Fry, Springfield, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2339

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Western Division, Billingshurst (8) on Saturday, October 7th, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service at Horsham 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing Horsham (8) during evening. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham, Sussex.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 14th (please note date). Bells from 2.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by October 11th, please. 2330

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Stoke Damerel (Plymouth), Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (10), 7.30. Names for tea, please, by Monday, October 9th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891. 2255

CHELTENHAM BRANCH VISIT A FOUR-BELL TOWER

Most of our Branch meetings are held in the evening. I still have reservations about this, but they are always well attended. Recently we were made aware of a ring of four at Brimpsfield, Glos, and arranged to call en route to Elkstone, a regular venue. Something over 30 ringers, at four a time, occupied most of the available period. The church is in a field, with quite a good path past a Norman moat and farm buildings incorporating bits of a former priory. It was no surprise to find the church a mixture of styles of architecture. The bells are in a central tower; they go quite well and sound well and moreover there is a local band

It was nice to have another bell at Elkstone to cover the Minimus and, of course, there were the usual and unusual Doubles methods. I don't much care for the one that starts 21345 and thereafter continues in like manner.

We were bidden to the home of the Association chairman (Miss Mary Bliss) for refreshments, and I thought that Branch business would never get under way. Apparently we are to be involved in a striking competition. I must ascertain the date, probably next summer, when I may be able to arrange my holiday. W. A. F.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the author of "The Bells of Herefordshire," regrets that his article on the bells of Hereford Cathedral is not yet complete, as new points have arisen for research. As soon as the article is ready he has promised it to "The Ringing World" for publication.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

Once again the Branch had the pleasure on September 9th of a visit to Great Cheverell, one of Wiltshire's most charming villages. The Church of St. Peter stands on an eminence from which the prospect to the north east embraces part of the Vale of Pewsey bounded by the heights of Tan Hill, Milk Hill and Walker's Grave, while the view to the south takes in the great bastion of Salisbury Plain.

Great Cheverell is the home of Sir Charles Chittem, who gave the treble bell to the church and who delights to have the ringers there for meetings. As is usual when the Branch goes there Sir Charles entertained everybody to tea and kept the company of 30 alive and cheerful with his conversation It is encouraging to find that there are still some genuine patrons of our art, and we are profoundly grateful to this kind gentleman for all that he does for us.

The ringing at the tower was interesting. It ranged from rounds to London Minor, and it must be said that Mr. Knee provided a very astute and satisfying mixture. There was quite a lot of round ringing and much of it was assisted by the Surprise ringers. Mr. Graham Davis's learners showed up well, and one must congratulate them on their bell handling. Lovely weather, some good ringing practice, a very satisfying tea and a refreshing peep at Sir Charles' garden—all these merged to make up a delightful afternoon. E. C. S.

WREXHAM, DENBS. — On August 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, P. K. Goodhew (first of Stedman and first of Triples as cond.) 2, Norah M. Randles 3, G. H. Randles 4, J. Clutton 5, J. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8.

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A DAY IN WENSLEYDALE

Lanchester, Co. Durham, ringers had adventures on their first outing into the Wensleydale area of Yorkshire on the Bank Holiday. After sampling the heavy six at Gainford we travelled through beautiful North Yorkshire dales to East Witton. There have been no active ringers here for a while, but the pigeons have been active. As the tenor rope disappeared through the ceiling, successive ringers were covered with a shower of pigeon droppings and, in one case, half a nest! We were thus forced to call it a day!

The sallies at Aysgarth provided plenty of amusement. We understand that at one time the belfry had no ropes so a plea went out to the locality One person said he had "ropes-a-plenty" and provided a long piece of rope. This was cut into six lengths and home-made sallies of colourful tassels sewn to the ropes. The sallies went up in the normal streamline fashion but descended with a wonderful parachute effect as each tassel flew out in a horizontal position.

Our last and most successful tower was at Grinton, where we met ringers from Cambridge and Sunderland who were passing through when they heard the bells.

Our thanks go to Harry Thompson for arranging this trip. A. H. W. and A. C. W.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Knebworth (8 bells) was the venue for the September evening meeting of the Northern District held on the 2nd. The bells were raised in peal at 6.30 and, under the direction of the Ringing Master were kept going until 8.45, methods ranging to Superlative and London. A fair attendance was noted and it was encouraging to see the younger members taking advantage of the experts' help. The usual after-ringing activity was enjoyed in the "Lytton".

Next meeting, October 7th. Tower will be announced later as Baldock is still without a tenor. A new District secretary and "R.W." representative are to be elected at this meeting.

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A Corner for Welsh Ringers

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

FOR most of the members of the North Wales Association who attended the half-yearly meeting at Machynlleth on September 2nd it entailed a journey of over 70 miles. An 8.30 a.m. start from Mold, and calling to pick up at Buckley, Hope, Wrexham and Llangollen, the coach party was complete for the journey via Oswestry and Welshpool and then on through the beautiful heather-covered mountains to Machynlleth in time for lunch.

The light ring of eight bells was set going at 2 p.m. to a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and call-changes for the beginners.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. John Evans, Vicar of Penygoes, and the lesson read by Mr. H. D. B. Millward.

An excellent tea, provided by the local ringers and served by their wives and helpers, was very much appreciated, so also were the prize dahlias grown by Mr. H. L. Fearn, the local captain, with which the hall had been decorated and greatly admired by all.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. John Evans and supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. Evans. In his address the chairman cordially welcomed the members and apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Machynlleth due to illness. The secretary was asked to convey the members' wishes for his speedy recovery to good health.

The arrangements for a ringers' day school to be held at Portmadoc on Saturday, September 16th, were finalised. This course was mainly for members in the Bangor area, and the Ringing Master said he was hoping the school would be well attended.

New members elected were Mr. B. Lloyd and Mr D. Armstrong (Machynlleth) and Mr. G. Jones (Dolgellau).

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. H. B. Millward to the chairman and organist, also to the local ringers and ladies for their hospitality and for making it a memorable day in the history of the Association.

APPRECIATION

Following the report on the Irish tour, "Ringing World", September 8th, page 635, how very true this was. I write on behalf of the ringers and wives from Penn who took part in the tour; all express their thanks and appreciation to Mr. B. G. (Barney) Key for his excellent arrangements, both sightseeing and ringing. Also on the Irish side we would express our thanks to Messrs. Fred Dukes and Peter Brown for their part.

We all agree that this threesome must have had much correspondence, co-operation and patience to enable such a tour to be so successful. Once again, very many thanks to all for a most enjoyable holiday. Here's to the next.

C. F. W. E. and party.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held in glorious sunshine on September 9th at St. Mary's, Tenby, members attending from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby.

The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Lowe, assisted by the Rev. John Hale, the lessons were read by Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master) and the organist was Mr. W. Gwyn Thomas, M.A.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall by the ladies of the parish, followed by the business meeting.

The Master stated that a list of Guild officers would in future appear in the Diocesan Year Book. He extended a warm welcome to John and Marjorie Hill, of Hillingdon, who were on holiday in the district.

The Ringing Master gave a brief report on the Tarrington peal tour, in which ten St. David's Guild members took part.

The towers for the 1968 meetings were chosen and several new members elected. Applause greeted the election of six new members from St Michael's, Bosherston, a small village church which has had its three bells rehung for ringing.

Members were pleased to hear that the bells at Llandovery are once more being rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights.

Ringing was then resumed until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringers from most districts of Lancashire joined in the monthly meeting of the Blackburn Branch at Burnley on September 2nd, when local ringers provided an enjoyable tea.

At the meeting Mr. Roger Leigh reported that the dedication of Accrington's two new bells would take place the following day. Ringing in methods varying from rounds to Surprise Major followed until 8.15 p.m.

Next meeting, Rishton; special methods: Double Norwich C.B. Major and Gainsborough L.C.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The late summer meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Worfield on September 2nd. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. A. Jones, Ringing Master. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. S. Thompson, and this took the form of compline with ringers' hymns added, and was most effective. A nearby village tea room was the venue for tea. Thirty members and friends attended this enjoyable meeting.

F. B.

BRAINTWISTER No. 3

This week's Braintwister is Plain Bob Minor again, a rather diverting problem submitted by C. W. Daws, of Cambridge.

1 2 3 4	If you consider the attached touch of Plain Bob Minimus, which I know is false, and remove the 1 from each row, then the lead-heads (backstrokes) may be written in a square, rather like a crossword:—
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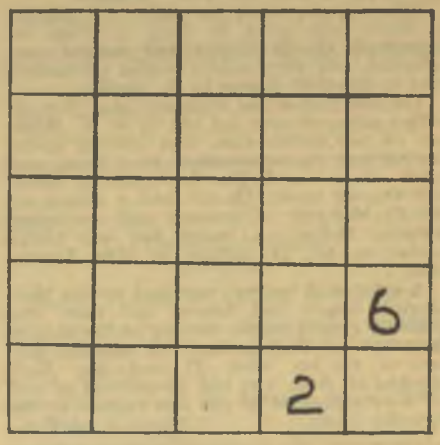
and all the lead-heads are somewhere in the square, either reading along the line, or vertically down the column. This week's problem is to do the same thing with Bob Minor, and find a touch of 120 changes which will fit into the given square in a similar manner. Send the completed square, as usual, to the Editor, please, addressed Braintwister No. 3, "The Ringing World", c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Guildford.



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Twelve of the Branch's affiliated towers were represented at the meeting held on September 9th at Lillington, a tiny village with a tiny church, a tiny ringing chamber, where the five ropes were put to good use, and a tiny exschool where a generous tea was served. The Rector, Canon S. B. Wingfield Digby, took the service and extended a warm welcome. The lesson was read by the Branch chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, and handbells were rung during the service by Susan Corry, John Longridge, Timothy Bleathman and Martin Corry.

At the meeting Miss M. D. Ouvry was elected an honorary member and Mr. James Alexander (Hazelbury Bryan) and Miss Pamela Churchill (Yetminster) were elected ringing members.

The chairman expressed the thanks of members to the Rector and his organist, to Mr. J. Stevens, the local tower captain, and to Mrs. Marks and her helpers who had prepared and served the tea.

Ringing continued at Lillington and then at neighbouring Thornford (6). Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On August 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Kent 1, E. J. Pope (first "inside") 2, C. T. Clarke 3, G. Nabb 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, E. T. Dibble 6. Rung for the Spaxton Flower Show.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 1, T. J. Brock 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. A. Hunt 5, R. C. L. Brown 6, T. J Setter 7, J. B. Pickup 8. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Derek Pierce of the local band.

From Down Under

RINGING FLOURISHING IN VICTORIA

Mrs. Helen Henderson writes most encouragingly about ringing in Victoria as in the last two weeks four quarters and a handbell peal of Surprise Minor have been rung.

"We have also made trips to our nearest towers — Ballarat and Bendigo. On Sunday, August 27th, about a dozen Melbourne ringers visited Bendigo for the dedication of their peal board (a Great Adventure II peal), which was supposed to have taken place during the ANZAB week-end. On Wednesday, August 30th, four of us joined the Ballarat ringers at the City Hall, Ballarat, to ring in the new mayor, a traditional ring.

"On Tuesday, September 5th, Ross Bampton, a Sydney ringer in Melbourne for a year, Ray Stanton, another Sydney ringer on school holidays, and I journeyed to Bendigo again to ring in a quarter of Bob Triples for Monica Marten's birthday. This was the second quarter of Triples on the bells and the first containing local ringers. We then joined the local practice after a hearty meal provided by the ringers.

"We have a new practice at St. Paul's Cathedral whereby, once a month on a Friday, we join with the ringers of our second nearest tower — Ballarat, some 70 miles away. They have few change-ringers at present, so Jack Roper suggested this idea and tonight will be the third group to visit for a practice night.

"Ringing now is probably the strongest that it has ever been at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Rossells have increased our numbers of experienced ringers and we ring touches of Stedman Caters (not always successful), some of Yorkshire Surprise Major and we even rang a successful course of Grandsire Cinques for service last Sunday."

Grouping of False Course Ends

By Roger Baldwin

MAURICE HODGSON has arranged the 60 in-course false course-ends into a number of groups, each of which has the property that if one member of the group is a false course-end of a particular method, then so also are remaining members of the group. These groups are now fairly well known and are set out in full in Wratten's Collection for example, and they provide a fairly powerful tool in assessing the potential of a method from the point of view of composition. However, if singles are included in the composition then a further problem arises in that each in-course course may be false against an out-of-course course, and Hodgson's grouping then gives no information. The object of the present article is to extend Hodgson's grouping to include the 60 out-of-course false course-ends, and to discuss some possible uses of singles indicated by the results.

The details of the calculations are out of place in the present article, so I will merely show the results, given in the table. Each group now comprises a set of in-course f.c.e.'s (which will be referred to as F (+)) and a set of out-of-course f.c.e.'s (referred to as F (−)), although it will be noticed that in some of the groups one or the other is absent. In the table, F (+) is the set of course above the horizontal line in each group, and F (−) below. The rule for the use of the table is, as before, that if one member of a group is a f.c.e. then so also are the remaining members of the group, that is the whole of the F (+) and F (−) sets of the group. Thus, in Group B, for example, if 32456 is a (out-of-course) f.c.e. of a method, then so also are 24365, 25436, 43256, 23654. It should be noted that the F (+) groups are identical to Hodgson's grouping, and the conventional notation has been adhered to, in order to avoid confusion.

One of the most important and fundamental properties that can be deduced from this table is that the falseness of a method is not uniquely determined by its in-course f.c.e.'s (i.e. the appropriate Hodgson group), This follows because of the six groups a—f, which have no in-course members, and hence would be marked as clean-proof-scale when only bobs are to be used. Thus, although one may be able to use the same composition for two different methods when only bobs are used, it does not follow that the same composition may be used when singles are included. This result also follows from simple intuitive reasoning, but it is worth underlining as it is one of the many pitfalls for the unwary.

It is interesting to examine sets of courses that are true to each of the different groups of f.c.e.'s. For a peal of Major we require 23 or more courses, and so we will restrict our attention to sets of that length. The most striking fact that emerges is that the 24 courses with the 6th the extent in 6ths are true to each of the groups C, E, G, H, I, L, M, N, O, R, S, b, e and f, and hence also to any combination of these. Thus for a method with f.c.e.'s drawn only from these groups, composition may be obtained by calls at Wrong and Home only.

The use of singles in Yorkshire Surprise Major has been fairly extensively exploited, by employing the 24 courses formed by the 12 in-course courses with the 6th in 6ths and the 12 out-of-course courses with the 6th in 5ths. This set of courses is true to the groups B, G, H. I, L, M, O, R, S, b, c, f. One would have difficulty in joining up these courses, but fortunately at least two courses are available with the 6th in 2nds for all except f, and this clearly resolves the situation.

There are several other sets that can be joined together, for example, the 24 courses with a fixed bell in 3rds, true to F, P and d, but it is not the purpose of the present discussion to give a catalogue. However, it is worth noting that some of the groups have no F (−) component, so that a set of 12 courses found to be true to the Hodgson group can be doubled by singles as in plain methods.

Some of the groups are distinctly unpromising, and it is difficult to find a set of true courses of any obvious value. One important group in this category is Group D, which occurs very frequently, including Cambridge and London. Since the F (−) f.c.e.'s (24356, 53426, 63452) are the courses produced by calling singles at Home, Wrong or Middle respectively. there is no means of joining whole courses together by singles, and hence the only way in which singles may be employed consists in splicing in isolated leads or parts of courses.

It seems appropriate at this point to make some remarks on the likely incidence of falseness in Surprise Major methods. Each of the eight positions of the treble's path is associated with at most one of the groups of f.c.e.'s, and if the sections are symmetrical then each section is associated with at most one group, the same for corresponding sections of the two half-leads. Thus for any method there will be at most eight groups, and for those with symmetrical sections (such as the right-way place methods) at most four groups. Some of these may coincide, of course. Now f.c.e.'s arise when course bells occur in the same position in two changes provided the treble is in the same position. In particular at least one group will be associated with any section in which the bells in 7–8 are course bells only. Hence most of the better methods, which almost exclusively have one of these properties, are potentially very likely to have considerable falseness when singles are used, although some of the groups may coincide in certain cases.

Some idea of the frequency with which the various groups are likely to occur in actual methods may be obtained from scrutinising Wratten's Collection Thus out of the methods so far rung, Group B occurs in about 65 per cent, D in about 30 per cent, E in about 20 per cent., and about 15 per cent. are clean-proof-scale. In addition, about 25 per cent. start with the places 58, right way or wrong way, which is always associated with Group c. However, there are relatively few methods in which the more interesting groups discussed above occur, such as those for which the 6th the extent in 6ths is true, and it would be very interesting if someone with a lot of time patience or insight could produce a method with these properties.

A	B	C
23456	24365	25634
—	25436	42365
	32456	34265
	43256	
	23654	

L	M	N
26543	23564	34562
36245	23645	62345
42563	26435	46325
	25463	54263
—	—	53264
a	b	65234
—	—	45632
		43625
23465	26534	35462
23546	25643	52634
26453		62435
		35624

D	E	F	G
32546	32465	32654	56423
46253	43265	45236	63542
53426	25364	26345	—
63452	24635	24563	
24356			

O	P	R	S
52643	54326	45623	52364
36524	64352	56234	34625
65243	64523	35642	64235
46532	56342	62534	45362
53642	—	—	—
63524	c	d	e
56432	—	—	—
65423			
	42536	54236	52463
	35246	45326	36425
	36254	62354	63245
	42653	34652	43562

H	I	K
53462	54632	53624
63425	65324	65432
36542	—	34526
56243		52346
62543		64325
46523		54362
		46352
		64253

T	U
24536	34256
25346	42356
26354	63254
24653	43652
62453	52436
36452	35426
53246	42635
43526	35264
32564	
32645	—
46235	
45263	

f

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GROUPING OF THE 120 FALSE COURSE ENDS

OBITUARY

MR. R. O. STREET

An active member of the Christchurch Priory band of ringers in his early days, Mr. R. O. Street died in the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, on Thursday, August 24th. He was 77 and was on holiday in Sheffield with his wife at the time of his death.

Mr. Street was one of the first pupils at the Bournemouth Grammar School for Boys, opened in 1902. This was the beginning of a brilliant academic career, for he went on to St. John's College, Cambridge, to gain his M.A. degree. He also obtained his M.Sc. and held lectureships at University College, Southampton, and at Liverpool University. From 1934–51 he was Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow. Professor Street, naturally, had a flair for figures and loved to dabble in them or to conduct extempore touches on the ten bells at the Priory (before 1932 augmentation). He retired to Southbourne in 1951 and regularly attended the Priory Church although unable to climb the steps to ring. Nevertheless he retained his keen interest in the affairs of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild in general and the Priory band in particular.

The funeral service took place at Christchurch Priory on August 30th. Touches were rung on the half-muffled back eight Priory bells by Mr. and Mrs F. E. Collins and Mr. W. T. Perrins, of Ringwood, Mrs. M. Young (Sopley), Messrs. G. W. Scragg, H. Harrison, K. Derham, M. Stone and A. V. Davis before the service and as the cortège left the church for the interment in Christchurch Cemetery.

A. V. D.

YORK. — At St. Stephen's, Acomb, on August 30th, 1.260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): B. Hartley 1, I. Lemare 2, S. H. Steel 3, B. Sutton 4, A. Leggett (cond.) 5, A. Hartley 6.

Letters to the Editor

GREASLEY WEDDING RINGING

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Carlisle's letter ("Ringing World," page 634) had been levelled at me alone I would have accepted it without comment, but as our Vicar is involved I feel bound to reply

I consider that wedding fees and arrangements are the personal prerogative of the church and the ringers where the ceremony is held. In fact a thing quite apart from peals and meetings, etc. This conception, rightly or wrongly, fostered the decision that any wedding ringing apart from, perhaps, one of our own band being married, should be accompanied by the usual fee. This would not, of course, be pocketed by the ringers but put into the tower fund, which, in our case, pays for the ropes, general upkeep and repairs of a minor nature.

Unfortunately, in this case, the first intimation of the request came verbally to the Vicar through the Eastwood Rector while I was away and, in anticipation of my reply, was refused. Not wishing to conflict, I confirmed this in writing on my return, but later this was modified to our original ruling.

Sometimes a decision is reached which, like this one, is unpopular. It can then be disregarded, an exception made and the easier way taken, or it can be upheld.

I can understand Mr. Carlisle's reaction which might have been mine had I been in his position but would remind him of the contents of the letter written by his tower secretary to the Vicar of Greasley. My reply to that would have been far less polite than the one received from the Vicar.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. BEACH.

Greasley, Nottingham.

HISTORY OF SURPRISE ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir.—Regarding the giving up of Surprise peals by the William Pye band, it was not only the loss of William Keeble but also Ernest Pye, who after ringing a peal of Stedman Caters at Poplar on November 23rd, 1907, was taken ill and did no more ringing until December, 1908. Then he rang the treble to a peal of Bristol; he did not start prolific peal ringing again until 1910.

The other problem was finding someone willing and capable of taking the place of William Keeble. The only man capable at that time was Bert Prewitt, but the distance was too great for him to travel. — Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Sawston, Cambridge.

HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Dear Sir.—Whilst on the recent ringing outing organised by the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association and the Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild on Bank Holiday Monday, one of the towers visited was Holy Trinity, Hull. This church is 26,384 square feet in area and is the largest parish church in England. The ringing chamber is 950 square feet in area and the diameter of the ringing circle is 24 feet.—Yours sincerely,

BRYNLEY R. RICHARDS.

Mansfield, Notts.

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I refer to my letter which appeared in "The Ringing World" on September 1st. My good friend Jim Prior (or I should now say Mr. James Prior, esteemed secretary of the A.S.C.Y.) tells me that many years ago he fell into the same trap as I have in confusing St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, Fleet Street, with St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Idol Lane, Eastcheap. The confusion arose in both our cases because of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, which is in East London.

I find I have **not** rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-West. Jim Prior also remembers W. A. Alps, who was caretaker of a block of offices, but in the Eastcheap area, and it was at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East where he rang the quarter peal of Stedman some 50 years ago.

To your correspondent and to "The Ringing World" generally I apologise for my erroneous statement, and again I should have taken more notice of "my dear old dad"—"When tempted to put pen to paper, either break the pen or upset the ink, because if you do write you're sure to find yourself in trouble."—Yours sincerely,

W. HIBBERT.

YORK MINSTER'S BELL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—Your contributor "I. R." cannot be identified by Minster ringers. He may, however, be excused in saying the left-hand light depicts the tuning of a bell as no less an authority than the late Dean Milner-White gives it this description in his "Guide to the Ancient Windows of the Nave". Steps have been taken to have this corrected in the next reprint.

A full description of the window with three excellent illustrations is given in Raven's "The Bells of England" published 60 years ago.

H. B. Walters, in his "Church Bells of England", uses a coloured illustration of the left-hand panel as a frontispiece and correctly describes it as "showing the forming of a mould".

Both Raven and Walters make reference to Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church". — Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

Clifton, York.

ROSTOV CHIMES

Dear Sir, — On page 588, the Bellfounders' Page, is an item about the Rostov Chimes. I find this information quite fascinating. Would Mr. John Illingworth, from whom the information was received, be able to advise how to obtain the 1963 recording of the Rostov Chimes? If he doesn't have that information, perhaps another of your readers might be able to supply it.—Yours, etc.,

FRANK ELDRIDGE.

259, Troy Road,
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

DOUBLES PEAL CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—In the peal at Barrowby, Lincs, on July 20th, in 95 Doubles variations, the seventh and eighth extents should read: (7) Hendred, Radlett, St. Breward; (8) St. Merryn, Hadham, Chippingham, instead of Bronllys, etc., and Landefalle, etc. — Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

FIRST FOR 20 YEARS AT THIRSK

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I record the first peal rung on the bells of Thirsk Parish Church, Yorkshire, for 20 years, by Mr. T. J. Lock's party of touring ringers on August 31st. Quite a few people have commented on the wonderful striking they heard in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in the time of 2 hours and 55 minutes.

The tenor bell, of pre-Reformation vintage, was known at one time as the Jesus bell, and tradition has it that it came from Fountains Abbey, near Ripon.

The last peal rung on the bells was Yorkshire Surprise Major by J. E. Cawser's party on August 30th, 1947, when the band stood as follows: Walter Allman 1, W. Eric Critchley 2, Leonard Trevor 3, J. E. Bibby 4, J. Edward Cawser (conductor) 5, J. L. Millhouse 6, Arthur Firth 7, Ralph G. Edwards 8. This was the first of Surprise on the bells.

As for future peal attempts, I would like to suggest to peal tour organisers and to my many friends in the Yorkshire Association and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association that they make their attempts in the morning, starting, say, at 9.30 or 9.45, as to the north of the church lies a council housing estate with old people's bungalows, and most of the tenants are out at work, some returning mid-afternoon and early evening. To the front of the church is Thirsk Hall, which is the home of the Lord of the Manor, and Kirkgate, and to the east is The Holms, a kind of beauty spot, with the Codbeck flowing through it on its way to the River Swale. Cricket fans will be interested to learn that Thirsk is the birthplace of Thomas Lord, the founder of Lord's Cricket Ground.—Yours sincerely,

E. W. METCALFE.

Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

P.S.—All correspondence for peal attempts to be sent to the Rev. D. J. Hill, The Vicarage, Thirsk, North Yorkshire.—E. W. M.

1963 PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir, — I wish to withdraw the peal of Grandsire Cinques rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, on December 28th, 1963, and published in "The Ringing World" on page 25 of the issue of January 10th, 1964, as the composition of 5,103 by Mr. A. M. Tyler has been found to be false.

I wish to apologise to all those who took part in the peal and also to all those who keep records for any inconvenience I have caused.—Yours sincerely,

TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

SOMETHING OVERLOOKED

Dear Sir,—I hate to suggest this, but using Reverse Canterbury bobs to the Westminster/Blackburn/Hilary group of Doubles methods will bring up a row used in the previous lead. (See "Ringing World," page 602, August 25th issue).—Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lincs.

UNRINGABLE INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse Ronald Dove's comments in "The Ringing World" of September 1st on unringable vicars and would like to add to it unringable P.C.C.'s, as is the case in one 6-bell tower in Hampshire, as three successive incumbents have all been controlled by a P.C.C. ruling "the bells shall not be rung". Apparently the Bishop has no authority to overrule this. Well spoken, Mr. Dove.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DURHAM UNIVERSITY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

AFTER last year's highly successful tour of two of the Southern Counties (Leicestershire and Yorkshire), we decided this year to remain more or less at our own latitude and visit the Lake District. As an added attraction we began by joining in the Northern Universities' meeting at Liverpool on Saturday, June 17th—a day remarkable mainly for the fact that we visited more public houses than towers!

We stayed at Chester Youth Hostel on the Saturday night, and after searching around Chester the following morning for a service to ring for we eventually discovered the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill where, after a precarious climb up a pair of absolutely vertical ladders, we were made very welcome by the local band, who allowed us virtually to take over the ringing. From Chester we turned north to Bowdon, where an early arrival enabled most of us to add a new brewery to our collections before ringing on the excellent eight, and then on to Preston and to Beetham to ring for Evensong: the bells here have only recently been restored to working order and, as far as we know, we were the first visiting ringers for some years.

At Kendal we managed to find an establishment selling the wares of our favourite brewers but unfortunately the Youth Hostel closing time did not allow us to benefit from this as much as we would have liked.

Our first tower on the Monday was at Broughton-in-Furness — we voted these to be the best bells that we visited; unfortunately our ringing did not really do justice to them but we nevertheless managed to ring touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples and plain courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire S.M.

AMBLESIDE TENOR

Ringing at Ambleside had to be curtailed owing to some difficulties with the tenor; it was rumoured in some quarters that Tony, our resident tenor king, had broken it, but it eventually transpired that the bearings had dried out due to the hot weather. Bill, who arrived after this discovery had been made, was asked to turn the tenor in to a course of Cambridge, but he was somewhat surprised (!) when he tried ("I couldn't do a thing with it. It just dropped," he was heard to murmur incredulously a few minutes later).

At Ambleside we said goodbye to David, who had to attend to the financial intricacies of his college, and were left to the mercies of Bill, whose first greeting to the van was to reverse it into the churchyard railings. Eventually we managed to proceed (forwards!) to Langdale and then to Hawkshead, where we were to spend the night. Malcolm (natural historian extraordinary) drew our attention to some of the interesting fauna on the way which, he assured us, included dozens and dozens of deer—attempts to persuade him that they were in fact newly-shorn sheep met with little success. At Hawkshead Church we were joined by Richard Parker, and Phil Crossthwaite and other Leeds University ringers, who helped to vary the methods rung.

COMBINING VOCATION

On Tuesday we made our way to Keswick, where we had a good ring on very nice bells, and then on to Cockermouth and to Thursby; here, on a light six with rather long ropes, Bill decided that he could combine his vocation as a priest with that as a ringer and succeeded in ringing the tenor to a course of Cambridge from the kneeling position. The situation at Carlisle Cathedral and at Hexham Abbey, however, was rather different, and we found that the best we could manage was Bob Major on bells that were too heavy-going for most of us.

Luckily enough, our arrival in Newcastle was sufficiently early to enable us to join in the practice at the Cathedral and then to adjourn to that Mecca of bellringers, the Post Office Inn, where we were able variously to recover from the traumatic experiences of driving, cooking for and chaperoning each other, before the last lap of our journey back to Durham.

In our thanks we must mention the Vicars of Beetham and Hawkshead for the interest that they showed, and the tower captains of Bowdon, Preston, Beetham, Keswick, Cockermouth and Carlisle for their help. Thanks are also due to Jean and her uncle for allowing us the use of the van, to Peter and his car for ferrying indispensable members of the company from place to place, and to David and Bill who drank shandies instead of beer (sometimes!) so that they could drive us safely from tower to tower.

C. C. M.

RAVING RINGERS' 1967 TOUR

THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS' SUMMER TOUR, 1967
The party at Keymer, Sussex.—Left to right (standing): Barry Eglesfield, Ron Russ, Derek Carr, Roger Smith, Tony Smith, Peter Heritage, Chris Clarke, Ray Vickers, David Floyd, Jim Linnell, Ted Venn, Michael Church, Bob Reeves, Keith Walpole, Barry Saunders and Graham Paul.
Left to right (kneeling): Diana Reeves, Gill Brearley, Sue Smith, Pamela Powell and Delia Langton.
The report of the tour appeared in our last issue.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT RINGING FESTIVAL

The Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild ringing festival occupied three days, beginning with a short tour of some of the District towers on August 26th, followed by tea in the Priory Church Hall and ringing on the Priory bells in the evening. Sunday, thanks to the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Leslie H. Yorke), was observed as "Ringers' Sunday" at the Priory Church, and it was around this day that the festival was built.

Sung evensong at 6.30 that day, with special festival music by the Priory choir, under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Tristram, organist and choirmaster, was a memorable service. It was conducted by the Vicar; two ringers read the lessons and the president, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, preached to a full congregation, which included the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch. A crowd of holidaymakers also gathered outside the open west door of the church to listen to the service. Service ringing took place on the Priory twelve during the day and again after Evensong.

On Monday, Bank Holiday, a party of 30, which included some visiting ringers on holiday, left the Priory by coach to visit Wimborne Minster, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey, St. Martin's, Salisbury, and Fordingbridge for about an hour's ringing at each place. The weather was warm and sunny and the roads travelled through the beautiful countryside were surprisingly quiet. Bill Cheater, of Ringwood, had a strenuous three days for he acted as Ringing Master throughout the festival and managed to coax some passable ringing out of a very mixed band of experts, visitors and "beginners at all stages".

Sincere thanks are accorded to the clergy who so readily gave permission to ring the bells at 11 different churches, and to all those who contributed to the organisation of a most successful festival.

During the week-end a large floral bell was hung on the south wall of the Priory opposite the entrance to the church. It was the work of Mrs. Leslie Yorke and Miss Morris, who decorated a framework made by Arthur Davis with golden rod and red button dahlias. The bell was complete in detail, having headstock, stay, wheel and rope. Mrs. Yorke is the wife of the Vicar of Christchurch and is also chairman of the Highcliffe Floral Society, which has been responsible for two outstanding flower festivals at the Priory in recent years.

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HALF PEAL

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On September 2nd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Stocken 1, Geraldine Mitchell 2, G. Cox 3, M. Chandler 4, K. Tyler (first half peal as cond.) 5, L. Smith 6. First half peal for 1, 2 and 4. A birthday compliment to Miss G. Mitchell

DATE TOUCH

GRAVELEY, HUNTS. — On August 24th, 1,967 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Minimus T. R. Garrett 1, I. P. Sawford 2, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 3, C. D. Corby 4. First Date Touch by all the band and on the bells.

A LONG LENGTH

TORTWORTH, GLOS. — On August 24th, 3,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, D. L. Phillips 2, P. A. Williams 3, B. Martin 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On August 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilkinson 1, D. L. Phillips 2, B. Martin 3, P. A. Williams 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On September 3rd. 1 368 Rossendale Surprise Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, Margaret C. Godfrey (100th quarter) 2, Carol E. Cousins 3, Amanda S. Powell 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Matins.

ALVECHURCH, WORCS. — On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Himms (first as cond.) 1, H. C. Milward (first in method) 2, F. W. James 3, A. C. Freeman 4, C. A. Milward 5, H. C. Kent 6.

APPLEDORE, KENT. — On August 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Maureen White 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Mary White 3, Brenda Davies 4, P. C. Sinden 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson 7, N. J. Davies (cond.) 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On September 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Cole 1, Sue Whiteside (first quarter) 2, P. G. Erith 3, F. H. Erith 4, N. V. Avis 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK. — On August 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Bradbeer (12 years, first quarter) 1, Gillian Wildney 2, P. Archer 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, A. Beckwith 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

ASTON, HERTS.—On September 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, K. J. Perrin (first "inside") 2, R. T. Falder 3, M. R. Worthington 4, P. C. Worthington 5, D. L. Hamilton 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX. — On August 30th, 1,320 Doubles (22 Methods/Variations): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, D. R. McLean (cond.) 3, Amette E. Bradbury 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. Most methods by all the band. Rung as an engagement compliment to Leslie Coppard a local ringer, and Valerie Smith.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O. Knewstub 1, Mary G. Wilkinson 2, Christine Morton 3, Valerie M. Jones (first as cond.) 4, Barbara Shaw 5, M. Hollis 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the brother of the 2nd ringer on September 2nd, and the birthday of the tower captain on September 4th.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on September 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, P. J. Devrell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, S. A. Read 4, K. Harrison 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. First of Stedman Triples for all except 4 and 7.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, Jacqueline Wells 2, E. J. Whiting 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. E. Wells 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Ann Elizabeth Freestone and David Greenfield. Also on August 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, P. E. Wells 2, H. S. Peacock 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, M. G. Freestone 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Valerie Measures and Paul Holland.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On August 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Beasley 2, K. Clipsom 3, M. Hawkins 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. Rung for the flower festival and Family Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

BURITON, HANTS.—On September 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Ann Roberts (first quarter) 1, D. Hatherly 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, R. Tipper 6.

BURMARSH, KENT. — On August 30th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Raynor 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. P. Ford.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Mortlock 1, C. E. Curtis 2, F. Borley 3, H. Mitson 4, E. A. Cracknell 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Higdon 1, Mrs. Lucy Sherrill 2, J. Nichols 3, W. H. Roberts 4, Janet R. Jurica (first as cond.) 5, A. Lawrence (first quarter) 6. A belated silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: I. Charter (first quarter) 1, J. B. Keeler 2, Beryl M. Hills 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, R. H. Glover 5, N. J Chesson 6, K. I. Davis 7, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — On September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Iason 1, R. Tigwell 2, Mrs. J. Carey 3, J. Martin 4, D. Carey 5, His Wp. Cllr. W. Page 6, Rev. P. Wooster (cond.) 7, E. Green 8. To mark the birth of Rachel Frances Wooster.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On August 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jones 1, W. S. Crawford 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, R Evans 4, B. L. Jones 5, W. Norcott 6. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. W. Ronald Hughes) and Mrs. Hughes on leaving for Arthog. Merionethshire after 10 years at Coalbrookdale.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET. — On August 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury): Mrs. H. Hooper (first quarter) 1, Susan Stott (first "inside") 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Hooper 6. For Evensong.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET. — On September 7th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss M. Legg 1, W. Rice 2, G. Hebden 3, M. Dodson 4, P. England 5, R. Rice 6, E. Lee 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 3 and 4.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On September 3rd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, Mrs. C. M. Foster 2, G. H. Humphries 3, C. M. Foster 4, R C. Stevens (cond.) 5, N. S. Brown 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, A. J. C. Brown 9, K. Taber 10. For Evensong. Also as a compliment of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell on their 46th wedding anniversary, and to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. Payne, on their 12th wedding anniversary.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On August 17th, 1,320 Oswald Delight Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, Miss T. Staples 2, D. Chambers 3, G. Challans 4, R. Spencer 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on August 18th, 1,440 Kent and Oxford Minor: J. Robinson 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, A. Brown 3, F. Adcock 4, W. F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. Both rung for the Flower Festival by the Mansfield District.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On September 6th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): R. A. Cochrane 1, Susan Farnes 2, G. H. Austin 3, S. P. Darvill 4, Paula Healing (cond.) 5, S. Healing 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Nancy Healing, mother of the ringers of 5 and 6, whose funeral was held earlier in the day at this church.

FENSTANTON, HUNTS. — On September 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Watley (first Doubles) 1, T. R. Garrett (first in more than one Doubles method) 2, R. H. Redwood (first Doubles "inside") 3, J. R. Hough 4, P. S. Abbott (first in more than one Doubles method as cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper 1, Carol Stacey (13 years, first "inside") 2, K. Tipper 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, D. Hatherly 5, R. Cross 6.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS. — On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Branston 1, G. Davis 2, G. Cowlin 3, J. David 4, F. Sismey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

GOUDHURST, KENT. — On August 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mary White 1, Maureen White 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS. — On August 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. S. George 1, C. D. Corby 2, I. P. Sawford (first of Doubles "inside") 3, J. E. David 4, P. S. Abbott (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On August 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Leath (first quarter) 1, M. Cooper 2, A. Cross 3, R. J. Snack 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, S. Leach 6, G. Isgar 7. For Matins.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on September 3rd, 1,282 Cambridge Royal: S. A. Reed (first in method) 1, Heather Walters 2, Beryl Simpson 3, M. Church 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, P. J. Joyce 6, R. A. Reed 7, H. P. Reed 8, C. H. Kippin 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. Before Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On August 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, Mary White 2, Brenda Davies 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, N. J. P. Davies 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON. — On September 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, New Cambridge): D. R. Bould 1, P. Daniel 2, C. Bryant 3, F. Wreford 4, F. Mack 5, A. White 6, J. Longridge 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced for all the band.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.—On August 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. J. Jackson 1–2, H. Kitching 3–4, C. Reeve 5–6, E. Jackson (cond.) 7–8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Dora and Harry Wheeldon.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS. — On August 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Green (first of Minor) 1, M. A. Caldecote (first of Minor "inside") 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. E. L. Fisher, Rector of Higham (and a ringer) for 24 years, on acceptance of a new post at Blaston-with-Horninghold.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. C. Verey (first away from tenor) 1, Judith Southwood 2, Jane Southwood (first "inside") 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, D. Feek 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, A. Southwood 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Judith Brookes 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, B. Butcher 3, M. G. Tong 4, K. Butler 5, R. Birch 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Rogers (first attempt) 1, R. F. Turner 2, L. Toseland 3, J G. Mitchell (cond.) 4, B. Austin 5, A. Gibbs 6, J. Mitchell 7.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On September 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bennett (first of Minor) 1, I. Sheffield (first "inside") 2, J. Wellings 3, C. Collins 4, R. Dorrington 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Pickering, of the Bilston band.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On August 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. T. Selwood 1, J. P. Hull 2, Margaret R. Chapman 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, B. J Stone 5, W. H. Jackson 6. First of Grandsire 1, 2, 3 and 4. A farewell to W. H. Jackson on his departure tc Cookham, Berks.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS. — On September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: N. R. D. Orchard (first quarter) 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, P. C. Worthington 3, A. F. F. Peters 4, M. R. Worthington 5, K. T. Perrin 6. A farewell to the treble ringer who is moving to Exeter.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On August 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Gillian Hazell 2, W. Avery 3, K. Seymour 4, C. Hagger 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in method by Sunday service band. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 6.

LEEDS, KENT.—On September 1st (on the back six), 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Taylor 1, E. I Parkin 2 P. K. King 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, M. Barden 6.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret. on August 18th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: M E. Wade 1, M. Green 2, D G Wilford 3, W. A. Lacey 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, M. D. Staniforth 6, J. Bramley 7, A. Cattell 8, R. H. Cook 9, S. J. Haines 10, J. M. Jelley 11, R. K. Mason (cond.) 12. Also on September 1st, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: J. M. Jelley (cond.) 1, M. E. Wade 2, R. K. Mason 3, M. Green 4, R. A. Clarke 5, T. H. Bent (first quarter of Cinques in the method) 6, W. E. Rawson 7, A. M. Lindsey 8, R. H. Cook 9, J. Bramley 10, J. E. Cook 11. S J. Haines 12. Rung in memory of Canon F. M. Cray, Canon Residentiary of Leicester Cathedral, and former Curate of this parish.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — At St. Mary's Church, on September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Sanders 1, Miss G. M. Webb 2, F. A Sedgwick 3, Miss M. L. Ellwood 4, C. Bainham 5, C. T. Collins 6, J. B. Webb (cond.) 7, C. W. Bowen 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples 1, first quarter "inside" Grandsire Triples 4, first as conductor Grandsire Triples.

LONDON. — At St. Clement Danes', on August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Knewstub 1. Jane Fransella 2, Mary Wilkinson 3, D. Ralls 4, D. Potter 5, D. A. Wright 6, F. V. Gant 7, E. Newnham 8, R. Durrant 9, C. G. Wright (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

LONGDON, STAFFS. — On August 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. T. Collins 1, Miss J. M. Sanders 2, Miss G. M. Webb 3, L. Monk 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On August 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Portman 1, J. Clarke 2, Valerie Mellish 3, W. Panter 4, G. Retter (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. Rung after the wedding of Peter Jupp and Stephanie Dakin.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At St. Peter's Church, on August 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Corbishley (first quarter) 1, C. J. Jones 2, H. C. Lonyon 3, B. Schofield 4, D. N. Heapy 5, H. W. Howard 6, B. Corbishley (cond.) 7, P. Widdows 8.

MACHEN, MON.—On September 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Haige (first quarter) 1, V. Jones 2, L. James 3, G. Hughes 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, H. Everson 6. Rung after the wedding of D Willets and Ann Thomas, both ringers at this tower.

MANCHESTER. — At the Cathedral, on August 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 4, A. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Pye 6, A. G. Keen 7, D. G Manby 8. A farewell to Allan G. Keen.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS. — On August 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. J. Foster 1, J. Appleby 2, J. Shonfeld 3, W. Appleby 4, R. Daft 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Arnold of the local band.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET. — On August 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Blacker (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs (first "inside") 3, H. J. Coombs 4, B. P. Wilde (cond.) 5, M. Bees 6. Also the same day 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, M. Jones (first quarter) 3, B. P. Wilde 4, H. J. Coombs 5, M. Bees 6.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On August 18th, at Lot 141 Dance Drive, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1-2, Heather A. Mann 3-4, A. R Mann (cond.) 5-6, J A. Watson 7-8.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On August 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Baker 1, Norma C. Baker 2, Mary Jones 3, B. A Tomlinson 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, J. Pilkington 6, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 7, J. G. Hallett 8. For Manchester University Guild reunion.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Branston 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, A. Waller 4, R. Webster 5, R. Spencer 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.—On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Wallace (first quarter) 1, Ann Lawson 2, Enid Lawson 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, P. Wishart 5, K. Lawson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PENHOW, MON.—On August 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. L. Phillips 1, G. Wilkinson 2 P. A. Williams 3, B. Martin 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE. — On September 5th, 1,320 Kennington Bob Doubles: A. Lingard 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Huntbach 6. A compliment to Miss Susan Stevens, a local ringer, on her engagement to Mr. Kenneth Deveson.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On September 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Smith 1, P. A. Smith 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment on their wedding this day at Toddington, Beds, of Mervyn Terrett (curate at this church) and Jennifer Parrott.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. I. Davies 1, P. C. Sinden 2, E. Clifton 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Glover 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 100th quarter together for 3 and 6.

ROXTON, BEDS.—On August 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. P. Sawford 1, P. S. George 2, J. E. David 3, P. S. Abbott 4, C. D. Corby (first of Doubles as cond.) 5.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, W. Cracknell (first in method "inside") 4, L. Nice (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. For evening service on the 28th anniversary of the outbreak of war.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—On August 23rd, at the Cathedral Church of St. David, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrie Samson 1, Susan Jones 2, A. Boorman 3, E. Samson 4, S. Bailey (cond.) 5, T. Jeffries 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

SANDON, STAFFS. — On September 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Evans (first quarter) 1, Margaret L. Ellwood 2, Angela Bagnall 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. L. Hopkin (first "inside") 3. A. Humphrey 4, W. Barwell 5, W. Simpson 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, C. Beswick (first on 8) 8. A wedding compliment to Nita West, a member of the Sawley band, whose wedding to Mr. Peter Marshall took place at Sawley on August 31st.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On September 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Murfin 1, Mrs. B. Dawnson 2, F. Howard 3, D. Murfin 4, B. Dawson 5, K. Hall (cond.) 6, C. Pearson (covering) 7, S. Giblin (covering) 8. Rung for the gift of a son (David Neil) to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, ringers of the 2nd and 5th. The ringers of the 1st and 4th are David's aunt and uncle.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On August 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Miss J. Pearce 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, R. Lister (first of Stedman) 4, E. G. Swift 5, W. G Wilson 6, W. L. Gutteridge 7, F. H. Walters 8. In memoriam Mrs. Charles Hartley, a devout and life-long worker at Stoke Poges.

WAINFLEET, LINCS.—At St. Mary's, on August 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss R. Atack 1, D. V. Carrott 2, Miss J. Quickfall 3, T. A. Carrott 4, C. V. Waite 5, E. W Colley (cond.) 6. First quarter of Kent by all the band. Rung for the Flower Festival.

WARBOROUGH, OXON. — On September 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Johnson 1, R. Partridge 2, Miss A. Ayres 3, S. Franklin 4, J. Godman 5, R. Blond 6, F. Absolom 7, G. McIlhone (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. Hutton and family to this parish.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On August 5th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (5 methods): Miss T. Staples 1, F. Cooke 2, D. Whetton 3, D. Chambers 4, G. Challans 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. A compliment to James Templeman Rooke, married to Miss Sheila Margaret Southern at St. Wilfrid's, Grappenhall, this day.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On August 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Christine Moxon 1, R. Waterhouse 2, J. Igglesden 3, C. Moxon 4, R. Sherlock 5, J. Palmer 6, H. Evans 7, R. Hayes (cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a compliment to the ringers of the 1st and 4th who were married at this church, July 29th.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On August 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Franklan (first quarter) 1, S. Taylor (first "inside") 2, Anne Oakley 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, Pamela Dence 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On March 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Ruby Fardon 1, R. A. Fardon 2, Patricia Copas 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. Twinn 6, W H Coles 7, J. Hill 8. Rung by the Hillingdon ringers. Also on April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire & Oxford Bob Triples, for Evensong. Also on April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples. Also on August 20th, 1,344 St. Clement's Triples: R. Medway 1, Margaret Wenban 2, K. Rawson 3, A. C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, J. Schofield 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Rung in memoriam Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, assistant priest, formerly Vicar of St. Mary's Harmondsworth, Middlesex.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On August 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Caroline Madge (first of Treble Bob Hunt) 1, M. Bangham 2, Deborah Bishop 3, W. Cooper-Bailey 4, A. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Bagworth 6. To mark the marriage of Michael Bangham and Elizabeth Zass, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Elizabeth Zass. Also on September 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Madge 1, M Burn (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Rosamond Rawlings 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. D. John Hunt has conducted his first peal of Stedman.

Mr. John R Mayne has entered the last 50 for his 1,000 peals.

Marksbury ringers were the first band to ring a peal and a quarter peal with their new ropes.

Mr. Bryan D. Hill, of R.A.F., Wittering, rang his first peal for 14 years at Sempringham Abbey on August 7th.

Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves has rung his 800th peal—a wedding compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen.

The first peal of London Surprise Royal on handbells was rung at Harrow on September 4th, conducted by John R. Mayne.

Wymondham Abbey bells have already been tried out by several visiting bands. Jack Millhouse's Lincoln band ringing the first of London Royal on the bells.

We were very pleased to see the name of Miss Iris Lemare in our quarter peal column again at York. This was her first since her ski-ing accident last March.

Mr. J. H Fielden has delved into something new. He has conducted Middleton's peal of Cambridge rung "backwards" with the same changes occuring in the opposite order—21436587 was the last before rounds.

In a peal of ten methods of Spliced Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 3rd, a new record was established. It was the greatest number of methods possible in an "all the works" peal of Maximus of standard length.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was particularly interested in the article on Derby Cathedral in the issue of September 8th as this was where he was ordained His records show that there have been 66 peals recorded in this tower.

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SERVING TWO GUILDS

All Saints' Church, Stamford, which we featured in our last issue, is just inside the Lincoln Guild boundary and its ringers are members of the Lincoln Guild. The writer of our article, Mr. A. H. Bluft, is a Lincolnshire man and is also Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with which he has had a long association, with both St. Mary's and St. John's Churches, Peterborough. This began in about 1924 or 1925, when he used to cycle the 12 miles each way to ring for either morning or evning service and for weekday evening practices.

Mr. Bluff recalls at least two occasions during the bad winter of 1947 when he was wanted at Peterborough to ring and no bus or train service was available. He appealed to the police superintendent at Stamford for assistance, who placed a patrol car at his disposal.

Things are different now as Mr. Bluff runs his own car and is able to ring first at All Saints' Stamford, on Sundays for morning service at 9.30 a.m. and then go to St. John's, Peterborough, to ring for 11 a.m. service.

A PUTNEY WEDDING

On September 9th two well-known Putney ringers, David Brookes and Lesley Eames, were married at their home church of St. Mary's, Putney. Many local ringers were present at the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Carver, assisted by the Rev. M. Hart, the latter also a ringer. The bridesmaid was the bridegroom's sister. Miss Elizabeth Brookes, and the best man was Mr. Christopher Mew, who had hurriedly changed after conducting a successful peal in honour of the event. Top hats and tails were the order of the day and the bride, in a beautifully-embroidered gown, had a bouquet of orange and yellow roses, whilst the bridesmaid wore a very tasteful green dress. After a very pleasant reception the couple left for the West Country.

CAMPANOLOGICAL HEARSAY

During the Civil War the Rector of Southam, Warwickshire, Francis Holyoake, was a staunch Royalist. The townspeople, ringers included, were Parliamentarians. Consequently when the King entered the town two months before the Battle of Edgehill, the ringers refused to ring the bells to welcome him. The church accounts record the effects of the King's subsequent displeasure.

> "Paid to the King's footman who sealed up the church-door for not ringing when the King came to town, xiij s. iv d. (13s. 4d.)."

The Southam men were not easily browbeaten, however, as the next entry in the accounts shows:

> "Paid also to them for not ringing when the King went out of the town v s. (5s.)."

PETERSFIELD'S YOUNGSTERS

Carol Stacey, a 13-year-old Petersfield ringer who has just rung her first quarter "inside" at Froxfield, will not be able to rest upon her laurels as her 12-year-old sister, Sally, will be the next to ring "inside". It is hoped that both will make great strides during the next few months. Petersfield is very fortunate in having several more girls under 13 who have or will soon be ringing their first quarters on the treble. A very pleasant reward for the many hours put in by Ken Tipper, their captain.

STOP THIEF CHASE

Excitement after a peal attempt at Randwick, N.S.W., on July 1st. Some of the team were strolling past a florist's shop when a lady raced out and reported publicly the theft of her purse. Seeing three young scoundrels flying off in the distance, the conductor, Bill Watson, with Tom Goodyer hard on his heels, set sail and apprehended the youngsters, who were only too willing to hand over the loot. All was not lost that day!—"Ringing Towers".

A BRAY WEDDING

A ringers' wedding of interest to the Slough and Windsor area will take place at Bray Parish Church tomorrow (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. The contracting parties are Derek Fowles (Cranford) and the Middlesex County Association), and Wenda Harris (Bray, Berks, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild). A peal attempt by a band consisting of four Middlesex Association members and four Oxford Diocesan Guild members is arranged to follow the ceremony. We are sure readers will join us in wishing Wenda and Derek every happiness.

GLINTON'S NEW BAND

The quarter at Glinton, Northants, on August 19th is believed to be the first rung there for many years. These bells, which are hung in two tiers, were not rung regularly for a long period, but recently Bernard Branston, of St. Mary's, Peterborough, has been working very hard to teach a young band there. Several of these youngsters can now ring rounds and when Bernard is married in a few weeks' time in this church it is hoped that his own learners will be able to provide the "wedding bells". Could a ringer ask for more on his wedding day? R. S.

A SPONSORED 1,000-MILE RIDE

The ringers at Randwick, Glos, hope to augment their four bells to six in the coming year. The Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Morrison) plans as a money-raising activity a 1,000 miles in ten days sponsored cycle tour from Truro to Thurso. The start will be from Truro Cathedral on the afternoon of October 2nd and the route will include Land's End, Randwick, John Taylor's foundry, Loughborough, and John o' Groats.

A SEVENOAKS RECRUIT

A recent recruit to the belfry at Sevenoaks is 16-year-old Philip Simmons, a relative of Miss Doris Colgate, the popular secretary of the Ladies' Guild. Philip started handling a bell at the beginning of the year and on September 10th rang very well in his first quarter peal—Stedman Triples. He also rings Grandsire Plain Bob and the treble to Surprise and has made excellent progress.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The band at Manchester Cathedral, through the columns of "The Ringing World", would like to offer their congratulations to Allan Keen on attaining his degree at the Northern School of Music.

During the three years that Allan has been in Manchester he has attended the Cathedral regularly for service ringing. We hope that after a year's teaching course at Bath, Allan will return to Manchester permanently.

We would also like to offer our good wishes to Margaret Manby, who is leaving Manchester to commence studies at Cheltenham College later this month.

TUITION TEASER No. 8

A SMOOTH BACKSTROKE "RISE"

Q. My pupil occasionally has trouble with one of the four strokes into which you have analysed the complete ringing action. Her fault is in the "backstroke rise". Her "backstroke pull" is straight down, i.e., vertical, as you have described in your previous "Teaser No. 7"; but now and again as her rope rises after the "handstroke pull" movement, it appears to jerk sideways and towards her left side just before the rope straightens out into the fully up position "at back". What are the cause and the remedy?—"Would-be Tutor."

A. This is a not uncommon fault, arising usually when the tutor is not sufficiently vigilant over the pupil's rope-grips. The rope-jerk you mention will always be found to be towards that side of the learner which is the "upper" hand side. In your case, it being towards the left, your pupil will be a "left-hand" ringer, her "upper" hand being her left and her "lower" hand being her right. (See Teaser No. 3 in the "R.W." issue of June 16th last.) There are two causes of this "jerk", and either or both may be present.

The first is due to faulty holding of the rope's end in the lower hand grip, with the rope lying in the bends of the fingers instead of in the crotch of the thumb. In such case the rope leads away from the lower hand in the direction of the ensuing sideways jerk, and tends to form a loop upon itself as the rope-rise nears the top of the stroke. The remedy for this part cause is to hold the rope's end closely and firmly in the crotch of the thumb, with fingers closing normally in the grip.

But there is still the possibility of the second cause being present; namely, the wrong lie of the rope's end over the lower hand, as the backstroke movement downwards is completed. This wrong lie of the rope is, in fact, **over the knuckles** of the lower hand. The remedy here is to bend the wrist so as to turn the lower hand slightly inwards, so that the rope's end comes from the thumb-crotch to fall **over the back of the hand,** approximately where it joins the wrist. This ensues as the hands rise to take up the "at hand" position.

Care over this apparently small point makes all the difference in promoting a smooth backstroke rise. A. Y.-B.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On August 19th, in glorious weather, the local band, with friends from other towers, had a pleasant half-day amongst the sixes of East Devon. In the afternoon ringing took place at Hawkchurch (12¼ cwt.), Uplyme (9¼ cwt.) and Colyton (24¾ cwt.). Whilst most of the band remained in the slow at tea, a few went in and out quick at the sea at Seaton. A slight delay occurred after tea whilst the Somerton captain visited the local constabulary to report the number of a Mini which had pranged his car and went on without stopping. In the evening visits were paid to Musbury (14 cwt.), Kilmington (10¼ cwt.) and Chardstock (13¼ cwt.). After fish and chips at a café in Ilminster (where the Long Sutton captain left his cap behind) the party dispersed for home. Ringing during the trip ranged from rounds and call-changes for the beginners to Cambridge S.M. E. T. P. F.

HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL RUNG FOR THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two different 2,160's and one 720.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*John W. Hope	Treble	‡Peter D. Sell	4
†Austin T. Wingate	2	††Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
John C. Eisel	3	George T. Cousins ..	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Minor in the method.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire. At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B,. Kent T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Elisabeth Taylor	Treble	George T. Cousins	4
Peter D. Sell	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Michael P. Moreton ..	Treble	John C. Eisel	4
*Gillian E. Lewis	2	George T. Cousins	5
Ralph C. Godsall	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in seven methods of Minor.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St Lawrence.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Berwick, Beverley, Primrose and four extents of Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Ralph C. Godsall ..	Treble	*†Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4
*Gillian E. Lewis	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	5
*†George T. Cousins ..	3	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Minor in four methods. † 25th peal together.

BREDENBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Thomas Cooper	4
*Peter D. Sell	2	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
John C. Eisel	3	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Conducted by John C. Eisel.
* 25th peal together.

SUCKLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being ten extents of Grandsire and eight extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.
Tenor 12 cwt in F.

James Ranford	Treble	John C. Eisel	4
Ralph C. Godsall	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	3	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Jointly conducted by
Wilfrid F. Moreton, John C. Eisel and Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

CODDINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

Ralph C. Godsall	Treble	George T. Cousins	4
*Gillian E. Lewis	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
Barnaby Bell	3	Michael P. Moreton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael P. Moreton.
* 25th peal.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Berwick and Beverley, (2) Hexham and Surfleet, (3) York, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose. (6) Cambridge and Primrose, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Frank Reed	4
*George T. Cousins	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
*Gillian E. Lewis	3	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First in seven Surprise Minor methods.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G

Ralph C. Godsall	Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	4
John C. Eisel	2	Michael P. Moreton ..	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.

KING'S CAPLE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	4
Frank Reed	2	George T. Cousins	5
Austin T. Wingate ..	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal of Minor on the bells.

TALGARTH, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Gwendoline.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Bourne, (2) Hull, (3) Beverley and Berwick, (4) Surfleet and Hexham, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

John C. Eisel	Treble	Michael P. Moreton ..	4
*George T. Cousins	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	5
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	3	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Minor in ten methods.
Rung in memoriam David H. Bennett.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Beverley, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Cambridge, (5) Primrose, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	George T. Cousins	4
Robert A. Hatcher	2	Michael P. Moreton	5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	3	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	*George T. Cousins	5
Michael P. Moreton	2	David J. King	6
Jacqueline S. King	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
ROYSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
15 Callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John H. Fielden	4
David G. Wilford	2	Richard S. Starkie	5
Christopher K. Cooper ..	3	Malcolm Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P Edwards.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Janice Smith and Jeff Fox, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

Alan D. Flood	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Roy W. Rice	2	Peter J. England	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
David G. Massey	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal of Major in the method by all except the conductor.

MARSTON BIGOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Berwick and Hexham, (2) Primrose and Norfolk, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 42 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt.

Julian E. Newman	Treble	David J. Orledge	4
*David G Massey	2	*Raymond E. J. Baker	5
*David A. Burt	3	George W. Massey	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in 15 Minor methods. Most methods to a peal on the bells and fastest peal on the bells.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

*Rev. Roy Hallett	Treble	Bruce Martin	5
†Andrew W. E. Bainham	2	Trevor Newlands	6
*David L. Phillips	3	David Rennolds	7
†Paul A. Williams	4	†David G. Jenkins	Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal. First on eight as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
*Richard W. Sweet	2	D. John Hunt	6
†Bruce Martin	3	John W. Smith	7
†Trevor Newlands	4	†David Rennolds	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Stedman. ‡ First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Basil Jones	Treble	Robert B. Smith	5
John Jessup	2	Peter Malloch	6
Derek F. Yates	3	Alan McFall	7
Michael Platt	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St George.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 11 lb.

Basil Jones	Treble	John A. Booth	5
Derek F. Yates	2	William H. Dowse	6
Margaret P. Booth	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Philip G. K. Davies	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
Rung as a farewell to John and Margaret Booth and family.

POYNTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven extents in 27 methods, thus: (1) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (2) Braintree, Wraghy, Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (3) Abbeyville, St. Werburgh, Crowland, Combermere and Vale Royal Delight, (3) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old, Oxford, Marple and Newdigate Delight, (5) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) London Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr 17 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey R. Gardner	Treble	†Denis Mottershead	4
*F. John Nelson	2	Alan Sharples	5
Sidney Hough	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* First peal in 27 Minor methods. † 400th true peal. First peal in 27 methods as conductor.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	John Moore	4
Brian Schofield	2	Frank Morton	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
The ringer of the treble has now "completed the circle" at this tower. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	†Peter H. Mackie	6
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	7
Anthony J. Cox	3	Maurice G. Ingram	8
†Bridget Bates	4	James W. Belshaw	9
‡Paul S. Reading	5	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Royal. 25th peal as conductor. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Keith F. Gardner	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
*Raymond D. Hart	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* Most Minor methods to a peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Vivienne Ewing and Mr. Graham Hopkins, both members of the local band. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Anthony J. Cox	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	Andrew K. Putnam	5
*Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
* 25th peal together.

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwicks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being one extent each of Original and Stedman, four of Grandsire and six each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Anthony J. Cox	Treble	*Robert W. Sherriff	3
Shirley E. Jones	2	*†Peter C. Randall	4

Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor
Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

James A. D. Woolford	Treble	J. Michael Lakin	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Kenneth J. Darvill	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Christopher H. Rogers	4	†John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of eight Spliced. † 950th peal. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	5
Heather M. McArthur	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Edward B. Smith	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
George Waterman	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung as a compliment to George Waterman (life vice-president of the Essex Association) on his 82nd birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, 640 Bristol and 576 Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	*Colin G. Wright	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	David E. Rothera	6
Ian L. Dear	3	*Donald E. Cobb	7
Andrew J. Slade	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Spliced.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Heather M. McArthur	2	Neil V. Avis	6
Alan R. Andrews	3	Walter Arnold	7
Peter G. Pitt	4	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

COLNE-ENGAINE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 18 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Double and Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Arnold	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Ronald J. Snack	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal of Minor.

PEBMARSH, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 21 methods, being: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, (2) London Scholars, Oxford T.B., Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford, Newdigate, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

Brian J. Vaughan	Treble	*David E. Culham	4
*Vivien Cross	2	Walter Arnold	5
*Michael J. Howes	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* Most methods to a peal.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods as follows: (1) York Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Walter Arnold	Treble	John Avis	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	*James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 225th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Michael J. Bew and Catherine M. Powell for their wedding on Saturday, August 26th, 1967.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	Richard W. Sweet	6
Dianne M. Chapman	2	Richard J. Bowden	7
Albert M. Tyler	3	Michael J. Hobbs	8
Vivienne M. Rigby	4	Peter Bridle	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.
Rung to the memory of Harry Bennett, a member of this tower and church for 46 years, who died on June 27th, 1967.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Albert Tyler	Treble	Patrick Allen	6
Peter Clarkson	2	Leonard Edwards	7
Ivor Goulter	3	*Peter C. Gould	8
R. George Morris	4	David Beacham	9
Derek Carr	5	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert Tyler.
* First peal on the bells. First peal of Caters on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Christopher M. White	Treble	*David G. Massey	6
Norman G. N. Knee	2	George W. Massey	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Laurence E. Hitchins	8
Charles F. Andrews	4	Frederick S. Slatford	9
Malcolm M. Powell	5	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal on more than eight bells. First of Caters as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 33¾ cwt.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	George T. Cousins	6
Peter D. Sell	2	Michael P Moreton	7
John C. Eisel	3	Austin T. Wingate	8
*Richard W. Sweet	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5	Leslie Evans	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 100th peal.
Rung in memoriam the Rev. Canon Harold Albert Moreton, M. Litt. Dr-ès-Lettres, F.R.Hist.S., Chancellor and Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral 1935–1965. Born July 21st, 1889. Died December 11th, 1966.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	John A. Howard	5
*Malcolm Barden	2	‡John W. Smith	6
†Simon A. Wigg	3	§Andrew J. Corby	7
Derek C. Slater	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal. § 200th peal.

SHOREHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb in G.

Richard Hayes	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Dronfield, Brampton, Kelso, Lincoln, Eastwood, Redcar and Caithness.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb in G.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	John Faircloth	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Mary S. Faircloth	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Sept. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In ten methods, being 528 changes each of Bedford, Belvoir, Cambridge, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Stoodley, Superlative, York and Yorkshire, with 109 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Maryl R. Fielden	2	Basil Jones	8
Neil Bennett	3	Tudor P. Edwards	9
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	4	John H. Fielden	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Richard J. Parker	6	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John H. Fielden.

The greatest number of methods possible in an "all the work" peal of Maximus of standard length.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

STOODLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
—5T—16—12—36—14—5T—16—147T—18—7T—18—
h.l. 7T. l.e. 12. l.h. 1352 . . . .

MORECAMBE, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Margaret Crossthwaite ..	Treble	*Richard Palmer	5
Roger Barnes	2	John H. Fielden	6
Diana J. Handley	3	*Stanley Anderton	7
Maryl R. Fielden	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise.

DENTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne, Haughton.
On Wed., Aug. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Neil Bennett	Treble	Alan F. Scholfield	4
Derek F. Yates	2	Edward Jenkins	5
Basil Jones	3	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

The ringer of the fifth has now rung York Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr 11 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	W. Arthur Riddington ..	7
Roland H. Cook	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	8
R. Brian Mills	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	9
*Martin Green	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe (87's). Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 75th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 95 methods/variations: (1) Westminster II, Hilary, Blackburn, (2) Mordiford, Orcop, Norton Canon, (3) Pembridge, Stoke Prior, Sellack, (4) Gladesty, Elerch, Aberaeron, (5) Plain Bob, (6) New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, (7) Bronllys, Talgarth, Llangors, (3) Llandefalle, Llanbedr, Llangasty, (9) St. Modwen, Fairfield, Eling, (10) Winshill, Carlton, Lenton, (11) Kennington, (12) St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, (13) Londonthorpe, Casthorpe, Mawthorpe, (14) Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, (15) Barrowby, St. Wulfram, Barkston, (16) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (17) St. Albans, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (18) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, (19) Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, (20) Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, (21) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, (22) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley, (23) St. Andrew, St. John, Horsley, (24) Shareshill, Ryton, St. Cleer, (25) St. Thomas, St. Luke, St. Dominica, (26) Stedman, Grandsire, (27) Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, (28) Little Aston, Seighford, (29) St. Columb, Old, (30) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (31) Southrepps, (32) Wychbold, (33) Honeysuckle, (34) Wallflower, (35) Dedworth, (36) Primrose, (37) Buttercup, (38) Violet, (39) Cowslip, (40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rushall, (41) Northrepps, All Saints, (42) Fortune, Marchington.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 25 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Pinchbeck	Treble	Peter A. Slight	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Roland W. Morant	5
Denis A. Frith	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Greatest number of Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Londonthorpe is St. Bartholomew with an Old Bob single.
Casthorpe is Reverse All Saints with an Old Bob single.
Manthorpe is St. Sebastian with an Old Bob single.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb in G sharp.

*Alec Crawford	Treble	†David J. Hopkinson ..	4
Graham J. N. Colborne	2	Bryan D. Hill	5
Denis A. Frith	3	Roland W. Morant	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal away from cover bell. † 25th peal.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Diane Hopkinson and Mr. Anthony W. Foster.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Twelve callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*Peter A. Slight	Treble	†‡George A. Dawson ..	3
Denis A. Frith	2	*Thomas A. Relf	4
		‡Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A Frith.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside." ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method as conductor, who has also "circled the tower." Ringers of 2nd and tenor have now completed the Stedman "family." First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Nevil A. James	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	5
*Susan Harber	2	*Christopher Aldridge ..	6
Trevor M. Roderick ..	3	*James Clatworthy	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by N. W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung within the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

David J. Llewellyn	Treble	Thomas Yeomans	5
*Peter S. Bennett	2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
*Barrie A. Williams ..	3	*M. Jack Pryor	7
*Raymond S. Price	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method The conductor's 800th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen, who were married at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, the previous day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Frank T. Blagrove	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	6
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Michael J. Palmer	7
Albert R. G. Twinn	3	William H. Coles	8
Richard F. Prime	4	John R. Mayne	9
Michael W. Seymour ..	5	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Goodfellow, which took place at this church on September 3rd, 1927.

HAREFIELD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Elsie Savory	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	4
William Birmingham, jun.	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
William H. Coles	3	Tony Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Frederick A. Finch.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Jennifer M. Indge	Treble	†Walter C. G. Wainwright	4
John R. Ketteringham ..	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
John R. Southy	3	Robin J. Collis	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Gordon H. Lane	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Martin Green	6
*John K. Smith	3	*G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRISTON, Nofolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb. in B flat.

Charles E. G. Banham ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	3
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Second peal on the bells, the first having been rung 56 years ago.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM ROYAL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug 12, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

William Birmingham, jun.	Treble	Alan Flood	5
Malcolm Loveday	2	James Brooks	6
Monica Blagrove	3	A. Leslie Pearson	7
William Birmingham ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Bowen and Geoffrey Riglar, both ringers at this church, who were married earlier in the day.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael & All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Arthur Newton	Treble	Percy Newton	5
Joyce I. Cornwall	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
Robert H. Newton	3	Walter Lee	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia Blaby and Tony Strand, also as a congratulation to the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens on 25 years as Vicar of Hughenden.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Maurice New	2	Christopher C. Clarke ..	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Derek C. Jackson	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung for the Feast of St. Giles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Beddington version. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Alan J. Frost	2	David J. Marshall	7
Anne B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Patrick I. Chapman	5	Richard F. B. Speed ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 32 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (5) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York Surprise; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob; (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob; with 95 changes of method.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Barrie Hendry	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
BUSHEY Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HERTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	J. Michael Lakin	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Simon Humphrey	3	Roger Baldwin	7
James A. D. Woolford ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. 350th peal on the bells.

HERTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
34—58.14—12—38.12—14.38.56—34.18. I.e. 18 mx.
f.c.h. 24365, 32546, 46253. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 115.

WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	John S. Barnes	7
Tom Page	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5[illegible] CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 107 lb. in D.

Maurice F. Edwards ..	Treble	James W. Belshaw	7
*Richard J. Tibbetts ..	2	Peter A. Sharp	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	Geoffrey Paul	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	A. Robin Heppenstall ..	10
John R. Insley	5	John Freeman	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM, Yardley.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
J. W. Washbrook's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp

Richard J. Tibbetts ..	Treble	Maurice F. Edwards ..	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
*A. Harold Fitter	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
A. Brian Ellsmore	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Helen Joy, who was born to Audrey and David Purnell the previous day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	William L. Exton	5
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
*Thelma Staples	3	Harry Hawcroft	7
Grace Burchnall	4	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poyner on the birth of a daughter, Hilary Jane.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
In 12 methods, being three extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, four extents of Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	H. Geoffrey Wells	4
Robert D Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	W. Gordon Marsh	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Canon R. P. Tinsley and a welcome home from missionary work in India to his daughter, Patience Tinsley.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Richard J. Warrilow ..	Treble	Roy K. Mowforth	5
*Peter Mackley	2	Frank Beech	6
David Bennett	3	Neville Holland	7
Edward R. Fairbrother ..	4	Edmund Malin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal of Major "inside."

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Vernon B. Bedford	Treble	George E. Symonds	6
†Neil V. Avis	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
†Robin R. Churchill	3	†Stephen D. Humphrey	8
Michael J. Howes	4	†Leslie F. Bailey	9
Roderick W Pipe	5	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 1,)
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Royal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Neil V. Avis.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Reginald C. Kersey	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
George W. Pipe	3	*Leslie F. Bailey	7
*Michael J. Howes	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Tues., Aug 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Richard C. L. Brown	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	Richard A. Hunt	6
Rosemary E. White	3	D. Roy Bould	7
Roger L. K. Whittell	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp

Robert Cassidy	Treble	Stephen Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
Adrian Knights	3	Peter Bedford	7
Vernon Bedford	4	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.

OTLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., July 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods, being: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (2) Cambridge, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Philip Thompson	Treble	*David E. Culham	4
*Vivien Cross	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Michael J. Howes	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment for the ringer of the 2nd.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

John W T Hibbert	Treble	David E. Parsons	6
Patricia E Hibbert	2	Michael V Chilcott	7
Joyce A. Parsons	3	Dennis Randall	8
William Hibbert	4	Brian R. White	9
Frank E. Darby	5	Roger F. Overington	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.
First of Caters as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HASTINGS SURPRISE MAJOR

Harold F. Wood	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Tom Page	6
Christopher B. Fynes	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
David J. Tubbs	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HASTINGS SURPRISE MAJOR
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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's ten-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

*Ann Newman	Treble	Peter Furness	5
Denby Murduck	2	Philip Murduck	6
Bradley Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert Crocker	4	Charles Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., July 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURURISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
*M. Irene Ellsmore	2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	John C. Eisel	7
*Stephen W. Barton	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27½ cwt.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Vernon Bottomley	6
Patricia Lockwood	2	*Frederick J. Jackson	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	*Ernest Padgett	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	Neil Donovan	9
*Ian North	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

(Sheffield and District Society)
DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*Jean M. Bower	Treble	Andrew J. Jobson	5
Robert M. Chambers	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
Michael O. Edwards	3	John J. L. Gilbert	7
Felicity A. Kelly	4	Clive W. Longden	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Angela M. Truelove, a member of this tower, and Peter Brookes, who were married here the previous day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THREE HANDBELL PEALS IN ONE DAY

Monday, August 28th, 1967

ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Huntington Guild)
HUNTINGTON, York.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.
No. 1.—In 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being extents of: Grandsire, Dedworth, St. Giles, Church Gresley, Wychbold, April Day, St. Chrysostom, Northleigh, Longparish, Litchurch, St. Swithin, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Shareshill, New Grandsire, Ryton, St. Remigius, St. Simon, Hudibras, St. Nicholas, Southrepps, Wallflowder, Eynsham, St. Martin, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Winchendon Place, Northrepps, Honeysuckle, Snowdrop, Daffodil, Seighford, Newdigate, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Huntspill, Ready Money, Ludham, All Saints, Coxwell Place, St. Paul, St Jude and St. Ambrose.
Tenor size 9 in B flat.
Simon P. D. Burnett 1-2 | A. Colin Banton (cond.) 3-4
Susan Mitchell 5-6

The greatest number of methods/variations to a peal for all the band and for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to David and Ann Pearson on the birth of a daughter, Hilary Jane.

No. 2.—In 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E flat.
*Susan Mitchell 1-2 | Simon P. D. Burnett 3-4
A. Colin Banton (cond.) 5-6
* First "blows" on a "working" pair. First peal of Minor "in hand" for all and for the Guild.

No. 3.—In 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Morris's 240, and 40 extents (ten callings).
Tenor size 13 in E flat
Simon P. D. Burnett (cond.) 1-2 | A. Colin Banton 3-4
Susan Mitchell 5-6
First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Colin Banton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At 32, Coventry Road.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*Anthony J. Cox 1-2 | *Peter C. Randall 3-4
Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.) 5-6
* First peal on handbells.

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ENGAGEMENT

EISEL—GIBBS. — The engagement is announced between John Christian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. C. Eisel, of 13, Broadfield Close, Kingswinford, Staffs, and Margaret Phyllis, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gibbs, of Hynett Farm, Lugwardine, near Hereford. 2351

MARRIAGE

SHALLCROSS—WILLIAMS. — The marriage was solemnised on September 2nd, 1967, at St. Seriol's Church, Penmaenmawr, Carns, of Mr. Frederick Shallcross and Miss Carole Edmond Williams. Present address: 14, Rose Cottage Flats, Eastern Green, Coventry. 2352

DEATH

KNIGHTS.—On September 3rd, 1967, at his home in Sheffield, Arthur Percival Knights, aged 76 years. Cremated at Sheffield Crematorium on September 6th. A well-known ringer and composer in districts of Sheffield and Chesterfield, and indeed throughout th county, until forced to cease ringing by illness.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OGLESBY.—The address of Howard and Frances is now: 8a, Southfield Gardens, Burnham, Bucks. Telephone Burnham 2668. 2307

PERSONAL

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."—2 Peter, ii, 9.

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of handbells, suitable for change and tune ringing. Good condition. Please state price.—Apply Box 3315, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Guildford. 2315

WANTED.—Octave, size suitable for peal ringing, fair to good condition only. Please state price required.—Ashcroft, 374, Warrington Road, Spring View, Wigan, Lancs. 2340

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF HEREFORDSHIRE." Vol. 1, 128 pages with 26 plates and 107 scale drawings of founders' marks, bound red cloth, price 16s., plus packing and postage 1s. 6d. To be opbtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Also "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price 21s., plus packing and postage 1s. 10d.; and also "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," price 8s. 6d., plus postage 1s. 1795

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGERS coming up to Cardiff University this term are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. If details are required, write to Nicholas W. H Simon, Lhys Esgob, The Green, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2305

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — First practice of term, Wednesday, October 11th, 8 p.m., St. Andrew's. All freshers are invited to introduce themselves by writing to the secretary, Alan Scholfield, Albert House, Hyde, Cheshire, or Clare College. 2350

KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Will freshers coming to Keele in October please contact the secretary, Miss J. Quickfall, 21, Saxby Avenue, Skegness, Lincs, for information about the Keele Association. 2258

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes all ringers coming to Reading this year. Please write to Liz Webb, 8, Church Avenue, Warmley, Bristol. 2198

ABERYSTWYTH. — University College of Wales Society.—Will any freshers (including learners) pleae contact John Wilson, Auckland, 59, North Parade, Aberystwyth. 2317

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —Will any freshers coming up to Southampton University this October please contact the secretary, Miss Susan E. M. Davis, 90, Elers Road, West Ealing, London, W.13. 2259

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Freshers coming to London this year are invited to write to the secretary, c/o Alan Thirst, 15, Clifford Grove, Ashford, Middlesex. The first practice of term will be at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 6.30 p.m., on October 5th. There will be a general meeting on October 21st. 2318

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All freshers welcome. Please contact Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2308

MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

60th Anniversary Dinner

at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry,

on Saturday, November 25th, 1967.

Further details later. 2331

Advance Notice

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

40th Anniversary Dinner

on

Friday, February 9th, 1968

at

Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford.

Details later. 2334

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Church of St. John the Baptist, Mersham. Rededication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Croydon (Ven. J. A. M. Clayson) on Wednesday, September 27th at 7.45 p.m.—A. P. S. B. 2322

KESTEVEN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Half-Day Bellringing School

to be held on

Saturday, October 14th, 1967

at the

Ruskington C.S. Modern School.

Assembly at School 12.30 p.m.

Instruction in classroom and tower for beginners—12 changes to Plain Bob Minor, and Advanced Group—Treble Bob to Surprise Minor.

Brochure and enrolment forms from: Dr. T. W. P. Golby, Director of Education, County Offices, Sleaford, Lincs. 2149

MIDHURST BELL RESTORATION FUND.—A Caledonian Market and Fete on Saturday, September 23rd, 2.30 p.m., in the New Grammar School, Midhurst. Good stalls, sideshows, displays and competitions. Lucky admission 6d. 2326

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner

will be held on

Saturday, October 21st,

in the

Town Hall, Towcester, Northants

assembling at 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets £1 each and c.w.o. to be obtained before Monday, October 9th, from the undersigned at 61, Melville Street, Northampton

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
2328

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE. — Village "Open Day," Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing from 2.30–6 p.m. Ringers welcome. Teas available in Village Hall. Please wear Guild badge or ringer's tie for identificattion. 2345

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL. — Future correspondence concerning ringing at the above Cathedral Church should be sent to the secretary of the belfry, G. Wignall, 51, Heys Lane, Blackburn, Lancashire.

CRANBROOK, Kent.—The tower secretary is now Mr. H. Candy, The Orchard, Cranbrook, Kent, to whom all correspondence should be sent. 2344

EAST BUDLEIGH OPEN DAY

Saturday, September 30th, 3 p.m.–9 p.m. Blessing of the new ringing chamber by Preb. Andrews. Service 4.30 (fully choral). Free tea in Village Hall for all who send names to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh, Devon. 2346

SATISFIED CLIENT

Mr. P. Amos writes thanking the 37 applicants for offers to purchase his pre-war and war period "Ringing Worlds," which are now all sold. Two hundred copies made £5 10s., together with a further 223—£10 10s. the lot; a 79 lb crier's bell £28 (bought by an American), a 1½ cwt. bell, £45.

WILLINGDON, Eastbourne. — On Sunday, October 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower, including new furnishings, peal board, handbell, etc., by the Bishop of Lewes. All ringers welcome.—R. W. R. P. 2356

MEETINGS

CORRECTION.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, September 23rd, and not as printed last week. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. 2357

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Woodchurch, Birkenhead, September 23rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 2312

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry. — Meeting, Rugby, September 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service. Tea in local cafes. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. **Please note change of date.** 2306

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting Blackwell (6), Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those notifying A. Smithson, 27, Littlemore Lane, Newton, Derbyshire. Please attend.—E. J. S. 2301

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, March, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2311

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, September 23rd. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in hall. The ringers' wives are catering. A bumper attendance is hoped for at this attractive village. Names to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere. 2192

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Bicester and District Branch—Annual general meeting, Brill, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester. 2282

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Branch Ringing Competition, Lechlade, Saturday, September 23rd, 3 p.m. 2314

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount Melplash, Bridport. 2285

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District — Meeting, September 23rd, Selston. Bells (6) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston. Please support.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Battle, Saturday, September 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. V. J Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex, as soon as possible.—G. M. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 2256

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Shipton Moyne, Wednesday, September 27th. Bells (6) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.15 for essential business.—H. Heath. 2332

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Howden, Wednesday, September 27th, 7–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Watford Surprise Major.—D. S. Johnson (Ringing Master), R. Ducker (Hon. Dis. Sec.). 2281

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Birstall (8), Thursday, September 28th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. 2319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon (8) on September 30th, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea under own arrangements; cafes in Hoddesdon and Ware. Ware (8) 5.30 to 8.30 Evensong 6.30—P. M. F. Searles. 2348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Striking competition.—The finals of both the 6- and 8-bell sections will be at Farnworth (Bolton) on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Please note, no ringing at Walkden. — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 2262

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Saturday, September 30th. Ringing at Collingham (8) 3–5 p.m., and Wetherby (8) 6–7 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements—cafes available in Wetherby. Business meeting after evening ringing.—Ian North. 2336

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Kessingland, Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea/business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. J. Brock, 38, Church Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. P. J. C. 2119

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting, Badby, Saturday, September 30th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. — F. W. Hancock.

SWINDON RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 14th, 1967

	Route 1	Route 2
9–10 a.m.	Dauntsey and Brinkworth..	Bishopstone.
10–11 a.m.	Ashton Keynes and Cricklade.	Wanborough and Wroughton.
11–12 noon.	Oaksey and Minety.	Lydiard Tregoze and Lydiard Millicent.
12– 1 p.m.	Purton.	Blundson.
1– 2 p.m.	Lunch—own arrangements.	
2– 3 p.m.	Castle Eaton.	Hannington.
3–4 p.m.	South Marston.	
4– 5 p.m.	Highworth.	
5–6 p.m.	Tea—own arrangements.	
6– 7 p.m.	Stratton St. Margaret.	Rodbourne Cheney.
7– 8 p.m.	St. Mark's, Swindon.	Christ Church, Swindon.
8.30 p.m.	Supper—Cold Buffet booked at the Oxford Hotel, Drove Road, Swindon, at 5s. 6d. per head. Names, with payment for supper, by October 7th, 1967, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.	

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Litchborough on Saturday, September 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. E. E. Jones, Towcester Road, Litchborough, by Tuesday previous.—W. A. Yates. 2327

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting at Winterslow, Saturday, September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec. 2321

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Heddington (6) on September 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 2353

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Newark Parish Church, September 30th, from 6–9 p.m. All are welcome.—M. I. Foskett Hon. Sec. 2338

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 30th, Nutfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Clarke, 16, Bayfield Road, Horley, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis Sec. 2218

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Banstead on Saturday, September 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2323

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, October 2nd, 8–9.30 p.m. —C. H. Rogers. 2341

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on October 3rd will be at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and not at St. Michael's, Cornhill.—J. G. A. Prior. 2337

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Egremont on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland, **not later** than October 3rd. 2349

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2354

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Bolsover (8). Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—R. P. Morris, Sec. 2329

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The Branch is holding a social evening on Saturday, October 7th, at the Moorland Hotel, Wotter (near Shaugh Prior), at 7.30 p.m. Buffet and bar facilities, entertainment to suit all ages. Bring your friends for a gay social evening. Tickets, price 11/6, obtainable from the Branch secretary, R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton (10), Saturday, October 7th, commencing with service, 3.15 p.m., followed by ringing, tea and business. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Wednesday. 2293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening quarterly meeting at Ashwell (6), Saturday, October 7th, 6 p.m. Will **all** members attend?. New District secretary and "Ringing World" rep. to be elected. Please note change of venue.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2320

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. and usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Tuesday, October 3rd.—W. H. D. 2313

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Norwich NOR 37Z. Special method: London.—C. Bird. 2310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Autumn general meeting, Reading, Saturday, October 7th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Lawrence's Hall. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church 5.45 p.m. Tea tickets 3/3 each. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, October 2nd. List of towers will be issued with tickets or on receipt of s.a.e.

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OSWY STREET CUP CONTEST

Ordsall, Notts, October 14th, 1967. *Entrance fee 7/6*

RULES.—Only four of each team need belong to that team; no "trying ropes for length"; no penalties for failure to set; practice piece, 60 or less; test piece, 360 (Minor or Doubles); teams not ready to ring when drawn may ring last.

ENTRIES must be received by Tuesday, October 3rd, when the draw will take place. Correspondents will hear when they have been drawn to ring by Friday 6th. Names for tea not required till Tuesday 10th. East Retford open after tea; Babworth all day.—H. Poyner, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, N. Notts Dist. Sec. 2347

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN CRANBROOK, HAVE YOU? See last week's "Ringing World"

RINGERS OF YESTERYEAR—IDENTITIES WANTED

From Mr. Percy E. Johnson, hon. secretary of St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, Gateshead, we have received the following picture. He writes: "We do not know any of the ringers on it, and I think it must have been taken in a tower in the South of England, re the peal board. Our members have had a lot of speculation on it and I think the readers of 'The Ringing World' could settle the issue."

A STORY FOR RINGERS — 10 YEARS AFTER

From the top of the bus, George looked across at the Cathedral Churchyard. It had been ten years since he had come this way. Ten years since that awful night the Cathedral tower had collapsed taking from him his beloved bells upon which he had lavished so much care and attention. He smiled, recalling his frantic attempt to have his bells recast and hung in the nearby Post Office Tower. He knew that some members of the Guild had thought him deranged from the shock at such a suggestion, and on reflection he had some sympathy with their thinking so. In any case, the whole idea had been flatly rejected by the Postmaster General.

As had been forecast at the time, the west end of the Cathedral had been bricked up in haste, the shattered bells had been stored and all campanological activities within the Cathedral precincts had ceased.

The Thursday band had been completely demoralised; what on earth could they do on Thursday evenings now? For a few weeks they even attempted to ring peals on lesser numbers of bells, but it wasn't the same; the interest factor was just not present any more and the old "first eight up the tower" system caused numerous disputes. Finally, the band grew tired of each other's company and dispersed, George retiring to his market garden although still retaining his secretaryship of the Guild.

Two uneventful years passed and then Old Bill died. For as long as everyone could remember Bill had been official tenor-bumper to the Guild. Sunday after Sunday he had drummed the tenor behind, a little slow at hand-stroke, perhaps, for some of the "moderns," but reliable nevertheless. No one had known much of his private life; he appeared each Sunday morning for ringing and disappeared shortly after the service-touch ended, having completed a minimum of social formalities. Of huge stature, Bill always made a point of shaking hands with the entire assembled company and many an unwary visitor left "Lyons" nursing bruised fingers.

The executor of Bill's last will and testament informed George that Bill had left the major part of his estate to the Guild which he had served for so long. A hastily convened meeting of the Guild officers appeared dumbfounded when the news was inparted to them. No one had realised that Bill's Sunday morning ringing had meant so much to him; such generosity might even be rewarded by half-muffled Stedman Cinques in memoriam.

The following annual general meeting was electrified when George proposed that their recent windfall be used to rebuild the Cathedral tower and recast the bells; this would surely be a fitting monument to a philanthropic tenor bumper. The meeting agreed to the proposal, as did the Cathedral authorities who, after a little gentle encouragement, agreed to a Gothic structure.

So much wrangling ensued over the choice of architect and design that it was two years later that the foundation stone was laid—salvaged from the debris and suitably inscribed.

Five years passed and the tower rose slowly from the ruins, and meanwhile the bells were cast—twelve, of course, plus a flat sixth in case not enough turned up, although the Guild had never been averse to the odd peal on the front eight.

Finally the opening day arrived and ringers from all over the country converged on the city for the dedication ceremony. George alighted from his bus and tottered towards the new building: arthritis had forced him to abandon his bicycle a couple of years back.

Choosing a band for what was to be his last peal had presented some difficulty; the old Thursday crowd had dispersed, but it must have been nostalgia which drew them all back to partake in the first peal on the new bells.

Some of the younger members of the Guild were dismayed at not being asked to ring in the first peal and some even had the temerity to suggest that George was "past it." George sensed this and understood their resentment. He had always said that he would cease ringing long before he was "past it," but failing health had forced him to retire earlier than he had planned but he would not announce this until after the peal.

With not a little effort he mounted the tenor box and caught hold of the rope for the last time, determined to show the younger men what peals were made of, but deep down he knew that the next three hours or so would be the greatest challenge he had ever accepted. With a look of grim resolution on his face they struck off into rounds and a few moments later he commenced his final peal. "Go Londinium," he said.

LITTLE JOHN.

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ST. MARY'S, DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE

West Country Call Changes

REVEL DAY AT REWE

WHERE other less favoured mortals used to have Feasts and Wakes, the people of the West Country villages had their Revels—generally on or about the Patronal Festival of the Church. Until the Puritans got their grip on the land, the Church Revel took the form of a Church Ale: every parish had its Church House, and in the Church House the wherewithal for brewing on a fairly large scale. Each year the parish would appoint—generally by turn—two people to be brewers for the year; they had to pay a fine to the Wardens if they refused to function. And before the Revel Day came round the parish would be "gathered" for malt, hops and anything else that anyone cared to give, so that when the big day came there would be barrels and tubs of ale all on the top of its form, and a good deal of other eatables and produce for the people to buy. Exactly what form the Revel took is hard to find out at this distance, and probably varied from parish to parish; the one immutable fact was the consumption of all the ale, a general holiday, and a profit in the Churchwardens' chest which was often sufficient to keep the church going—and very well looked after in every respect—for the next twelve months.

The Puritans put a stop to all this in the early 1600s, and in many places the Revel ceased to exist altogether, but generally the last lingering trace of it in the records is a payment to the ringers on what had been Revel Day. The brewing equipment was sold; the Church House became a pub if the parish was lucky, and a Workhouse if it wasn't—which is why so many pubs in Devon are alongside the church—and instead of keeping the Church in funds by having a jolly time the people were afflicted with the Church Rates which became more and more burdensome and hateful.

Very few Revels survived as an unbroken tradition to the present time: most of them have been revived during the past hundred years as another name for a Church Fete, but in many cases the Revel Day ringing is continued by the holding of a competition. This is the case at Rewe, a little village that stands right on the end of the spur of land that divides the Exe valley from that of the Culm. In a great many ways this is a typical Revel of these times; it's combined with Harvest Festival, and they've made a little Flower Festival of it as well; the Revel itself is held in the grounds of a big early-Victorian mansion which once was the Rectory and now, happily for the Rector, is not; there are sideshows and produce stalls instead of ale, with a Clay-Pigeon Shoot in the field next to the marquee; and there's an invitation ringing competition.

Most of the bands this year came from fairly near at hand, with Down St. Mary the one which everyone hoped by some marvellous stroke of luck to beat; but six keen men had come all the way from Knowstone in the Exmoor foothills, and Talaton, Alphington and Plymtree were there to promise us some very fair ringing.

Rewe bells are a Bilbie five with a modern treble; like some other light bells from Cullompton, they are not of the calibre of Bilbie's heavier stuff, and sound a little rough. In a modern two-tier frame in their very narrow tower they go well, though they're not all perfectly "square."

Down St. Mary rang second, and although their peal was not as good as we hoped to hear from them, it was good enough to get them the first certificate with 34 faults. After a rather disastrous peal from Pinhoe we had Alphington, who took second place with 46¾; they'd have been at least five faults better if only they'd allowed the bells to settle down to a good pitch in rounds before they went off into changes. As it was they didn't settle for some time, and were heavily dotted in the meantime—and they weren't the only ones to incur faults in this way. Especially with bells like these which need a little care in striking, there's every reason to give one's band time to find their bells' little foibles and let the bells settle to a good rhythm, instead of having the judges jotting down above the row of dots "too soon off; some bad changes early," which is what I wrote against Alphington.

Talaton settled down to a very good pitch, but their changing let them down, and they failed to beat Alphington, coming in third. Knowstone, after a not very good rise, got the bells going well until their 4th man caught the rope round his hand—not the only one to get caught that way—and pulled the bell half down. They were six or seven faults to the bad before they settled down again, but settle they did very very well, and gave us some nice music; judging by the way they catechised the judges afterwards they're really keen to learn by their mistakes, and that's how you get good striking.

It was a nice afternoon, but there is one thing that the call-change ringing fraternity will have to look into before long if competition-ringing is going to remain the very pleasant affair it is at present. There were two competitions on this day, one at Rewe and the other ten miles or so away at Bow, and many bands decided to bring at both. The results were that, first, the organisers had the greatest difficulty in getting bands to ring in the order they had drawn: second, that for much of the time there were only two or three bands around, and one missed the great pleasure of conversation and criticism around the tombstones on a beautiful late summer afternoon: third, that the judges had such a long tea-interval that after nearly an hour's wait they went over and had a ring themselves: fourth, that the parish which had gone to the trouble and expense of organising the event didn't get nearly the number of ringers at the tea and the sideshows that they'd reasonably expected: and fifth, that when the certificates were handed out at the end half of the people who'd won them weren't there.

One sympathises with the ringers who want to get all the silverware and illuminated cards they can in the 52 Saturdays in the year, but I can't help feeling that competition-ringing will run itself into the ground if it goes on in this way, and I hope that before long it may be possible to ensure that if two competitions do take place on same day they will be at opposite ends of the county, so that if ringers really want to win two shields in a day they can pay for them at 5/3¼ a gallon. J. G. M. S.

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OUR PICTURE

Historical Background to the Bells of St. Mary's, Devizes

THE church bells of St. Mary's, Devizes, have had an interesting history. Mr. H. A. Gunner, of Devizes, writes: "These bells have had a most checkered existence but, most unfortunately, their rehanging in a steel frame with two additional pits was left about two or three years too late, which allowed the 1914-18 war to end the work until—as it was then thought—the end of that war, but, alas, nothing has been done about it since. Once again, if history is to be repeated, the ring is minus two."

They were founded in the county of Wiltshire, probably at Salisbury, their date being too early for the foundry at Devizes. The history of the bells being, as so often, also a history of the town itself, is a reminder that at the end of the 18th century there was scarcely a place of any size without its local foundry. That at Devizes was begun after these bells were cast, but Aldbourne flourished through part of the 17th, the 18th and early 19th centuries, while Salisbury was evidently in existence under a John Barber as early as A.D. 1400.

RAPACIOUS CHURCHWARDENS

The Rev. Lukis in "Church Rambler" II. page 460, writes:—

The history of these bells is curious. In 1552 one Thomas Hall complained that the Devizes churchwardens had two great bells in their private possession which they would not give up. Whether these rapacious gentlemen were compelled to disgorge does not appear, for some, if not all, of the bells were recast by J. Wallis, of Sarum, in 1606; and again one of them was recast in 1616. In 1640 the fourth bell was recast, and again in 1663 all the rest were recast by William and Roger Purdue. The fourth was recast by the Cors in 1696 and the third (for the third time in 95 years) in 1701.

The year 1663 is an early date for a ring of six bells, but Purdue's six at St. Edmund's, Salisbury, goes seven years better, to say nothing of the eight at Bishops Cannings.

The inscription on the sixth or tenor bell: "Fear God and Honour the King. 1663. Come when I call, To serve God all, to sing Halliuiah" brings us to another interesting year of history. The year 1663 was just after the restoration of the monarchy: 1696 and 1701 following a period in which a stand was made against the tyranny of James II and against Roman Catholicism. What more likely than that the loyal borough of Devizes should mark its loyalty in this way? When the bells were re-opened on Saturday, August 28th, 1915, by Archdeacon Bodington, he took as his text the words inscribed on the tenor bell: "Fear God. Honour the King." (II Peter ii. 17.)

Said the Archdeacon: "It would be seen that out of the six, four were of the date 1663; the other two were almost the same date as each other—1696, 1701. The bells of St. Mary's represented the period of 1663, and the period 1696 and 1701. The interest of these two dates was great, if obvious; he made no apology for the obviousness of his remarks; sometimes it was well to say obvious things.

ENTHUSIASM FOR CHURCH

"The year 1660 marked the restoration of the monarchy in this country, and these bells naturally expressed the enthusiasm which greeted the return of the Church into its own at that time. The English people had from time to time had fits of temper against their Church—not always, we were bound to admit, without some justification. But they had always returned to their affections sooner or later. In 1660 it could not be said that the Church altogether deserved its fate at the hands of the Long Parliament and Cromwell. He did not think that Milton's fierce onslaughts were always called for, even from a plan of his opinions. Like, he presumed, most of those he was addressing, he loved Milton's poetry, but the poet was, of course a fierce partisan.

"The fact was, Archbishop Laud was a much misunderstood man. 'He had an unfortunate manner (we are told), always seeming to be angry when he was not'—that threw an unexpected but very illuminating light upon him—and he suffered for his manner. But he was no Romaniser, and he did a greatly-needed and really most valuable work in pulling up, disciplining many of the clergy and laity, and in fostering the care of church buildings. Laud was 'a man with a broom' and such men were not always popular, but they were necessary. Laud, while not a great saint, was certainly not the opposite; he was undoubtedly a very good man and he was a very noble churchman; while Charles I, whatever his political mistakes, whatever his defects of character, undoubtedly laid down his life for the Church of England.

FROM ELEVATION TO ELEVATION

"The whole Church, in fact, in the first half of the 17th century, under its on the whole most excellent leaders—for it had some excellent bishops— was a Church, in the words of Mr. Gladstone, 'ascending from elevation to elevation.' The erection of the four bells of 1663 might be said quite fairly to testify that the people of Devizes—always a borough loyal to its King, and he hoped also to its Church—thought so too. The other dates, 1696, 1701, also marked a wave of enthusiasm for the Church, viz., that which passed over the country and the Church after the noble stand made by the Church in defence of its liberties against Romanism and against a Roman Catholic tyrant king—for James II was at heart a Roman Catholic.

"It would also be remembered for the trial of the seven bishops, after their committal to the Tower. The very last bells that he had assisted in re-opening contained a bell of 1697, marking the same wave of enthusiasm. Soon that enthusiasm was to be partly crushed; it was crushed for a time by the German dynasty, but today we wait and pray (went on the Archdeacon) that the rehanging of your bells may prove to be a preparation for the great day when we shall have done the terrible work to which we believe we have been called but which still is only in its first stages, and shall have made our great country's liberties once again safe against Germanism whether a system of Government or as a system of so-called civilisation. God grant that that may be on a basis of true Christianity."

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Dealing with the inscriptions, the Archdeacon said: "The first two are a little startling. (1) 'I am the first although but small, I will be heard above you all.' (2) 'I am the second in this ring, Therefore next to thee I will sing.' The sentiments were to be commended if taken for that irrepressible pluck and push which we were accustomed to look for from people of small stature, but not if they stood for conceit or self-assertion and self-advertisement.

"There was no inscription on the third bell, and passing on to the fourth: 'On earth bells do ring; in Heaven Angels sing Halaluiah.' This was an interesting instance of the traditional regard of bells as symbolical of the angels—it was a very ancient association—their functions as messengers being so far the same. And we might do well to form the habit of viewing all outward things as mystically embodying some heavenly counterpart: 'Two worlds are ours. 'tis only sin, Forbids us to decry, The mystic heaven and earth within; Plain as the sea and sky.'

"In the fifth we got, should we say, a more serious note: 'Give unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and unto God the things (incomplete). In 1663 it was one of the lessons which should have been learned in the sad times just gone by. We must raise no controversies today, but God grant that the war might teach us the folly and madness of trying to sidetrack the things of God in the supposed interest of the things of Cæsar, the tidings of State—for instance, in education and in public life generally.

"On the sixth and tenor bell was: 'Feare God and Honour the King. 1663.' Could we have a better motto? But to carry it out listen to the remainder of the inscription: 'Come when I call, To serve God all, to sing Halliuiah.'"

COMPLAINT TO BISHOP

The churchwardens of St. Mary's in the 16th century must have been men of initiative and great cunning for, as the following letter shows, they were not content with merely stealing two church bells. The mystery nearly equals that of "The Nine Tailors," but it is not a matter of "Who did it" but "How they did it."

"Thomas Hall to the Bishop of Salisbury, written from Devizes in Queen Mary's reign":

"The most humblewise I commend me unto your good lordship whose prosperous state God preserve, most humbly beseeching your honour to stand, good lord, unto these my neighbours the bringers thereof, for that they have been much misused by certain men of this parish which have been the churchwardens, to wit, John Smyth, Edward Haynes, James Francys, John Adlington, John Blandford and Edward Hellear. These aforesaid persons having the custody and bearing of the parish church stock, plate, jewels and other ornaments, have sold and otherwise consumed from the church and parish within ten years or thereabout, all these parcels following, that is, one fair great cross with Mary and John by estimation well worth thirty pounds, one pair of candle sticks, by estimation worth fifteen pounds, five chalices worth twenty pounds, two censors worth twenty pounds, one great pyx worth five pounds, two cruets worth forty shillings, one sylvate worth four pounds, one shep with a spoon worth five pounds, two great bells out of the tower worth twenty-five pounds, and as much brass and iron as go through to the worth of ten pounds, and the rent of the church, which is by the year eight pounds."

From "The Wiltshire Gazette,"
June 19th, 1913.

DEDICATION

ST. JAMES', ACCRINGTON

The two new trebles forming a ring of ten at Accrington were dedicated during morning service on Sunday, September 3rd. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Wood, and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress as well as most of the parochial organisations in the general congregation.

The dedication was performed by Canon Hodgson (Vicar of Goosnargh and president of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers), who also gave the address

The two bells were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh and cast by John Taylor and Co. In order to accommodate them two of the older bells have been hoisted into an independent girder frame. An excellent "splice" has been achieved and the bells, although light, present no problems in handling even to ringers of moderate experience.

Bonham's Bashers in Derbyshire

"LET'S go to Derbyshire." What? No good bells there!

How wrong we were!! The bells were as good as the weather was bad. Derbyshire, though rich in beautiful scenery, greeted us with rain and more rain, but this failed to damp the spirits of the keen, mostly young, band.

The tour started in Burton-on-Trent with a peal attempt on its good-going ring of ten. The London contingent, being the only ones on time, amused themselves with a little street football until the police pointed out that it was cheaper to watch it! Once the rest arrived, the peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung, a fine effort by a not very experienced band, followed immediately by a ring on the musical eight at St. Modwen's Church. A merry time was had that evening, culminating in the conductor being thrown through a mirror, and another person finding a table even harder than his skull.

Shirtsleeves are apparently considered indecent at Ashbourne, hence the strange sight of ringers in little black jackets on Sunday morning, there even being one expansive enough to go round George. While some remained for service, the rest were instructed in the black magic of Double Norwich "conducting."

Afternoon ringing was on the good eights at Bolsover; Dore, Dronfield and Creswell, and for service on the fine ten at Chesterfield, where our lower must surely have added to the spire's twist. The first of Pat Cannon's "knock-knock" tower-grabs followed, being the splendid eight at Wingfield.

DARLEY DALE FAILURE

St. Peter's, Derby, was the first call on Monday, when a good peal of Lincolnshire was ably conducted on these fine bells by Philip, fresh from a night in his car ("Much more comfortable than a bed, y'know"). The afternoon's attempt was at Darley Dale, where we were told before the start that the bells ring themselves to Stedman. Unfortunately we were not told about the tendency for the second to shift course! That evening we had a ring on the heavy eight at Youlgreave, including a good touch of nine-spliced, after which Mary closed her eyes to win the darts match with a double-two. The rest of the evening was spent with Frank Smallwood at his local in Darley Dale.

Although Tuesday's first tower was at Ilkeston, we resisted the temptation to go for Treble Bob, but instead rang Superlative, the half-lead bobs foxing the only person who was never involved in them. During this peal, just after a bob at Wrong, George was heard to ask "That was a part end, wasn't it?" Cambridge was scored without incident at Melbourne, where the bells are rung from the chancel of a superb Norman church. In the evening all joined the Derby Cathedral practice, feeling on top of the world—four peals scored out of five attempts.

STOPPED BY THE VICAR

Next day saw our pride somewhat punctured. Bristol was the method at Sawley, but when the peal looked to be in the bag after two hours, there came a violent banging on the door. Philip's shout of "Go away—this is a church!" did no good as the intruder was the Vicar, who insisted we stopped. The afternoon's attempt at Attenborough never got off the ground, the long draught being too much for the band; a pity, as the bells are very good. The evening was spent on more "knock-knocks."

The run of bad luck continued at Fairfield Buxton on Thursday, when Philip ran out of coursing order with three courses to go in Yorkshire. This meant that we had had two blank days, as it was the only attempt of the day. Instead we rang at Bakewell (a good Taylor eight), and at the beautiful church at Tideswell—the "Cathedral of the Peak" That evening the Gun was outknocked by the Volkswagen, who got four towers to Pat's three.

PAT'S THEORY

Fortune smiled again on Friday, when Pat proved his theory that if the band can stand up for three hours he can get them through Double Norwich. This he did at Uttoxeter, where he had the additional bonus of a bell which dried up. An excellent peal of Rutland was rung on the best bells of the week, at Alton, in the afternoon, followed by the first unsuccessful knock-knock, at Rocester. After this the writer was one of three called to Higher Service in Lancashire, but not before George had been presented with a road atlas and a set of windscreen washers for his "new" car, in appreciation of his stalwart efforts in organising the tour. The rest proved us not indispensable by scoring both peals on Saturday—Yorkshire in the morning at Ashover, and Cambridge Royal with a bit of a struggle at Duffield.

The score for the week was quite good; eight peals were rung, four lost, including one when we were stopped. Most of the ringing was of a good standard, some being excellent, especially at Alton. Thanks are due to George for his excellent organisation, to the drivers, and to the Derbyshire ringers and vicars for their hospitality—with possibly one exception!

SINGLE.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available from 2.30. 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Harry S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth. Parking at Village Hall. 2409

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, October 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. J. Ingram, High Street, Eastrington, Goole, before October 5th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2403

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 2397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2398

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Yardley on October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Entries for competition and reservations for tea to be made by October 10th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Tel. SPR 1025. 2407

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, October 14th at Caldicot. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by October 9th to the Rev. R. Hallett, Caldicot Vicarage, Caldicot, Mon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury, by Tuesday, October 10th. 2406

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Taunton Branch

The Taunton Branch held a quarterly meeting at Lyng on September 9th. It was preceded in the morning by a short tour for the benefit of Mr. R. H. Dove, of Leeds. Towers visited were Carhampton (6), Minehead (10), Dunster (8), Watchet (6), Stogumber (6), Bishop's Lydeard (8), Kingston St. Mary (6) and Othery (5).

Ringing on the five bells at Lyng started at 3 p.m. and consisted of a variety of Doubles methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Thorp, who spoke of Mr. Sanger's report on the bells and the target of £1,000 for the bell fund for recasting the cracked tenor and the addition of a sixth bell.

Tea was taken in the Village Hall. Due to the unexpectedly large attendance (about 45), the meeting was held in Lyng Church, the vice-chairman (Mrs. E. M. Williams) in the chair. Mr. John Brain gave some useful points in connection with the proposed striking competition, and Mr. Keith Beale was given the go-ahead to make the necessary arrangements. The Branch annual general meeting will be held on December 2nd at Milverton.

The general secretary, Mr. John Gilbert, asked the Branch to give the Association's dinner its full support on October 28th at the County Hotel, Taunton. He also spoke of the ringing school to be held at Barrington, near Ilminster, on October 14th. Fourteen new members were elected, including 12 from Lyng. Mr. Nigel Maggs (Ringing Master) announced that he would not be seeking re-election at the annual general meeting due to increasing work at Taunton School. The Branch secretary, Mr. Arthur Reed, proposed the vote of thanks.

Ringing continued at Lyng until 7 p.m., at Durston (5 bells) under the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. Raymond Arscott, until 8 p.m., and at West Monkton (6 bells) under the charge of the Ringing Master, Mr. Maggs, until 9 p.m. G. H. B.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A one-day course for ringers not advanced in change ringing was held at St. John's, Portmadoc, on September 16th, ringers from Machynlleth and Dolgellau attending. The instructor was Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, and all present enjoyed the day very much and without doubt were better ringers when they left.

Dr. Woodcock, of Hope, the Central Council representative, was present for the afternoon session and helped us greatly.

We wish to thank very sincerely the Vicar of Portmadoc for his kind permission to use the bells and for his very kind welcome and support, also to the Rev. Mr. Williams, who worked hard to learn to control a bell, this being his first opportunity to learn any bell-ringing. Our thanks also to Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis for his excellent instruction and patience, to Dr. Woodcock and to all who provided the tea. T. N. F.

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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD BASK IN DEVON SUNSHINE

BRIDESTOWE, near Okehampton, was the base for Southampton University's Guild's summer tour, which started on July 6th, travelling being by minibus. From the hotel that evening we could hear well-struck cartwheel call changes at the local practice.

The real start of the tour was next day at Sourton and Lydford, where the Rector invited us to his home for coffee. Afterwards we enjoyed the bells and the wonderful view from the Rock at Bren Tor. At Marystowe we rang some London Minor before lunch. Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Stowford, Thrushelton and Bratton Clovelly were the afternoon's towers, and some Spliced Cambridge and London Minor were rung at Stoweford.

That evening we were joined by another ringer, so were able to graduate to a few eights the next afternoon after ringing at Broadwoodwidger, Ashwater, Boyton (where we were the youngest ringers the locals had ever seen), and St. Giles' in the morning. We rang at Werrington and St. Stephen's (both beautiful eights).

THANKED BY THE SQUIRE

On Sunday we rang for morning service at Bridestowe, for which we were thanked by the Squire and mentioned in the sermon! The afternoon we spent at Sandymouth—sunbathing, swimming and building sand towers—and tried ringing a plain hunt on thumbs underwater! We left the sunny beach reluctantly but soon cheered up with the beautiful Stratton bells. After the service a quarter peal of Cambridge Major was attempted and unfortunately lost. The evening was rounded off by another coffee session, this time at the kind invitation of the curate of Bridestowe.

Monday's ringing went well at Lifton, South Petherwin and Lezant before lunch, then Linkinhorne, where we found an excellent set of handbells as well. At Kelly we had such difficulty that even a touch of Stedman Doubles was barely recognisable. It sounded as if there were ghosts in hobnail boots upstairs giving certain bells the odd push, to the annoyance of the ringers concerned and to the amusement of the rest of the Guild. Investigating the cause of the trouble, we found the spiral staircase completely blocked by a mammoth-sized bird's nest or similar construction. Lawhitton we found to be overgrown—there was even a large weed growing in a bed of moss in the belfry windowsill. The bells were not so neglected, however.

INTO PLYMOUTH

Next morning we were driven across Dartmoor to Bickley for coffee with the Rector and a ring in the lovely church. We all admired the modern reredos and window behind the Dartmoor granite altar. Shaugh Prior, the two towers at Plympton, and Egg Buckland followed. The day was very hot indeed but when we arrived at St. Budeaux we forgot our discomfort and enjoyed the wonderful view. In fact, we revived sufficiently to ring Beverley Minor there before journeying on to Plymouth for a meal. The St. Andrew's practice was much appreciated and some Cambridge Major was rung.

Dartmoor was beautiful as we watched the sun set on our way back that night, and as we neared Bridestowe in a tiny, narrow, dark lane, our lights picked out sheep—a large flock filled the way as they meandered towards Bridestowe. We tried making all sorts of noises in an effort to shift them but they ignored us. Eventually some of our more athletic members jumped out of the bus and chased the silly sheep and we eventually passed them.

St. Dominic the next morning defied our map reader and, when found, it was nowhere near the spot on the map for which we had aimed.

The tour was rounded off with some lovely bells at Callington, Stoke Climsland (where we had yet another drink with the Vicar), Lamerton, and lastly St. Eustachius, Tavistock. Our last evening we celebrated with a steak supper—some of us had never seen such enormous steaks before. We all enjoyed the tour and would like to thank Heather Walters for all her hard work in arranging it for us. We also thank the incumbents and the tower captains who kindly allowed us to ring their bells and helped us to spend an interesting and enjoyable holiday.

S. E. M. D.

Bells are in the Fashion!

"Can we help out with our own little bells, as we've heard you can't get enough ringers?" R. Davidge, Devizes

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The quarterly meeting at Bitton on September 9th was well attended, enhanced by a welcome return of summer weather to grace the occasion.

Several methods were rung during the afternoon, concluding with an all-ladies' band ringing a service touch of Grandsire Triples. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Baker, following which tea was taken in the church hall. Members from Newport were welcomed, and special mention should be made of the up and coming generation of, we hope, ringers-to-be, mostly under five, some dozen in all, who attended the tea and meeting.

At the meeting three new members were elected—Miss C. Davis and Miss S. Moxham, of Warmley, and Mrs. C. Mould, of Thornbury.

Thanks are due to Mrs. D. Chapman for chairing the meeting on behalf of the vice-president Mrs. de Jong, who unfortunately was "seen but not heard" having lost her voice.

Next practice meeting, Warmley, Wednesday, October 18th, 7.30 p.m. Will members please note the change of date for the practice at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, now on Wednesday, November 22nd (instead of 23rd as advertised)

B. J.

OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT SHERMAN

A well-known Hunts and Bedfordshire ringer, Mr. Herbert Sherman, passed away on August 24th at the age of 85.

He started work as a gardener at Gransden Hall, Hunts, and eventually became head gardener to Major Whitbread at Southill, Beds, where he was tower captain and played a big part in getting the bells rehung. He lived at Southill for 34 years. It was here that he learned method ringing and he was particularly pleased to return to Great Gransden, where he learned to ring whole-pull from cards, to ring in a peal in seven Minor methods on September 17th, 1932. Altogether he rang in about 60 peals, mostly for the Bedfordshire Association.

When he retired he settled at Waresley, Hunts, where he cultivated his allotment and tended the roses in the village. A kindly man, he leaves behind his wife, Harriet, and son, Leslie

L. B. J.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Highest attendance this year

A warm September day seemed to draw ringers from far and wide to attend the Biggleswade District meeting at Ampthill and Maulden on Saturday, 9th.

The District Ringing Masters (Mr. C. Mann and Mr. H. Smith) shared their duties and excellently handled the packed belfries both during the afternoon and evening.

Mr. M. J. Lockey and some ladies supplied a most delicious tea for nearly 40 hungry ringers, and after the short business meeting the company adjourned to the church for further ringing. The attendance book recorded a total of 60 names.

Next meeting: Stotfold. October 14th. Striking Competition, October 21st. L. E.

LETTERS

ST. DUNSTAN'S-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I was resident in London in the early 1930's and I knew Mr. W. Alps very well, and at that time he was steeplekeeper at **St. Dunstan's-in-the-East.** During this period some of the ringers at St. Clement Danes' led by Mr. Alexander Young, who was at that time surveyor for Lewisham, inspected the bells of the West church and they were at this time completely derelict and appeared to have been so for many years. We swung some of them and had great difficulty in making them "speak." In addition, the wheels were all in a very bad state of repair. Mr. Challis Winney was with us and he said he was pretty sure the bells had not been rung this century. He himself had rung a peal there, but it was when he was a very young man during the late 1890's. I understood him to say the method was Grandsire Triples.

Apparently the bells fell into disrepair and this caused the cessation of ringing. I know lots of the older London ringers at that time, and the only ones I knew who had heard the bells rung were Mr. C. Winney, Mr. W. Prime and Mr. Ted Wallage, who at the time was steeplekeeper at St. Botolph's, Aldgate.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-East had a good ring of bells, readily available to all ringers. We understood the tenor to be 24 cwt. in D. This church was noted for its annual Harvest Festival of the Sea, when the church was decorated with fishnets, oars, fish, etc., and the fish porters and their wives attended in force.

I trust the above will shed a little light on the subject.—Yours faithfully.

E. G. GARRARD.

Wallingford.

SALLY OR FILLET?

Dear Sir,—The use of the word "fillet" for the sally is very common in Devon and Cornwall, and I have a theory, for what it is worth, about its origin.

In the days of dead-rope ringing the rope passed through the soling of the wheel at a point 180 degrees or more round the wheel from the roller over which it ran. Instead of cutting a new hole in the wheel when the bells were converted to ring sally-way, the simplest course was to put a lashing round the rim of the wheel 90 degrees from the roller. Later a small bobbin was often bolted between the shroudings for the same purpose, and one sometimes sees wheels fitted like this even now.

The lashing was called in some parts of England the fillet (another word for a lashing) and in others the garter or gart, and the hole in the wheel which eventually replaced it is still called the fillet hole or the gart-hole.

In Devon and Cornwall it seems likely that being vary hardy the ringers converted their bells to ringing sally-way without the luxury of having sallies on the ropes, and the stroke which was made when the rope was pulling on the fillet came to be known as the fillet-stroke. When sallies came into use they took their name from the stroke which was made with them, and came to be called fillets, too.

The fact that West Country ringers generally use the terms "fillet" and "rope's end" for "handstroke" and "backstroke" makes me think that this is the likeliest explanation.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.).

Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.

SAME PRINCIPLES AS CHURCH ORGANIST

Dear Sir,—I regret to see the letter from Mr. Denis Carlisle in "The Ringing World" of September 8th. As an incumbent of some years' standing, I have received numerous requests for family friends to play the organ at weddings. Such requests I am, after consultation with my organist, always ready to grant; but I insist that the fee due is paid to my organist, since such fees form a part of the small remuneration which a church organist draws for his services. I would assume that such a principle should also apply in relation to the bells at a wedding, and that if a band of personal friends wishes to ring, the fee should be paid into the local band—a proportion of it most probably goes to a belfry fund for the maintenance of ropes, etc., anyway. This principle as applied to both organ and bells appears to me to be both logical and fair, and I fail to see that the suggestion of "cupidity" can in any way be justified. —Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH (Rev.).

Darley Dale.

ALDERMASTON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see a report of a peal of Plain Bob and Aldermaston Bob Major ("Ringing World," September 15th), although I am afraid I cannot see the logic of introducing a method such as Aldermaston.

There is nothing readily apparent about this method which can be said to its credit, whereas against it there are the facts that it has three blows in one place, sevenths without the treble behind, irregular lead-ends and the tenors the wrong way round.

Neither do I agree with the figures given, the lead-end shown (which gives only a six-lead course) is only correct if the 78 of the place notation is replaced by a cross in the second half-lead, but as there is no indication that this should be done, I assume that the correct lead-end (properly lead-head) is 13528467 (seven leads).

The designer, if such a word can be used in this case, of the method could have redeemed himself to some degree if he had used thirds place at the half-lead: this would at least have produced regular lead-ends, but as it stands the method is purely a mangled and very much inferior version of Plain Bob. Surely Mr. Wilcox need not have scraped the bottom of the barrel like this to find a second method for his composition.—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD C. STEELE.

Upper Clapton, E.

A TRUE QUARTER OF MINOR

Dear Sir,—Can any of our more skilled practitioners enlighten me as to what constitutes a quarter peal of Minor? I have always been under the impression that such required a true 720 plus a true touch of the requisite length to make up the quarter peal length. I am now told that two true touches of 640 changes each will constitute a quarter peal: I find this suggestion interesting. Is it a fact that two touches of this length constitute a quarter peal?—Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH (Rev.).

Darley Dale.

"NUTS AND MAY" BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Of my own initiative I should not have had the temerity to put up my amateurish ideas. I don't profess to be a ringer. Even at my best I never rose above Kent and Stedman!

Now I can no longer ring I've turned to figures and got bitten with the idea of a meaning in bell music. Why not? All other music has a meaning, even if we don't understand it.

Of those I've got out, a very well-known peal ringer has advised me to send in "Nuts and May" Bob Major as a possibility. He liked the whole outlay including, which surprised me, the usual l.e.'s.

It's not very easy, but it does have pegs on which to hang one's hat. Notably the fact that it divides into four parts, each a whole lead—front, middle, back and quick work. Bells commencing in the order 2, 4, 6, 8 with 7, 5 and 3 on the reverse side.

I don't like the snap places in 4 and 5 but I can't get out of them and retain the "theme". To turn to that side: the theme is the children's dance and it's best seen by blocking in the centre bells, 4 and 5 in 1st lead. These are the "belles" chosen for Nuts and May and, at the end of the lead, 2 and 7 are sent to "fetch them away" whilst the rest skip on their own sides. The only liberty I've taken is to have the two hunt bells as pipers calling the tune! To go back to the ringing side, here are the figures and a lead:—

36.18—36—1458.36.18. 2nds 3527486. 4ths bob. Single 2, 3 and 4: that is Grandsire S. in front plus 4ths. Call as for Plain Bob.

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Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helston, Cornwall.

BELFRY FEES AND VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Attending a meeting at Highgate recently, I was amazed when asked for a belfry fee of 6d. I replied I was not a member of the Association but was informed that this made no difference. It seems somewhat unfair for Associations to expect non-members to support them financially. Don't they have an annual subscription, or is this charge to discourage non-members from attending? Also, what happens when they have a joint meeting? Surely they do not expect to collect a load of sixpences from their hosts.—Yours faithfully,

ANNA LAWRENCE (Mrs.).

Hampton, Middlesex.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

THE BELLS OF SANDWICH

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. D. L. Cawley's well-written article on the above topic. The instalment regarding St. Peter's, Sandwich, brought back pleasant memories of this tower nearly 40 years ago.

During August, 1928, when I had just about learned how to handle a bell, I well remember walking the five miles from Deal (my home town) to Sandwich, just to ring the tenor "up" for the 8 p.m. curfew! The old curfew ringer was a Mr. Alfred Reynolds, a very small man, with large brass earrings, looking just like the old-time gipsies!

In 1934 there was an appeal by the Mayor and Council to collect money to have the bells rehung. Quite a good sum was raised but unfortunately the whole matter was left in abeyance. It was obvious that the tower would have to be strengthened first; the authorities refused to allow any of the money collected to be used for this purpose! There was even a lawsuit between the Mayor and the Vicar of St. Peter's! What happened to the money collected I do not know, but a well-known bellfounding firm submitted an estimate for the work required on the bells, and I have a copy of that estimate in my possession now.

Incidentally, regarding the first peal there (and probably the only peal), on December 27th, 1823, this was conducted by William Shipway, and not S. Carter, who rang the tenor. The composition of Grandsire Triples contained 194 bobs and 46 singles, and was obviously E. Taylor's bob and single six-part. The last time the full ring of eight was rung was about 1904. I am still hoping that an ambition to ring in the first peal of Major there will be fulfilled one day, before I am past it!—Yours sincerely.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

"A SQUARE DEAL FOR THE LEARNER"

Dear Sir,—I have waited to see letters either praising or criticising "A Square Deal for the Learner" and am disappointed that so far only one has been printed. The idea of such a scheme has fired my imagination and I am sure it would be of great benefit to many learners since I, like Mr. Parrott, know very few ideal towers where learners naturally progress quickly and are enthusiastically encouraged.

Such a scheme would involve a great deal of hard work on both sides. Many tower captains may feel that this is unnecessary and that ringing is an "up-and-coming" hobby anyway. But how many learners stop coming because they are not really helped by captains who have a Surprise band to start with, and how many towers are silent on Sundays? In some towers a better form of attraction is needed, and this scheme could well be the key.

If the scheme eventually comes into operation, I believe that Elizabeth and I will no longer be learners but, having progressed the hard way, we will be pleased to help others to learn more easily and so will many ringers in Britain. Good luck for your scheme's success, Elizabeth.—Yours faithfully,

ANN H. WHALEY.

Lanchester, Co. Durham.

Surrey Ringers Tour in East Devon

A PARTY of 16 ringers from Surrey (of whom half were aged around 20), under the leadership of Mr. F. W. Housden, of Shalford, held a very successful ringing tour in East Devon during the first week in September, with the London Hotel, Ottery St. Mary, as headquarters. Admirable arrangements had been made by Group Captain G. J. L. Read, of Galmpton, Kingsbridge, and the only other Devon ringer in the company was Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

On the journey down on September 2nd ringing took place at Wincanton, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung on the very nice light eight on the ground floor.

On Sunday the Ottery ringers generously allowed the party the use of the eight bells of this glorious church (which is a smaller edition of Exeter Cathedral) and excellent ringing took place for morning and evening service, Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman and Cambridge being successfully accomplished. Holy Communion was taken by the party at the morning service.

The first tower on Monday was at Cullompton, where Group Captain and Mrs. Read met the party and where Mr. Bennett was able to renew acquaintance with the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Mardon. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were enjoyed on the fine ten, the next tower containing the glorious octave at Tiverton, where ringing included Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Major. The lunch interval was spent at Bickleigh Bridge, where the scenery was very much admired. Ringing at Bickleigh followed, various methods being rung on the light six; thence on to Broadclyst, where the ringing on the very fine eight included Kent and Cambridge Major.

RANG WITH BUCKFAST BOURDON

Tuesday morning's objective was Buckfast Abbey, a visit to which had been eagerly awaited. The visitors were met by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, who was able to join them in a course of Bob Major. Other ringing here included Grandsire Caters, rounds on the twelve with the giant Bourdon swinging at the same time, which created a great deal of interest, and a course of Cambridge Major on the "minor eight," another unique experience. Besides being able to have a close-up of all the bells whilst in motion, the visitors also saw the wonderful new Blessed Sacrament Chapel with its remarkable coloured window incorporating a huge head-and-shoulders figure of Christ with arms extended, which was most impressive. The only other tower visited after lunch was Dean Prior; a course of London Minor was in the programme.

No ringing was arranged on Wednesday, the 6th, the day being spent at leisure.

On Thursday the first tower was at Pinhoe (a perfect little ring of six) with a church delightfully situated overlooking Exeter and the River Exe. The ringing here was much enjoyed, including a course of Cambridge Minor. The next tower was at Heavitree, where Norman Mallett joined the party. Ringing on this grand eight included Cambridge and Treble Bob Major. The lunch interval was spent at Woodbury, and some of the more energetic members managed to get a short ring at the Parish Church. In the afternoon Withycombe Raleigh was the venue, the ringing including Cambridge Major; and thence on to Littleham (a very light octave), with Superlative as the chief method. An hour was afterwards spent ringing on Frank Mack's "lightest six," the event proving a real novelty, and sincere thanks are due to Frank for providing this delightful opportunity.

INTO DORSET

Friday, the last day of the tour, was the best for weather. The first call was at Seaton, where Grandsire and Cambridge were rung, the visit concluding with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples and a very good fall. Thence on to Lyme Regis (another splendid-going octave), the ringing including Plain Bob Triples and Cambridge Major. The lunch interval was spent here, after which the journey was continued to Axminster (a heavy-going eight). In addition to Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were also rung.

The last call was at Colyton, with its curious double tower. Here there was a further delay, as only one man in the village knew the secret of disconnecting the chimes and he could not be found for a considerable time! The ring of six with a 25 cwt. tenor had a very awkward "circle" of ropes, and the ringing was confined to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Ringing during the week was good, and in some cases exceptional, and all the party certainly profited by the experience gained. Ringing Masters for the four days were Doug May, Fred Housden, John Payton and John Collier.

The irrepressible youngsters found for themselves quite a few additional rings to those already provided on the tour, including Exeter Cathedral, and their practical jokes on one another at the hotel were legion. One avante garde member of the company collected masses of large round stones from the various beaches for his patio, and took home a veritable "Stonehenge" in his car.

Grateful thanks are due to John Read for the excellent arrangements made, and to all clergy for placing their bells at the disposal of the visitors.

A. L. B.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

For the first time in many years the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at the Church of St. Quiricus and Julietta, Tickenham, on September 16th. The Rector, the Rev. S. J. Atkins, welcomed the Branch to the "Cathedral of the Moors," as the church is aptly named, and in an interesting address he outlined the part played by the founders, the patternmakers and designers, and finally the ringers themselves, in ensuring that God's message is heard by those outside the church.

About 30 members enjoyed tea in the Village Hall, and the the Rector took the chair at the short business meeting. Subject to permission, the Branch annual general meeting will be held at Chew Magna on December 2nd, and practice meetings at Barrow Gurney (October) and Backwell (November). Two new members, Christine Stone and Donald Pearce, were elected from Nailsea.

The secretary asked for a good measure of support for the Association's annual dinner to be held at the County Hotel, Taunton, on October 28th.

Evening ringing continued at Tickenham, and later at Nailsea until 8.30.

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DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On Sept 10th, 1,967 Minor (six methods): J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, C. J. Groome 3, J. Woolley 4, F. Taylor 5, R N. Scholes 6. A wedding compliment to the niece of the ringer of the fifth.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Thelwall and Childwall Minor: N. Bennett 1, L. Wiltshire 2 Amanda Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ADVENT, CORNWALL. — On Sept 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Enid Hammond 1, Susan Harber 2, E. N. Thomas 3, M. G. R. Zobel 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. King 1, Mrs. J. Sturgess 2, M. Lynns 3, J Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, S. Sturgess 6, G. Warner 7, H. Harvey 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev P. Chandler as Vicar.

BARMING, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cox 1, S. Gunner 2. G. Skinner 3, W. Manser (cond.) 4, J. Harden 5, D. Gunner 6. First quarter 1 and 3. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. Ambrose and Miss P. Lawson.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples Mrs. E. J. Weaver 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2 J. J. Hill 3, Mrs. M. G Taylor 4, R. C. Wilson 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. To celebrate the return of Mr. Robert Steel, Basingstoke Director of Town Development, on completing a 444-mile sponsored walk from Roxburghshire to raise money for the Basingstoke Sports Centre.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Juliet S. Stoy 1, N. Thomson (cond.) 2, Kathleen E Chilcott 3, A. G. Clark 4, R. J. Cook 5, P D Dawson-Taylor 6, A. L. Bance 7. F. D. Jennings 8, L A. Reece 9, F. E. Darby 10. For Evensong.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. — On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mary B. Suthers (first quarter) 1, Enid Hammond 2, Susan M. Evans 3, Susan Harber 4, R. G. Havard 5, S. C. Walters 6, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 7, M. G. R. Zobel 8.

BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, Margaret Finlow 2, Elizabeth Barton 3, R. Dawson 4, M. Stanway 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung half muffled prior to the memorial service for George Bentley, a fellow-ringer and chorister

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith 1, P. R. Johnson 2, L. Christine Slater 3, G F Griffiths 4, E. R. Fairbrother 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain): W. Houghton 1, Miss S. R Collins (cond) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, L. Houghton 5, M. Harding 6. For the Festival of Music and Flowers, after Festal Evensong.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Payne 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, F. Bowden (cond.) 3, J. W. Hagley 4, Miss R Weal 5, T. Wellen 6 [illegible], H. Payton 7, M. Fuller 8. For the Godalming Deanery Evensong.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND. — On Sept. 13th 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wetenhall 1, Rosetta Roberts (first of Minor) 2, R. Grisdale 3, W. Pooley (first of Minor) 4, H. Byrom (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W Illidge 1 Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first "inside") 2, Helen F. Roberts 3, R. E. Lyons 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. G. Richards 6, P. R. Johnson 7, H. E. Green 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Frederic Cox, organist for 28 years, who died on September 3rd.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Susan Moore 1, R. Fitzgeorge (first of Minor) 2, B. Goodliffe 3, J. Rose 4 W. Willans (cond.) 5, V. James 6. First Kent 3, 5 and 6. Also same afternoon by same band, 1,440 Bob Minor at Dunkerton, conductor J. Rose, and 1,259 Grandsire and Plain Bob at Markabury with A. Coombs 1 and R. Saye 6 replacing J. Rose and V. James, conductor W Willans.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. St. J Smith (first quarter) 1, N Abbott 2, Ann M. Smith 3 Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (cond.) 4, T. Wylie 5, H. E. Taylor 6, B. P. Morris 7, R H Bullen 8.

DUNSTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 15th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Cook (cond.) 1, G Radley 2, J. Radley 3 H I Radley 4 V P Evans 5. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. H. Hurst, married in Dunston Church, August, 1907.

(See page 582.)

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Sept. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Pratt (cond.) 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Deborah Bishop 3, R. L. Jones 4, L. C. Way 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer 7. M. J. Uphill 8. For Evensong.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Aug. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Livingstone 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R L. Preston 3, R. M. Preston 4, D. M. Graham-Service 5, J. Preston 6, T C. Winderam 7, P. T Fisher (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Ward 1, T. Harris 2, W. Sear 3, D. Manton 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, I. Pett 6.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): K. I. Davis (cond.) 1, Beryl M. Hills 2, Christina M. Bouldin 3, G. B. Thompson 4, Dawn V. A. Petts 5, R. H. Glover 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. Mansfield 1, J. Linnell 2 W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, W. F. Eyden 4, Rev. E. G. Orland 5, W. H. Yates 6. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillip.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sept. 10th, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. A. Carter 1, Mrs. J. J. Barton (first "inside") 2, S. W. Barton 3, P. M. Evans 4, E. Spence 5, R. Aldington 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.— On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Diana Parrott 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, L. G. Coburn 4, F. C. Jacklin 5, A. R. Carter 6, R. D. R. Brown (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, C. Hewitt 8. For Evensong.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, A. F. Cull 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Susan Farnes 4, S. Huckle 5, G. H Austin 6, G. Penney 7, T. J. Lock 8. A wedding compliment to Peter Wiseman, ringer at this church, and Brenda Wager.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dury 1, J. Burden (first Minor "inside") 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. C. Bowdley 1, P. Goodhew 2, H. Price 3, D. N. Collins 4, W. Price 5, E. M. Jones (first "inside" and as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2 Rung for 10th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor. F. W. Box 1, D. L Nibbs 2, R. H. Johnston (first Treble Bob) 3. J. H. Nibbs 4, R. J. Purnell (cond.) 5, C. P. Quartley 6. For the silver wedding of the parents of the 3rd on Sept. 19th.

ILLOGAN, CORNWALL. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Harris 1, A. P. Smith 2, F. M Bower 3, T. R. Hart 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, E. H. Langley 6. Ringers of 1 and 5 visitors from Sussex.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Jennifer Felton 1, P. N. Felton 2, June Creak 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Patricia Rogers 6 R. J. Collis 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Margaret's, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, D. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4. C. Tovell (first of Cambridge) 5, N. Harding 6. On the front six, for practice.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Minnion 1, B. Hawkins 2, P. R. Daws 3, C. R. Balcomb 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, A. F. Sawyer 6.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL. — On Sept. 10th, 1,259 Doubles (4 methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Susan Moore 1 Suzanne Withers 2, R. Moore 3, R. Fitzgeorge 4, W Willans (cond.) 5, M. Griffiths (first quarter) 6, Janine Blanch 7, F. Lansdown 8. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Aug. 13th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Mary Attard 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, J. Parkin 3, S. D. Etcell (cond.) 4. First quarter for 1 and 3. For Sung Eucharist. A wedding compliment to Derek Stubbs and Cherrie Whitney (daughter of a ringer at this church), who were married here on the previous Wednesday. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Mary Attard 1, S D. Etcell 2, J Parkin 3, A. W Froggatt (cond.) 4. Rung before the licensing of Rev. S. E. F. Booth-Clibborn as priest-in-charge of the parish.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 8th, 1,363 Stedman Cinques: M. Parkinson 1, B. E. North 2, J L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, D Phillipson 4, R. F. Smith 5, H. Lowman 6, W. Tomlinson 7, G. Paul 8, J. W Raithby 9, G. R. Parker 10, J. Walden 11, P Pitchford 12. Rung on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (14 methods): Rev. J. H. Greene 1, C. B. Fynes 2-3, Juliet Fynes 4, D. O. Haslam 5, R D Smith 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, R. Parker 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6. A welcome to Sean Douglas Solle born at Bath earlier that day, a son for Douglas and Margaret Solle of Radstock and first grandchild for the conductor.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles V. F. Russell (first quarter) 1, R. W Yates 2, G. Orchard 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, W. H. Yates 6.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples G. Stewart (first away from cover) 1, R. Stanton (first "inside" for method) 2, Helen Henderson 3, Pam Warren 4, M. Scowen 5, R. Bampton (first "inside" in method) 6, H. Russell (cond.) 7, R. Turner 8. Also on Sept. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Stanton (first Caters) 1, Mary Cowling 2 D. Heyes (first Caters) 3, Pam Warren 4, Helen Henderson 5, R. Turner (cond.) 6, M. Scowen 7, H. Rossell 8, J. Roper 9. R. Bampton 10.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's, Jesmond, on Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: May Graham (first quarter) 1, Joy Askew 2, R. Yeates 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, G. White 5, S. Pardoe 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cheryl Chorlton 1, Jane Holden (first "inside") 2, Joy Askew 3, A. Craddock 4, R. Askew (first as cond.) 5, P. Martin 6. For Evensong.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Janet Woodman 1, Cherry Withell 2, H. Badger 3, P. Lucas 4, I. Ross 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter in Minor 4 and 5. First in Minor for all in Treble Bob and Plain Bob. First on the bells since rehanging.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Sara Cornock 1, Johanna Holmes 2, Sheila Dennis 3, C. Legg 4, R. Watts 5, R. Bennett 6, R. Cox (cond.) 7, R. Cornock 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd. 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): J. Hemsley 1, E. Clifton 2, D. C. Manger (cond.) 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, G. Homewood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET. — On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Moss (first of Minor) 1, Mrs A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, Miss B Marsh 4, R. Voss (first "inside") 5, D. Cull 6. Rung to mark the retirement of Canon W. J. Smith, Vicar since 1961.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine M. Cobb (first away from cover) 1, Janet M Hudson 2, Alison M. Mann 3, L. W Allen 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, A. R. Millidge 7, B. J. Bull 8. For Evensong.

RYTON, SALOP.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): S. Yates (first quarter) 1, J. D. Holden 2, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davies 5.

SALISBURY, WILTS. — At St. Paul's, Fisherton Anger, on Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: Sarah Byford 1, H. Rumens 2, Jenny Jones 3, K. Jones 4, L. A. Page 5, N. O. Skelton 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, F. E. Manns 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Hilary F. Hinde 1, Judith M. Corby 2, R. W. Hinde 3, P. J. Simmons (first attempt for a quarter) 4, A. J. Corby 5, W. J. Manning 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, D. Woodcock 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Bob Royal: T. W. Senior 1, J. S. Guest 2, R. Birch 3, R. S. Long 4, S. Scattergood 5, J. S. Seager 6, L. E. Smith 7, A. Frickney 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, B. Holland (cond.) 10. Rung in memory of Arthur Percival Knights, friend of many of the above, and sometime member of the Cathedral band, who died the previous Sunday.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Carter 1, Mrs. B. G. Key 2, E. W. Colley 3, F. Cattell 4, A. Pritchard 5, F G Beddow 6 B. G. Key (cond.) 7, A. E Owen 8. A 60th birthday compliment to F. G. Beddow.

QUARTER PEALS

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Scott 1, R. J. Foster 2, S. R. Hare 3, B. T. Lister 4, J. S. N. Porter 5, J. K. Ward (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. R. Hare 1, W. R. Hare 2, B. T. Lister 3, C. Finch (first on 8 bells) 4, R. J. Foster 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. Rung for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. R Crocker 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss S. Allen 3, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 4, D. G Mayell (cond.) 5, A. Callow 6. A compliment to Nigel White and Valerie M. Trask on the occasion of their marriage.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Barrett 1, V. Clifton 2, A. G. Cantwell (cond.) 3, Miss S. Cantwell 4, B. Costar 5, E. Elms 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, N. Chamberlin 2, A G. Cantwell (cond.) 3, Miss S. Cantwell 4, V Clifton 5, G. Costar 6. Rung for Mr. B Costar's 81st birthday. (See Belfry Gossip.)

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Single Oxford: P. Hickey 1, C. W. Nutt 2, B Bell 3, L. Walters 4, C. Biggs 5, J. Ward (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Aug. 24th, at St. Mark's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Webb 1, Miss I. T. Dean (first quarter) 2, T. R. Collins (cond.) 3, C. Richards 4, D. White 5, R. Pearce 6. Rung for the Feast of St. Bartholomew.

TILSWORTH, BEDS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Harris 1, R. Ward 2, D. Manton 3, W. Sear 4, I Pett (cond.) 5, R. Churchill 6.

TWYWELL NORTHANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles: S. Bell 1, K. Chapman 2, S. Staley 3, F. Coales (cond.. 4, R. Cowley 5. For Twywell Flower Festival

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On August 13th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. Cater 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, R. Cater 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, Rev. N. Webb 5, D. Banks 6, T. Tarbatt 7, J. E. Kirby 8, T. Cullingworth 9, J. Wackett 10. Rung to celebrate the birth of Julie, daughter to David and Linda Banks and as a wedding compliment to George and Beulah Cockman, married at Epsom the previous day.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett 5, P. Page 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Elizabeth West 1, G. T. West 2, H. L. Crisp 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. Also on July 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bastin 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. D. Mack (cond.) 3, H. L. Crisp 4, G. T. West 5, W. J. Harvey 6, A. E. Knight 7. Rung within the Octave of the Feast of St. Peter. Also on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, F. Williams 2, W. J. Harvey 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, D. A. Wills 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J Bellamy 1, D. Bellamy 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F Williams 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, G. T. West 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on August 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, W. J. Harvey 2, F. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F D Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong.

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SOME OF THE OUTINGS

CHARING AND LITTLE CHART

After outings in South Sussex, the Dover area and Westerham, the combined bands of Charing and Little Chart, together with the Small family of Sellindge, moved to the Isle of Thanet area.

So on September 6th our fourth annual outing commenced with ringing on the light eight of Hernhill. From here we went to Herne, both Birchington towers, St. John's and St. Peter's, and St. Lawrence-in Thanet and finally to St. Nicholas-at-Wade. Methods rung during the day included all the standard variety with Stedman on the 6-, 8- and 10-bell towers and Grandsire Cinques at Quex Park. Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Double Norwich were rung at Hernhill, Birchington, St. John's and St. Peter's respectively.

Special mention must be made of the London Surprise Minor at St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6, 21 cwt.). Here our tenor man, Pete, who had not revelled in the ringing of the tenors on this day, turned it in superbly and a well-struck course was achieved. At Herne, where our ability to handle and strike the bells was quite a problem, we soon showed the inhabitants what Charing could do, with our tenor man really excelling himself in Cambridge Minor.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the incumbents where we rang and to the ringers who came to meet us, and also to the Small family who gave us some much-needed support.

I don't know our plans for next year's outing, but I do know this: wherever we go, inland or by the sea, we shall always have a swim half way through the day! R. W. B.

PENARTH

A coachload of ringers and friends left Penarth at 9.30 a.m. for the long-awaited outing to North Somerset. Collecting several people en route, our first stop was at the motorport by the Severn Bridge to have coffee and enjoy the view.

Ringing started on the pleasant eight at Portishead, where we had a good ring. A picnic lunch was taken by the lake just outside the town (and some of the party thought it worthwhile to walk half a mile for a jug of ale). Then on to Portbury (6). Here one of our number proved that as well as being able to ring a bell he could also play the organ. Tea was at Clevedon, after which we made for the Parish Church. The ritual of taking the "ringers' photograph" being completed, we then tried our hands at the very nice ring of eight.

The last call of the day was at Wraxall, where some good striking was achieved. Penarth was reached at 10.30 p.m. after a very warm, sunny and enjoyable day. Thanks are expressed to the four towers visited for allowing us to ring. D. A. H.

ST. MELLON'S RINGERS VISIT OTHER SIDE OF THE SEVERN

St. Mellon's, Cardiff, ringers, for their annual outing on September 12th, crossed the Severn, and their first ringing was at Filton, Glos. Arriving at Henbury, they thought they had come into the country of giants, as the sallies were about two feet above the heads of the ringers, and their good old friend, Fred Bailey, was forced to stand on a chair to ring.

Lunch was at Portishead and later, at the Parish Church, they were given a hearty welcome by the Rev. Roger Fry, and some fairly good ringing followed. Other towers visited before tea at Bristol were Potbury, Easton-in-Gordano and Brislington. The best bells and also the best ringing was at Bristol Cathedral. Finally came joining in the practice at Frampton Cotterell. Home was reached at 10 p.m., with grateful thanks to incumbents and tower secretaries for an enjoyable day.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch and Southampton Districts' Combined Meeting

September 16th was a beautiful autumn day on which about 45 members of the towers which are shortly to be merged into one District met for a get-together with ringing, service and tea at Fawley on the Southampton Water.

The six bells at All Saints' Church are somewhat noisy in the ringing room, a fault which is soon to be rectified, nevertheless they were kept going to a variety of methods until shortly before Sung Evensong, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Noel Brewster.

A sumptuous buffet tea prepared by the ladies in the Church Hall provided an enjoyable social hour and gave opportunity to express thanks to the Vicar and all concerned with the arrangements of a successful meeting. The sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, who had suffered a family bereavement that day.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Lymington and Lyndhurst. A. V. D.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Doubles (5 methods): R. N. Scholes 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, Katharine M. Thorley 3, P. Bosworth 4, C. J. Groome 5.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Darke 1, D. L. Cawley 2, C. Ann Steed 3, W. Gray 4, K. Triplow 5, M. Ostler 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. R. Bird 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Valerie E. Ware 4, E. H. Kilby 5, A. Cutler (cond.) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Lock's tour in Yorkshire proved very successful with 12 peals rung, including Cambridge Maximus at Hull.

Is it true that P. A. C. and W. H. D. are seeking other aerobatic ringers so as to form the Ancient and Cumberland Belfry Batmen club? ' inquires a Kent ringer.

Mr. Marlow Simpson, the tower captain at Randwick, Glos, has just completed 50 years' continuous work on the railway. He started at Ryeford, near Stroud, on September 14th, 1917. Congratulations, especially from the Railwaymen's Guild.

Old ringing friends will be sending congratulations to Darley Rectory. The Rector's 13-year-old son, Michael, rang his first quarter on September 13th. His sister was also ringing, and the Rev. R. J. St. John Smith conducted.

A peal ringing tour of West Wales has resulted in nine peals being rung for St. David's Guild. A number of local ringers participated and the principal conductor was Marcus C. W. Sherwood, who called seven of the peals.

A folk museum at Gloucester has a window display devoted to Rudhall, the Gloucester bellfounder, with five examples of his bells.

"I've found the last four or five issues of 'The Ringing World' most interesting—no one should grumble."—A member of the Central Council.

Miss Jennie Armstrong informs us that the curfew at Morpeth Watch Tower is now rung by Corporation employees at 8 p.m. and the market bell on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Nine peals were rung during the South Yorkshire peal week, when Miss Anne P. Leigh, secretary of the Doncaster tower, did much of the organising. An innovation this year was to hold a dinner halfway through the week at the Silver Grill, Doncaster.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, who was instructor at a one-day course of the North Wales Association at Portmadoc on September 16th, continued his good work on the Sunday morning at Machynlleth. We are informed that Gwyneth and Marlene were in form and were delighted with their progress.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

IN PRAISE OF THE DUKE'S AWARD

In thanking the many people who have helped her in the six months' bellringing course for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Miss Ann H. Whaley, of Lanchester, Co. Durham, writes: "My course has enabled me to help other people in struggling practices and in instructing learners. I feel that I, too, have gained a great deal in working for this award. . . . I have progressed from badly-struck Kent T.B. at the beginning of the course to peal ringing and to the aspiring heights of Surprise Major.

"Finally, I wish I could thank the Duke of Edinburgh for introducing this award. My ringing course has given me much, much more than a small badge; it has given me hard work, sometimes disappointment, new friends, a better approach to ringing, and intense satisfaction. Thank you, all who have helped!"

CIVIC RINGING AT BASINGSTOKE

To help raise money for the town's new sports centre, the Basingstoke Director of Town Development, Mr. Robert Steel, undertook a sponsored walk from Yetholm, in Roxburghshire, to Basingstoke (444 miles). As he walked the last quarter-mile into Church Square, St. Michael's bells rang out a welcome. After the official ceremony, at which the Minister for Sport, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and the Mayor of Basingstoke were present, St. Michael's ringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in Mr. Steel's honour. Listeners to South-East News on the B.B.C. Home Service on September 9th heard, in the background, some of the welcoming rounds and, later, the beginning of the quarter peal.

DIAMOND WEDDING AT GREEN'S NORTON

A great friend of the ringers at Green's Norton, Northants, is Mr. John H. Phillip, who for over 70 years has sung in the church choir. He was headmaster of Green's Norton Church School from 1905 until his retirement in 1946. To mark his diamond wedding anniversary his favourite hymn and psalm were sung at the Sunday morning service. The ringers showed their appreciation with a well-struck quarter peal.

HUGHENDEN RINGERS WED

The wedding of Mr. David A. Cornwall and Miss Joyce I. Barton at Hughenden Parish Church on July 15th was honoured by peals at Hughenden and Amersham, but the attempt at Beaconsfield failed after an hour's ringing. The Vicar, the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens, conducted the service.

The bride, who wore a full-length embroidered satin dress, was given away by her brother, Mr. Roy Barton. Her full-length veil was held in place by a single rose headdress and her bouquet was a selection of mixed flowers.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Susan North (chief), Beryl Smith and Judith Loten, and Mr. Warwick Cornwall was best man to his brother.

Over 80 guests were present at the reception in Hughenden Village Hall, and the honeymoon was spent in Suffolk. The couple's new address is 14, Heath End Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe.

CYCLING VICAR'S 1,000-MILE TRIP

Additional information has been received about the Vicar of Randwick, Glos, the Rev. the Hon. M. R. Morrison, who plans to augment the four bells in the Parish Church to a ring of six. To help forward the fund-raising he proposes to participate in a sponsored cycle ride of 1,000 miles in ten days from Truro to Thurso, including Land's End and John o' Groats and John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough.

The public are invited to sponsor any section at a rate of 1d. a mile. Sponsors of 1s. a mile for the whole journey will also be regarded as Bell Benefactors (£50) with the right to have their own name, or the name of their choice, inscribed on the sixth bell when cast. One of the conditions of the tour is that the entire distance must be completed for any claim to be made. (See notice.)

The proposed timetable is:—

Oct. 2nd.—Truro to Land's End Hostel, 46 miles.
Oct. 3rd.—Land's End to Exeter, 117 miles.
Oct. 4th.—Exeter to Randwick, 108 miles.
Oct. 5th.—Randwick to Nottingham, stopping at Loughborough to look round the foundry.
Oct.—6th.—Nottingham to Barnard Castle, 137 miles.
Oct 7th.—Barnard Castle to Edinburgh, 134 miles.
Oct. 9th.—Edinburgh to Braemar, 112 miles.
Oct. 10th.—Braemar to Bonar Bridge, 128 miles.
Oct. 11th.—Bonar Bridge to Thurso, 114 miles.

All amounts due to be paid by sponsors should be sent to Mr. A. J. B. Haines, Ashleigh, Randwick, Stroud, Glos.

An anonymous donor has given the fifth bell, and from the cycle tour it is hoped not only to meet the cost of the sixth bell but to bring the ringing mechanism into a tiptop condition.

LINCOLN'S ECUMENICAL EXPERIMENT

The Rev. S. E. F. Booth-Clibborn, priest-in-charge of St. Mary-le-Wigford and St. Mark's, Lincoln, will shortly be leading a new venture to be known as the City Centre Ministry, Lincoln. This is an ecumenical experiment involving Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches. At the licensing of the Rev. S. E. F. Booth-Clibborn a quarter peal was rung in which ringers from Roman Catholic, Baptist and Anglican Churches took part. Our correspondent, a Baptist, writes: "I count it a great joy and privilege to be able to share in the 'ministry of the bells' in this way. Since starting ringing a few years ago I have experienced a great bond of friendship between ringers—different from anything else."

CROSSWORD No. 5

The first correct solution to Crossword No. 5 was submitted by Miss Sara K. D. Woolley, c/o Dr. Preston, Lodge Farm, Warmington, Peterborough, who receives the prize of 10s.

The correct solution was:—

Across.—1 Suppose, 5 Trapped, 9 In or Out, 10 Evading, 11 Grandsire Caters, 12 Reader, 14 Ebb tides, 17 Preceded, 18 Primer, 21 Oxford Treble Bob, 24 Trigger, 25 Regular, 26 Donated, 27 Enlists.

Down.—1 Swinger, 2 Propagate, 3 Ovoid, 4 Entail, 5 The Derby, 6 Alabaster, 7 Price, 8 Digests, 13 Eyes right, 15 Dumb-bells, 16 Restored, 17 Plotted, 19 Roberts, 20 and 22 George Fern, 23 Legal.

ST. ANDREW'S KIRTON LINDSEY

For a long time the six bells at St. Andrew's, Kirton Lindsey, Lincs, have been silent. Time has made them unsafe. Now a determined effort is being made for them to ring again, and an appeal for £2,000 has been launched by the P.C.C. The proposal is that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. should rehang the bells in a new cast iron frame, fittings renewed and repaired, and the bells retuned.

These bells were cast in 1798 by James Harrison, of Barton-on-Humber. It is said that he cast his bells several feet below ground level at dead of night, lest any sound such as the braying of an ass or the crowing of a cock be communicated to the bell as the metal set.

In olden days the market bell was rung at 7 p.m. during the months of November, December and January on Tuesdays to guide travellers from Gainsborough Market, on Thursdays from Brigg Market and on Saturdays from Kirton Market. This continued until 1858, when a new Vicar changed the nights to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to suit his convenience. With some difficulty he was brought to see why the other nights had been chosen.

Any donation will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr J. E. Selby, Mount Pleasant, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs.

STANDLAKE CAPTAIN NOW 81

Congratulations to Mr. B. Costar on his 81st birthday. He is the oldest ringing member of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and is tower captain at St. Giles', Standlake, where he has rung regularly for over 60 years. Well done, good and faithful stalwart. A quarter peal was rung in his honour and is recorded in this edition under the appropriate section.

A SUFFOLK SIX AT TAYLOR'S

The six bells at Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, have been taken to Loughborough to be cleaned, tuned and renovated and will eventually be installed in a new steel frame. This will cost about £2,500, but it is only the beginning, states "The East Anglian Daily Times," for the tower has to be strengthened and this will cost many thousands of pounds. The bells date from 1576 to 1716.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES

The back-handed six at St. Paul's Walden, Herts, was the afternoon tower for the St. Albans District meeting on September 16th. Methods up to Norwich and London Surprise Minor were achieved before the service, which was held in the church. Tea was held at the local public house, and a vote of thanks went to Mr. Denison and the local ladies for the excellent food.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. Geoffrey Dodds gave details of the District outing to Berkshire, to be held on September 30th. The next District meeting will be at Barnet on October 21st, with Monken Hadley as the evening tower. (Names for tea are essential.) A tentative arrangement was made with St. Paul's Walden to hold a District practice on Wednesday, December 6th.

Evening ringing took place on the awkward ground-floor six at King's Walden. Methods up to London were managed. J. A. F.

MR. GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for
THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	*Andrew J. Slade	6
†Robert E. J. Dennis	2	Ian L. Dear	7
"Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	David E. Rothera	8
‡George E. Bonham	4	A. Patrick Cannon	9
§Graham W. Elmes	5	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal. ‡ First of Yorkshire Royal.
§ First of Surprise Royal. 100th of Surprise for David E. Rothera.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Julia Fellows.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Robert D. Bellamy	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Andrew J. Slade	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hous and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Ian L. Dear	6
*Julia A. Fellows	3	†David E. Rothera	7
George E. Bonham	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Richard Parker. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Superlative. † First of Superlative Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Robertson.

MELBOURNE, Derbys.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

David E. Rothera	Treble	*Andrew J. Slade	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	2	George E. Bonham	6
Ian L. Dear	3	Philip Mehew	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. P. Cannon.

UTTOXETER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	†Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
†Andrew J. Slade	3	David E. Rothera	7
*Robert D. Bellamy	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich "inside." † First of Double Norwich.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F flat.

Andrew W. R. Wilby	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
*†David E. Rothera	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	†Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 125th peal. † 25th peal together.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Andrew J. Slade	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Ian L. Dear	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Graham W. Elmes	Treble	Ian L. Dear	6
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Andrew J. Slade	7
Philip Mehew	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
†Robert D. Bellamy	4	George E. Bonham	9
Frank Osbaldiston	5	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal "inside."

PEALS RUNG ON THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR, 1967

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

Edward F. P. Bryant	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	6
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Ross G. W. Robertson	7
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	†Robin R. Churchill	8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	†Timothy G. Pett	9
Shelagh R. Collins	5	John S. Seager	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal on ten bells and of Grandsire. † 25th peal together.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
DONERAILE, Cork.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Rossendale and Annable's London, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Lightfoot and Netherseale, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull and Bourne, (6) Westminster and Allendale, (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham, with 63 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

John S. Seager	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Audrey R. Alexander	2	*Timothy G. Pett	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	*Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* 50th peal together.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
DROGHEDA, Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Sept. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Maureen J. Carruthers	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	5
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	John S. Seager	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
First peal in the method by all the band.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, ten of Stedman and eight of St. Simon.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	Leonard Derrick	4
George Prescott	2	Sidney Smith	5
Cecil Mogford	3	Herbert Hardwidge	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
TIBBERTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps and Wychbold. Tenor 5 cwt. in C sharp.

*William H. Watkin	Treble	Frank R. Morton	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Leon A. Perry	4
John R. Scott	Tenor		

Conducted by John R. Scott.
* First peal on five bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON MADDOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 25 methods/variations, being 120 each of Moira, Tichborne, Seighford, Primrose, Wychbold, Little Aston, Marston and Salwarpe, and 240 each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Old, Kennington, Windrush, Norfolk, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Broadwas and Honeysuckle. Tenor 9 cwt.

*William H. Watkin	Treble	John R. Scott	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Leon A. Perry	4
Frank R. Morton	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

* First peal in 25 methods/variations. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since rehanging in 1964.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

William H. Watkin	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
Keith W. Eaton	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 150th peal.

SHERIFF HALES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being 240 each of Moira, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day, Kennington, Old, Tichborne, Windrush and Norfolk. Tenor 9 cwt. in G

John R Scott	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Keith W. Eaton	2	Leon A. Perry	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

First peal in 21 methods/variations on the bells.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES

Being 12 extents, eight callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

R. John Burrell	Treble	†Frank R. Morton	4
*†A. Doreen Edwards	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	William H. Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

* 75th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Watkin, wife of the tenor ringer.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, beingf one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*†David Allman	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John E. Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* 25th peal, all rung with the ringers of 2, 4 and tenor. † First in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher J. Jones and Diana Bentley, married this day at Knutsford, also for the engagement of Norman Ford, of the local band, to Barbara Batkin.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 6 lb in D.

Ian C. Maycock	Treble	Geoffrey Pratt	5
Peter C. Randall	2	Hubert E Ashley	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	Ernest J. Gower	7
Colin Sweeney	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Clive Thrower	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Alec Humphrey	2	Harold Taylor	7
Derek Astridge	3	Brian Tomlinson	8
Felicity Webber	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Richard Wilcox	5	Peter Blight	Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Burley P. Morris	Treble	Harold Taylor	6
John K. Smith	2	Ian Friend	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Gordon Lane	8
David W. Parkin	4	Denis A. Frith	9
Clive Thrower	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

Rung for the birth of a daughter to Jennifer and David Friend.

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Kent. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
G. Richard King	2	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Peter S. Oliver	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WESTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

All single's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. Shepheard-Walwyn	Treble	Christopher F Longridge	4
*A. Nicholas Hine	2	Rev John Shepheard-Walwyn	5
*Jacqueline Whitnall	3	John N. Longridge	Tenor

Conducted by John N Longridge.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal on the bells.

THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF CALL CHANGE RINGERS.

COMBE MARTIN, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

William Hibbert	Treble	Frank D. Mack	5
Derek Jewell	2	Brian R. White	6
D. Roy Bould	3	John W T. Hibbert	7
Robert A. Southwood	4	Francis A. White	Tenor

Conducted by John W. T Hibbert.

First 8-bell peal for the Association. First of Stedman on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Heather M. McArthur	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
Alan R. Andrews	2	*Adrian G. Semken	6
Frank B. Lufkin	3	Walter Arnold	7
Peter G. Pitt	4	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in the method.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Plain and Double Bob (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (4) Plain and Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
*Robert J. Isgar	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
John Avis	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods, as follows: (1) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Canal and Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Stephen W. Harper	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank B Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRONDALL, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Wells Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob Tenor 18 cwt.

*Simon A Reed	Treble	†Michael J. Church	4
Beryl R. Simpson	2	‡Peter J. Joyce	5
G Kenneth Williamson	3	Tom Page	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. ‡ 75th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERNHILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Malcolm Barden	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Richard Hayes	7
John A. Howard	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard Hayes.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

LENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Alexander Waddington	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major.
Rung in honour of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

LAMBERHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Ann Jenner	Treble	*Edward J. Jenner	4
Doris E. Colgate	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Paul J. Dye	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

SHORNE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Morris's 240. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

*D. James Long	Treble	Norman R. Mattingley	4
Martin L. Howe	2	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Malcolm Barden	3	*E. Ivan Parkin	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal.

ARDINGLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Malcolm Barden	4
Simon A. B. Wigg	2	Harold Evans	5
Charlotte M. Harris	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	Richard Hayes	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Harold Evans	5
Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Malcolm Barden	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm Barden.
First peal as conductor.

LAUGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	5
Malcolm Barden	3	Harold Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

BECKLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	4
Malcolm Barden	2	Harold Evans	5
Judith M. Corby	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

PRESTON-BY-WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Plain Bob, Dedworth, April Day and Southrepps, and two of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

John Palmer	Treble	John A Howard	3
Derek Slater	2	Harold Evans	4
		Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 4 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 82 cwt.

John Robinson	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
Alan Sharples	2	Derek Butterworth	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	Alan J. Frost	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	John H. Fielden	10
Dennis Latham	5	Neil D Lomas	11
Charles A. S. Webb	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor
		Martin C. Faulkes	

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

SADDLEWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Peter Coxall	Treble	Alan Scholfield	5
Edward Jenkins	2	*Christine Andrew	6
James E. Andrews	3	Chris M. Movley	7
Michael J. Platt	4	Giles B. Thompson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.
* 75th peal for the Association.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the ringer of the 4th, who is shortly commencing studies at the University of Bristol.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Alan Wilson	Treble	*Keith Walpole	5
Ronald Kenrick	2	Thomas Hesketh	6
William E. Court	3	Dennis Jones	7
*John Elliot	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Bristol.
Rung for the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Fox; the 85th birthday of Mr. L. L. Gray, of Liverpool; the 21st birthday of Alan Wilson, ringer of the treble.

BRINDLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

R. Keith Lister	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	4
*James E. Andrews	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Margaret E. Fort	3	David V. Hodgson	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung as a farewell to Margaret Fort on her leaving for the South of England.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., September 16th, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
E. Alan Jacques	2	Roger I. Kendrick	6
Harold Marcon	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
Richard M. Wilson	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
First peal on the bells since recasting.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt.

*John Walden	Treble	John Freeman	5
*Rhoda Reynolds	2	Philip H. Reynolds	6
†William B. Dawson	3	Walter Tomlinson	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	Robert Howard	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, 360 Single Oxford, and 2,520 Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Thomas A. Relf	Treble	James R. Holmes	4
*Roland W. Morant	2	Denis A. Frith	5
David J. Hopkinson	3	Graham J. N. Colborne	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* Has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a farewell to Roland Morant, leaving for Sandbach, Cheshire.

WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helena.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A.

*Jacqueline M. Quickfall	Treble	David V. Carrott	4
Nancie E. Colley	2	C. Victor Waite	5
*Terry A. Carrott	3	Edward W. Colley	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Colley.
* First peal and first attempt.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Jacqueline S. King	Treble	*David J. Hughes	6
*Sheila Y. Hallett	2	Austin T. Wingate	7
David J. King	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
Donald G. Clarke	4	George T. Cousins	9
Harold L. Parfrey	5	*James L. Fitzgerald	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal of Royal. First of Plain Bob Royal on the bells.
Rung after the wedding of Heather Irene, daughter of Mr. John Sims, tower captain at Chepstow, to Mr. Peter Pope, a ringer at Mathern.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*David J. Hughes	Treble	David L. Philips	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Donald G. Clarke	6
David Pike	3	David J. King	7
Roger Shea	4	James L. Fitzgerald	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.
* 25th peal for the Association, and has now "circled the tower."
Rung half-muffled in affectionate memory of Edgar W. Luff, a ringer and towermaster at Usk for over 30 years.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Michael R. Wycherley	Treble	Robin J. Collis	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Len Goodall	6
Allan R. Millidge	3	Colin G. Wright	7
Nigel Thomson	4	Kenneth Warner	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Len Goodall.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Joan Hooton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Richard F. Prime	6
Ronald K. Russ	3	†David Redfearn	7
*Brenda P. Redfearn	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert G. Harrison	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
F. Charles Goodman	2	*Clifford Bird	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd on the 40th anniversary of their first peal, which took place at this church on August 28th, 1927.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Composition of 88 calls. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

David H. Brown	Treble	William Birmingham, jun.	5
Monica Blagrove	2	William Birmingham	6
Margaret Wenban	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Albert C. Wenban	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung by the Slough and Windsor ringers as a compliment to Leonard Stilwell on completing 60 years' membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ABINGDON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods: Kirkstall Delight, Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, Childwall, Buxton, Thelwall and Pinehurst, Kent and Oxford T.B., Plain, Double and St. Clement's, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge S.; 59 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Michael C. E. Hodge	Treble	Catherine A. Salter	4
*Christopher I. Rowson	2	Jonathan R. Rowson	5
Anne M. Carpenter	3	A. Keith P. Poole	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* 25th peal of Minor. Most methods to a peal by all the band, and on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM, Edgbaston.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Ann E. Fellows	5
*James W. Belshaw	2	A. Brian Ellsmore	6
*Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	Maurice G. Ingram	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BIRMINGHAM, Edgbaston.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Odd bob, equal five-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Henry H. Fearn	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	Eric Spence	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest J. Munday	Treble	*Michael J. Church	5
Frances Low	2	Cyril F. Low	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Robin G. Leale	7
William S. Deason	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of London.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Elizabeth Anne Low on her first birthday.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5004 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	Edward W. Colley	7
David Phillipson	2	Norman V. Harding	8
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Bernard E. North	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	William L. Exton	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Richard A. G. Inglis	11
Margaret E. Chilton	6	George E. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Chilton, married in this Cathedral.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Louis Willders	5
*Harold F. Gibson	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Beryl N. Reed	3	*Peter Wakefield	7
Edward W. Colley	4	Bernard G. North	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE ST. BARTHOLOMEW DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Derek J. Tysoe	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
F. William Midwinter	3	Charles J. Copp	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
First peal in the method by all.
Rung on the Festival of St. Bartholomew.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 16 methods, being two extents each of Fortune, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, three extents of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, and Seighford.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Derek J. Tysoe	Treble	*F. William Midwinter	3
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Ruth Blackshaw	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* Has "circled the tower."
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

MADELEY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	*Michael J. Mulvey	5
Christopher L. R. Bainham	2	Richard B. Dorrington	6
Cyril T. Collins	3	Leslie E. Monk	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Philip R. Johnson	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Howlett. Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the 20th anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 17 methods, being (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old, Oxford, Newdigate, (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, (3) Cambridge, (4) Kent T.B, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (7) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Vivien Cross	Treble	†David E. Culham	4
*Michael J. Howes	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen D. Humphrey.
* 50th peal. † Most methods to a peal.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

John J. Prentice	Treble	Mrs. E. J. Lockwood	4
David J. Derrick	2	Stuart G. C. Harrison	5
Alan J. Munnings	3	Robert E. Lester	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
Arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. Copinger-Hill and family on their leaving the village, Mr. Hill having been a churchwarden for almost 20 years.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Oxford and Kent T.B. combined. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Margaret E. Egglestone	Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell	4
Martin H. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
*David J. Derrick	3	Lawrence R. Pizzey	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Derrick.
* First peal in seven methods and first peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BADINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 120 Grandsire and 4,920 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Trevor N. J. Bailey	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	3
Ralph W. Bickers	2	*Clyde E. Curtis	4
Michael J. Parker	Tenor		

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.
* First peal at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	G. William Shanks	5
Noel R. Waite	2	Alan R. Millidge	6
Robert J. Cooles	3	Rev. Michael Hart	7
Alison M. Mann	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Brookes and Lesley Eames, ringers at this church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,182 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Christopher B. Fynes	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
*David D. Smith	3	Derek Sibson	7
Tom Page	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a welcome to Allison Jane, daughter of Vivian and George Francis.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 60 lb. in F sharp.

John Smith	Treble	Leonard Mills	5
Herbert C. Spencer	2	Peter Robertson	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Ian Lloyd	7
Patrick Harris	4	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Worcester, visiting the parish by river.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Herbert C. Spencer	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	5
†Clifford Skidmore	2	Martin C. Powell	6
James Attwood, jun.	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* 250th peal. † 600th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert C. Spencer.

BREDONS NORTON, Worcs.—At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Elizabeth Pouncey	Treble	†David A. Trenfield	4
Rev. Albert Webb	2	James Attwood, jun.	5
James Attwood, sen.	3	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Conducted by James Attwood, jun.
* First peal, first attempt. † First in three methods of Minor.
The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt in F.

*Robert Cater	Treble	Ian North	5
*Gail Cater	2	Alan Clifton	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	George Hancock	7
Christopher A. Moxon	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George Hancock.
* First peal. First peal as conductor and 50th peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater	Treble	†Simon P. D. Burnett	5
William P. Haskins	2	Alan Newbould	6
*Belinda M. Gilbert	3	Christopher J. Groome	7
C. Barrie Dove	4	Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells "inside." † First on eight bells. The conductor has now called 50 peals on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*†Alan Newbould	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Irvin Slack	6
Alan Clifton	3	Ian North	7
*Frank Chambers	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 25th peal.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 EGDIRBMAC SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Ian G. Cambell	5
Ann Lawson	2	Michael Maughan	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Kenneth Lawson	7
C. L. Digby Munday	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
Believed to be the first peal in this method.

EGDIRBMAC SURPRISE MAJOR
12—38—14—1258—36—14—58—16—. h.l. 78.

BARWICK-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge, one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in F sharp.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	4
Pauline Holland	2	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
Alan Newbould	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung as a compliment to the local tower captain, Gerald Nutton, whose wedding to Miss Diana Murtland took place at the church earlier that day.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Josephine M. Haskins	Treble	Alan Newbould	5
*William P. Haskins	2	C. Barrie Dove	6
Margaret Warford	3	Robin Brown	7
Arnold Cole	4	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on eight bells.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Pinehurst, Thelwall, Double Oxford, (4) Buxton, Childwall, St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb in A flat.

Alan Newbould	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	4
M. Susan Jackson	2	C. Barrie Dove	5
Ronald H. Dove	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Hereward Bob, (2) London Bob, Lytham, (3) College, Wavertree, College, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise, (6) Norwich Surprise, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Stephen K. Thompson	Treble	Allan Sheppard	4
Ronald Ducker	2	David S. Johnson	5
John S. Rank	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one 720 Oxford T.B. and two 720's each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*Muriel Riddsdale	Treble	Brian E. Moorhouse	4
Mrs. H. D. Holland	2	Charles H. Maxfield	5
Philip Moorhouse	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by H. David Holland.
* First peal.

(The Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) Norwich S., (2) Double Court, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

C. L. Digby Munday	Treble	†Mavis C. Stephenson	4
*Gwynneth C. Ducker	2	††John R. Leary	5
Linda Sherwood	3	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Leary.
* First peal. † First in as many methods. ‡ First of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, Victoria.—In the Ringing Chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral.
On Sun., Sept. 3, 1967, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of: Westminster, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, Cambridge and Primrose.
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Anne E. Doggett	1–2	Robin G. Turner (cond.)	3–4
		*Helen J. Henderson	5–6

* First peal of Surprise.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1–2	C. Kenneth Lewis	5–6
Alan F. Scholfield	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At 32, Coventry Road.
On Fri., Aug. 25, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

Anthony J. Cox	1–2	Peter C. Randall	3–4
		Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.)	5–6

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	*Bernard G. North	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First handbell peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor size 18 in G.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
		Gerald Penney	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first peal of London Surprise Royal on handbells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLMORTON, Warwickshire.—At 88, High Street.
On Sun., Sept. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in D.

*Graham C. Paul	1–2	*David J. Marshall	5–6
Anne B. Speed	3–4	Richard F. B. Speed	7–8

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
PERRY BARR, Birmingham.—At 18, Glendower Road.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Richard J. Tibbetts	1–2	Alan S. Burbidge (cond.)	3–4
		David J. Purnell	5–6

Rung to welcome Helen Joy, a daughter for David and Audrey Purnell.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

BLACKLER.—To Jane (née Tuffin) and Royston, of 55, Ranelagh Grove, Wollaton Road, Nottingham, a son, Jeremy Neil, born on September 27th, 1967. 2393

FRIEND.—To David and Jennifer, on September 7th, 1967, a daughter, Elspeth Jane, 32, Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 2379

MAYNE.—On September 8th, 1967, to John and Marguerite, a son, Andrew John, 114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans. 2368

PERSONAL

"In three things I was beautiful, and stood up beautiful before God and men: the unity of brethren, the love of neighbours, a man and a wife that agree together."—Ecclesiastes, xxv, 1.

HANDBELLS WANTED

GENUINE Tibetan handbell wanted. Particulars to Farag, 34, St. Peter's Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17. 2362

HANDBELLS wanted, in reasonable condition for tune and change ringing.—Apply A. Grundy, 20, The Parkway, Lady Edith's Park, Scarborough. 2363

WANTED.—Octave, size suitable for peal ringing, fair to good condition only. Please state price required.—Ashcroft, 374, Warrington Road, Spring View, Wigan, Lancs. 2340

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes this year's freshers. Details of the Society's activities may be obtained at the Fresher's Conference or from the secretary, Charlotte Bennett, Trevelyan College. 2388

KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Will freshers coming to Keele in October please contact the secretary, Miss J. Quickfall, 21, Saxby Avenue, Skegness, Lincs, for information about the Keele Association. 2258

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Ringing: Sunday, October 15th, St. Mary Magdalene's 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, Stapleton Room, Exeter College, 8.15 p.m. Further inquiries please contact Vanessa Rodrigues, Somerville College. 2390

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

All freshers welcome to the first meeting of term, on October 13th, at St. Francis Xavier, at 6 p.m. For further details see Society notice board opposite downstairs "caf." 2123

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Freshers coming to London this year are invited to write to the secretary, c/o Alan Thirst, 15, Clifford Grove, Ashford, Middlesex. The first practice of term will be at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 6.30 p.m., on October 5th. There will be a general meeting on October 21st. 2318

MISCELLANEOUS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—Please note: Practices will be held on Mondays (8 p.m.–9.15 p.m.) until further notice. All visitors welcome.—K. Paul Gilliver. 2360

HYTHE, Kent.—The tower secretary of St. Leonard's Church is now Mr. R. J. Birch, of 5, St. Nicholas Road, Hythe, to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 2377

WILLINGDON, Eastbourne. — On Sunday, October 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower, including new furnishings, peal board, handbell, etc., by the Bishop of Lewes. All ringers welcome.—R. W. R. P. 2356

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

Starting with this issue, "The Ringing World" goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

60th Anniversary Dinner

at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry,

on Saturday, November 25th, 1967.

Further details later. 2331

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner

will be held on

Saturday, October 21st,

in the

Town Hall, Towcester, Northants

assembling at 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m. dinner. Tickets £1 each and c.w.o. to be obtained before Monday, October 9th, from the undersigned at 61, Melville Street, Northampton

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary.
2328

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Annual Dinner

Saturday, October 21st, 1967
at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m.

Guest of honour the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The Washington Film will be shown. Bells: Cathedral 3.30 until 5 p.m. All Saints' 4.30 until 6 p.m. Tickets (15s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries and general secretary until October 18th.—D. Beacham, The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 2395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 28th, 1967
at the County Hotel, Taunton
6.45 for 7.15 p.m.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott will present a "Ceremony of Bells" afterwards. Tickets (22s. 6d.) from Mr. J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, near Bristol, before October 21st. S.A.E., please.

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS

Prices.—Peals: Set of 12 for 16s; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s, and 3d. for each additional card.—"The Ringing World, Onslow Street, Guildford.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death on September 16th of Mr. Charles E. Brown, late hon. secretary of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

HELP RANDWICK TO MAKE IT SIX

Sponsored Cycle Tour

Sponsor forms with full history of the bells and details of the route from A. J. B. Haines, Ashleigh, Randwick, Stroud, Glos. 2371

CLIFFE, Kent.—The tower secretary is now Mr. B. R. Trill, Bryn Avon, Mortimers Avenue, Cliffe, Rochester, Kent, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—70th Anniversary Dinner, Brookdale Hotel, Truro, October 14th, 7 for 7.30. Bells: Stithians (6) 3–3.45, Perranarworthal (6) 4–4.45, Kea (8) 5–5.45, St. Erme (6) 2–2.45, Ladock (8) 3–3.45, Probus (8) 4–4.45, St. Clement (4) 5–5.45, Kenwyn (8) 5.45–6.45. Tickets (25s., cash with order) from A. J. Davidson, Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. Phone 2749. 2381

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Striking Competition, Stretham, Saturday, September 30th. Start 2.30 p.m. (prompt). Tea, etc., 5.30. Wilburton bells available for general ringing after tea, also Diocesan Committee meeting at Stretham. Please send names for tea (except competitors) to R. J. Palmer, 65, Mildenhall Road, Fordham. 2359

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, September 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Meeting at 5.30. Notify before September 28th for tea.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 2389

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon (8) on September 30th, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea under own arrangements; cafes in Hoddesdon and Ware. Ware (8) 5.30 to 8.30 Evensong 6.30—P. M. F. Searles 2348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Striking Competition.—The finals of both the 6- and 8-bell sections will be at Farnworth (Bolton) on Saturday, September 30th, commencing 3 p.m. Please note: No ringing at Walkden. Names for tea (4s. each) to J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, Bolton. 2262

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, September 30th. Usual arrangements. Names of those requiring tea should be sent to C. Lamberton, 26, Althorp Road, St. James', Northampton. N.B.: There will be no ten-bell practice at St. Giles' in October. 2361

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Newark Parish Church, September 30th, from 6–9 p.m. All are welcome.—M. I. Foskett Hon. Sec. 2338

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Banstead on Saturday, September 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2323

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 2nd, 7 p.m. 2364

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Monday, October 2nd, 8–9.30 p.m. —C. H. Rogers. 2341

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. —Monthly practice, Witney Tuesday, October 3rd, 7–9 p.m. 2373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Barrington, near Ilminster, on Saturday, October 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Subjects: Bellhandling tuition, belfry organisation, and maintenance, elementary conducting. Tower session 7.15–9 p.m. Tea provided. Course fee 4s. inclusive. Applications, please, to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, before October 7th. 2386

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston Zoyland, Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Holford 345), by previous Wednesday, please. 2375

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary the Virgin's, Mudford (5 bells, tenor 17–1–18), October 7th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 2267

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 7th, Turvey. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Carlton (4) also available 6.15 to 7.15. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, by 5th. 2391

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Egremont on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland, **not later** than October 3rd. 2349

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Bolsover (8), Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Cooper, 70a, Stratton Road, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—R. P. Morris, Sec. 2329

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Social, Saturday, October 7th, at Fordham. Ringing 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Social 7 to 10 p.m. Washington Film and entertainment. Tickets 5s. including refreshments. Bar, etc. Ringers and non-ringers all welcome.—Roger J. Palmer. 2400

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Westerleigh, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to J. Ferris, 11, Ivy Site, Westerleigh, near Bristol, not later than Wednesday, October 4th.—R. H. D. 2367

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cullompton (10), Saturday, October 7th, commencing with service, 3.15 p.m., followed by ringing, tea and business. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Wednesday. 2293

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—The Branch is holding a social evening on Saturday, October 7th, at the Moorland Hotel, Wotter (near Shaugh Prior), at 7.30 p.m. Buffet and bar facilities, entertainment to suit all ages. Bring your friends for a gay social evening. Tickets, price 11/6, obtainable from the Branch secretary, R. A. Southwood, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Farnham, Surrey (Frensham 2411). — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2392

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening quarterly meeting at Ashwell (6), Saturday, October 7th, 6 p.m. Will all members attend?. New District secretary and "Ringing World" rep. to be elected. Please note change of venue.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2320

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham, October 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to J. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Phone Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2369

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. and usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Tuesday, October 3rd.—W. H. D. 2313

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Uckfield (8), October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2354

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting, Sat., October 14th

Wimbledon (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Fulham (10) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by Thursday, October 12th. Notice of change of rules will be given at the meeting. 2396

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Striking Competition at Stretham

on Saturday, September 30th.

Start 2.30 p.m. prompt. Tea 5.30 p.m. Diocesan Committee meeting after tea. Wilburton bells available for general ringing 6.30–8 p.m. 2399

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Ringing at SS. Peter and Paul's, Rishton (8) on Saturday, October 7th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. (approx.) and after tea until 8 p.m. Cups of tea in the Schoolroom, Harwood Road, at about 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Target methods: Double Norwich and Gainsborough.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 2366

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, October 7th. Bells 8) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 2384

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Kirby Muxloe, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. L. Achurch, Glenfield Lane, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester (Telephone Kirby Muxloe 3479), by Wednesday, October 4th.—Ron Hughes. 2358

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, October 7th, Long Sutton, Lincs. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Rutland S. Major. 2365

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch —Quarterly meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, October 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton, Norwich NOR 37Z. Special method: London.—C. Bird. 2310

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Autumn general meeting, Reading, Saturday, October 7th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Lawrence's Hall. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church 5.45 p.m. Tea tickets 3/3 each. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by Monday, October 2nd. List of towers will be issued with tickets or on receipt of s.a.e.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Islip (6 bells), October 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Litton Cheney, October 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. G. Fry, Springfield, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2339

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Devizes (8), Saturday, October 7th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to F. R. Cannings, 29, Broadleas Road, Devizes, Wilts. 1772

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, October 7th, 4 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea at Rawmarsh at 5.15 p.m. and bells available afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Pilkington, 5, Arthur Place, Rawmarsh, by previous Thursday, please. All welcome. 2374

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Joint meeting with Western Division, Billingshurst (8) on Saturday, October 7th, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service at Horsham 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing Horsham (8) during evening. Names for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham, Sussex.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ten-bell practice for ringers with experience of "inside" ten-bell ringing, Truro Cathedral, October 7th, 5.30–7 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Royal.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 2380

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Selborne and Newton Valence on October 7th. Bells available: Selborne 7–8 p.m., N. Valence 6.30–8 p.m. 2376

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Goodworth Clatford, Sat., Oct. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Dowling, 3, The Crescent, Goodworth Clatford, Andover, by Thursday, October 5th, please. Andover and Goodworth Clatford bells after tea until 9 p.m. 2382

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, Dumbleton (6), Wednesday, October 11th.—W. A. Farmer. 2372

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 14th (please note date). Bells from 2.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by October 11th, please. 2330

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield, October 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at High Ongar (6) after meeting. Names for tea to J. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Canons Lane, Fyfield. 2394

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, October 14th. Tea by kind invitation. Names to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston, by Monday, 9th.—L. Walmsley. 2383

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.2, Saturday, October 14th, 2.30–4.15 p.m. Tea, Fan Makers Hall, 4.30 p.m. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C.2, 6.30–7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please. Please note: October practice. St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, 6.45–8.30 p.m. **not** Kensington.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6 2355

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. G. Brown, 21, Peasecroft Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 11th. 2370

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Practice at St. Peter's, Bolton (the Parish), on Monday, October 2nd, commencing 7 p.m. Visitors very welcome.—J. E. Andrews, Sec. 2401

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 7th, at Aston Cantlow. Bells (6) 3-5.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at Great Alne 6.15. Ringing at Wootton Wawen after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam, Leamington Spa, by Wednesday previous. Special methods: Carlisle Surprise.—R. W. S.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, October 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting and election of officers 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth, **North Shields**, Northumberland. 2408

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TECHNICAL

THE PROOF OF SEVEN PART COMPOSITIONS

By ROGER BALDWIN

THIS article outlines a novel approach to the proof of seven-part compositions, based on the Blue Line system of extracting f.c.e.'s devised by J. Segar. Its advantage lies in its simplicity and in the tremendous savings in labour and time in proving any given composition.

A regular seven-part composition of Surprise Major must contain at least 23 leads per part, and the part end may be any lead end which, when repeated six times, produces rounds: in practice the Plain Bob lead ends are most convenient. Existing methods of proof involve either proving one part against the entire set of leads constituting the peal, or proving any four parts between themselves. In either case an extensive table of the lead ends must be prepared and the labour involved in this and the subsequent search for false leads, or computation of false leads, is quite large. The method of proof outlined here involves the 23 leads of one part only.

Consider a seven-part composition, with part ends 2345678, 3527486, 5738264, etc., and suppose we now write down any lead end at random, say, 6753824, which we suppose to occur somewhere in the first part. At the same place in the remaining six parts, six other leads will occur, all different, which in this case may be obtained by transposing each part end in turn by 6753824. That is, the lead ends corresponding to 6753824 in the other six parts are 3527486 transposed by 6753824, 5738264 transposed by 6753824 and so on, giving the following results:

6753824
4875632
2687453
3468275
5246387
7324568
8532746

Table 1. Examples of the corresponding leads at the same point of a seven-part composition.

We now start breaking fresh ground. For each of the leads of Table 1 write down in turn the positions in which the bells 6, 4, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8 appear. Thus in 6753824 these bells appear in the positions 2, 8, 7, 5, 4, 3, 6. For future reference the sequence 2875436 will be known as the "Transform" of 6753824, and the sequence 6423578, by which the transform was derived, will be known as the "Initial Transform." (It is, of course, the transform of rounds.) The transforms of the leads of Table 1 are:

2875436
6287543
3628754
4362875
5436287
7543628
8754362

Table 2. Transforms of Table 1.

The reason for writing down Table 2 now becomes apparent. Each transform is a cyclic transposition of each of the other transforms. Thus, for example, the third transform 3628754 is the first transform 2875436 transposed by the cyclic transposition 7823456. This now gives us a very powerful tool, because we need to write down just one of the transforms to define the entire set. This is analagous to the way in which we write down a course end, to define the leads of the course, and in just the same way we can write down the "course end" of the cyclic set of transforms (that is 7543628 in the example of Table 2). To summarise then, we can now represent the set of seven corresponding leads of Table 1, the set of leads occurring at the same place in the different parts of a seven-part composition, by a single sequence of seven numbers, the "course end" of the cyclic set of transform, which will be known as the "characteristic transform."

Of course, we can now write down the characteristic transform for all the other leads of the first part, and the cyclic property will hold for the corresponding leads in different parts. Thus we end up with a set of 23 characteristic transforms in place of the 161 leads constituting the peal. Clearly, if two leads of the part have the same characteristic transform then the composition is false.

The above paragraphs describe the basic property of the transform-method of proof of seven parts. What I am proposing is that, instead of working with lead ends, course ends, or coursing orders, as many composers do, we work with the characteristic transforms of the lead ends, and then the cyclic property enables us to check very quickly for falseness. This is a very remarkable property, but it is even more remarkable than appears at first sight, because with an appropriate choice of initial transform, described in the appendix, the cyclic property is quite independent of the part end. In particular, it can be used with equal force in the proof of five-parts.

However, if the transforms are to be of real value we must have means of writing the transforms of successive leads without reference to the leads themselves, and also means of deriving the transforms of the leads false against a given lead from the transform of the lead itself. Given this, we need never write down the actual lead ends that occur in the peal, since each transform can be derived from the transform of the preceding lead. Fortunately there is quite a simple way of doing this which is derived from the following rule:

Suppose we transpose a lead-end which we will call lead A by a transposition B and the result is another lead end, C. Then the transform of C may be obtained by transposing the inverse of B by the transform of A. The inverse of B is that change which, when transposed by B (or vice verse), produces rounds, and may be calculated by writing down in turn the positions in which 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 appear in B. Fortunately, we only have a very small amount of inversion to do to prove a given composition.

Let us now work an example. In a course of Plain Bob, each successive lead is obtained by transposing the previous lead by 3527486. Consider as an example the lead 7863542. The next lead is 7863542 transposed by 3527486, giving 8374625. In the context of the transposition rule given above

A=7863542
B=3527486
C=8374625

and the rule is:

Transform of C=inverse of B×transpose of A
where × means "transposed by"
Now transform of A=4785623
inverse of B=4263857
and therefore
Transform of C=4263857×4785623
=6573842

which can be verified directly by writing down the transform of 8374625 (=C).

The same result would occur had we written the characteristic transform of A (=5623478) instead of the actual transform. The transform of C would then have been 3842657 which is just a cyclic transposition of the previous result, 6573842, and hence has the same characteristic transform.

Bob leads can be treated in the same way, replacing B by 2357486 (for Plain Bob) and the inverse of B is then 2364857. Incidentally, the Q-sets are just those characteristic transforms with the 5, 6, 7 and 8 in identical positions, and the 2, 3, 4 rotated, e.g.: 2563748, 3564728, 4562738 are the transforms of a Q-set. This is of considerable assistance in discovering whether leads can be joined or not.

False leads may also be found directly. Let "f.l.e.'s" denote the set of false leads extracted from the method (as opposed to f.c.e.'s for false course ends). The false leads of a particular lead are found by transposing the lead by the f.l.e.'s of the method and thus in the transposition formula C is a false lead, B is one of the f.l.e.'s and A is the lead itself. Hence the transforms of the false leads are found by transposing the inverses of the f.l.e.'s by the transform of the lead. In compositions of a single method, this inversion is unnecessary, since the set of f.l.e.'s includes, with each f.l.e., its inverse. This does not apply to spliced of course, where each f.l.e. must be inverted.

I will terminate this article by proving a five-course touch of a hypothetical method. This is set out in full: in practice one would only write down the transforms of the leads, and the inverses of the f.l.e.'s, and the plain lead and bob lead transpositions.

Method:
Lead end 4263857.
F.l.e.'s 7463852, 5436728.

Composition:
Part end 3527486.
Calling: Bobs at 1, 3, 5.

Inverses:

	Lead end transposition	Inverse
Plain lead	4263857	3527486
Bob lead	6423857	4537286
F.l.e.'s	7463852	8537426
	5436728	7432568

Initial Transform:
=6423578.

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Transforms of lead ends:

Actual transforms 6423578	Characteristic transforms 6423578
2345786	— 6234578
3527864	6435278
5748623	— 6235748
7826435	2643578
8642357	— 6423578

Since none of the characteristic transforms occur twice, the leads themselves are true.

Transforms of false leads

(Obtained by transposing the inverses of the f.l.e.'s by each characteristic transform of the lead ends in turn.)

1. Obtained from f.l.e. 7463852 (inverse 8537426):

Actual transforms	Characteristic transforms
4385726	5726438
4853726	5372648
4357826	2643578
4857236	5723648
8435726	4357268

2. Obtained from f.l.e. 5436728 (inverse 7432568):

Characteristic transforms (same as actual transforms in this case):

5374268
5743268
5342768
5742638
7534268

We notice that 2643578 occurs as the characteristic transform of one of the lead ends of the touch, and also as the characteristic transform of one of the false leads, and hence the touch is false.

Appendix. Choice of the initial transform. The initial transform is the sequence formed by writing down the bells which occur in a given position, say 2nds place, at successive part ends. It may also be the sequence of bells in 2nds at alternate part ends, or every 3nd part end and so on: it does not matter which is taken, and of course the sequence may be rotated. For example the initial transform for a method with part end 54632 could be any one of the following, or their cyclic transpositions:

25346
23654
35264
56324

For seven-part peals of Major it is convenient to write down the sequence in which 7 and 8 appear in consecutive positions, because then the consecutive positions in the transform of a particular lead give the positions in which 7-8 will appear at that lead in the different parts.

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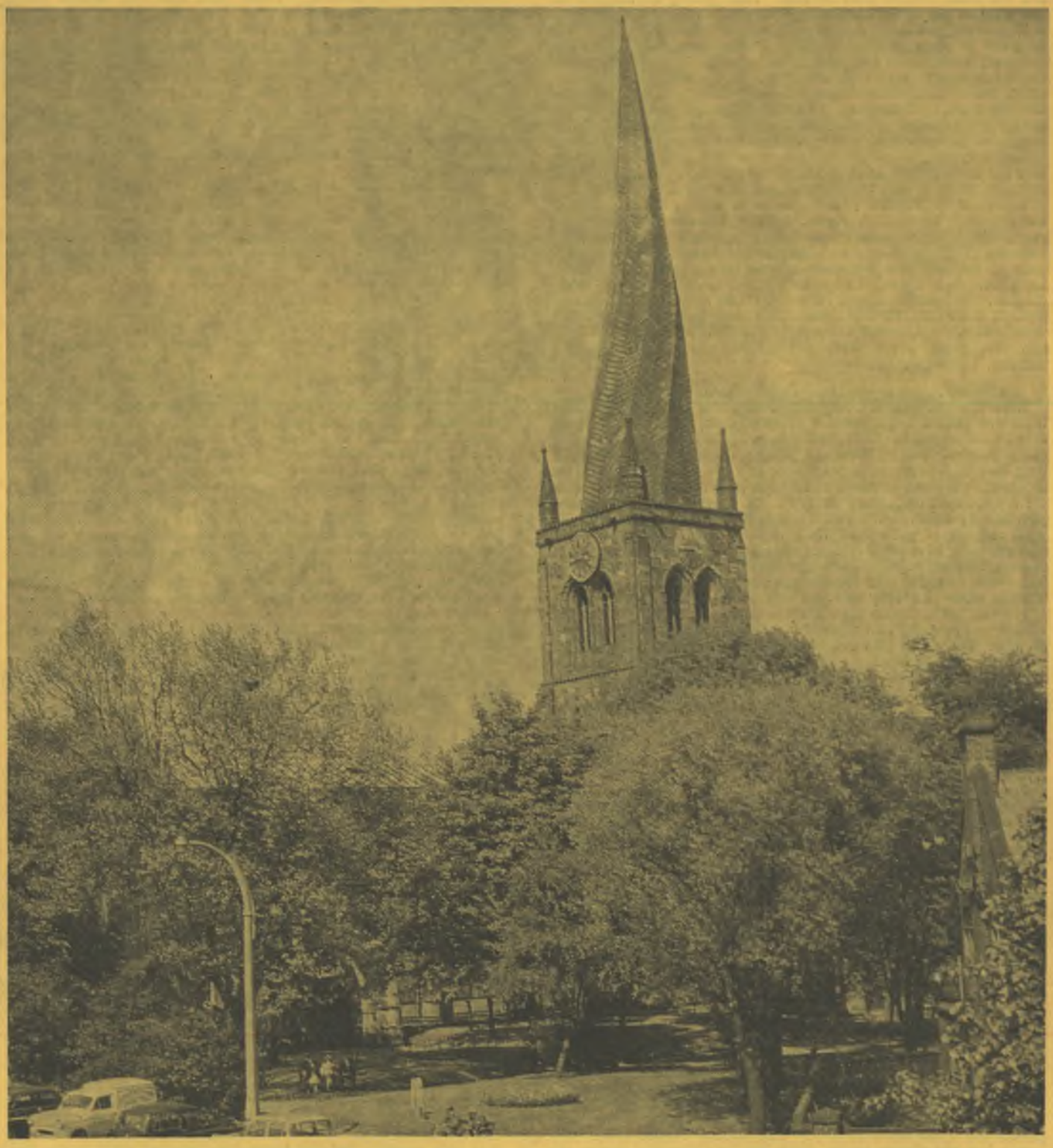

The Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield

POINTS FROM 1966 PEALS—By Canon K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WE now come to peals rung in 1966. During the year, no less than 30 towers appeared for the first time in the peal columns—rather more than usual, I think. And so the number of virgin towers gradually decreases. There are still several hundred left of 6- and 5-bell rings, but quite a number of these are listed as unringable. A rough count shows that there are about 740 towers still without a peal and that (according to Dove's book) nearly 270 of these are unringable. This leaves 470 or so which are, but other factors enter in then. Thus getting on for half of this number are in the call-change areas of the West Country and it is probably unlikely that permission for "scientific" peals will be given on many of them. Actually, when unringable towers are included, there doesn't appear to be a single county which can claim that every one of its towers has had a peal! Several can claim this for all their ringable towers—they are Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and London. Five or six other counties have a single unconquered tower which is not mentioned as unringable. It seems a little surprising they have been left without good reason—I am sure the local ringers know what the reasons are, but it is difficult to do so when writing from a distance, as it were.

To return to the first peal on the bells list. I confirm this in the following towers: St. Agnes, Wotton Underwood, Lamerton, Abingdon (St. Nicholas'), Amblecote (a new ring), Bratton Fleming, Calgary (Canada), Ludgershall (Bucks), Malmesbury (one of the last few 8-bell towers to have a first peal), Leck, Langtree, West Down, Lyng (Somerset), Lydiard Tregoz, Wardington, Yarcombe, Harby, Padstow, Great Wishford, St. Endellion, St. Kew, St. Minver, Horfield, Hathorn (a new eight), Lodsworth, Melbury Osmund, Thursby. The following seem to have had first peals which were not claimed as such: Odcombe, Talaton, Tibberton, Thurston.

INFREQUENT VISITORS TO PEAL COLUMNS

Since a whole year is being considered, it is not surprising that there are quite a large number of infrequent visitors to the peal columns to mention. Only one, however, had not been seen for more than 50 years—Winsham, where the last peal had been rung in 1911. There were peals here in 1894 (two) and 1910. St. George-in-the-East, London, last had a peal in 1922. Before that there had been three rung in 1907. Of course, this tower has a peal history of over 200 years, although there has never been a great number of peals rung there (I have only 32 in all). Now that the bells have been restored we shall, no doubt, see it appear more frequently again. Both Kelmarsh and Hanmer were last mentioned in 1924. The former had peals also in 1905 and 1910, but the latter had only had this one previously.

The remaining towers were all last heard in peals in the 1930's. I confirm the claim that East Harptree had its last previous peal in 1930. There was also one here in 1924. Likewise Hopton and Stourton last appeared in 1930. The former had had peals in 1905 (two), 1912 and 1913 and the latter just one in 1927. Last heard in 1931 is Burrington, with previous peals in 1909 and 1930. Mitcheldean also, with a peal total now of eight spread over the years from 1887. St. Budeaux had its previous peal in 1933 with two before that in 1927 and 1931, whilst Manaccan's and Corfe's only peals before the 1966 ones were in 1935 and 1936 respectively.

Five towers last had peals in 1937. I confirm this in the case of Assington, where there had been peals also in 1910 and 1933. The other towers are Butterwick (where a burst of activity from 1926 to 1937 produced 24 peals—the only one before these being 6,000 Doubles in 25 methods in 1896), Thornford (peals also in 1935 and 1936), Witchampton (the only previous peal) and Bradford Abbas (one other peal in 1931). Towers last having peals in 1938 were Gosport (with only one before then in 1897), Mendlesham (peals also in 1902, 1927 and 1928), Lower Peover (the only previous peal) and Streatham (Emmanuel Church). In the latter case, there is a list of peals going back just over 100 years (the first was in 1865). From 1865 to the end of the century, 18 peals were rung, spread out over the years. From 1901 to 1914, I have 13 peals, and then eight between the wars from 1919 to 1938. So the grand total is now 40. One other tower was last heard before the second war—Drayton Parslow in 1939. There was also a peal here in 1938.

TOWER RECORDS

Turning now to milestones in a tower's peal record, we find that Loughborough Bell Foundry makes its customary annual appearance (annual because I note every 50 peals, and that is about the number rung annually on the average). The total passed the 1,200 mark in 1966. The leading church tower also comes into the picture again—Erith had its 650th peal during the year. Details of the peals here have appeared on several occasions and so I will not comment further.

Since "Bell News" commenced publication, both Leicester Cathedral and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, have appeared 300 times in the peal columns. All the former's 300 peals have been rung this century, mainly due to the efforts of the late H. J. Poole. Both towers had earlier peals (I have 11 at Leicester and 22 at St. Peter's), so the actual totals are somewhat higher. In the latter's case, peal ringing activity was nearly as great in the 1880's as in the 1960's (only 29 peals were rung between 1900 and 1940), which is a little unusual. There were also two towers which reached the 200 peal mark in 1966. They were Grundisburgh and Netherton. At the former, the first peal was rung in 1891 and at the latter, 1888. In their early days, Netherton was a much more popular tower than Grundisburgh. Thus there had been more than 50 peals there by 1914 and only 12 at the latter, which only really "got going" in the 1930's. Netherton passed the 100 just before the second war, but Grundisburgh had to wait until 1953 to do so. Since then, of course, we see the name "Grundisburgh" more frequently than "Netherton". Actually, it was in 1961 that Grundisburgh caught up, so numbers must have been pretty equal since then.

Reaching the 150 peal mark in 1966 were Spalding, High Wycombe and Putney. In all three, early peals are included in this total. There is little to note about these towers except to say that at the second, 87 of the peals have been of Stedman. The third tower is enjoying a tremendous revival at the moment—50 peals since 1960! There was another good period at the end of the last century—50 peals from 1884 to 1900.

THE CENTURY MARK

Several towers knocked up their century, only one of which claimed the fact—Harrow Weald, which I can confirm. The others were Withyham; St. Peter's, Derby; Hanbury; All Saints', Pontefract; Heptonstall; Greasley; Farnworth-with-Kearsley; Pinchbeck; and a 6-bell tower—Bunwell. Leatherhead and St. Peter's, St. Albans, also had their names in the columns for the 100th time, but earlier peals (19 at the former and 14 at the latter) make their totals higher. As it happened, it was the long peal at Hanbury which was the 100th peal. I am not counting the one early "peal" I have come across at this tower—it was a "peal" of Grandsire Triples in 1848 which did not have a Single in it!

Many of these towers have very similar histories. Thus Bunwell, Farnworth, Hanbury, Heptonstall and Pinchbeck all had their first peals round about the end of the last century and had peal totals of 15 to 25 by the end of the 1920's. In most cases there was a slightly increased activity in the 1930's, but in all of them the bulk of the peals have been rung in the last 20 years. I notice that at Bunwell, only three of the peals were of Doubles and that only once has there been a peal in more than seven Minor methods (12 methods). Derby, St. Peter's, had almost exactly half its peals from 1906 to 1929, only one peal in the 1930's and the remaining 50 or so since 1945—quite a symmetrical pattern! Although the first peal at Harrow Weald was in 1901, only four more were rung before the last war—all in the 1930's. Thus 95 of the total have come from 1947 onwards. Withyham had six before 1914, commencing in 1902, 30 between the wars and the remainder since, mostly in the last ten years, for it is a frequent visitor to the peal lists at present. Greasley didn't have its first peal until 1926 and has been pretty consistent since—37 peals between then and 1939 (i.e., in 13 years) and 67 from 1943 to 1966. Only one or two years did not have a peal.

Quite a large number of towers reached 50 during the year—too many to say much about individually. They are (roughly in order of when the 50th peal was rung) Daventry, Chewton Mendip, Rochester Cathedral, Godstone, Oxford (St. Thomas'), Little Aston, Long Ashton (I confirm their claim), Lichfield Cathedral, Frampton, Penkridge, Darlington (St. Cuthbert's), Hemingbrough, Gosberton, West Wickham, Chiswick, Beccles, Leyton, Hoghton, Old Warden, Withycombe Raleigh (claim confirmed), East Grinstead, Doncaster, Heywood and King's Lynn (St. Margaret's). In the 1965 list I omitted Longney in the 50 peal list through a miscalculation. This tower is going great guns at the moment for although it has taken 100 years to reach the 50, the present rate of peals is six or seven a year. All but the first peal at St. Thomas', Oxford, have been rung since the last war. The first was in 1889, so there was nearly a 60-year gap before the second peal.

For a 10-bell tower, Beccles has had to wait a long time before the 50 came up. The first peal was in 1779—Bob Royal, and actually only seven of the peals have not been on ten bells. Thirty-four of Hoghton's 50 were rung between the two wars and it is only recently that this tower has appeared again in the lists. Withycombe Raleigh's effort is of interest. All the 39 peals rung

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THE BELLS OF CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH

[Extract from Ford's "History of Chesterfield" in the 1800's.]

In December, 1774, the church's eight bells were hung anew and the sixth bell was newly cast. In 1820 a new ring of six bells was put up in the tower of the church; the cost was between £400 and £500. The bells are considered a very excellent and musical ring and reflect the highest credit on Mr Mears, the founder, and Mr. Hanson, the bell hanger. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt 2 qr.

The opening of the bells took place on Monday, May 22nd, in the same year by the undermentioned Societies, who each performed as follows:—

First.—The Society from Oldham, Lancashire, rang a complete peal of 5,147 Grandsire Caters.

Second.—The Society at the Parish Church, Sheffield, completed a peal of 5,003 Grandsire Caters

Third.—A miscellaneous band from the Societies of Leeds, Wakefield, Sheffield Independents and others performed a complete peal of New Treble Bob Royal consisting of 5,180 changes. This finished the first day's ringing.

On Tuesday morning the Ashton-under-Lyne company ascended the tower and rang a complete peal of 5,000 and upwards of Grandsire Caters. After them the Nottingham Society of Sherwood Youths performed a peal of 5,364 Grandsire Caters, and lastly the Society from Mottram, Cheshire, performed a peal of 5,000 and upwards of Grandsire Caters. This concluded the whole, each company having completed their peals at the first attempt, which is an achievement never before performed in the annals of ringing.

The following inscriptions were found on the bells when they were taken down:—

Treble.—"Many friends are numbered."—George Swift, P. Aldeborc, Church Wardens, 1718.

Second.—"The praise of the Lord flourishes by our motions." 1700.

Third.—"Sweetly tolling, men to call,
To taste on meats that feed the soul."
—George Oldfield, 1612.

Fourth.—"Jesus be our speed." 1612.

Fifth.—"God save this church." 1612.

Sixth.—John Wood Vicar, H. Withers. R. Marsden—Churchwardens. Thomas Hilton of Wath, Founder. 1774.

Seventh.—George Shaw, Peter Dowker—friends to this bell. Anthony Legat, Will Holland, Wardens. 1661

Tenor.—"Let this bell be made sacred by the Blessed Trinity." This bell was the oldest in the tower.

1295 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By F. E. DARBY

23456789	
62354978	1, 4s
25364879	2s, 3, 4
32564978	1, 3, 4s
43265879	1, 3
24365978	1, 3, 4s
32465879	1, 3, 4s
23564978	1, 3, 5s
23465879	1, 3, 5.
42365978	1, 3, 4s
34265879	1, 3, 4s
23465978	1, 3, 4s
42365879	1, 3, 4s
42563978	1, 3, 5
(34265879)	1, 3

NOTED CHESTERFIELD RINGER

ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS

Born May 26th, 1892. Died Sept. 3rd, 1967

AN APPRECIATION

The passing of Arthur Percival Knights is the end of a great Chesterfield ringing family.

I first met Percy in 1921, when I came to Chesterfield, and had many years of ringing with him and his father and brother, Ben.

Percy had the misfortune to be hit by the deep depression of the early 1920's and therefore knew little prosperity. Being a fellow ringer I was in a position to give him the help he needed, so creating a bond of friendship which lasted through the years, years in which I found Percy to be as reliable at work as he was in the ringing world.

I had the pleasure of ringing with him in peals on six to twelve bells, many of which he conducted.

TREBLE BOB EXPERTS

It is well known that the Knights family were Treble Bob experts and rang many of their compositions. I had the honour of being one of the "band" of that time and Percy was the one to get the bells and band together, for which there was always full support. The standard of ringing had to be high, or everyone had the lash of Percy's tongue.

The peals were mostly for the M.C.A. in Derbyshire, the Yorkshire Association if in Yorkshire, and the Sheffield District Society. I don't know how many peals he rang or conducted, but it was a good many.

In the passing of Percy, another great ringer and conductor has left us, and to me the passing of a great friend.

F. A. ADAMS.

NEW QUARTER STARTS WITH THIS ISSUE

(See page 717)

SOME UNPUBLISHED COMPOSITIONS

by ARTHUR KNIGHTS

5,024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(with 480 variations)

(No. 369)

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	—	2	2
35426	1	—		2
63254		—	2	2
36452		—	1	2
62453	1			2
54263	1	—		2
45362		—	1	2
52364	2	—	1	2
24365	1			2
63425			2	2
56234		—	2	2
64235	1			2
62345			1	2
25346	1			2
23456			1	2

5th and 6th extent in 5–6.

The alternative calling can be used as follows:

Courses	Changes
5th	5088
5th, 15th	5152
5th, 11th	5120
5th, 11th, 15th ..	5184
5th, 11th, 12th ..	5184
5th, 11th, 12th, 15th	5248
5th 12th	5152
5th, 12th, 15th ..	5216
11th	5056
11th, 15th	5120
11th, 12th	5120
11th, 12th, 15th ..	5184
12th	5088
12th, 15th	5152
15th	5088

480 variations.

5,248 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(with 392 variations)

(No. 38)

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	—	2	2
36452	2	—		2
34562			1	2
43265	2			2
42635	1	—	2	2
36245	1	—		2
25463	2	—	2	2
24653	1	—	2	2
32546	2		1	2
35426	1	—	2	2
63254	2		1	2
52364			2	2
34625	2	—	2	2
23456	2		2	2

5th and 6th extent in 5–6.
11 of the 12 8–6's.

The alternative calling can be used as follows:

Courses	Changes
5th	5184
5th, 11th	5152
5th, 7th	5120
5th, 7th, 11th ..	5088
5th, 7th, 10th	5056
5th, 7th, 10th, 11th	5024
7th	5184
7th, 11th	5152
7th, 8th, 10th	5056
7th, 8th, 10th, 11th	5024
7th, 10th	5120
7th, 10th, 11th ..	5088
11th	5216

392 variations.

THE DURHAM FESTIVAL

90 YEARS ON AND OPTIMISTIC AS TO FUTURE

THE 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Church Bell Ringers was marked by a big assembly of ringers at Durham on September 23rd. The day started with ringing. There were two peal attempts at Darlington, one of which was successful, and College Youths, headed by their Master, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Newcastle Cathedral. Many towers were also open.

The service of thanksgiving at Durham Cathedral was heralded by a service touch of Stedman Triples in which the band was composed of descendants of the founders of 90 years ago. They were W. Tyson, the Association's president (father a member); Roland Parke, the conductor (father and grandfather); Philip Parke (father, grandfather and great grandfather); Ian Wintrip (mother); Jack Anderson (father and uncle); Iris Anderson (father); Peter Wishart (father); and Tom M. Cox (grandfather).

The service, which was incorporated with the Cathedral Evensong, was held in the choir and was set to Stalham in E. The opening hymn was "Unchanging God who lives!" and the anthem "Call to Remembrance" (Batteshill). Handbells were introduced and these were rung by representatives of youth—Ann and Enid Lawson, Malcolm Johnson and Andrew Craddock. The striking was in keeping with the occasion.

A VOICE WHICH SAYS NOTHING

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the president of the Central Council, preached, taking as his text "God shall come and shall not keep silence" (Psalm 50, 3), and he brought to that 90th anniversary service the good wishes of the ringers of the English speaking world.

"From this service," said the Canon, "there is one activity which goes forth into the world, which presses its attentions on all people, a voice which says in a sense nothing, for it has no words, and for this very reason says everything for it is not limited by words, and that is the sound of the bells. They can do one thing of immense importance for all that hear: they can make people think.

"There is a question which presses itself on everyone 'What am I for?' It is the plain man's equivalent of the scholar's debate on the meaning and belief in God. Am I a work of art or a work of chance? This is the belief or unbelief in God to me.

"Today men face the question, not just of belief in God as discussed by wise men, but of the direction and purpose of life. You who ring may be the unknowing means of leading men to think, face life's meaning, to its final explanation. It may often be your personal wish merely to ring in a new tower, to attempt a new method, to complete a new peal. But the result of your day's work may be to achieve something far deeper than you will ever know, in the soul of many an inquirer. God shall come and shall not keep silence He may come through your efforts."

The Cathedral bells were again rung after the service.

THE DINNER

The commemoration dinner followed in the hall of St. Aiden's College, a company of 175 attending.

Canon Thurlow, who was accompanied by Mrs. Thurlow who is a graduate of Durham, presided over a distinguished company that included the Bishop of Durham and Mrs. Ian I. Ramsey, the Provost of Newcastle (the Very Rev. C. C. Wolters), Mr. Vernon Bottomley, secretary of the Central Council and president of the neighbouring Yorkshire Association, and Mrs. Bottomley, Mr. R. S. Anderson convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, and Mr. Alan Frost, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. With them on the top table were leading officials of the Association and their wives, upon whom much of the organisation fell—Messrs. William Tyson (president), Denis A. Bayles (secretary) and Kenneth Arthur (Ringing Master).

Following the loyal toast, Mr. E. Peter Rock proposed "The Church." "Although we are servants of the Church," he said, "we all get a great deal of pleasure from what is an enthralling hobby. Campanology was one of the choicest of hobbies and in practising our art we do as Dorothy Sayers said: 'Make one great noise to the glory of God.'"

In a reference to the two Cathedrals connected with the Association Mr. Rock pointed out that while Durham had the age and grandeur as a building when they turned to the bells of Newcastle it was a different thing and they were all very pleased that the peal was successful there that day.

The Lord Bishop, in his reply, said he thought of a bell as symbolising their involvement in the life of society around them. Bells were associated with great occasions, both family as in weddings and funerals and also in expressing great events of the Church and State.

Secondly the bell was a challenge. It said to the church that it must be involved with the society around them and was also a challenge to the many problems of belief which bewilder so many.

The Provost of Newcastle also replied.

The toast of "The Durham and Newcastle Association" was proposed by Mr. Vernon Bottomley, who said the presence of so many visitors was an indication of the esteem with which their Association was held right through the country. The prosperity the Association enjoys was a tribute to those early pioneers—Bill Barber and the Gofton family.

NEED—LEADERS AND TEACHERS

Mr. Bottomley expressed the view that it was doubtful if ringing would have survived were it not for the Associations and "The Ringing World." The greatest need of the Exercise today was for leaders and teachers. Leaders were born not made, but their parents were more likely to be developed within the framework of the Associations and it was gratifying to see that Durham and Newcastle was a pioneer in sponsoring instructional courses.

One significant thing was to look forward to 1977 . "and as you drink this toast remember all those who are and were in this Association and resolve that you will pass on the spirit you have had the good fortune to inherit."

In his reply, as secretary, Mr. Denis Bayles reviewed the happenings in the last 10 years. As to peals Cambridge Surprise Maximus had for the first time been rung and London Royal by a nearly all resident band; there had also been new record lengths of 15,520 Yorkshire S. Major on tower bells and 8,064 Plain Bob Major on handbells.

One important change had been made in their name and with it the corresponding changes in the rules regarding qualifications for membership. They now welcomed the call change ringer into the Association with the revised preface reading: "While the Association is especially concerned to promote scientific change ringing, it does not despise the contribution of the call change ringer." This was surely better than the earlier words: "To promote the study and practice of scientific change ringing, as distinguished from the dull, spiritless and ignorable performance known as 'call changes' and thus to elevate and improve the mental capacity of the ringer, while furthering the development of a beautiful science, which is peculiarly and exclusively British in origin"

Restorations had been carried out during this period at Benfieldside, Gosforth, Sanfield and Winlahon, but against this they had to record the loss of St. Mary's Gateshead as an eight due to the 7th bell being badly cracked. Looking ahead there were good prospects for augmentation at Shincliffe and restoration at Newburn and Sedgefield. They were pleased to record the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Association and Shildon tower since the change of incumbent. Present day ringers from this tower were with them that evening and a former Shildon ringer Mr. J. H. Lenton, who became a member in 1902.

"A WONDERFUL HERITAGE"

Although the Association has been getting older the average age of its members had been greatly reduced. Youth had been much in evidence, and especially at Christmas parties and ringing courses at Lumley Castle which had been innovations of this period. Concluding Mr. Bayles said: "I believe that we have a wonderful heritage from the past and that the Association is in good heart for the future. It is very encouraging to have received such wonderful support for these 90th anniversary celebrations."

Mr. Kenneth Arthur proposed "The Press" and extended a welcome to Mr. E. Pannell, editor of "The Darlington and Stockton Times." The ringing Exercise, he said, did owe its present position to the ringing press. There was "The Bell News" from 1880 and then "The Ringing World." They were grateful to the work of Hervey Reeves and Jack Goldsmith. It was gratifying to him to learn that the circulation of the "R.W." that week exceeded 6,000.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in reply, said he had many nostalgic memories of some of those who laid the foundations of the Association. Lyn Routledge, Billie Story, Joe Keen, Joe Parker. Bill Barber and Alder Gofton. It was nearly 45 years since he was elected a member of the Association and he rang his first peal—Stedman Triples—at first attempt at Gosforth on March 17th, 1923.

"The Ringing World" has undoubtedly of late been one of the main talking points in the Exercise. At Bath, the committee was increased by two members, who promptly resigned 12 months after at Nottingham. "I did not then and I do not now propose to use a public forum as a battleground, except

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DURHAM FESTIVAL—Continued.

to say, that their resignations were only received by the secretary the evening before the Council meeting. Whether or not their actions were designed to throw the Council into confusion, I will not speculate. Suffice to say, that 'The Ringing World' continues to be published each week, and circulation is increasing."

"DO NOT LET US DOWN"

"You will have read, that from now until Christmas, there is to be a 20 page issue, including a coloured cover each week. Continuance of the paper in this style depends on you Increased circulation will pay the extra cost involved, and I personally hope and believe you will not let us down. A number of Associations are contributing to the extra cost, by paying for the first page block and by taking copies for sale at meetings. This is a project of the editor, and I ask that all Associations support us in this way, for special commemorative occasions, as did the Durham and Newcastle Association. It has been estimated that this venture may cost us £280, but we as a committee hope, that by increased sales, the figure will be less .... I believe that the majority of our readers feel they are getting value for money. Ninepence a week—the price of three tipped cigarettes—is not a lot to pay to get news of what is happening to ringing and ringers throughout the country."

The concluding toast, "The Visitors," was proposed by Mr. W. Tyson. Among those he mentioned were Messrs. Alan J. Frost, Alan Ainsworth, Rev. Frederick Ross, Alan Pattinson, Mr. and Mrs. Street and Mrs. Joyce Dobbs.

Reply was by the Master of the College Youths who, the chairman announced, was advising about St. George's, Jesmond. Mr. Frost said he was surprised at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, to read a notice in the porch: "There is a doctor in attendance at every service." In this part of the country where they had fewer towers than many parts of the country, the bells seemed to be more appreciated He thought they did a very good job in having so few silent towers.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the many who had contributed to the success of the 90th anniversary celebration was proposed by the chairman

Interludes were provided between speeches by handbell ringing by the Lawson family from Ormesby and by College Youths.

Vicar on Sponsored 1,000 Miles Ride

The Randwick (Glos) ringers wish the sponsored cyclists well for the Truro to Thurso tour (details given last week). Left to right: Mrs. S. M. Morrison, M. Simpson (tower captain), Preston Pegler (cyclist), Brian Pegler, R. ("Dick") Barnett, Rev. and Hon. N. R. Morrison (Vicar), E. ("Ted") Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison's four children: John (4 on October 2nd), Neil (5), Mary (7) and Hugh (2) may possibly one day make up a family peal!

The journey is already worth over £200 if completed. With £500 the existing bells could be rehung on ball bearings and the two new trebles (one of which is being donated) provided. Mr. Preston Pegler, assistant leader, Randwick Youth Club, is accompanying the Vicar for the first three days.

[Photo: S. Hook, Randwick.

WITS "SHARPENED" AT CHELTENHAM

The week-end of September 15th–17th was something of an experiment for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The venue was St. Anne's Diocesan House in Cheltenham, the exact location of which is still a mystery to some members of the gathering. However, Friday evening saw the arrival of some 40 ringers, mainly members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After an adequate supper, those of us who were not already with Fred Sharpe soon found out what we had been missing. He treated us to an absorbing talk illustrated with some of his collection of slides, entitled "Bells and Their History." One sinner admitted afterwards that he had prepared himself for one and a quarter hours of boredom, but has now joined the Fred Sharpe fan club. Came 9.30 and a nightcap was enjoyed (tea—much to the disappointment of the alcoholics amongst us !).

Saturday dawned grey, in direct contrast to the mood of the members of the course, whose appetites had been "sharpened" the evening before. After a breakfast of two lonely sausages, Cyril Wratten proceeded to explain some of the mysteries of method construction —more of this for our learners, please ! The rest of the morning was occupied with such diverse subjects as conducting (very basic), learning change ringing (even more basic), rope splicing, which was very popular (despite the fact that Fred Scudamore taught no one to make a noose), and belfry maintenance.

Saturday afternoon was spent in the belfry and this may have been more useful had there been a backbone of experienced ringers. The evening's activities included an exhibition of tune ringing on handbells by Fred Sharpe and a team of inexperienced course members, whose inexperience was soon translated into some quite recognisable tunes in four-part harmony (mediæval scales and all). After supper the organisers of the course were surprised to find that the Open Forum, instead of being the succession of painful silences that they had expected, turned into 55 minutes' interesting and controversial discussion on ringing topics.

Sunday passed in similar vein and most people were quite sorry when 4.30 came and they had to return to their respective towers to try and put some of their newly-acquired knowledge into practice.

This was a very successful course, well organised and enthusiastically supported. Anyone who learned nothing must be very difficult to teach ! Our sincere thanks are due to all those who contributed to the organisation and lecturing, particularly the Queen Bee, Mary Bliss, and Marjorie Wratten, her excellent domestic assistant.

J. H. T. and G. M. R.

FROM DOWN UNDER

HANDBELL PROGRESS AT PERTH

Tony Mann, in a letter from Perth, W.A., which he describes as the most isolated capital in the world, writes that the bells are not going the best now, and a committee has been formed, with Jenny Lees as convener, to get cracking with the restoration work. Fifteen thousand dollars is the minimum amount required so we hope for progress soon in that direction.

Two quarters of Major have been rung recently and the local band all rang very well. We find that if the ringers of 7 and 8 over pull at any time the front three drop like stones, so a reasonable pace must be set.

Handbells are my worry, although these Australians can pick things up. We ring courses of Grandsire Caters in the Cathedral now and again for exhibition and they are struck very well. The Friday band has reached short touches of eight-spliced Plain Major, which from scratch in nine months is a credit to them. We join Eileen Palin now for Bob Royal and have rung touches of 540 and 360 We expect Tom Goodyer in a month's time for a holiday, and I hope we shall have more for you.

Letters to the Editor

142 DOUBLES PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—Mr. David has kindly drawn my attention to the fact that there was a false exten. in the peal of 142 Doubles methods/variations which was rung at Staunton-on-Wye on August 10th. I therefore withdraw the peal with apologies to all concerned. I also apologise to Mr Dawson for overlooking his peal of 180 methods/variations.

Since so many people are now interested in this type of ringing I wonder if Mr. Dawson would be kind enough to submit the figures for some of the 120's he conducted, so that they may be published in "The Ringing World." Perhaps the figures for extents 40 and 42 of his peal would prove most useful.

In addition, when variations are rung to a peal which have not been published in "The Ringing World' Doubles collection, may we please be told what they are. Many of the names which Mr Jones has so kindly given in his recent letter, although used for previous peals, have only now revealed their identity. Incidentally, is it Iffley or is it Landsdowne Parva?—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Glasbury-on-Wye.

ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. H. V. Frost's letter. When I read Mr. Hibbert's I was sure he had confused St Dunstan-in-the-East with the one in the west because in 1910 the late Mr James E. Davis was asked to provide a band to ring at the latter for the Lord Mayor's Show Nobody could ever remember them being rung and when he made an inspection he found the bells and bearings in such a bad state that to attempt to ring them without a lot of repair work would have been an impossibility.

Mr. Frost could be right about some ringing there thirty years or so ago. At that time I used to meet a local clergyman, Mr Southgate, frequently during the winter months. When he was appointed Rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, knowing he had done a little ringing in his college days, I told him about the bells there and said what a pity it was they were never rung.

My father told me many years ago that he once rang there with the Cumberlands in 1880, when he first came to London. The Law Courts were opened about that time and I have wondered sometimes if complaints from Judges or barristers caused ringing there to cease.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

SUSPENSE

Dear Sir,—It was most unfair of Little John not to tell us whether old George got his last peal or not. I am suffering greatly from that dangerous disease commonly known as suspense. If Little John could just enlighten us over this subject, I should be miraculously cured.—Yours sincerely,

GILLIAN M. RICHARDSON.

Haresfield, Glos.

UNRINGABLE INCUMBENTS

Dear Sir,—As a ringable Vicar may I just complete the picture painted by Mr. Dove and Mr. Dodd by saying that not only are there unringable Vicars and P.C.C.'s, there are also unringable ringers!—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL.

Long Sutton

THE PYES ON HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. E. W Pye's letter on page 674 and though I did not take part in Surprise peals "in hand" I rang in many peals with the five Pyes between 1910 and 1920, viz. 40 "in hand" and 15 on tower bells. W. Pye was in 42, G R. Pye 42, Ernest 31, Alfred 2 and L. A. Pye 1. The numbers were Stedman Cinques 27, Stedman Caters 17, Kent (on 8, 10 and 12) 5, Double Norwich 3, two of which were "in hand" with W. Keeble on 5-6 All peals "in hand" were umpired in accordance with Central Council condition 7 on page 21 of the handbook, which seems out of fashion these days.

Time passes along quickly and at 84 I find my last peal "in hand" was 43 years ago and my last tower peal 20 years ago.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

PLAIN BOB SINKS

Dear Sir,—Plain Bob is the foundation of our science of change ringing. From its simple rules have evolved the intricacies of so many of our advanced methods. How often, too, has its dodges formed a stumbling block for the beginner!

This was discovered very early on and the usual trip of "crunch" in 3–4 was given the name of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (?). This has ensured the survival of this irregular method.

It took a certain Yorkshireman to discover (with delight?) that you can "crunch" in 5–6 on higher numbers. Hence Hunslet! These have, I believe, even been combined with successive adjacent places in 3–4 and 5–6!

Now surely it must be a subtle C.N.D. action to call the 7–8 adjacent place Major, Aldermaston! Irregular, three blows in succession in 8ths, either side of the lead-end—and the delights of 8–7's at backstroke! Such is progress!—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

K.C.A. TEACHING MEETING AT TONBRIDGE

Fifty sat down to tea at the Waterside Café, Tonbridge, on September 9th, when a joint meeting of the Lewisham and Tonbridge Districts was held There was no speechifying—not even a formal vote of thanks to the hard-working organisers. The whole day had been devoted to a teaching campaign. Half the party had visited four towers and the other half a different four

All converged for tea and took part in ringing at Tonbridge afterwards. Much good work was done, and although the experienced ringers went home tired they had the satisfaction of knowing that the whole time had been spent in teaching rather than the usual time-wasting diversions that so regularly attend ringing affairs.

Earlier in the year a day's ringing school was arranged jointly by the two Districts in the Lewisham area, and this second function was arranged in the Tonbridge District as a suitable follow-up

Walter Dobbie and his companions on the joint committee are to be congratulated on the excellence of their arrangements.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 24,119 Grandsire Caters on October 21st, 1967 at St Laurence's Church Appleton, starting at 6 a.m

The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN R. WHITE.

Appleton.

24,119 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By ALBERT M. TYLER

23456789					
32456987	1	3	4		
25436	2	3	4		
42536	1	2	3		
64235	1	2	3s		
23495678			3s	4	
52394	1	2	3s		
45293	1	2	3s		
34592	1	2	3s		
53492	1	2	3		
25394	1	2	3s		
42593	1	2	3s		
54293	1	2	3		
25493	1	2	3		
32594	1	2	3s		
43295	1	2	3s		
24395	1	2	3		
32495	1	2	3		
53294	1	2	3s		
45392	1	2	3s		
24593	1	2	3s		
52493	1	2	3		
35294	1	2	3s		
43592	1	2	3s		
54392	1	2	3		
35492	1	2	3		
23594	1	2	3s		
42395	1	2	3s		
34295	1	2	3		
34295678					
24536978	1		4		
45236		A			
54236879	1	3	4		
42536		A			
52643	1s		4		
26543		A			
62543978	1	3	4		
25643		A			
65324	1s		4		
53624		A			
35624879	1	3	4		
56324		A			
36452	1s		4		
64352		A			
46352978	1	3	4		
63452		A			
43265	1s		4		
32465		A			
23465879	1	3	4		
34265		A			

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NASH, MON.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Bennett 1, Gillian Colleypriest 2, R. J. Hall 3, P. Williams 4, J. Prytherch 5, D. Phillips (cond.) 6.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Mr. T. J. Lock's Tour in Yorkshire

FRESH ground in that expansive county of Yorkshire was chosen for this year's annaual tour and reunion. The week is a reunion as the party gathers from such distant counties as Derbyshire, Devon, Durham and Sussex. There were also representatives from the Cathedral bands at Birmingham, Chichester, Derby, Exeter, Newcastle upon Tyne and St. Albans. Owing to distance to travel, on the first Saturday for the southerners a peal was arranged at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, beyond the Yorkshire border, and in the end we were indebted to two local ringers, T. Cooke and E Pannell, for standing in to make up. However, the method and the performance were an adequate introduction to the week which followed and suitable to be recorded as a birthday compliment to Pat Halls, who with her two children remained with the party for the first half of the week

For Sunday service ringing the party scattered around to such towers as York and Beverley Minsters, Kirkby Moorside and Scarborough. At this latter place the ringing chamber is most inviting with the sallies in blue, green and yellow spirals to match the decoration of the room. Although no arrangements had been made to visit the tower, we were saddened to learn that little activity goes on at Malton Parish Church, where £1,000 was spent on restoration work about ten years ago.

MAXIMUS FOR FIRST TIME

On Monday, August Bank Holiday, morning one band visited Goole but after three-quarters of an hour of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods the rope of the treble slipped wheel. This unexpected occurrence caused an inspection to be made and as no reason could be found it was decided that the Romans would have the best phrase to describe it. The other band visited St. Augustine's, Hedon, known as King of the Holderness, where an extent of Rutland Surprise Major proved a suitable method for the bells. A late afternoon start for a peal at Holy Trinity, Hull, fitted in very nicely and other than to the most discerning, a very creditable performance resulted in a peal of Maximus being rung on this series of annual tours for the first time.

One peal attempt in a nearby tower, Norton, on Tuesday morning was completed with satisfaction whilst the remainder of the party visited St. Peter's, Harrogate. In the afternoon two peal attempts were also satisfactorily performed. At Collingham, a lively and musical peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on these well cared for bells, which were installed 60 years ago last May. Two members of the local band met us here and they both fully deserve being mentioned in this report. Mr. C. Hague has completed 58 years, and Mr. W Scheerer has completed 50 years, of faithful and conscientious duty at Collingham, so on behalf of the ringing Exercise we wish them many more years of active service. At Tadcaster York Surprise Major was well rung, which earned a few asterisks for "first in the method."

NO HANDBELLS

We said goodbye to the Talbot Hotel, Malton (where, incidentally, one of the notices reads: "If it is desired to evacuate the premises the warning will be given by ringing a handbell"—so that prevented us from bringing out our own set of handbells) on Wednesday morning, the numerical larger of two contingents journeying to Carlton-in-Cleveland, where a change in method from that programmed proved beneficial, as a good peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. The smaller contingent visited the six-bell tower of All Saints', Hovingham. After the successful conclusion of ringing seven extents of Minor, the band was met by the Vicar, who generously supplied us with liquid refreshment, and Mr. Bishop, at which time it was confirmed that there is no local record of a peal having previously been rung on these bells. It was noted that the present bells were cast in 1878, being increased to six and installed with new fittings in a new wooden frame by J. Taylor, and later, in 1953, hung on ball bearings. So presumably there were bells in the tower before the casting or even recasting of the then existing bells.

In the afternoon, a journey north-eastward took us to our second seaside resort, Whitby, where it was really pleasant to take refuge in St. Mary's ringing chamber away from the crowded streets. But hundreds of people, we hope, must have been attracted by our efforts in ringing Yorkshire Surprise Royal. This success enabled us to complete peals in even-bell methods from Minor to Maximus. With this certain satisfaction we moved our headquarters to the Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton.

FOUR FAILURES

On Thursday morning two peals were attempted, one rung, the one at Thirsk, where the previous peal was recorded just twenty years and one day ago, i.e. August 30th, 1947, and where only one Surprise peal (Yorkshire) had been rung, although the first peal in this tower was accomplished on May 16th, 1899.

The other attempt was at Ripon Cathedral, where York Surprise Royal was unfortunately lost by the breaking of a clapper with only ten more leads to go. Whilst, during the afternoon, another attempt, of London Surprise Major, at Bedale, was interrupted after two and a half hours by a visit to the ringing chamber by the sexton, who conveyed the Vicar's request that the ringing should stop, the remainder of the party were invited to ring at Northallerton, where a further visit was made in the evening to join the local company in practice, and to Kirby Wiske.

The morning of the last full day also proved unsuccessful in respect of peal ringing —Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods was lost after 40 minutes at Sharow, and Yorkshire Surprise Major was stopped at Masham when the tenor rope began to unravel after 30 minutes. In the ringing chamber at Sharow is one of the very few stained glass windows with ringing its subject matter. The afternoon session was more profitable with a very nice peal at Middleham, while other members of the party visited Grinton and Catterick to ring a few short touches.

For the last, homeward bound, day another peal was recorded on the bells of St James', Birstwith, earning a few more "first in the method" asterisks, whilst an unsuccessful attempt was being made at Easingwold. Here was the only occasion of the week where the ropes had traditional Yorkshire tailends but, for the information of Yorkshiremen, no one complained and in fact it was a pleasant experience for those ringers who had not previously handled the tufted end. A miscall in an unusual composition of Superlative Surprise Major was the reason for setting up the bells after one and a quarter hours.

So completed another week's gathering, where jovial contentment during this annual social reunion together with a consistently good standard of ringing are the top priorities and where the number of times each can get his or her name in the peal columns is not even considered. To those who may think otherwise, the expenses of the week for such items as hotel, meals, refreshments, travel, peal fees, contributions to tower funds, organisation costs and presents to take home total several pounds for each member, and the critics would do the Exercise well if they forwarded as many (say, thirty) shillings twenty times in the year to this journal—they could then have their names printed twenty times in the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column. In addition, their week could be spent at home writing some informative and useful articles for the benefit of the Exercise with the author's name in quite thick print.

To those clergy who afforded us the use of some very pleasant rings of bells, to tower correspondents and fellow ringers who met us or who were otherwise connected with this tour, we are most grateful and we assure them their co-operation was much appreciated.

T. J. L.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark and North Notts Districts

The meeting held jointly between the Newark and North Notts Districts at St. Nicholas', Tuxford, on September 9th, proved to be very successful on all counts

Both the ringing on the eight bells in the afternoon and the singing at Evensong were accompanied with much enthusiasm. Tea was also a fairly noisy affair and, as agreed by the two secretaries, the business meetings were then conducted "in tandem" under the chairmanship of the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Swift. A raffle organised by Mr. Harry Poyner for a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle spilled out the pennies, and the prize was carried off to the Newark District by Miss G. Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent

Spokesmen for both the Districts suggested that the joint meeting be a regular event.

B. N. R.

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KNUTSFORD RINGERS MARRIED

Two ringers from St. John the Baptist Church, Knutsford, Cheshire, photographed after their wedding on September 16th, in the church they serve so faithfully. They are Christopher J. Jones and Diana Bentley. The Vicar, the Rev. R. A. M. Harris, officiated. The secretary of the Grappenhall Branch, Mr. Michael Thomson, was the best man, and Terence G. Spragg and Brian Goulden groomsmen. Attending the bride were her sister Jean and Mrs. Janet Harper. [Photo by Edgar N. Livesley.

THE BRIDE FROM COMPTON BISHOP

For 13 years a ringer at Compton Bishop Church, Somerset, Miss Anne White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White, of Nottinghill Farm, Weare, was married at St. Andrew's Church, Compton Bishop, on September 16th to Dr. Gavin Williams, of Anglesey.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Kell, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Heigham, Vicar of Weare. The bride wore a full-length dress of white crystal satin, and carried a bouquet of golden roses.

The bells were rung after the service by friends of the bride, and later in the afternoon a peal was rung by the Axbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

The bride is reading for her doctorate at Cambridge University, and her husband is at East Anglia University, Norwich.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding took place on September 16th of Mr. Brian Bull, Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Putney, and Miss Janet Hudson, also a Putney ringer and a native of Lincolnshire. Ringers from London, Lincolnshire and Nottingham converged on the parish church of Stow, where the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. Parker, assisted by the Revs. C. Carver and M. Hart, of Putney. The bride wearing a white dress and veil, made by herself, was attended by Miss Christine Cobb, another Putney ringer, who wore a turquoise lace dress. Both carried pink and white carnations. The best man was Mr. Michael Bull, cousin of the bridegroom.

The reception was held in Willingham Village Hall, where a sumptuous spread had been prepared by the village ladies. The couple later left for the Lake District.

A peal of Double Norwich was rung at Gainsborough prior to the wedding in honour of the occasion. Many of the ringers who had come from London made ample use of the weekend to visit new towers in the area!

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): H. Whitney 1, Ann Houghton (first "inside") 2, Canon Elliot Wigg 3, M. Hooton 4, K. Jackson 5, A. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Martin Wigg and Stephanie Burt, married at Bengeo August 26th, 1967.

DEREK FOWLES—WENDA HARRIS

The wedding took place at St. Michael's, Bray, on September 23rd between Miss Wenda Harris and Mr. Derek Fowles. Wenda is a Bray ringer and Derek a member of the Cranford, Middlesex, band. Derek has also been chairman of the S. and W. District of the Middlesex Association for many years.

Friends of the bride and bridegroom rang before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Bray and included the bellringers' hymn. As the couple left the church the Bray ringers formed an archway of handbells.

The bride wore a white chiffon and lace over satin dress and carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis. The attendants were Mrs. Diana Cartman, sister of the bride, and Miss Mollie Edwards, friend of the bride. They wore dresses of emerald green wild silk and carried gold roses.

The best man was Mr. Peter Ruch, ringing friend of the bridegroom. After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in Devon, and on their return they will make their future home at Holyport.

A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung after the wedding at Bray, details of which appear in the peal columns. (Page 724.)

THE "YESTERYEAR" RINGERS WERE AT OXFORD

There is no secret now about the Yesteryear Ringers' picture published in the issue of September 22nd. It was taken in the belfry of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, when the Mayor, Ald. F. Bennett, unveiled a peal board commemorating a peal of Stedman Cinques, rung on July 20th, 1931, by the Oxford Society of Change Ringers.

The unveiling took place in April 1932 and the Mayor and four other members of the council were welcomed by a touch of 387 Stedman Cinques rung by S. Taylor 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss M. Reynolds 3, F. Exon 4, W. G. Brigham 5, W. Blake 6, F. Taylor 7, R. A. Post 8, W. F. Judge (cond.) 9, V. Bennett 10, G. Caudwell 11, W. Simmonds 12.

The Mayor was welcomed by the president of the Society (Mr. W. Collett) who said ringing was not so easy as some people thought; it was both difficult and scientific. The peal board commemorated one of the most important peals ever rung in the tower and one of which they were very proud.

Ald Bennett, in presenting and unveiling the board, thanked the Society on behalf of the City Council for the honour that had been done them and congratulated the ringers on their performance.

This information has been supplied to us by Mr. Walter F. Judge, who is still the Ringing Master of the Society. He and Mr. W. Simmonds, now living at Babbacombe, have written to us giving the following identities: Standing at the back: —, —, Herbert Badder, Harry Gardner, William H. B. Wilkins, Walter F. Judge (conductor). Holding the ropes are Ald. C. Brown (a well-known ringer), Ald. F. Bennett (the Mayor), Councillor A. Skipper and Councillor A. Cripps.

Others in the picture from left to right were: —, —, Arthur Hawes, Kenneth Walker, William Blake —, —, Samuel Hounslow, William Simmonds, Philip Walker (present secretary, Oxford Society), William G. E. Collett and Walter Brigham.

Mr. W. F. Judge, in his letter, states unfortunately the photographer did not succeed in getting all the company present into the picture. Other well-known ringers present were Harry Miles, Frankie Taylor, Sydney Taylor, Dick Post.

PROGRESSIVE SALES

Thanks to the generous support of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, we had a record sale of 6,059 copies for the issue of September 22nd. This tops a very fine effort by the Derby Diocesan Association, which resulted in 6,046 copies being sold for the issue of September 8th. Our Wymondham Abbey number, although without a tinted cover, missed the 6,000 mark by 14 copies.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Quite unexpectedly the weather turned warm and sunny for the afternoon of September 2nd, when the quarterly mteting of the Southern District was held at Gorseinon. Unfortunately the attendance was poor, only six towers being represented.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Trevor Evans, and the tea was served in the Church Hall. The Vicar and the ladies were warmly thanked.

A visit to Sketty for the annual District meeting on December 2nd was agreed to.

Mr. Glyn Thomas, captain of the Gorseinon ringers, was assured that help was forthcoming from the District if and when required.

Two new members were elected. J. A. H.

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QUARTER PEALS

GWENNAP, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 780 Grandsire Doubles, 480 Plain Bob: D. Stephens 1, T. R. Hart 2, E. H. Langley 3, D. Jones 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5. A compliment to ringer of 3rd, on his 66th birthday and 41st wedding anniversary.

LIMERICK.—On Sept 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples. D. W. Galbraith (14, first quarter) 1, T. T. Marsden 2 T. A. Curtin 3, W. A. Patterson 4, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 5, G. H. Ellis 6, C. W. Galbraith 7, F. G. Bingham 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. J. Sinfield 1, A. Jeffs 2, F. Houghton 3, J. Sinfield 4, H. Whitney 5, J. Claughton 6, A. Frost (cond.) 7, K. Jackson 8, P. Williams 9, R. Woodruffe 10. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,340 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret Durrington 1, Susan Jackson 2, Ann Houghton 3, H. Whitney 4, E. Houghton 5, E. Conquest 6, A. Frost (cond.) 7, K. Jackson 8, R. Gaylor 9, R. Woodruffe 10. To commemorate the ordination of Father Lack to the priesthood this day.

LISS, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Gillian Read 1, D. M. Hughes 2, B. S. Gambrill (cond.) 3, N. Lambert 4, T. S. Bowles 5, R. Lintott 6. As a birthday and "get well" compliment to Miss L. Read, a local ringer.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on September 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Richardson (first of Minor) 1, P. Muchlinski 2, H. Usborne 3, M. Barden 4, M. L. Howe 5, S. A. Wigg (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Sept. 17th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: A. V. Hodge 1, Miss C. Baker 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, Miss C. A. Salter 4, H. W. Badger 5, C. Coles 6, N. Chesson 7, C. I. Rowson 8. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, P. H. Langton 3, D. Feek 4, I. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. For Morning Prayer.

RINGWOOD, HANTS — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, W. E. Cheater 2, Miss Faith Riley 3, D. G. Andrews (first quarter) 4, A. Nunn 5, A. W. Fry 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Wendy Cox 1, Mary Gale (first "inside" 2, L. Meadows 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Wenb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Penn, of this parish.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Fletcher (first of Minor) 1, S. T. Yates (first of Minor) 2, Miss P. Sedgwick 3, Miss M. L. Ellwood 4, N. White 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 17th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: C. T. Richards 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton 4 M. J. Uphill 5, L. C. Way 6, J. R. Pratt 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10. H. W. Rogers 11, K. J. Rider 12. For Nave Evensong.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Barbara J. Duck 3, D. Stephens 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, D. R. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL. — On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda J. Slade 1, D. J. Helliwell 2, N. P. Hancock 3, D. R. Lisvey 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, J. M. Shingler 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. M. Slade and R. Caines, married earlier this day.

TORTWORTH, GLOS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda J. Slade 1, D. J. Helliwell 2, J. M. Shingler 3, R. W. Sweet 4, M. Powell (first as cond.) 5, N. P. Hancock 6. To celebrate the launching earlier this day of the new Cunard Liner, Queen Elizabeth II.

TRURO, CORNWALL. — At the Cathedral, on Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gay Meyrick (first on ten) 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, D. Burnett 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, G. D. Carter 5, J. J. George 6, A. F. Burley 7, A. Locke 8, A. J. Davidson 9, D. A. Trethewey 10. A compliment to Gay Meyrick on leaving for university.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Redfearn 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, Hilary Knight 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung prior to Harvest Thanksgiving, and as an engagement compliment to Peter Aslett and Hilary Knight.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Hatherly (aged 14, first attempt as cond.) 3, K. Sansom 4, C. Bassett 5, K. Tipper 6. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sandra Pearce 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. P. Hancock 1, Jennifer Murrell 2, R. Sweet 3, W. Abraham 4, S. Badman 5, D. Helliwell 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, M. J. Hancock 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2, 5 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Hancock, many years sexton at this church, interred this day.

YORK.—At the Minster Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Balchin 1, Miss S. Mitchell 2 D. Clegg 3, Miss M. Wilkinson 4, T. Brighton 5, H. Walker 6, A. W. Leggatt 7, M. Staniforth 8, B. Sutton 9, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 10. First quarter on 10 bells for 1, 2 and 5. Rung prior to the Flowers in York Minster Festival service.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES W. CHAPMAN

We have received, from his old friend John Euston, an appreciation of Mr. James W. Chapman, who died in St. Helier's Hospital on August 21st.

"Jim" came to London from Whittlesey, Cambs, in 1899 and joined the All Hallows', Tottenham, band. In 1903 he was ringing with J. Parker at Edmonton and soon rang his first peal—Superlative "inside." He moved to Clapham in 1905 and was made welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs and their brilliant son Frank. Jim was very gifted; he could play the piano well and chime almost anything on bells.

His great work as a ringer was in connection with St. Leonard's, Streatham. He became captain and tower keeper in 1913, and when he retired 50 years later he was presented at a meeting of parishioners and friends with a cheque for £25.

In 1913 he joined the staff of Barkers at Kensington and except for his service in France with the R.A.S.C. during World War I, served them loyally until his retirement in 1948. He was very proud of his link with "the House of Fraser."

For many years he lived at 47, Stanford Way. "He was placed in an old people's home 'on holiday' and when he thought he was going back home, I had the unenviable task of informing him that his house and home was sold. Shortly afterwards he was moved to St. Helier's Hospital and I was with him for the last time on August 20th. He passed away peacefully the next day."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr L. R. Pizzey was ordained a deacon on September 24th. He is serving his title at Bramford, Suffolk, where a welcoming quarter peal was rung that day.

Congratulations to the Key family, of Gnosall. A family peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Swynnerton on September 14th by husband, wife and their son and three daughters.

Novello and Co. Ltd., the music publishers, of 27, Soho Square, London, W.1, are anxious to obtain a pamphet entitled "Quarter Chimes and Chime Times" by William Wooding Staimer.

The University of Bristol Society has two summer tours, one for those in residence and the other for non-residents, their wives and children. In this year's Devon tour of the seniors the kindergarten was very substantial.

On the cricket field at Mullion on September 9th the Penzance Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild avenged their earlier defeat by the Truro Branch: Truro 49 (G. F. Dunstan 19), Penzance 50 for 5.

Newbury ringers entered into the spirit of the town's festival week. Five quarters were attempted, but only three were successful. Thanks are due to friends from neighbouring towers who helped out, some at very short notice.

The sympathy of his many English friends will be extended to Tony Mann, now in Western Australia, in the passing of his father, Cecil Robert Mann, on August 24th. An in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung "in hand" at Embleton, W.A., conducted by his son, and a similar tribute on the Cathedral bells.

The ringers of the front five in the peal at Malvern Link on September 19th are members of the local band. The wives of the ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are also members of the band, and the birthdays of the daughters of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5 all fall within the week of the peal being rung.

"The Hampshire Hogs," headed by Geoffrey Dodd, had a great time in South Wales during three days in August spent in camp near Barry. So enthusiastic are they over their reception that their correspondent writes: "We shall be back again next year to sample some more of your lovely scenery and good bells."

At the joint meeting of the Essex Association and the Suffolk Guild at Bocking on September 16th there was present an American lady and her "kids." Call changes and Bob Minor was put on for their benefit and afterwards came a beautiful touch of Superlative. One mystery remains—did Harold Moore tamper with the tenor; he certainly enjoyed it every time anyone failed to stand first time.

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THE LATEST 1,000th PEAL RINGER

Congratulations to Mr. W. F. Moreton, the honorary secretary of the Yorkshire Association, on ringing his 1,000th peal. It was one of seven Minor methods rung at Holy Trinity, Darlington, on September 23rd as part of the celebrations of the 90th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Mr. Moreton was present later in the day at the Association's dinner at St. Aidan's College, Durham. This ringing milestone was not, however, disclosed otherwise a most cordial toast would have been added to the long list. He is the 29th ringer to gain this distinction.

SUDBURY TOWER TO REMAIN

The Riverside Church of St. Mary, Sudbury-on-Thames, is shortly to undergo major structural changes, in which much of it will be demolished and rebuilt to a different design. The brick tower, however, with its metal dome, attractive cupola and musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14¼ cwt.), is to be saved to serve, in the course of time the new church which will be bonded to it on the same three walls as at present, but at lower statures.

TWO CENTURIES AFTER

In March, 1767, a peal of 10,080 Plain Bob Major was rung in St Mary's, Debenham. A peal of the same length and in the same method was rung on St. Mary's bells on September 16th, conducted by Mr H. Egglestone. Others in the band were Messrs. L. Pizzey, L. Brett, R. Rogers, J. B. Pickup, T. J. Bailey, R. Whittell and M. Howes.

The time taken was six hours and four minutes, three minutes longer than the peal of 200 years ago. The conductor points out to "The East Anglian Daily Times" that the present tenor is two cwt. heavier than its predecessor.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL GUILD BEAT FRUSTRATIONS

Llandaff Cathedral Guild this week records its first ten bell peal, which was arranged to mark the retirement of the popular head verger after 32 years' service. But it nearly did not take place, as one of the original band dropped out on the day before. A Guild member was fortunately found to replace him, but she in turn had to call off on the day of the peal. The organiser had half an hour to find a Guild replacement. Miss Judith Ashcroft was rushed from home and rang very well to record her first peal "inside."

KENT M.P. WITH RINGERS

A combined meeting of the Ashford District and the Ladies' Guild was held at Wittersham on September 16th, the first since the bells were rehung. Appledore bells were also available before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Graham Harrison.

A distinguished visitor was Mr. William Deedes, M.P for Ashford who, with the other visitors, was welcomed by the chairman, Mr. A. S. Phelips. Mr Deedes is an associate member of the Kent County Association.

The buffet tea, prepared by local ringers and friends, was of an exceptionally high standard and Mrs Mitchell expressed thanks on behalf of the Ladies' Guild for the very happy meeting.

THE JENNIE ARMSTRONG SONG

By JOHN BIBBY

(Sung by John and Katherine Bibby for Miss Jane Skee Armstrong at a school concert at Morpeth.)

The sun set o'er the Wansbeck:
Street lamps shone all about,
But it was a black day for Morpeth—
They locked poor Jennie out.

Chorus:
Tell me Jennie, if you can,
Who rings the curfew bell?
Is it you, or a clockwork machine,
That rings the curfew bell

Said Jennie to the Council:
"They've locked the tower door—
If they do it again, I'll pack it all in,
And ring the bells no more."

Chorus.

"We may not need you, Jennie,
Nor your brother Fred;
We may install an electric machine
To do the job instead."

Chorus.

Across the vale of Wansbeck,
Still comes the curfew ring.
But the bell would never sound the same
As when Jennie pulled the string.

Tell me Jennie, if you can,
Who rings the curfew bell?
Is it you, or a clockwork machine,
That rings the curfew bell?

BECKENHAM'S DAY IN RURAL KENT

If ever there was a suitable theme song for a band of ringers it must surely have been "When you come to the end of a perfect day" for the ringers and friends of St. George's, Beckenham, when they ended their annual outing in grand manner with a dinner at the well-named "Pilgrim's Rest" at Wrotham on September 9th.

About 9.15 a.m., within a radius of nine miles, five cars containing 19 people and one dog started converging on Biddenden, Kent, our first tower, and within a few minutes of 10.45, the scheduled time, everyone had arrived. The picturesque village of Benenden was our next stop. After an appetising lunch at Tenterden we rang there, the wrong way round, much to our consternation.

We arrived at Hythe just as the local ringers had finished ringing for a wedding, and a local ringer kindly warned a nearby cafe that a number of thirsty ringers would shortly be invading for tea.

The six at Sellindge—how lovely to find a belfry on the ground-floor—were in our next tower, and we ended our ringing on the lovely eight at Ashford, where the ringing chamber is a joy to behold.

Everywhere we went we were met by someone from the local band. We rang methods from Grandsire Doubles to Yorkshire Major, including a Beckenham Special Outing course of Duffield. There were no cross words, no inquests; the sun shone all day; no one got lost (roadwise!); parking spaces appeared as if by magic, even in the busiest towns, and I am sure this outing will long be remembered. D. J. L.

POLICE GUILD'S NEW PRESIDENT

The new president of the National Guild of Police Ringers is Mr. George Cousins, the honorary secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The annual meeting took place at Cheltenham on September 23rd at the Cheltenham Central Police Station, by kind permission of the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, Mr. E P. White. The office of secretary and treasurer remains unchanged—P.C. Arthur Pearce, of 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23, being re-elected. The next A.G.M will be held at Grantham on Saturday, September 22nd. 1968

A good programme of ringing was arranged, bells being available at Leckhampton, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Prestbury and Tewkesbury Abbey

The dinner was held at Gupshill Manor, Tewkesbury, that evening and guests included the Rev. C G R. Pouncey, Vicar of Tewkesbury; Mr. W. A. Farmer, chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association; Miss E. M. Bliss, chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The Deputy Chief Constable of Gloucestershire (Mr. H. D. J. Smith) was unable to attend; he was represented by Sgt. W. G. Scudamore.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL RESTORER

Mr. Julian W. Litten, of 42, Marlborough Drive, Clayhall, Ilford, who is writing a book on the Scott family of architects, asks for information concerning this talented family. John Olrid Scott, who worked on the restoration of Hereford Cathedral (1901-1907), was a son of the famous Sir George Gilbert Scott; he died in 1913 while working on the rebuilding of Selby Abbey.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH'S LONG DAY

The annual outing of the Tewkesbury Branch on September 16th was in Herefordshire and Mid-Wales, an 8 a.m. start being made. First ringing was on the fine eight at Burghill. Then came Staunton on the River Wye (a very nice six, tenor 13 cwt., rehung by Taylors in 1957). The Wye was crossed at Bredwardine, where nearly an hour was spent on a light six.

We now travelled on to the Welsh Hay, where lunch was had at the Crown Hotel. Our party then moved on to Clifford, where there was some very enjoyable ringing on the eight bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.). After safely negotiating the toll bridge at Whitney, the party eventually arrived at Eardisley, where some good Minor methods were rung.

Leaving the Wye Valley we proceeded along the Hay to the Leominster road, viewing the beautiful Herefordshire countryside with the fine apple orchards and the famous Hereford cattle, and eventually arrived at Weobley, where we indulged in a very welcome tea. Tewkesbury was reached at about 11.20 p.m.

Many thanks to our chairman for assisting me, Mr. J. Attwood for keeping to the programme times, and also to Mr. John Hope for helping with tower arrangements. L. C. P.

TOTNES OUTING

Totnes ringers had a successful outing into North Devon on September 23rd arranged by their captain, Mr. S. J. French. Ringing started at Hatherleigh and the journey to Ilfracombe for lunch was via Torrington, Bideford and Barnstaple. The towers visited on the return journey were Combe Martin, South Molton, Crediton and Exeter.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S TOUR IN YORKSHIRE

RUNG FOR THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Ernest Pannell	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Thomas Cooke	6
Kenneth Arthur	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Gordon A. Halls	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Martin F. Lock	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Dennis Knox	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SUR RISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr 18 lb. in D.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Rev. Fred Ross	7
*Ruth M. Foreman	2	Gerald Penney	8
Thomas J. Lock	3	Philip Mehew	9
Martin F. Lock	4	Stuart Armeson	10
Neil Donovan	5	George E. Fearn	11
Dennis Knox	6	Richard E Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal of Maximus.

NORTON-JUXTA-MALTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F

Martin F. Lock	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ronald J Sharp	3	Richard E. Price	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Tibbetts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	*Ronald J. Sharp	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Martin F. Lock	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* 600th peal.

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

*Eric Edmondson	Treble	*Philip Mehew	5
†Neil Donovan	2	George E. Fearn	6
*Kenneth Arthur	3	*Dennis Knox	7
*‡Gerald Penney	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. ‡ 350th peal.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Alick Cutler	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Ronald H Bullen	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Dennis Knox	7
Eric Edmondson	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by, Stuart Armeson.

HOVINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

Gordon A. Halls	Treble	Kenneth Arthur	4
E. Winifred Keys	2	Thomas J. Lock	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal on the bells.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Aug 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Stuart Armeson	6
Thomas J. Lock	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
*Martin F. Lock	3	George E. Fearn	8
Neil Donovan	4	Gerald Penney	9
Dennis Knox	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

THIRSK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Martin F. Lock	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Ruth M. Foreman	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Kenneth Arthur	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr in G.

*Stuart Armeson	Treble	Gerald Penney	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	*Neil Donovan	6
*Eric Edmonson	3	*Philip Mehew	7
*E. Winifred Keys	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

A TOUR OF WEST WALES

RUNG FOR THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURRY PORT, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 21st, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

Leslie S. Hodges	Treble	Rev. Michael Hart	3
*Simon Rogers	2	Robert D. Hodges	4
		Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First of Doubles "inside."

LLANDEILO, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Teilo.
On Mon., Aug. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 11 lb.

*William P. E. Sage	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	4
Richard L. Underwood	2	Robert D. Hodges	5
Richard C. Warburton	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal of Minor.

HAVERFORDWEST, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*Robert D. Hodges	Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	5
*Philip C. Rogers	2	Paul J. Bagshaw	6
Rev. Michael Hart	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Rhian N. Bagshaw	4	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Triples. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1927 and the first in the method for the Guild.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Mary and Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Robert D. Hodges	Treble	Adrian C. Boorman	5
Peter D. Sell	2	Richard C. Warburton	6
Philip C. Rogers	3	Rev. Michael Hart	7
Derek H. Walters	4	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
25th peal as conductor.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florentius.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt.

Simon Rogers .. .. .. Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 4
Derek H. Walters 2	Rev. Michael Hart 5
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood 3	Peter D. Sell .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CARMARTHEN.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Leslie S. Hodges .. .. Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 5
Derek H Walters 2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 6
†Robert D. Hodges 3	Rev. Michael Hart 7
Peter D. Sell 4	Richard C. Warburton .. Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1923.

LLANSTEPHAN, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Ystyffan.
On Wed., Aug. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Robert D. Hodges .. .. Treble	Richard C. Warburton .. 5
Derek H Walters 2	Philip C. Rogers 6
Rev. Michael Hart 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood 7
Rev. Russen W. Thomas 4	Peter D. Sell .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

TENBY, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert D Hodges .. .. Treble	Philip C. Rogers 5
Derek H. Walters 2	Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 6
Peter D. Sell 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
Richard C. Warburton .. 4	Rev. Michael Hart .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

PEMBROKE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Andrew Lingard .. .. Treble	Rev. Russen W. Thomas .. 5
†Simon Rogers 2	Peter D. Sell 6
Philip C. Rogers 3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 7
Rev. Michael Hart 4	Robert D. Hodges .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First in the method for the Guild.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Gibson Jackson .. .. Treble	Ernest J. Padgett 6
Anne P. Leigh 2	Neil Donovan 7
W. Eric Critchley 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. 8
Alan E. Hartley 4	Ian M. Holland 9
Richard J. Parker 5	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W Eric Critchley.

BARNSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Ernest J. Padgett .. .. Treble	Richard E. Price 5
Gibson Jackson 2	Alan E Hartley 6
Anne P. Leigh 3	Neil Donovan 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Frederick J Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J Jackson.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 of Cambridge, 1,280 Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 64 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 12 cwt.

Ernest J. Padgett .. .. Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Howard Scott 2	Richard E. Price 6
Anne P. Leigh 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Gibson Jackson .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung in memory of A. Percival Knights.

BOLSTERSTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Frederick J. Jackson .. Treble	Alan E. Hartley 5
Howard Scott 2	John R. Whitham 6
Anne P. Leigh 3	Neil Donovan 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

TICKHILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

W. Eric Critchley .. .. Treble	Ernest J. Padgett 5
Howard Scott 2	Gibson Jackson 6
Alan E. Hartley 3	Neil Donovan 7
John R. Whitham 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5154 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

Richard E. Price .. .. Treble	Alan E. Hartley 5
Howard Scott 2	Neil Donovan 6
Anne P. Leigh 3	Ernest J. Padgett 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung in memory of Ethel E. Warrender of this parish.

EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt.

Anne P. Leigh .. .. .. Treble	John R. Whitham 5
Frederick J. Jackson .. 2	Ernest J. Padgett 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Alan E. Hartley 7
Gibson Jackson 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Fri., Sept. 15th, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

John R. Whitham .. .. Treble	Gibson Jackson 5
Anne P. Leigh 2	Neil Donovan 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Ian M Holland 7
Alan E. Hartley 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt.

Howard Scott .. .. .. Treble	Neil Donovan 5
Anne P. Leigh 2	Ernest J. Padgett 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. 7
Gibson Jackson 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb in D flat.

David E. Rothera .. .. Treble	George S. Deas 7
Robert E. J. Dennis 2	Andrew J. Corby 8
Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	Philip A. Corby 9
Alan R. Patterson 4	Rodney B. Meadows .. 10
John D. Rock 5	Brian D. Threlfall 11
Alan J. Frost 6	Michael P. Moreton .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by Alan J. Frost.
Rung in honour of the 90th anniversary of the Newcastle and Durham Diocesan Association.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (3) London, Wells, (4) York, Durham, (5) Surfleet Beverley (6 and 7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 7 cwt. in B sharp.

*Eric C. Wadman .. .. Treble	*Phillip H. D. Jones .. 4
Ronald G. Beck 2	Adrian P. Beck 5
Edward J. Chivers 3	Robert E. Beck .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat, Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union, New, Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course,, Itchingfield Slow Course, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Christopher Avery	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
*Raymond Jones	2	John Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*John Chaplin	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal in 14 methods. First as conductor in 14 methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Anne White, a ringer at Compton Bishop for 13 years, and Dr Gavin Williams, married this day.

WELLOW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Julian.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

*Kay Whittaker	Treble	Ian P Cox	4
Julian E. Newman	2	Peter J. Devrell	5
Andrew Swatton	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Clive Packer and Jennifer Reardon, both local ringers.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In nine methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) London, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kingston and Sandal, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel, (6) Cambridge, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	4
Timothy Wylie	2	Neil D Lomas	5
J. Derek Smith	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Geoffrey Green	Treble	Adrian Hough	4
Norman Hough	2	Brian Schofield	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a wedding compliment to Christopher J. Jones and Diana Bentley, both ringers at this church, where they were married before the peal attempt.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Stephen P. Newton ..	Treble	†Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
A. Doreen Edwards ..	2	†John R. Scott	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Brian Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal, all rung with the 3rd ringer.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Morgan, the local tower captain.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Sept 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 53 methods, viz.: (1) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (2) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield and Thorne Surprise, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate and Ashbocking Delight (11 methods arranged by A. J. Cox). (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, Nostel, Pilsey, Blythe and Staverton Delight (12 methods by A. R. Peake), (4) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, and Charlwood Delight, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise, (6) Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and York Surprise, (7) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, with 121 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included.

Stephen F. Royal	Treble	Peter C. Randall	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Richard J. Danby	3	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Lieut. B. R. C. Elphick, R.N., brother-in-law of the ringer of the 5th, following his departure to the Far East on duty. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
Extents 2 and 3 are now rung for the first time.

STAVERTON DELIGHT
—34—16—12—36.14—12.56. 2nds.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Philip G. K. Davies ..	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Kenneth R. Davenport ..	3	John Robinson	7
*Timothy Wylie	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
GREAT TORRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt.

Frederick Goodfellow ..	Treble	‡Andrew J. White	5
Merryn Hutchings	2	D. Roy Bould	6
*David J. Ley	3	†J. Paul Coad	7
†Philip J. Daniel	4	John L. Queen	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Triples "inside." † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples.

PARKHAM, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Ann Jenner	Treble	R. Roger Savory	4
*J. Paul Coad	2	†Harry Stacey	5
*Philip J. Daniel	3	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells.

BROADWOOD KELLY, Devonshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Wed., Sept. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Arthur H. Everett	Treble	Harry Stacey	4
Ann Jenner	2	Stanley Jenner	5
*John Everett	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Everett.

EAST ALLINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ernest J. Cann	Treble	J. Paul Coad	4
John C. Mitchelmore ..	2	George E. Mudge	5
*Merryn Hutchings	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CALL CHANGE RINGERS.
NORTH TAWTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt.

Philip J. Daniel	Treble	Clive G. Bryant	5
David J. Ley	2	D. Roy Bould	6
J. Paul Coad	3	Frank D. Mack	7
Andrew J. White	4	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank D. Mack.
Rung by members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers as a token of thanksgiving for the life and work of Robert James Bennett, late captain of ringers at this church, prior to the dedication of a memorial plaque in the belfry.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Susan Rothera	2	George E. Thoday	7
Ann E. Fellows	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	John G. Gipson	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Ian R. Panton	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Yvonne A. Murray	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
*Mark P. Inskipp	3	James L. Towler	Treble

* First peal. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*Jill M. May	Treble	†Juliet S. Stoy	5
Richard C. Stevens	2	†Tony Skilton	6
John F. M. Maybrey	3	†Douglas A. R. May	7
Peter Henry	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May
* 50th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Double Norwich.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C. Valerie Mills	Treble	†Francis M. Byrne	5
Augustin V. Good	2	Brian M. Barker	6
Walter Ayre	3	‡Keith Sheppard	7
*John Pearce	4	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Brierley. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on eight bells and first "inside." † First of Major "inside." ‡ First on eight bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

*Liz C. Duncan	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Michael B. Jefferyes	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	†Robin R Churchill	7
†Roger D. Bailey	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal. † 25th together. The conductor has now "completed the alphabet" to Surprise Major methods. Tenor 12 cwt. in F

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 29, 1967 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
.No. 3 version. Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Harold Evans	Treble	Richard Hayes	6
Olive D. Tester	2	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Robert W. Hinde	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
*Alexander Waddington	4	Colin A. Tester	9
Martin L. Howe	5	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HIGHER WALTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	John W. Smith	5
John Pladdys	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Tony Lewis	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung on the occasion of the wedding at West Wickham this day of Roger Stenbridge, grandson of Percy T. Spice, and Gillian Graty.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Christine M. Webb	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Tony Lewis	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in the method by all the band and in the county.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	Nigel P. A. Goulding	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	John R. Ridley	5
James Dunbavin	3	Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Howell and Pauline Leather.

HUYTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept 16, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Nigel P. A. Goulding	Treble	Thomas W. Hesketh	4
James Hedgcock	2	Graham K. Austin	5
James Dunbavin	3	William R. Birchall	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev J R Warman upon appointment as assistant chaplain at Liverpool University.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MISTERTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and one each of Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb.

Brian L. Burrows	Treble	Robin A. Gilliver	4
*Henry Dove	2	Stephen C Wells	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	†K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L Burrows.
* First peal in more than one method. † 50th peal for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Maurice Lings	Treble	Melvyn A. Rose	5
Alison M. Mann	2	*John F. Underwood	6
Christopher F. Mew	3	George Leslie A. Lunn	7
Harold Judd	4	John Hall	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Christopher F Mew.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Brian Bull and Janet Hudson prior to their wedding at Stow, Lincs. this day; also as a welcome to David, a son for John and Mary Underwood.

HORNCASTLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat, Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of London, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt 12 lb.

Horace Bennett	Treble	C. Aubrey Harrison	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Michael Whiting	5
Jack Bray	3	Michael W Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(And the Llandaff Cathedral Guild)
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Felicity Cooke	Treble	†Frank Corney	6
Susan Harber	2	David S. Bishop	7
*Judith Ashcroft	3	Christopher Aldridge	8
†Nevil A. James	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	9
Michael Pilgrim	5	W. James Goodfellow	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal. † First on ten bells. First peal to be rung by the Cathedral Guild on ten bells. The composition is now rung for the first time
Rung as a thanksgiving for the work of the former head verger, Mr. R. T. White, who has recently retired after 32 years' service.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OUTWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 1, 1967, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
210 plain courses.

Robin J. Collis	Treble	*Kenneth J. Rider	3
Lawrence C. Way	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	Tenor

Umpire: Mrs. H. J. Collis. Conducted by Robin J. Collis.

* 25th peal. First peal of Minimus for all the band and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Jennifer Harris and Drew Crawford, married at St. Mary's, Send, on August 26th, 1967.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

*Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	4
Henry Tooke	2	Robin R. Churchill	5
Andrew Salisbury	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

The conductor has now rung peals on 100 different bells in Norfolk towers.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

Walter J. Houghton ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Norman V. Harding	2	Shelagh R. Collins	5
Henry Tooke	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods, being two extents of Stedman, four each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas, six each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon and St. Martin and ten of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Thomas E. Spight	Treble	Martin Cubitt	3
David Cubitt	2	*Leslie F. Bailey	4

*Frank C. J. Arnold .. Tenor
Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 50th peal together.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Alan R. Patterson	Treble	Jack S. Dear	6
Joan Beresford	2	Alan J. Frost	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	David P. Hilling	8
John Hill	4	Philip Mehew	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First peal of Rutland Surprise Royal for the Guild.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	5
Frank Reed	2	Brian W. Hall	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Sept 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr.

G. John Collett	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Terence J. Hester	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Frank Reed	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's four-part.
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Jeffrey M. Britchford ..	Treble	William S. Deason	5
William Birmingham, sen.	2	Giles R. Shedden	6
Geoffrey R. Marchant ..	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Richard E. Dean	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

Rung by four members of the Middlesex Association and four members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to celebrate the marriage this day at Bray between Wenda Harris (Bray, Berks) and Derek Fowles (Cranford, Middlesex).

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Sept. 15, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5002 KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed ..	Treble	Graham C. Paul	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Richard J. Danby	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Robert C. Kippin	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the feast of title.

KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL.
—50—14—56—36, 14—14, 50, 14—14, 50, 14—14, 50.

RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Christopher C. Stokes ..	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Barry E. Saunders	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	7
David J. Marshall	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. R. B. Canham to the living.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 5 lb. in F.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Raymond A. Vickers ..	3	George W. Holland	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt 27 lb.

Stephen B. Bell	Treble	Frederick Derry	4
Ronald S. Russell	2	Edward J. Brown	5
Michael J. Hawkins	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being three 240's and 36 120's.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*Angela M. Key (16) ..	Treble	Pamela E. Key (20) ..	4
Lucy A. Key (18)	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
E. Marion Key	3	*Peter J. Key (19)	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal. Rung by husband, wife and their son and three daughters.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON, Salop.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents Plain Bob, 21 extents Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

*Anthony E. Giblett ..	Treble	Roger A. Brewin	4
†Freda Cleaver	2	Ernest F. Willcox	5
Anthony Molinoli	3	Antony Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Roger A. Brewin.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Elizabeth Wood and Mr. R. Smallman, who were married at St. Chad's, Stockton, this day.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	*†Simon Humphrey	7
Patricia Rogers	2	David W. Friend	8
†Martin Green	3	Richard Inglis	9
Christopher W. Daws ..	4	Roland H. Cook	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	R. Kingsley Mason ..	11
*Richard H. Youdale ..	6	Alan F. Scholfield ..	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman.
Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the founding of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	Edward E. Davey	4
Keith W. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Neville F. Whittell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr 4 lb in F.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Raymond J. Talbot ..	2	*G. William Shanks	6
*Rev. Michael Hart	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
†Peter J. Munday	4	John R. Pratchett ..	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Bull and Janet Hudson, who were married at Stow, Lincs, on September 16th.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*Marlyn E. Evans ..	Treble	Rev. David P. Davies ..	4
*Gillian B. Armstrong ..	2	John T. Williams	5
Elizabeth J. Watkins ..	3	*J. Peter Thomas ..	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Williams.
* First peal. First peal on the bells by the Sunday service ringers of St. Mary's.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr 2 lb in F sharp.

Vanessa C. Rodrigues	Treble	Richard H. Youdale	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Simon Humphrey	6
Christopher W. Daws ..	3	George A. Dawson	7
Christopher P. Starbuck ..	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Inglis.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Sept. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) College Exereise, Treble Bob, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St. Clement's and Buxton Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Dianne M. Hatfield (W'les)	Treble	Paul S. Readings (Wales)	4
Geoffrey W. Randall (Hull)	2	Anthony J. Cox (Bristol)	5
Peter F. T. Smith (Wales)	3	†H. Lyndon Hatfield (W'les)	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* First peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal. Most Minor methods as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ann Newman	Treble	Roy Jones	5
Anthony D. Smith	2	David L. Wilcox	6
Robert Crocker	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Mrs. A. D. Smith	4	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, the peal being rung on her birthday.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	†Rosemary Tailby	5
*Maureen J. Carruthers ..	2	David Franklin	6
*Peter Robertson	3	David Beacham	7
Audrey R. Alexander ..	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.

MALVERN LINK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Matthias.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs. in F sharp.

R. George Morris	Treble	†John Clements	5
*Martin Smith	2	David G. Franklin	6
Michael V. White	3	David Beacham	7
Peter L. Wood	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. George Morris.
* First peal. † First of Yorkshire.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Penny Morris, Josephine Wood and Elizabeth Clements, daughters of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5, and for Battle of Britain Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Gerald Penney	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
Rung as a compliment to Marguerite and John Mayne on the birth of a son, Andrew John, on September 8th, 1967.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Sept. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse	1–2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Bernard G. North	7–8

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed., Aug. 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Childwall Bob St. Clement's College Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.) ..	3–4
*Kenneth R. Davenport ..	5–6		

* Most methods rung to a handbell peal.

POINTS FROM 1966 PEALS **(continued from page 710).**

before the last war (commencing in 1893) were of Triples — 35 Grandsire and four Stedman. Since 1945, there have been seven peals of Major and four of Triples. Exactly half of Heywood's peals were rung before the first war—19 of them in the 1880's. Until recently, there were long periods without peals, but now we have another burst of activity with 19 peals in the '60's. Nearly all of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, peals have come in the last 15 years.

WRONG CLAIMS

Finally, we come to "odds and ends". The peal at Llantrisant was not the first of Surprise on the bells—Cambridge was rung in 1932 and Bristol in 1955. The peal of Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral was only the third this century—there was Kent Treble Bob in 1904 and Cambridge in 1925. The peal at Netheravon claimed as probably the first on the bells was not so—there was Bob Minor in 1947 and Northumberland Minor in 1950. Other wrong claims were of the first of Spliced at Eardisland (one was rung there in 1963) and first of London Royal at Retford (a previous peal of this was rung in 1950). It was not the first peal at Ripe since 1961—one was rung in 1963. (N.B.—Is it worth claiming a first on the bells for five years?) At Bath Abbey, the claim was for the seventh peal on the bells. I seem to have recorded eight now. Perhaps the conductor would care to compare notes. Lastly, I noticed the usual peal at Long Stratton on Christmas Eve. This has taken place without fail since 1955. Usually it is the only peal in the year, only 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1965 having one more each during the rest of the year. It is a pretty good effort not to have lost any of these attempts. But beware this year—it will be the 13th Christmas Eve since 1955!

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

TREBLE.—To Paul and Wendy (née Bird), of 45, Longway Avenue, Whitchurch, Bristol 4, a daughter, Elizabeth, born on Saturday, September 23rd, 1967. 2418

TREBILCOCK.—To Robin and Pam, of 1, Crofton Rise, Dronfield, Sheffield, on September 25th, 1967, a daughter, Anna Louise, a sister for Duncan. 2449

MARRIAGE

ASHFORD—WEBBER.—On Saturday, September 16th, 1967, at St. Laurence's Church, Chapel Chorlton, Michael Ashford to Trimnel Felicity Webber. Present address: Springfield Lodge, Stableford, Newcastle, Staffs. 2445

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARTON.—From October 1st the address of Marcus, Marilyn and Matthew Barton will be: Farlea, Holcombe, Bath, Somerset. 2422

DENNIS.—From October 2nd the address of Robert E. J. Dennis will be: 67, The Downs, Harlow, Essex. 2430

HAYNS.—The address of John and Diana Hayns is now: 68, Newton Wood Road, Ashtead, Surrey. Tel. Ashtead 3165. This is a temporary address. 2425

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The address of the Nottingham District secretary (Mr. S. Adams) is now: 43, Dunblane Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 2416

PERSONAL

TELEPHONE NUMBER.—Mr. and Mrs. D. John Hunt (8, Glenarm Road, Brislington, Bristol 4). Telephone number is Bristol 70245. 2420

LONG SERVICE.—As a tribute to Mr. E. A. Groves, retiring after 33 years as organist and choirmaster of All Saints', Edmonton, a quarter peal (1,264) of Plain Bob Major was rung prior to Evensong on September 23rd, 1967:—Helen Langdon 1, Pamela Mills 2, Beryl Platt 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8.

ADDRESSES WANTED. — "Ringing World" copies have been returned from the following: Mr. E. M. Jones, 75, Sydney Street, Flint; Sgt. M. E. Stracey, 24, Cambridge Crescent, R.A.F., Bassingbourne, Royston; Mr. H. Tranter, Russell Road, Madeley, Wellington, Salop.

"If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me; if I say I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse."—Job ix, 20.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENT

KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Will freshers coming to Keele in October please contact the secretary, Miss J. Quickfall, 21, Saxby Avenue, Skegness, Lincs, for information about the Keele Association. 2258

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — All freshers welcome to the first meeting of term on October 13th at St. Francis Xavier's at 6 p.m. For further details see Society notice board opposite downstairs "caf." 2124

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. Ringing: Sunday, October 15th, St. Mary Magdalene's 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, Stapleton Room, Exeter College, 8.15 p.m. Further inquiries please contact Vanessa Rodrigues, Somerville College. 2390

RINGERS coming up to Cardiff University this term are invited to join in the ringing at Llandaff Cathedral. If details are required, write to Nicholas W. H. Simon, Llys Esgob, The Green, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2305

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Half-day Ringing School, Royal Oak Inn, Barrington, near Ilminster, on Saturday, October 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Subjects: Bellhandling tuition, belfry organisation, and maintenance, elementary conducting. Tower session 7.15–9 p.m. Tea provided. Course fee 4s. inclusive. Applications, please, to J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, before October 7th. 2386

DORCHESTER, DORSET

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Ringers' Festival, Sunday, October 15th Visiting ringers will be welcome at all times. Ringing: 7.30–8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.15–11 a.m., Morning Prayer. Preacher, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Rector of Cattistock and chairman of the Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild. 2.30 p.m.–5 p.m., tower open to visiting ringers and general public. 2440

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (23s. 6d.) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, October 25th. S.A.E., please. 2200

KINGSTON UPON THAMES. — Will all ringing visitors please note that entry can only be made from choir vestry (north side). Please press door bell (when fitted) and wait.—Bryony Moorby. 2417

WAREHAM, DORSET.—Practice night now on Wednesdays. Please amend your copy of "Dove." 2434

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Social, Saturday, October 7th, at Fordham. Ringing 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Social 7 to 10 p.m. Washington Film and entertainment. Tickets 5s. including refreshments. Bar, etc. Ringers and non-ringers all welcome.—Roger J. Palmer. 2400

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, October 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Beadle, Longlands, Frensham, Farnham, Surrey (Frensham 2411). — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2392

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening quarterly meeting at Ashwell (6), Saturday, October 7th, 6 p.m. Will all members attend?. New District secretary and "Ringing World" rep. to be elected. Please note change of venue.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2320

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Aldenham, October 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to J. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, Radlett. Phone Radlett 6188.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2369

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Gnosall on Saturday, October 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. G. Key, Sunnyside, Gnosall, Staffs, by the previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2412

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Autumn general meeting, Reading, Saturday, October 7th, 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Lawrence's Hall. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church 5.45 p.m. Tea tickets 3/3 each. Applications for tickets accompanied by remittance and s.a.e. to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. List of towers will be issued with tickets or on receipt of s.a.e.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, October 7th, 4 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea at Rawmarsh at 5.15 p.m. and bells available afterwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. W. Pilkington, 5, Arthur Place, Rawmarsh. All welcome. 2374

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Goose Fair meeting, All Saints', (8) Saturday, October 7th, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Peter's (12) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 2413

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Middleham (8), Saturday, October 7th. Bells from 2.30. All welcome. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 2410

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Practice meeting at Ilkley (8) on Saturday, October 7th, at 6 p.m. Methods: Stedman, Kent and Plain Bob. All welcome. —Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 2411

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting (including nomination of officers, etc.) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on October 10th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: October 10th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 17th, St. Mary-le-Bow; October 24th, St Andrew's, Holborn; October 31st, Southwark Cathedral; all at 6.30 p.m. —J. G. A. Prior. 2441

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—N. and E. District.—Surprise Major practice, St. Mary's, Hendon, Wednesday, October 11th, 7.30–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Beckington on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. Fear, 2, Sandy Lane, Beckington.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 2443

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Pocklington (8), Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2 p.m.–8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's and Yorkshire. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, Yorks, by previous Thursday. 2427

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 14th (please note date). Bells from 2.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, by October 11th, please. 2330

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield, October 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at High Ongar (6) after meeting. Names for tea to J. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Canons Lane, Fyfield. 2394

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 2397

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2398

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Ambleside on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside, Westmorland.—T. F. Metcalfe. 2424

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to me by Thursday, 12th, please. —G. Cheetham, 12, Garden Street, Todmorden.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, October 14th at Caldicot. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, by October 9th to the Rev. R. Hallett, Caldicot Vicarage, Caldicot, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.2, Saturday, October 14th, 2.30–4.15 p.m. Tea, Fan Makers Hall, 4.30 p.m. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C.2, 6.30–7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please. Please note: October practice, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, 6.45–8.30 p.m. **not** Kensington.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6 2355

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hunt 5, Cherlton Close, Newbury, by Tuesday, October 10th. 2406

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Autumn meeting, Bampton, Saturday, October 14th, 3 p.m. 2436

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Broughton Astley, October 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Drury, Willow Brook, Broughton Astley, by Wednesday previous. Long Alley skittling at the Royal 8 p.m.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 2431

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston (6), Saturday, October 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Hudson, 10, Cross Lane, Preston, Uppingham, by Tuesday, October 10th. 2423

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, October 14th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Fairway, Byfield, Rugby, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 2437

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Yardley on October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Entries for competition and reservations for tea to be made by October 10th—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwal' Road. Birmingham 28. Tel. SPR 1025.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Cooper. 39, Eyton Road, Dawley, Shropshire, by Wednesday, October 11th. 2387

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—A.G.M. at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. G. Brown, 21, Peasecro t Road, Ixworth, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 11th. 2370

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Bas ngstoke District. — Meeting at Odiham, Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 10th, please. 2432

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, East Tytherley, October 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Sherfield English bells (8) available 2.30–4. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Thomas, Gandria Hill Lane, Colden Common, Winchester. (Tel. Twyford 3003.) 2442

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, October 17th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham (8), October 21st. Service 4 p.m. All teas must be booked; otherwise, bring your own, please. Names for tea to E. W. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Wormingford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names to the Rev. T. F. L. Strong, Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester. 2428

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold (Tel. Stow 350), by October 19th. 2458

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford, by Thursday, October 19th.—A. P. S. B. 2421

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 3.15, 4 to 5 and 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Service at 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Frindsbury bells after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea to C. S. Jarrett, 9, Frindsbury Road, Strood.—T. Barton. 2419

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting at Hook Norton on Saturday, October 21st. Ringing 3 p.m Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at St. Modwen's, Burton-upon-Trent, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2429

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Special "learners" practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor. Experienced ringers to give instruction welcomed. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by October 7th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Warkton (5) on October 28th. **Please note change of date.** Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Mutton, No. 1, Warkton. Weekley (6) in evening. 2415

LATE NOTICES

DEATH

TOWNSEND.—John Alfred, aged 71, formerly captain at Milton Malor, Northants, later years ringer at Rugeley, Staffs, passed peacefully away after a short illness at his home, 17, Hanham Crescent, Hanham, on Monday, September 25th, 1967. R.I.P. 2459

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ZOBEL.—The Bristol address of Mike Zobel is now: 54, St. Albans Road, Westbury Park, Bristol 6, to where all ringing correspondence should be sent. 2462

SITUATIONS VACANT

EVESHAM.—Joint post (a) Verger to care for churches and churchyard, £12 per week, plus fees; no grave digging. (b) Responsible woman for domestic help to elderly neighbours, payment 4s. per hour, age 40–55. Unfurnished self-contained modern flat provided. 2 bedrooms. Application to Vicar of Evesham. 2455

MISCELLANEOUS

LODSWORTH, Sussex.—The practice night has been changed to Friday at 7.45. Visitors welcome. 2461

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT (6). — Practice night is now Thursday, 7–9 p.m. Sunday ringing 10–11 a.m. and 5.30–6.30 p.m. Visitors always welcome.—D. P. Leworthy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.— A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's (8), Ufford, on Saturday, October 7th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome. Make this a good night. —W. L., Dis. Sec. 2463

WANTED. — "All Saints' Doubles" Peal Cards. — Peal cards which include above method required from **1952** to present date; will pay, plus postage.—W. H. Cavill, 19, High Street, Ashcott, Bridgwater, Som. 2453

SNOWDON DINNER, COTTINGHAM

On Saturday, October 21st, 1967

A few tickets (£1), with ringing programme, are still available. Please send s.a.e. to R. Ducker, 2, Cavendish Road, Hull, Yorkshire. Closing date October 14th, 1967. 2444

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Longney on Saturday, October 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. — P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 2468

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.—G. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 2469

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Stotfold (6) on Saturday, October 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Don't forget the striking competition on the 21st. 2452

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, Staffs. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and 4 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after the meeting and also at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley, if required. Names for tea to Mr. R. Edwards, 4, Silva Avenue, High Acres Estate, Kingswinford, Staffs, not later than Wednesday, October 11th. No names, no tea! 2456

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening meeting, Berkeley, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (10) available 5.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—C. M. Snow, Hon. Sec. 2450

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual District meeting, St. Dunstan's, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cathedral bells available after business meeting. Names, together with money for tea (2s. 6d.), to K. I. Davis, Apple Acre, Union Road, Bridge, near Canterbury, not later than October 12th. 2453

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Leonard's, Drayton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, by Wednesday, 11th. 2460

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale-of-White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting Village Hall. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by October 12th. 2471

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Boddington, Saturday, October 14th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. Baughen, Poplars, Boddington, Rugby, by Wednesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 2466

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 2451

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice at Ashtead on Tuesday, October 17th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire.—M. M. 2465

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Quarterly meeting, **Woodchester** (6), October 21st. Please note change of tower. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business meeting 5.30. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Bells available till 8 p.m.—V. M. D.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.— Meeting at Winterton on October 21st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Chafer, 69, Earles Gate, Winterton, Lincs, not later than Wednesday, October 18th. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2467

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HALF PEAL

FRITWELL, OXON.—On Sept. 6th, Plain Bob Minimus (being 105 extents): Margaret Ambler 1, Anne Bennett 2, Pamela Powell 3, Charlotte Bennett 4. Supervised jointly by 3 and 4.

FOUR QUARTERS OF MINIMUS IN A DAY

WINTERBORNE KINGSTONE, DORSET. — On Sept. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. A. Hiller 1, R. Williamson 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4.

WINTERBORNE ZELSTONE. — 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, Janice Gudge (first of Minimus "inside") 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4.

SHAPWICK, DORSET.—1,272 Plain and Reverse Canterbury Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, D. B. Ellery 2, R. Williamson (cond.) 3, M. J. Hiller 4. First in two methods for all the band.

LONG BURTON, DORSET. — 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, D. B. Ellery 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, R. Williamson 4. For Harvest Festival. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Durham Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method by all the band. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Gibbs 1, Felicity Hamilton 2, Gillian Laver 3, G. Bromley 4, J. A. Laver 5, V. Stedman (first "inside") 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8. First of Triples in method 1, 3, 4. For Evensong.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): R. Russell 1, J. M. Thorley 2, R. N. Scholes 3, S. Bell 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Peter Griffiths and Carolyn Groome.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. J. Perrin (first Major) 1, R. Spicer 2, P. C. Worthington (first Major "inside") 3, B. J. Harris (first Major as cond.) 4, F. J. Robinson (first Major) 5, M. R. Worthington 6, C. A. Critchley 7, G. W. Critchley 8.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. W. Bird 1, Dianne M. Hatfield 2, T. H. Bird 3, V. Gregg 4, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 5, J. Burgess 6. With best wishes to Christine Bird and Patrick Hosford, married here earlier this day.

BOBBING, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Brenda Davies 1, H. Deacon 2, N. J. Davies 3, D. Manger (cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, Sylvia Knight 6.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Broadest 1, F. Price 2, R. W. Price 3, J. R. Price 4, R. G. Corby 5, C. Conway (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. For Evensong.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell 1, Juliet Hall 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, R. A. Blewitt 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, D. Fowles 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. D. and Mrs. Strickland, going to Birmingham.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Whalley 1, A. Capstick 2, N. M. Newby 3, J. E. Dickinson 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5, K. Price 6, J. E. Burles (cond.) 7, R. Moore 8. Rung for the wedding this day at St. Mary's, Ambleside, of David Capstick and Christine Flitcroft.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pocock (first quarter) 1, D. Brown (first "inside") 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, H. deCombe 6. For Evensong.

BURSTWICK, YORKS. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob and St. Clement's): J. R. Leary (cond.) 1, S. K. Thompson 2, Iris Piper 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, D. Cook (first quarter) 5, C. L. D. Munday 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. Ernest E. C. Hollis, Vicar of this parish for seven years.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Susan Stott 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, A. Peters 4, J. Coombes 5, H. Hooper 6. For Harvest Festival.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara K. Fyle 1, R. D. Hayne 2, M. Pickup 3, R. Hart 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong, on the occasion of a visit by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

QUARTER PEALS

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Geraldine Mitchell 1, L. Smith 2, M. Chandler 3, J. Arnall 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, A. V. Chandler (first quarter) 6. To welcome the Rev. Douglas Maurice Bell-Richards as Vicar of Dymock and Rector of Donnington.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, S. Wells 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EAST SUTTON, KENT. — On July 20th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Richardson 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First in the method 2, 3 and 4.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sheffield 1, C. Bennett (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Ellwood 3, C. Collins 4, J. Wellings 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6.

EPSOM, SURREY. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, T. Skilton 2, Jill Oakshott 3, R. D. Mills 4, C. W. Munday 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, M. Morris 7, R. Fenniman 8, J. Munton 9, J. C. Davidge 10. A wedding compliment to Janet Crane and Roger Ashmore.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Fransella 1, Christine Neville 2, D. Ellisdon 3, C. Ottaway 4, D. Wright 5, C. G. Wright 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, D. Knewstub 8. First of Stedman 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a wedding compliment to R. Nash (Barkingside band) and Miss J. Underwood, married this day.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS. — On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Kent T. B. Major: Jennifer Jones 1, H. Rumens 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, L. A. Page 4, K. Jones 5, N. O. Skelton 6, W. T. Perrins 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 5, 6 and 7. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Rumens, on his 80th birthday. Also on the 60th anniversary of his first peal, Kent T.B. Major.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Miles 1, W. R. Curtis 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, G. Taysom 4, J. J. George 5, A. P. Smith 6, F. M. Bowers (first as Triples as cond.) 7, W. J. S. Troon 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, S. W. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, R. H. Tribe 8. For Evensong.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Naomi Bissicks 1, Marion Hunt 2, T. W. Harris 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. M. Virgin 5, R. Hillman 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, D. J. Buckland 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. E. Burgess as Vicar.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, Pamela Powell 2, G. J. Roberts 3, K. Fursdon 4, P. A. Lock 5, C. York 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. 25th quarter together 3 and 7. Rung on the eve of the wedding of John Kelly, captain of this tower.

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PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Richards 1, D. Drury 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Luckhurst (first quarter) 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Carol Martin (first on ten) 1, C. Dalton 2, R. Jones 3, Angela Hughes (first in method) 4, K. G. Game (cond.) 5, A. T. Shelton 6, T. T. Jones 7, W. Inwood 8, C. W. Daws 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong.

RYTON, SALOP.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. T. Yates (first quarter) 1, R. B. Dorrington 2, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 3, J. D. Holden 4, P. G. K. Davies 5.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Mrs. J. B. Nicholson 1, Mrs. P. A. Crosby 2, D. Surman 3, H. A. Cox 4, R. I. Crosby 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nicholson (first on a working bell) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): R. Lebon 1, A. Leeves (most methods) 2, H. Deacon 3, D. Manger 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Dury 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Edwards 1, J. Durham 3, G. Westwood 4, J. Warr 5, R. Smith 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 17th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, D. J. Carr 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, R. Hulme 5, M. Penney 6, P. Spackman 7, M. J. Stanley 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. New 10. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TOLLER PORCORUM, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,272 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: T. A. Hiller 1, Miss A. Quick 2, R. Williamson 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. First in the method for all the band.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Garrod 1, H. Appleton 2, R. Leavett 3, A. Day 4, B. Mann (cond.) 5, A. Palmer 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Jane Garrod, wife of the treble ringer. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wright 1, D. Hewitt 2, Miss B. Shaw 3, Miss G. Wilkinson 4, Miss V. Jones 5, D. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon 7, T. Hollis 8.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: T. Howarth (first quarter) 1, Margaret Newton 2, Susan E. Wallace 3, C. J. Eden 4, R. Peers 5, D. J. Jukes (cond.) 6, E. Jones (first quarter) cover. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Hughes, verger at this church.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, on Sept. 10th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: B. Burrough 1, Freda Cannon 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, W. Rawlings 4, B. Mathews 5, W. Prockson 6, T. Hawkins 7, D. Randall 8, R. Overington 9, E. Peeu 10. An 84th birthday compliment to William Shepherd, one of the two remaining members of St. Margaret's Society of 1900. The other is George Symonds.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Pearmain 1, Hilary Bailey (first of Minor) 2, J. Bailey 3, D. Boniface 4, B. Rodgers 5, A. Luxford (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Aug. 27th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: Rosemary Stanbridge 1, P. Staples 2, B. Johnson 3, P. Richardson 4, R. Carlton 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 6. For Evensong.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Louise Harvey (first quarter) 1, J. D. Smith 2, S. Sage 3, D. F. Welch 4, F. J. Nelson 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Rees, of this parish.

WOODSTOCK, OXON. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Venn 1, Charlotte A. Bennett 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, F. Marylyn Bird 4, M. Journeaux 5, D. Floyd 6, P. J. Heritage (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Franklin 8.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): H. Kennar (first quarter) 1, R. Jones 2, J. Coombs (cond.) 3, Miss J. Legg 4, S. Lewis 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Helen) to the treble ringer.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Chapman 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, P. Bridle 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 1, 4 and 5.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330TH *ANNIVERSARY DINNER*

Saturday, November 4th, 1967

The 330th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th (6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.) at the Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

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Guest of honour the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The Washington Film will be shown. Bells: Cathedral 3.30 until 5 p.m. All Saints' 4.30 until 6 p.m. Tickets (15s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries and general secretary until October 18th.—D. Beacham, The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 2395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 28th, 1967 at the County Hotel, Taunton 6.45 for 7.15 p.m.

Taunton St. Mary's bells (12) available 5-6.30 p.m.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott will present a "Ceremony of Bells" after the dinner. Tickets 22s. 6d. (S.A.E., please) from Mr. J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 21st. 2395

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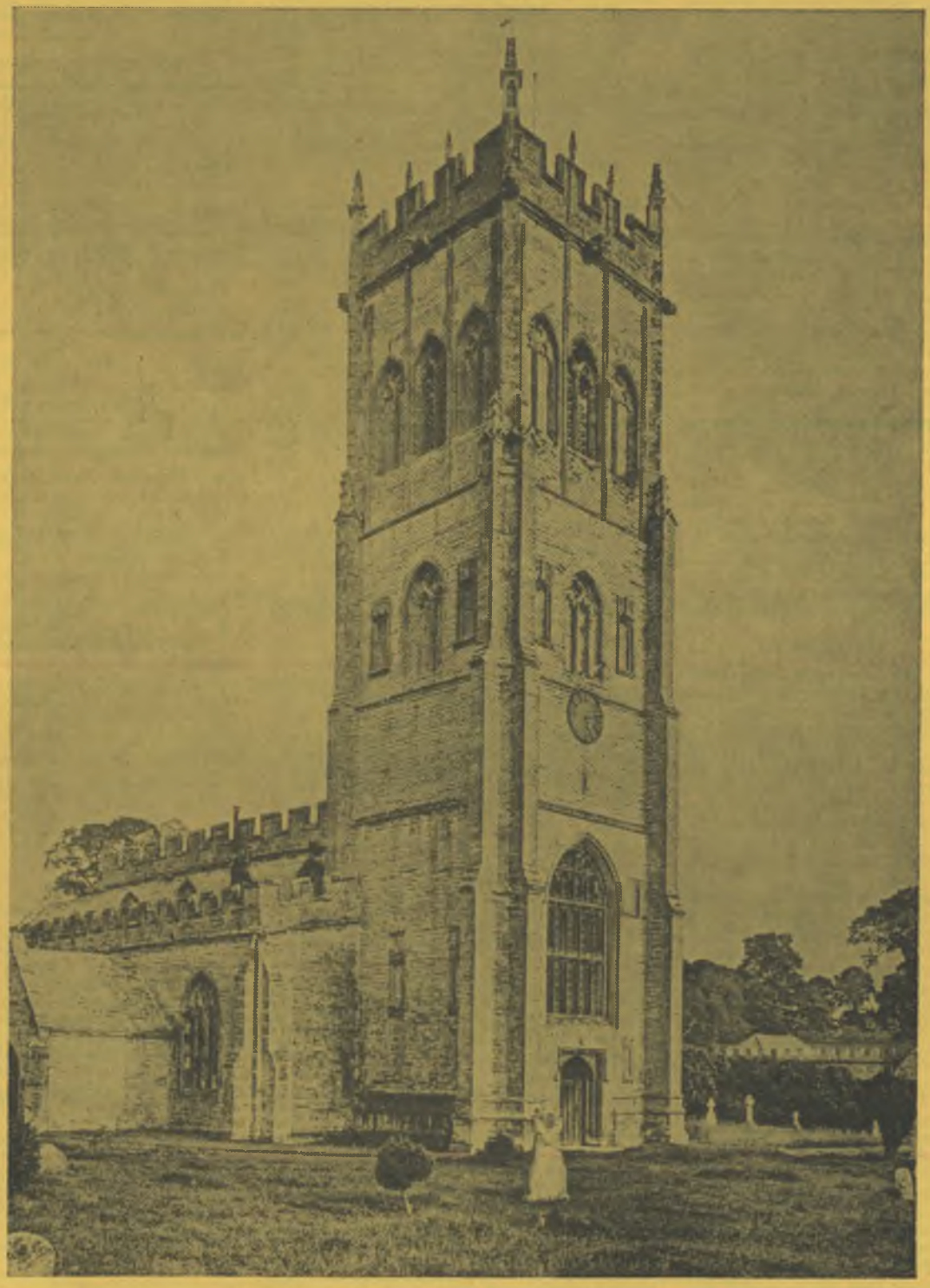

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Long Sutton, Somerset

"Fiftieth Peal on the Bells"

IN fact, there have so far been 51 peals in Long Ashton (Somerset) tower, one on the original eight and the remainder on the bells rehung in 1902, so this article can be literally true. The total is not large by Loughborough, Birmingham or Crayford standards, but only eight Somerset towers have passed the 50 mark. Investigation of the records reveals several points of interest which show the development of ringing over the last 70 years.

In 1871 Ellacombe listed five bells in the tower, but there must have been six by 1897 when Sir J. H. Greville Smyth of Ashton Court gave three new bells (1, 2 and 7) and the original pre-Reformation 7th was hung dead as a clock bell. The first peal in the tower was in 1899 when a board in the tower records that the Bristol St. Stephen's Guild rang Stedman Triples, conducted by W. A. Cave. The tenor was then 36½ cwt. In 1902 something evidently was amiss since a new (31 cwt.) tenor bell was provided and all the bells rehung by Taylor in plain bearings in a cast iron frame. The first peal on the rehung bells followed on September 9th, 1903, when W. A. Cave called Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Eight days later the Pye touring band came and rang Stedman.

WILLIAM PYE'S WEEK

The Gloucester and Bristol peal book shows this third peal to be one of 11 in that week when William Pye rang Exeter Cathedral tenor single handed to Stedman Caters, followed later by tenors at Martock (25 cwt.) to New Cambridge and St. Nicholas, Bristol (36 cwt.) to Kent Royal. It was a good week for Stedman with two of Triples, five of Caters and two of Cinques, a marked contrast to present-day tours.

There were two more peals at Long Ashton in 1903, so the new bells must have been popular with the Bristol men, located as they are only 2½ miles from the city. The second of these peals was the first of Major on the bells (Cambridge) which W. A. Cave again conducted in 3 hrs. 16 mins. from the tenor. This is a fairly quick time for Major with a tenor greater than 30 cwt., but Cave subsequently knocked 4 mins. off this time for the quickest yet rung here. Stephen Ivin recently took one minute longer for one lead more, so the bells still run well. However, the speed of ringing Major on these bells has decreased since the war, whereas Triples times have maintained an average of 3 hrs. 6 mins. with one exception when A. H. Pulling called Stedman from the tenor in 3 hrs. 32 mins. The quickest peal of Triples came round in 5 minutes under 3 hours. The ten pre-war peals of Major averaged 3 hrs. 20 mins. whereas the fifteen since 1948 average 3 hrs. 36 minutes, which suggests that latter day tenor men are (with the exception of Stephen Ivin) less keen on exertion. The "rot" set in when the Cheshire men came on a Sunday afternoon in 1948 for the now notorious peal of Bristol which took 3 hrs. 57 mins. (the slowest yet) and rang through into Evensong. All the peals rung by that touring party were slow, but the psychological effect of their slow time seems possibly to have persisted.

There is no doubt that the bells still run well and the fact that the tenor is slow at handstroke helps to speed things along. The lateness of the seventh of backstroke has become a limiting feature and certainly Alfred Rushton had plenty of work in chasing Stephen Ivin during the fast peal of London.

STEDMAN THE FAVOURITE

The 50 peals on the present bells were equally divided between Triples and Major. Of the methods rung Stedman was clearly favourite with 17 peals, followed by Grandsire (9), Cambridge (6), London and Double Norwich (4), Bristol and Yorkshire (3) and one each of Forward, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain and Little, Whitwich and Glasgow. These last three and London being "firsts" for the Association. The solitary peal of Plain Bob deserves comment in denoting that odd bell methods were generally favoured locally, and that was rung in 1924 by the Bristol men.

Footnotes to peals denote the last one rung in England during the reign of Edward VII, a half-muffled peal for victims of the R101 disaster, a wedding peal for P. G. Yeo, and also one to celebrate his completion of 50 years' service to the tower.

Two hundred and twenty-eight people have taken part in the peals rung in the tower. The late W. A. Cave rang in 13 (cond. 7) between 1899 and 1934. Behind this total comes Herbert W. Knight with 9 (1) together with the late John Thomas and the writer, both with 9 (6). In all 17 people have rung five or more peals on the bells and 164 have rung only one. Only four people have taken part in peals before and after world war two.

As might be expected, these are "men's" bells, and the first lady to score a peal was Mrs. R. J. Wilkins. Only three others followed her before 1939. Since the war sixteen other ladies have taken part, all on the front three bells, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden leading with 5 peals.

TOWER "UNCIRCLED"

No one has yet "circled" the tower, but local captain David Yeo has only two bells left to ring and follows on the tradition begun by his grandfather George (4 peals, 19 years as branch secretary) and father Percy (1 peal, 37 years as branch secretary) by having completed 10 years as branch secretary. There seems every prospect that in due course his son could become only the fifth Chew Branch secretary since the Association was formed in 1890! It is possibly unique to have two sons and a grandson ring their first peal for one's golden wedding, but this was George Yeo's distinction in 1949.

The Bridle family also have continuity from the first peal on the rehung bells when Henry rang the treble. His son Frank still rings and Frank's son Peter was tenor man for the record peals of up to 165 Surprise Major methods.

We now move on to the second fifty peals. It would be pleasant if the local band could eventually move from quarter peal to peal standards. At the present rate of progress the 100th peal should arrive in the year 2,010 or so which leaves plenty of time to achieve this.

I am indebted to Mr. Harry Sanger and Canon K. W. H. Felstead for information on the ringers taking part in peals and to the latter for leaving a card in the tower listing peals rung which led to the research to produce this article. J. H. GILBERT.

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Our Picture

Holy Trinity, Long Sutton, Somerset

THERE was bound to be difficulty in choosing Somerset towers for "The Ringing World" frontispiece when whole books have been devoted to their classification and portrayal. The county is famous for its towers and bells, so aptly described in the leading article prior to last year's Central Council meeting, and the wealth of heavy sixes in splendid village towers is represented by our picture of Holy Trinity, Long Sutton. It stands in the south of the county between Langport and Yeovil, above the flood level of the river Ivel and overlooking one of the "moors."

This tower has been grouped with others such as Shepton Mallet, Banwell, Cheddar, Bruton and Wedmore which all possess three windows in the top storey alone—the Cheddar Valley type. Other groups with two windows in the top storey (Taunton Deane type) and a single window in the top storey which is not extended into the stage below (Bristol Channel type) were independently classified by Dr. F. J. Allen and Mr. R. P. Brereton in 1904. Our photograph comes from a collection prepared by the latter which the late Major Hesse passed to Mr. H. W. Knight, the present chairman of the Chew Branch. A fourth group in which all the tower above the nave roof is treated alike will be covered in a later article.

Long Sutton originally came under the Abbot of Athelney following King Alfred's gift of the manor in 852. The present church was built from 1493 onward in the local lias stone with golden Ham stone dressings and stands in the traditional setting on one side of the village green, with the school, the shop and the inn as neighbours. The west tower is 96½ feet high to the top of the pinnacles with set-back buttresses connected diagonally across the angles. These buttresses end in short pinnacles at the bell stage which has three two-light windows flanked by shafts rising to short pinnacles above the battlements. The main corner pinnacles are a continuation of the diagonals between the buttresses. Only the centre bell openings are pierced with Somerset tracery. Below the bell stage is one two-light window flanked by niches for statues and below this again is the large five-light west window and the small west door. Thus we have all the typical Somerset tower features with some individual touches

Originally there were five bells, the treble from the fifteenth century Exeter foundry, number two by an unknown founder in 1816 and 3, 4 and 5 by Mears and Co., 1863 (tenor 17¼ cwt.) The first peal on the five was four Doubles methods in 1937 conducted by E. T. Paul Field who still rings there every Sunday. He also gave the present treble bell in 1961 to make up the six in memory of his wife Florence. There was only one other peal on the five—Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles in 1960. Since augmentation six peals have been rung, all Minor.

No doubt more will follow as the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, is an accomplished ringer with five peals on his own bells and a number elsewhere, including participation in the first "resident" peal of Cambridge Royal for the Bath and Wells Association. He learnt to ring in his father's parish at Farmborough, Somerset, and progressed under the guidance of Ron Beck at Chilcompton, and whilst curate at Leatherhead. Currently Mr. Marshall is chairman of the Ilchester Branch of the Association and rings for services with his local band under their captain, Mr. A. J. Lewis.

Here then we have a typical village tower with its local band, proud of their bells and regular in attendance twice each Sunday. They do not all ring "scientific" changes (yet), but the bells regularly sing out the call to worship over the quiet fields of Somerset—"Come to Church, Good People, Good People, come and pray."

West Country News

BROADHEMPSTON, DEVON, RE-OPENING

Fourteen bands of ringers were at Broadhempston, near Totnes, on September 23rd, for the re-opening of the ring of six after rehanging by Messrs. Taylors. The bells, a five by Pennington, with a treble a semitone sharp by Llewellyn and James, had needed new headstocks, bearings and pulleys and were sheer hard work to ring. They are now in first-rate order, as the marking of the leaders in competition shows: Plymstock 16, West Alvington 22, Widecombe 24, Kenn 27.

A feature of the competition was the entry of a band entitled "Loughborough," including Arthur Fidler, who rehung the bells, and his father, Mr. J. P. Fidler, and the preacher at the re-opening service, the Rev. John Scott. They came—well, somebody had to be last, didn't they? Since the need for rehanging was recognised less than a year ago the parish, and in particular the ringers, have raised all the money needed for the work, and with the proceeds of the re-opening there may be enough over for a set of new ropes as well.

"A CEREMONY OF BELLS"

This programme, given to the Devonshire Association in June, is to be presented for the general public at the Beaford Centre, near Torrington, on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7.30 p.m. The programme, for which a good deal of new material has been collected during the past few months, consists of colour and black-and-white slides, recordings and a commentary on bells and ringing in North Devon. Tickets are 3s 6d., obtainable from: The Box Office, The Beaford Centre, Winkleigh, Devon. Accommodation is limited, so advanced booking is advised.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, A. Peters 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Radford 6. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

On September 23rd the Branch held its annual striking contest at Lechlade, choosing another Guild's territory and a neutral tower for the event. The judge was Mr. Derek Carr, of Swindon, whose services were much appreciated.

Five towers sent teams and for an hour the bells were put to good use by the contestants in order to become acquainted with the glorious ring of six. The captains then drew for positions and the judge settled himself in his car. The test pieces over, a break for tea was taken with much speculation as to who the winners would be, as the ringing had been of a high standard.

The results were as follows: 1 Eynsham (240 Grandsire Doubles) 59 faults; 2 Witney (240 Plain Bob Doubles) 60; 3 Hanborough (240 Grandsire Doubles) 75; 4 Woodstock (call changes) 94½; 5 Northleigh (240 Plain Bob Doubles) 112. The ringers of the winning team were: D. Lloyd 1, B. Coggins 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (conductor) 5, A. Harris 6.

Having given the results, the judge went on to say how each team could improve on their performances. These tips are now being carefully considered and so next year's competition should be even more exciting.

E. R. V.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. H. Prince 1, B. W. Hall 2, J. W. Dixon 3, G. J. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, T. W. Timms 7, A. J. Coles 8. To mark the 27th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Builders of the Bath and Wells Association

IN the report of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association presented at the annual meeting this year there is a valuable article giving a retrospect of the last 75 years, the Association having been founded on May 31st, 1890, at a general meeting at Highbridge "of all those interested in change ringing and belfry reform in the Diocese." An inaugural festival followed at Taunton in July and by the end of the year there was a ringing membership of 159 representing 19 towers.

The early history was not all plain sailing. In 1893, to quote the annual report, "The Association did little good to justify its existence." A new secretary, Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, was elected in 1894 and progress was rapid for a few years. Membership climbed to a peak of 380, but when Master and secretary resigned in 1901 it was not easy to find replacements. The Association ran into some difficulties until Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, became secretary, and the paid-up membership, which had fallen below 200, increased fourfold in a few years.

LONG PARTNERSHIPS

In 1906 the Rev. Claud Parker, Rector of Corston, and Edgar Burgess, of Taunton, took office as Master and secretary respectively and the Association prospered for the next 19 years under their leadership, membership reaching 1 285. In 1925 the Rev. Ernest Lock, Vicar of West Pennard, and Joseph Dyke, of Chilcompton, took over the reins of office for another long partnership, broken by the death of Mr. Lock in 1935. Mr. Dyke continued as secretary for 28 years until 1953, by which time the Association had more than recovered from the Second World War, and its ringing membership had risen to a record of over 1,500.

That Edgar Burgess and Joe Dyke could each carry the heavy burden of the secretaryship for so long is a tribute to their stamina and sense of duty, and the flourishing state of the Association is a measure of their success. Even longer periods of office are to be found among that hard-working fraternity, the Branch secretaries, for example:—

George Stacey (Dunster) 1903–53.
David Taylor (Crewkerne) 1903–42.
Frederick Farrant (Ilchester) 1915–55.
Percy Yeo (Chew) 1922–57.
William Marsh (Glaston) 1937–62.
Percy Mason (Taunton) 1910–37.

Mention should also be made of the unique record of service of the Yeo family to the Chew Branch, where father, son and grandson have successively held office since 1902.

FROM SAME VILLAGE

A study of the peal book reveals two names which, for sheer quantity and quality of peals, stand out clearly—Joseph Dyke and Ronald Beck. It is no coincidence that the only two men who have rung over 300 peals for the Association should have lived in the same village.

Space permits the mention of only a few others who in different ways have made the Association what it is today. James Hunt, of Taunton, was for many years adviser on the care of church bells, a Central Council representative and a tower of strength to the Taunton Branch; Henry Brown and William Prescott, of Bath; Joseph Maddock and Alfred Wyatt of Taunton; John Hesse, of Wrington; Edward Avery, of Churchill; George Yeo, of Long Ashton, have all added lustre to the Association's name.

The band that repeated the 200-years-ago peal of 10,080 changes at Debenham on September 16th. Left to right: Messrs. L. Pizzey, L. Brett, R. Rogers J. B. Pickup, H. W. Egglestone, T. J. Bailey, R. Whittell and M. Howes.
[Photo by H. W. Leather. By courtesy of the "East Anglian Daily Times."

200 Years After at Debenham

By Dr. Stuart G. C. Harrison

During the political quietness of the middle of the 18th century there was a great development of the art of change ringing. Advances in techniques of bell founding and engineering tempted church authorities to restore and augment their bells or have new rings installed. With many new bells there was a lot of enthusiasm and the improvements in bellhanging made the ringing of long lengths feasible. Thus in Clavis "Campanologia" (1788) we find many compositions for peals of 5,000 and more changes and for peals of Plain Bob Major of 10,080 and 15,120 changes

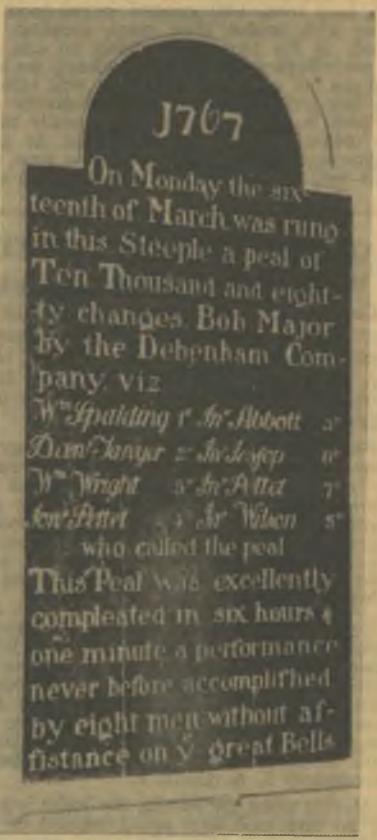
In 1761 Lester and Pack finished work on a fine octave at Debenham, Suffolk. A local company was formed, most probably under the leadership of James Wilson. The first peal on the new bells was 5,040 Plain Bob Major, conducted by James Wilson. On March 16th, 1767, a peal of 10,080 Plain Bob Major was rung by a company drawn from the surrounding district. In the belfry there is a peal board recording this achievement.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER

When the local residents of Debenham look at this peal board they will still relate stories about James Wilson to their visitor. He is reputed to have committed a murder at Bury St. Edmunds during the night before the long peal. He was known to have been in Debenham early on the morning of the peal and at his trial the jury thought it was impossible for him to have been at Bury at the time of the murder. He is said to have ridden the 20 miles between the two towns immediately after the murder and then slept at Debenham before the peal. Unfortunately all the records of the Clerk of the Assize of the old Norfolk Circuit of the time of the trial have perished so that we no longer have access to the details of this trial. However, from the poem and the legend we can surmise that James Wilson has been one of the most colourful characters seen in ringing.

Early in 1967 it was decided that if permission could be obtained another 10,080 Plain Bob Major should be attempted to celebrate the bicentenary. March 16th, 1967, was a Thursday in Lent and so the attempt was arranged for September 16th. Eight resident members of the Suffolk Guild were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. P. Strickland, and at 2 p.m. the bells went into changes. After a steady start the bells soon settled down and when the tenors parted after two hours' ringing the famous "Debenham roll" was well established. The halfway single came up after 3 hours and 1 minute and a good peal was eventually brought round in 6 hours and 4 minutes.

There were many friends and wellwishers outside the tower afterwards. During the afternoon there was a tremendous amount of interest taken in the ringing by ringers and the townsfolk. The band are very grateful to the Rector for his permission to attempt this peal and to the parishioners for their interest and good wishes.



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A West Wales Peal Tour

(For peals see page 619)

THE tour got off to a flying start, with two good peals at the beginning of the first week. Simon Rogers rang very well for his first "inside" at Burry Port, during which mysterious rumblings and noises created a rather disturbing diversion.

Compared with these bells, those at Llandeilo went like clockwork, although the tendency was to ring them a little too fast. Here I must convey our thanks to Mr. William Sage, who rang his first peal of Minor for us, and to Mr. Scudamore, the local Ringing Master. Whilst we can recommend the bells at Llandeilo, we are certainly less enthusiastic about the local hostelry. The poor tenor man was virtually bankrupt, after having to pay 8s. 4d. for two pint shandies and two lemonades!

TWO FAILURES

The band, by this time completely exhausted, then had a short rest of approximately five days before attempting the next peal, one of Minor at Cardigan. This was attempted fully muffled, due to the hospital next door. After the first extent one of the muffs on the tenor disintegrated and the attempt was abandoned as lack of time did not permit a fresh start.

The intrepid organiser, the Rev. M. S. Hart, then raced to collect our principal conductor and myself from Penybont in order to start the next peal on time, at Llanbadarn Fawr. To no avail. We were doomed from the start. We found the bells extremely difficult to strike and at length abandoned the attempt in favour of a somewhat more refreshing pastime nearby.

The two failures on the Saturday somewhat reduced morale and what was needed was a good peal, a peal to be proud of. Just this tonic was provided on the following Monday—what we believe to be the first on the bells since 1927 at Haverfordwest. Admittedly it was only Plain Bob Triples, but on bells which are regarded by the locals as almost unringable we deemed it prudent to ring a fairly easy peal.

One small point of amusement was raised at the end, when a certain young curate, now at Putney, when accused of attempting to "cross over" with someone, replied that he was thinking of roses. Rose's what, we shall never know.

FILMED BY TOURISTS

The next day proved very rewarding, starting off in grand fashion with a peal of Little Bob Major at St. David's Cathedral. Here we were watched by groups of tourists throughout the whole length of the peal; at one point a lady even took a film of the proceedings, while money was continuously being placed in the offertory box conveniently placed in the doorway.

Then in the afternoon we journeyed to St. Florence, where a tidy peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. It is interesting to note here that the last three peals on the bells have all been within one minute of each other.

Wednesday dawned a little less brightly than the preceding days, and so did we. Going to bed at two o'clock in the morning is no preparation for a couple of peals the same day. It is no joke, by the way, staggering along a nettle- and bramble-infested pathway, half naked, with only a flashing lighthouse nearby to illuminate the way, and then having to struggle into tiny, damp tents, especially when the boss looks as if he is sleeping in King Solomon's Temple, right next to your own humble abode.

CONTINUOUS BATTLE

However, we did manage to stay awake long enough to ring two peals the same day: the first, of Grandsire Triples, at Carmarthen, where it was a continuous battle against the new and rather long ropes, and also the bearings. Why people insist on plastering plain bearings with thick grease is beyond me. You might just as well fill them with tar for the good it does.

CHELTENHAM RINGING COURSE.—Apart from lecturing, Mr. F. Sharpe was busy with his camera during the ringing course at St. Anne's Diocesan House, Cheltenham. (For story see last week's issue.) Cyril Wratten, one of the organisers, is seen standing on the ladder in Charlton Kings belfry.

The second peal was one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Llanstephan (a rather pleasant eight). Here I must apologise for the time. The ringing did not seem slow, apart from one or two handstroke leads, but it certainly turned out to be. Still, it was well struck, which is more important.

Thursday arrived—an even wetter day than the previous one. Tenby was our destination, and after a short shopping spree and a tin of elastoplast, we commenced the peal, this time of Oxford Treble Bob Major. The tuneful ring of eight went well to this and, thanks to the tenor man, we went a little faster than we did the previous day; we certainly could not go any slower!

We had left Friday free to enjoy ourselves and the weather. Naturally it had to rain, but we still managed to enjoy ourselves. There was plenty of shopping to do, and in the evening we rang at St. David's practice. Our driver will never know why his hub cover and trimmer suddenly shot off and went flying across to the other side of the road on the way there—at least we'll never tell him.

So to the last day. We were all up not very bright, but early. The car was loaded and we bade farewell to our host, Richard Warburton, and to our non-ringing friends from Birmingham. We then made a detour to Pembroke, where we first failed to get a peal of Oxford Bob Triples but then went on to ring one of St. Simon's Triples to complete the tour.

May I express thanks to all those who took part, particularly the Boss, the Rev. M. S. Hart, and our conductor-in-chief, M. C. W. Sherwood, to all our friends in the St. David's Guild, to the incumbents, to Richard Warburton, our host, and to Philip Rogers. P. D. S.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Pullan 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, C. Temperton 4, D. Heath 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, G. Beadle (cover) 7. First "inside" 2 and 4. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to H. Perry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The September meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Mildenhall on the 16th and was well attended. In addition to Branch members there were a number of visitors, including Mr. W. A. Farmer, of Cheltenham, a former Branch member, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Minchin, of Swindon. A warm welcome was extended to all by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) and he also expressed the company's best wishes to Mr. M. Stracey, who is being posted abroad with the R.A.F.

Good use was made of the light and tuneful six in methods ranging from Cambridge to Grandsire, and rounds and call changes for beginners. The bells were restored and rehung not many years ago and are in excellent order, and it is a matter for much regret that there is no local band.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev E. G. Courtman) with Mr. Alan Keen as organist, and was followed by tea in the Parish Room, prepared and served by local ladies. At the business meeting Mr. T. A. Palmer, hon. secretary, presented the quarterly business. W. A. E.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Wittersham was chosen for our September meeting jointly with the Ashford Branch of the Kent County Association.

Six new members were elected and Miss Todd has taken the place of Mrs. Mitchell, who was vice-president. We would like to thank the Ashford District and Mr. Alan Berry for having us and making the meeting so enjoyable. We also thank Mrs. Mitchell for her long service to the Guild (55 years) and hope that she will be happy in her new home. Special thanks are sent to Mrs. Dobbie, who has been our secretary for ten years, and we hope that she will join us in our meetings whenever possible. M. C.

Letters to the Editor

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dear Sir,—May I suggest the publication of a leaflet which may be distributed to the general public, i.e. through the letter box.

This leaflet should be well but simply written by an authority, explaining why the bells ring on Sunday and probably one evening in the week. Also it could give a simple explanation of how a bell is hung and rung, pointing out dangers which exist.

I believe there is a universal need for better relationships with the general public, and their ignorance of ringing could be enlightened by such a publication.

The Central Council has done little to improve relationships and to my knowledge not one simple writing for the information of the general public has been published.

The leaflet could be distributed by the local ringers to every house in their parish and could even include the times of ringing on Sunday and weeknight practice.

It may be said this information can be had from the Parish Church magazine. Even so, very few people read this and the little information contained therein is lost among other scribes'.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE F. ROOME.

Northampton.

IMPORTANCE OF P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if the heading "Unringable Incumbents" ("Ringing World," September 22nd) should not also be "Apathetic Congregations."

The answer could very well lie with the ringers themselves. The P.C.C. can bring a lot of pressure to bear on the incumbent. The P.C.C. is supposed to represent the people of the parish—does it? My experience at annual church meetings is that they are another P.C.C. meeting with perhaps one or two spectators, and the new P.C.C. is elected by the old, often remaining the same.

Why not try campaigning before the meeting so that there is a good turnout of people who are interested in allowing the bells to ring and who are willing to stand for the P.C.C. and to attend the meetings regularly?

I am not saying that the view of the P.C.C. could be changed in one year but by perseverance the desired result is almost certain. —Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER.

Ash, Sevenoaks.

RINGING AND THE NEW DIOCESES

Dear Sir,—The report of the Archbishop's Commission on Diocesan Boundaries in South Eastern England will give the Church a dynamic opportunity to reorganise itself if the Archbishop accepts and implements it.

It also gives the ringers of London and the Home Counties a unique opportunity to rationalise their organisations to match the new dioceses and thus join in the advance. Given good will and determination this can be done. It will be sad to see some famous names disappear from the current records of ringing societies. But if their place is in history then they must join history, and those who have served them so well must devote their energies to the new Societies for the new times. That way ringing and the Church will prosper. — Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom.

CATHEDRAL SERVICE CRITICISED

Dear Sir,—As I have now recovered from being refrigerated at the Durham and Newcastle Association's 90th anniversary service, I feel that I must make a few comments.

In the course of his sermon, Canon Thurlow spoke about "being invited to share in the service." Perhaps he did share, but he must have been one of the few who did. The choir sang all parts of the service to settings unknown to anyone but themselves and although their esses and tees were extremely audible the only other words to be picked out in a very dull anthem were "We shall," and I did once think I heard a "Mercy," but certainly none was given.

About 100 ringers attended the service but no one could be blamed if he decided that this was to be the last. The next stage for a service of this type is to revert completely to Latin and then the uneducated like myself would not have to try to pick out the odd word let alone participate.

Another snatch from the Canon's sermon mentioned "thanksgiving for the 90 years of the Association"; this was no thanksgiving, it was a penance.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES A. BURTON.

Hartlepool.

Note.—The setting to the Canticles was unknown except to the choir but there were parts of the service of close interest to ringers such as the ringers' hymn, the prayers for ringers, the address and the handbell ringing of a course of Bob Major, which must be a rarity in a Cathedral service. These gave to many of the congregation a feeling of thanksgiving.—Ed.

VISITORS AND STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir,—The ringing meeting at Highgate and Holloway, which Mrs. Holloway had to pay sixpence to attend, was held by the London County Association. As she surmises, this Association has no annual subscription and has to rely partly on this "steepleage" to meet its expenses.

I am glad that this matter has been brought to light as I, for one, am not in sympathy with the way in which we charge our visitors, as well as our own members, sixpence; and I know that a number of visitors that day felt indignant, rightly or wrongly, about having to pay to ring (or perhaps about the way in which they were asked to do so).

Whatever my own feelings may be, though, I can see that there is a valid case for asking a small contribution from all ringers attending —and presumably enjoying or deriving benefit from—a particular meeting, whether or not they belong to the Association which has arranged it. I might add that I have never been charged anything to attend a ringing meeting held by any Association other than the London County, but then I know of no other Association which has no annual subscription.

One further thought: Sixpence seems to me to be a trifling amount when compared with the sums of up to 10s. which I have had to pay to take part in peals, rung "for" Associations other than my own, and in which I cannot be expected to have, necessarily, any interest.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

St. Margaret's, Middlesex.

VISITORS AND ATTENDANCE FEES

Dear Sir,—I, too, was present at the recent London County Association meeting at St. Anne's, Highgate, and I fully endorse Mrs. Lawrence's views ("Ringing World," September 28th) on the subject of the sixpence attendance fee—I doubt whether it is truly a "belfry fee." One never minds placing a donation in a tower's own belfry fund box, or paying a prescribed rope fee or booking fee for peals, but if (and I may be incorrect in this assumption) the sixpences under discussion here are going into the Association's general funds, I agree that it is unreasonable to levy the fee indiscriminately on members and non-members alike. On this particular occasion it happened to be worth it for the entertainment which was provided each time the fourth rope slipped wheel, but this is irrelevant!

With regard to the suggestion that the fee might be to discourage non-members from attending, I must say that when I asked the young lady who was collecting the sixpences what would happen if I declined to pay, the answer was more or less to the effect that no one was asking me to stay. I do not think, however, that the Association in question would wish to dissociate itself from what I feel sure is the general view—that our meetings would be the poorer without visitors, from two aspects—the standard of ringing which can be achieved, and the preservation of the spirit of comradeship which is such a future of our Exercise.

I would hasten to add that no criticism which I may have implied reflects in any way upon the Master, Harold Rogers, who always extends a sincere and friendly welcome to everyone in his own inimitable way!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. ROTHERA.

Hendon, N.W.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read of Mrs. Anna Lawrence's comments on her visit to the meeting of a certain Association at Highgate and I note if she wonders if the purpose of the charge in question is to discourage visitors from attending. My own recent experience at a meeting of the same Association in a North London tower serves to support this theory as when I pointed out that I was not a member upon being brusquely asked for my sixpence, a "gentleman" asked me why I was there if I wasn't a member! I am only thankful that having rung in all the towers "controlled" by the Association it will not be necessary for me to expose myself to such an unwelcoming attitude again.—Yours faithfully,

GILLIAN A LEALE.

Hampton, Middlesex.

HEART-WARMING EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—While on holiday recently I called at a tower on the offchance to see if there was any ringing for Sunday evening service. I discovered that a quarter peal had been arranged. Without hesitation one lady ringer insisted on my taking her place and, furthermore, the conductor changed the previously arranged method to a simple one that I could ring.

I have always received a warm welcome to all the towers I have visited, but I think this is the most heart-warming experience I have had in my ringing travels and one which I shall never forget.

Aren't ringers wonderful people? — Yours sincerely,

ANN BUTCHER

Ross-on-Wye.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-WEST

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the letters on the above tower, but reading Mr. E. G. Garrard's letter I was interested in the final paragraph, alluding to St Dunstan-in-the-East, the bells, the fish festival, etc.

I rang on a number of occasions at the fish festival on the old bells and it was of great interest to see the porters in their smocks and working clothes, really a piece of old London. This festival was taken by the porters, etc., as a really great occasion and they turned up in force and made it a real Harvest Festival of the Sea.

After the war years and the bombing of the church, leaving not much more than the tower intact, I remember that Thomas H. Taffender was instrumental in getting the bells replaced.

At that time it was expected that the church (which was the parent church of St. Dunstan's School, Catford) would be rebuilt and as a result the tower would be stabilised. For some unknown reason the church has **not** been rebuilt and as a result the bells now hung ready for ringing are no longer heard.

I was present at the take-over from Messrs. Taylor and helped to pull up the bells, and from memory they were a very good-sounding ring.

I remember Tom Wyatt (an old ringer from Lambeth) as being after a period in charge of the gardens but the tower remained in the main silent.

I believe that there have been a few meetings at the tower since the new ring was hung but I cannot remember a peal being rung on the new Taylor eight.

It is a pity that such a good ring of bells is silent, but obviously the architects feel that to ring these bells would be of danger to what I believe is a "Wren" tower.

Through the war and lack of finance in other instances there are a number of rings in London which are now silent. I feel sure that ringers could be found if existing rings were replaced or renovated, and that if this were put into being London would rejoice in what is one of the oldest musical sounds attributed to our capital City.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK R. L. BLEWER.

Camberwell, S.E.

PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested that I should inquire through your columns to discover whether any of our towerkeeper readers can give any advice on the control of pigeons on bell towers.

There have been pigeons nesting under the louvres of the tower in my care for many years now, but they have only been a nuisance from time to time by causing feathers, straw and dust to drop into the bell chamber.

However, their numbers have increased considerably of late, also their droppings, which, mixed with pine needles from some nearby trees (which are no real nuisance on their own), are making an extremely effective adhesive, which is continually gumming up the gutters of the tower roof, and has twice within the past six months caused a blockage and consequent damage to the inside of the tower and furnishings of the ringing chamber in spite of my cleaning the gutters several times a year.

Is there any known effective remedy short of killing off these birds? I feel that the latter remedy would not be appreciated by my colleagues on the P.C.C., let alone its chairman.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. HUGHES.

Liss, Hants.

Lead Heads and Lead Ends

Dear Sir,—While fully appreciating the argument presented by Mr. A. York-Bramble ("R.W." page 637) on "lead heads" and "lead ends," I believe he is wrong in attributing "the confusion that can arise" merely to the imprecise use of these terms.

Surely he is aware that there has been a change in the definition of the term "lead end" The traditional usage (i.e., for treble's **backstroke** lead) was carefully defined by Mr. Jasper Snowdon in his book "Ropesight" thus:

"The set of changes after treble leaves the lead and until she again strikes her last blow there is called a 'treble lead'..."

I regard this not as formulating a new rule but rather as a precise statement of what was understood and accepted by the majority of ringers of his day. It is evident that the term "treble lead" originated from the landmarks provided by the treble striking her two blows at the lead, and did not refer to the path of the treble (which has its own name —"hunt"); thus the "lead end" was invariably at treble's backstroke lead. As far as I can ascertain, the question of symmetry within the division so formed did not enter into it.

The Central Council Handbook (1956), which is quoted in Mr. York-Bramble's article, defined the terms "lead head" and "lead end," if I read it correctly, only by implication while defining other terms, but in doing so the traditional lead end as defined by Snowdon became the "lead head" and "lead end" was used for treble's handstroke lead (single hunt methods). At the same time the Handbook acknowledges the traditional usage in the words on page 24. "This means that all methods must have what are known as 'Plain Bob lead-ends,' for single hunt methods..."

That this usage still persists in spite of the Central Council ruling is amply displayed by the number of Central Council (and other) publications, by leading authors, which contain it in this sense. I list some of these:

Beginners' Handbook—several places.

Change Ringing on Handbells—Woolley—definition on page 13, page 52, 53, etc.

On Conducting—Wilfrid G. Wilson—throughout.

Collection of Minor Methods (4th edition), 1961—page 130.

Collection of Doubles Methods (2nd edition), 1961—page 44.

The Lancashire Association's Instructions and Diagrams for Beginners (1963)—page 7 (although it also uses "lead head" later on page 102).

I believe confusion arises not through the use of "lead head" for the backstroke row, but **from the use of "lead end" for the handstroke row**, when this latter term has for such a long time been used for the backstroke row, and with such great significance in the pricking out of compositions, and I further believe that such usage is so deeply ingrained that no amount of legislation or theorising can eradicate it. One might even draw a parallel by saying that not even an act of Parliament could persuade the general public to refer to the vegetable we all know as a "carrot" by the name "potato." A few civil servants may comply but that is all.

Obviously with the development of method construction, names have to be found for the various key rows within a group of changes, but let us not take terms which already have a long standing significance and apply them to something different.

I would like to propose that, for purposes of method construction, the basic group is referred to as a "division," not a "lead"; that the use of the terms "lead head" and "lead end" be discontinued when dealing with method construction; that new terms be found, such as possibly "initial row" and "terminal row"; that it be agreed that "lead head" and "lead end" are synonymous and refer only to the treble's backstroke lead, whether the method be single or twin hunt.

This latter clause is, I believe, nearer to the present concensus of opinion, and is furthermore consistent with the practical aspect of ringing the changes on the bells. The punctuating effect of open leads is such as to give emphasis to the backstroke, which has an air of finality about it. Also in starting from rounds into, say, London Surprise Minor, 36x36, 14x12x36, 14x14, 36 the first operation is by places 36, **not** by places 12, these being the last of the series of places, and are made by the treble leading a whole pull and another bell (the 4th) making 2nd place to bring up 142635 at backstroke, so that this row can quite logically be called the "lead end," consistent with Snowdon's definition, and 12 the "lead end" places.

I do not expect the adherents to the Central Council Handbook to agree with me, but would not a compromise on the lines suggested be sound common sense and be the best way of avoiding confusion in future?—Yours faithfully,

A. G. FROGGATT.

Lincoln.

NOTE—Mr. Froggatt may well be right in suggesting that the older use of "lead end" for the treble's backstroke row is so deeply ingrained that no amount of legislation or theorising can eradicate it. But by the same token can he expect that the Exercise will adopt his own suggestion to use "division" instead of "lead"? And surely the terms "initial row" and "terminal row" will lead to exactly the same difficulties as "lead head" and "lead end."

We ourselves believe that the difficulty is largely a manufactured one like the right handed and left handed bell handling argument. And the best word on that one came from Mrs. King who (if memory serves) suggested that no man worried whether his shirt was ironed with the left hand or the right hand!

If you are dealing with the advanced aspects of change ringing, when it is necessary to differentiate, you will know exactly which row is intended, whatever it is called. But if you are one of the other 95 per cent of ringers, you will prefer the old way, which is still understood and accepted by the majority of ringers and to them seems logical.

A circle has no end and no beginning and any set of changes from rounds to rounds is cyclical. Mr Froggatt could well have quoted from the latest book on the subject (**Change Ringing**, page 27) which expresses these views and differentiates only when it is necessary.

W. G. W.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Miss M. Christian 1, M. H. Whittell 2, D. J. Derrick 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6. Rung for the Michaelmas ordinations, particularly Rev. L. R. Pizzey, now curate at this church, and Rev. B. Redges, made deacon at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Also for the Rev. John Thomas Murray, ordined priest at Wakefield Cathedral.

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OBITUARIES

MR. ARTHUR P. KNIGHTS

After going to press last week we received the following additional particulars of the late Arthur Percival Knights from his grandson, Mr. B. Hill, of Sheffield.

Mr. Knights was born at Brunswick Road, Chesterfield, on May 26th, 1892, and started work as an apprentice turner at Markhams of Chesterfield. He went to Sheffield in 1914, but in his younger days worked in different places, spending the summer of 1923 working at the Dublin Gas Works with the late Joseph Sykes. While there he rang several peals at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Mr. Knights' first peal was on Christmas Eve, 1920, at Chesterfield Parish Church. In this peal, of Kent Treble Bob Major, were his father, Arthur Knights, who composed and conducted the peal, and his brother-in-law, George A. Thompson. It was 20 months later before he conducted his first peal at Dore Church. It was a composition of Bob Major by his father. A month later he conducted his first peal of his own composition—Bob Major—at St. Paul's, Eckington.

So far as can be ascertained he rang in at least 225 peals but there are gaps of several years when no peals were recorded. Very few of the peals recorded are on less than eight bells, and many were Royal and Maximus. Many interesting notes appear in his peal book such as 100th peal with his father and the first peal of Royal to be rung by five fathers and five sons. He conducted this latter peal—one of Kent T.B. Royal—at Loughborough, but the composition was by his father.

His last recorded peal was one of Kent T.B. Minor rung at Holy Trinity, Wentworth, in June, 1960, and conducted by Barry Noland, of Sheffield. This peal meant that he had rung Kent from Minor to Maximus. There was a great variety in his peals and a number were in Surprise methods.

MR. WILLIAM T. BENTON

With the passing of Mr. William T. Benton on September 25th, at the age of 72 years, St. Luke's, Cannock, lost its last link with the Benton family, which had been connected with this church for the past 85 years.

"Bill," like his father "Tom," was a life-long ringer at Cannock, his father giving 68 years' service and Bill 55 years' both as ringer and tower captain. He started ringing at the age of 12 years under the guidance of his father and was made a member of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society in 1913, qualifying for honorary membership in 1963.

He was a staunch Sunday service ringer until 1963, when, due to ill-health, he had to retire, although he maintained his interest in ringing to the end.

During the 16 years that I knew him I owe a lot to him for the help and guidance he gave me in mastering the conducting of Grandsire Triples, which was his favourite method. As present tower captain at St. Luke's, Cannock, I trust that I can render a service comparable with the examples set by "Bill" and "Tom" Benton. P. J. B.

OLD CHESTERFIELD RINGERS

I came to Chesterfield in 1931 and joined the band of ringers at the Parish Church. Arthur Knights was the "skipper," as we always spoke of him. George Hollis was a very good ringer and a very jovial character. He was very fond of a pinch of snuff whilst ringing. It was quite an art to get the tin out of his waistcoat pocket, take a good sniff and get it back again. He usually mixed his bobs and singles with a good sneeze.

Frank Jacobs was another good ringer—trousers creased and not a hair out of place. Before he handled a rope he put on a pair of washleather gloves; he did not work down the pits and the rope would soil his hands. Bill Palmer was an active member and later joined the Staveley band and was steeplekeeper. Walter Allwood was a great ringer and had a wealth of knowledge to give keen ringers but had not much room for half-hearted ringers.

LAST PEAL

The last time we rang on the old ring of ten was for the marriage of the Princess Royal and Lord Lascelles. We rang Grandsire Caters in the afternoon and went for a peal of Bob Major at night, which we did not get. The tower and spire were declared unsafe, and that was the finish for the band. Some seemed to take no more interest in ringing. Some of the ringers did not give up but gave their services in the district.

Arthur and Percy Knights put more life into peal ringing; to see the "Skipper" calling one of his compositions with his head on one side, listening to the qualities coming up, is a memory one will never forget.

GRATITUDE

Walter Allwood took a great interest in the district and was always willing to help out in any tower. The next generation of ringers looked after him in his declining years. He liked to go to meetings. I remember coming home from a meeting with him; he was feeling in his pockets. While he had been ringing, coins somehow slipped into his pocket or something to keep his old pipe going. Tears came into his eyes and he asked me why God and ringers were so good to him. I knew the answer. He was a very great ringer and did a lot of good. Like the Knights, Walter will be remembered with great Chesterfield ringers.

F. A. ADAMS.

AN AFTERNOON IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

On September 16th a party of ringers and friends from Bromham and Goldington, near Bedford, enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon in the neighbouring county of Buckinghamshire. Ringing took place at Aston Clinton, Hughenden (shades of Disraeli!), Fulmer and Stoke Poges, and a good variety of methods kept everyone interested and happy.

An excellent high tea, taken at High Wycombe, also helped to maintain the spirits and vigour of the party. The scenery in this part of the country is indeed very charming, and Buckinghamshire is rich, too, in historical features, but to a lover of English literature what can equal the thrill of a visit to Stoke Poges, in whose churchyard Thomas Gray is said to have written his famous elegy? The tower, in the shadow of which Gray has slept "in his narrow bed," with the forefathers of the hamlet, for 200 years, still stands as boldly as ever, though it is no longer ivy-mantled, and the bells still pour out their time-honoured melody over this romantic countryside.

Perhaps the magic atmosphere of this place inspired us to give of our best, but in any case the highlight of the day's ringing was a course of London Major, in which we were joined by Mr. A. D. Barker. It was more than just another "touch," it was an offering to God and a tribute to the great ones of the past whose spirits still dwell in this enchanted spot.

The thanks of all are accorded to Derek Hammond and Jim Edwards, our most efficient joint organisers and to incumbents. A. E. R.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF ROTHERHAM

By HERBERT O. CHADDOCK

I AM prompted to write this brief article, firstly because of the passing recently of Mr. T. C. Ryder who, until compelled to give up ringing owing to declining health, worked so hard for his home tower, and to me was the last of the old band. Now Brother Norman and his wife, Elsie, and John and Susan have left their native town for pastures new. Norman and I were well acquainted with the old company, but ours was more of a transitional period between the old and the new.

Up to the 1920s Rotherham was a much more compact town than it is now and the bells could be heard by most of the residents. I have clear recollections of hearing the old Mears 10, although in those days I knew no hing about ringing. They sounded so nice and mellow, and I should think were well rung by capable men. I used to hear them across Clifton Park, almost a mile away, and on Sundays at much closer range as we walked to church in town; their sound gradually increasing. I am sure most of the people loved to hear the bells, and we all took them for granted.

BELLS RECAST

However, in 1925, with the old timber frame now decayed beyond repair and the fittings in bad shape, something had to be done, and a fairy grandmother, in the form of the Dyson family, provided the money for a complete overhaul. The old 10, with the exception of the 9th all maiden bells, were recast, the tenor increased from 32 cwt. to 34¾ cwt., and hung on a new frame with new fittings, as a memorial to their father, Robert Dyson, a local industrialist. I remember seeing the old bells lying in the churchyard awaiting dispatch to Taylor's foundry, and thinking "so its those great things that make all the noise."

A few years later I found myself ensnared into the art of change ringing and a little later was joined by my brother Norman. We both learned to ring at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, where we had a fair band ringing Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major, etc., but I joined the Rotherham company and was there until moving to Sheffield.

The outstanding member was Albert Nash, who did almost all the conducting. He had rung many peals and was at the height of his ringing career. Under his care the company progressed from the standard methods to Surprise ringing mainly Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, and Spliced Major, which was rung like clockwork. When a young man Albert had the misfortune to be involved in a chemical accident, which left him with the fingers of both hands either missing or deformed and with much tender, grafted skin on his hands, face and body. He also had to wear spectacles with gauzes at the sides, but he was otherwise well built and sturdy. Many with his handicap would have deemed ringing impossible, but Albert had persevered and almost always rang the eighth bell.

Colin Ryder was secretary and tower keeper and usually rang the tenor, which was odd struck, being late at backstroke, and for some reason never remedied until recent years. Then there was John H. Brothwell, quite a character, who I thought could ring any method, but could be very impatient with the careless. I have only mentioned three but in all it was a very strong company.

THE REWARD

After the war a period of decline set in and by 1950 the number of bells rung had fallen off, also the standard of ringing. In the meantime Norman and his wife had been attached to Whiston, where a numerous and capable band had developed. However, he decided to join the Rotherham company. After considerable patience and perseverance the company was built up to strength and a high standard of ringing attained. The Church Authorities were persuaded to spend a good deal of money on the tower, repairing the stonework, refacing the steps, fitting a sound controlling device which can be regulated, and making the whole place ideal for the ringers, who in return did a lot of work themselves, also raised money for the church with their handbell efforts.

Well, the old company who did their work so well have gone, Norman and family have left the town, but I am happy to say that they have left things in a much better state than they found them. There is a company of young men and girls very capable and enthusiastic, and I hope they will stick together and prosper, and they can be sure that nearly all the people of Rotherham love to hear the bells rung well at the appropriate times.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR, 1967

UNUSUAL rather than unconventional might be a fitting description of the headquarters of the Universities Association in Salisbury during its August tour. The Diocesan Retreat House is most competently run by a small body of nuns, who, in a most kindly and charming manner, catered for our complete comfort. How delightful it was to find the names to the various rooms—the kitchen was Longsuffering, the lounge Joy and the dining room Hope. Bedrooms bore the names of Saints, in one instance the fortuitous allocation was singularly appropriate, the secretary of the Rabbits Guild finding herself in Saint Francis'. Girt about with a leathern girdle but not feeding on locusts and wild honey, I found myself "St. John the Baptist."

The presence of two families in residence and the daily presence of other members with their children gave a homely atmosphere to the tour; a pleasant recollection is that of the Mack family picnicking happily and tidily on several village greens. Punctuality was well maintained; how could it be otherwise when we were geared with four **Speeds?**

We began at Andover on Friday, August 4th, in fine weather and atrocious traffic conditions and after ringing at St. Mary's and at Stockbridge we explored Salisbury; the beauty of the Cathedral Close in the fading light of a summer evening is a cherished memory. Saturday was spent in three counties—Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire—with a total of eight towers. At Damerham one of the party advanced the opinion that a bowler in a cricket match, viewed at some distance, must needs be a Yorkshireman, because he was bowling with success slow left-arm deliveries round the wicket.

SECRETARY'S 2,000th TOWER

Holy Communion on Sunday was celebrated by Malcolm Melville, our genial secretary, who later in the week captured his 2,000th tower. After ringing at Coombe Bissett, members departed to visit various places, some to Old Sarum, some to explore New Sarum. A small party which visited Stourhead and Stourton found magnificent gardens, peacocks, an interesting stately home with the world's finest collection of Chippendale furniture, a good ring of six and old ringing friends in the Vicar and his wife.

One of the charms of South Wiltshire is the large number of tree-enclosed parks and roads overshadowed by avenues of tall and stately trees. Through these pleasant avenues we sped on Monday to visit six Wiltshire towers, returning to Salisbury to hold the annual general meeting of the Association. Paul Taylor presided, supported by some 21 members, including Jumbo Seager, on holiday in Bournemouth. Plans were revealed for a South Wales tour in 1968, with a promise of help from Chris Bainham in the mastery of the unpronounceable Welsh names. Tentative plans for a Yorkshire tour in 1969 were also made.

Nine Wiltshire towers were conquered on Tuesday with only one ring of eight. Most members of the party were prepared to forgo a visit to Stonehenge in a hunt for an extra tower at Enford. The writer was delighted, after a painstaking search, to find the Hound of the Baskervilles depicted on a hatchment in the church. The only peal attempt of the week was successful on this day, when Rutland was well rung at East Tytherley.

Perhaps the best ringing of the week was achieved on Wednesday on the noble ring at Westbury with a well-nigh perfect course of Pudsey. Our 12-bell ringing at Trowbridge was greatly enjoyed by all, perhaps particularly by our youngest ringers, who rang with commendable skill. Travelling southward on Thursday we encountered our only minor mishap of the week—a broken rope at Wimborne Minster. On a very humid afternoon we found the ten at Poole hard work; a lucky encounter with the church architect as the last of the party were leaving secured a promise of attention to the bells.

At Wareham, with the unusual dedication of Lady Saint Mary and a unique lead font, it was surprising to find the lines of several Surprise Major methods embroidered on the belfry window curtain.

The Saxon church at Breamore has four good Taylor bells; a visit during the afternoon gave a few of us so much delight that a return visit in the evening, made possible by the kindness of the local ringers, resulted in a most pleasant evening. Beatrice Boyle recorded some excellent closed lead Bob Minimus and a very good fall made by the local ringers, which, when played back, gave most obvious delight to all present.

The four sixes and three eights of Friday provided a good variety of rings. East Knoyle with its association with Sir Christopher Wren was a particularly interesting church. Although we rang quite well on the anti-clockwise six we found the facial expressions of the heads carved in the belfry registering stony disapproval.

A presentation was made to Ross Robertson as a small token of our appreciation of the efficient way in which he had made such complete arrangements for us; he and all others who worked so well for our comfort and delight are hereby thanked again and most sincerely.

Throughout the week a succession of ringing masters and one most competent ringing mistress maintained a good variety of methods, a reasonable standard of ringing and a commendal punctuality. It is noteworthy that the ages of those ringing ranged over more than 70 years, that our cars ranged from almost vintage to completely luxurious models, that since last year two more beards have been cultivated and that an association of University graduates delegates the duties of scribe to a guest of no academic attainment, who contributes this account with due gratitude and apologies.

E. H.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS IN CAMP AT SALEHURST, SUSSEX. — Standing (left to right): K. Davenport, J. Robinson, I. Friend, H. Bennett, B. Wylde, R. Warrilow, P. Davies. Front row: C. Hughes, A. Kench, R. Ballard and C. Clarke.

Details of the peals rung appear in this issue. A special vote of thanks is accorded to the Hoads, who were hosts for the week, and to Dick Warrilow, who for the last seven years has managed to obtain the tent and look after the party.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to George and Anne Butcher, of Northfleet, Kent, on becoming grandparents.

Mr. M. Barton, of Cookham, Berks, is leaving for Somerset. He called his farewell quarter on September 24th.

A London ringer writes praising the beginners Derek Sibson is teaching at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Their call changes the other Sunday evening, he writes, were quite good.

Rolvenden, Kent, had four first quarters and two firsts in the method in a quarter for one of their ringers, Miss J. Hensby, on September 23rd.

Can it be that "Snipe" of East Ilsley lost his touch at Lynton? Maybe the reason is that he missed his sally. One hopes that his technique will improve, with more practice at handling in the future!

Eaton Socon, Beds, had a Major experience on September 23rd. It was the first of Major for three of the band and a first "inside" of Major for Mr. I. P. Sawford, who is complimented on his ringing by our correspondent.

Mr. S. Smith, who for years has been the mainstay of ringing in Tasmania, has arrived in England for a holiday. One of the first towers he visited was at Ingham, Suffolk (a very good five-bell ring). This was his home when he rang his last quarter there in November, 1912.

Mr. H. J. Sanger concludes his towers and belfry report of the Bath and Wells Association for 1966 with these words: "a reminder to all towerkeepers, particularly where there is steel work: **"Don't forget the painting."**

After a lapse of 29 years, Mr. Gordon Hagner, now 77 years old, is back in ringing circles. He rang in a quarter at Sproughton, Suffolk, on October 1st. His last peal was rung in this tower in June, 1938.

Miss Edna M. Kenchington, of St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, writes to tell us of her enjoyable holiday at Sudbury-on-Thames and the help she received from Mr. Brock, the tower captain, Carol and Doug.

A mother of five, Mrs. Angela Lucas, who started ringing last March, rang her first quarter at Ossett, Essex, on October 1st. "How she has done it I don't know," writes an admirer. "I guess the answer is—she also has a ringing husband."

Miss Ruth Blackshaw writes expressing thanks to Mr. R. Carlisle for his excellent conducting of the Bell Ringers Choir at Derby Cathedral for the Joint Festival. "The result was excellent; we at Holme Pierrepont are most grateful for all we learned and reports from members of the congregation were very good."

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THE DERBY RINGING FESTIVAL

An Impression by John P. Fidler

"Derbyshire born and Derbyshire bred,
Strong in'th Arm and Wick in't Yed."

You certainly have to hand it out to the Derbyshire folk for the excellent arrangements made for the celebrations held there on Saturday, September 16th, and those responsible for the service in the Cathedral provided something that will live long in the memory of those who attended it. I have been to a very good number of ringers' services but never one like this. It was a festival of choral singing, congregational singing and handbell ringing.

The Introit sung by a very mixed choir drawn from the three Dioceses of Derby, Leicester and Southwell set off the pattern of things to come. To listen to it and to the anthem they sang, a stranger could easily have formed the impression that the choir, the organist and the conductor had worked together for a long time, yet they had only had one rehearsal during the afternoon prior to the service.

The intoning by the temporary Precentor added dignity to the service and no doubt helped to bring out the best in congregational singing. Who will ever forget the singing of the last verse of the last hymn, when everybody fairly let rip, in contrast to the quiet during the ringing on handbells of Stedman Cinques? There is no doubt whatever that each and every one of us had difficulty in suppressing the desire to applaud the anthem and Cinques. The sermon, too, by the Provost, was listened to with rapt attention; he later classed it as a "modest one"; I wonder what a good one of his is like.

After the dinner, the three speakers—the Rector of Darley Dale, the Lord Bishop of Derby and Mr. Paul L. Taylor—excelled themselves, and there was no fidgeting when they spoke.

That the organisers of the festival are to be congratulated goes without saying, and it is difficult to put into words the feeling of those who had the privilege of being present on the the 21st anniversary of the demise of the old Midland Counties Association and the birth of the quads that have proved to be lusty offspring, reminding me of the inscription on the trebles of Banham in Norfolk:

"We two we came by small consent,
Our birth I hope will give content,
Twins from the Tenor, our Dear old Dad,
Some we make merry and some make sad."

A PATHETIC STORY

Behind the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading, there is a pathetic story. Last autumn Mr. V. T. Cherrill, the tower captain, arranged a peal there and invited a number of Reading University ringers to stand in. On his death it proved impossible to organise a memorial peal on the date originally chosen, but a band, which included the University ringers he had asked, finally rang the peal on September 16th.

A GREETING FROM CHARLIE

It was a pleasure to St. Andrew's, Farnham, ringers during their outing in the Bournemouth area on September 30th to meet again Charlie Denyer, who for years was the mainstay of Farnham ringing. Charlie rang in some Grandsire Minor after his long lay-off; it was indeed a happy reunion.

Ringing started on the fine 12 at Christchurch Priory and this enabled some of the younger members to ring their first on 12, including a youngster of 80! In a course of Grandsire Cinques seven of the band scored firsts. At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, we took over from the local ringers for a wedding. A new experience awaited some of the company at St. James', Poole—their first of Stedman Caters and Kent T.B. Royal. The local ringers provided a really wonderful tea in the Church Hall—there was too much even for the hungry! This kind service was much appreciated, more so in view of the difficulty in getting tea locally. Many thanks, Mrs. Davis.

The last tower was at Ringwood (a lovely eight) and after a stop for refreshments at New Airesford, Farnham was reached at 10 p.m. Two were celebrating a wedding anniversary (is there a better way?) and another his birthday. We all look forward to next year. R.C.

WITHDRAWAL

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my attention by Richard J. Parker, the composer of a composition of 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major which I called at Helmshore on October 31st, 1966, is false.

I would therefore be grateful if this peal could please be deleted from all records. My sincere apologies to all the band and all record keepers. Thank you.—Yours sincerely,
Chislehurst, Kent. TONY LEWIS.

A NEW FOREST VENTURE

With the object of giving keen ringers an opportunity to widen their experience a series of quarter peals has been arranged in the New Forest area. Of the six attempted, five were scored, the failure being Double Court Triples at Lymington.

The standard of striking was not uniformly high, but there is no doubt that the Stedman Triples rung at Romsey Abbey and conducted by Ron Barlow was a very fine quarter indeed and was the best of the series. Ringers taking part came from Romsey, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Salisbury, Eling, Fawley, Milford and Hordle.

CONDUCTED LAST PEAL 30 YEARS AGO

The peal at Marple on September 16th was not only the first peal on eight bells as conductor for Arthur E. Whiting but also the first peal he had conducted since the Coronation Day of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on May 12th, 1937. On that occasion he conducted a peal in two Doubles methods on the old six bells at Marple, it being his first peal as conductor and the first peal by a local band. The time of both peals was 3 hours and five minutes.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Kingstone, Herefordshire (see page 661), was Roy K. Williams and not Peter D. Sell, as wrongly submitted.

TUITION TEASERS No. 9

How Far on a Silenced Bell?

Q.—We realise the advantage in silencing a bell for the pupil who is learning bell-handling and control; but—

(a) Is there any more to it than noiseless demonstration and practice? and

(b) Can this be overdone?—Anon.

A.—An answer common to both questions might be—"Yes, quite a bit." But let us take them in turn.

(a) The entire phase of correct handling and full control can (and should be) worked on a silenced bell. This means, in relation to handling, perfect action with no faults in the movements of ringing a bell; and, in relation to control, the ability to put the bell "on to the balance" at least eight times out of ten successive pulls, both ways, and holding it in this position without resting it on the stay. This dual stage of proficiency must be attained before the pupil is allowed to ring an "open" bell, in concert with others. This, of course, will be ringing in rounds. But there is, in truth, "more to it than this," i.e. than the sure ability to manage the (silenced) bell. Indeed, the mechanics or elements of change ringing itself can be introduced, and to some useful extent practised, on silent bells. By this is meant—(1) Hunting, (2) Place-making (3) Consequential dodging. This is explained at length in Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference—entitled "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing"—out of print, alas! at present, but to be found in a few widely scattered libraries, we understand. Tutor and pupil can alone practise (2) and (3) as above; and with an assistant proficient ringer the three of them can practise hunting—all silent. As to the last-named, the concept of hunting can be demonstrated, and the pupil can be copying it, in some time less than five minutes; as proved by experience.

(b) Useful as is this silent practice it could be overdone; and it must be exchanged for "open" ringing as soon as its purpose is served. The reason lies in the simple fact that the ear is more important that the eye, in the matter of striking; and the pupil must not be allowed to fall into the habit of non-listening—an all-too-prevalent fault in learners generally. Apart from his need to appreciate "bell-pause" (the interval between the pull-off and the succeeding strike of the clapper)—he must be taught from the very outset of his "open" ringing to listen for and recognise the sound of his own bell. Successful exercises have been devised to promote this ability; and might perhaps be described in answer to some future query. A. Y.-B.

CHANGES AT ROUGHTOWN

Roughtown, Lancs, has lost two ringers recently—Michael Rigby, the former conductor, who has accepted an appointment in London, and Margaret Holt, who has joined the Wrens. Both have given full service to the tower. Two Friezland ringers have joined for Sunday service evening ringing and practices—Messrs. Joe Burgess and Arthur Farrand.

It is hoped in the near future to rehang the bells on ball bearings.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS' 1967 PEAL WEEK

PEALS RUNG FOR THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
John Robinson	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Brian J. Wylde	7
Ian Friend	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,344 Rutland, 1,248 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7lb. in F sharp.

Christopher J. Hughes	Treble	Ian Friend	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Brian J. Wylde	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Wed., Aug. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr 23 lb. in C.

Ian Friend	Treble	John Robinson	5
Christopher J. Hughes	2	Brian J. Wylde	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
Richard Hayes	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Raymond J. Ballard	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	6
Brian J. Wylde	2	Antony R. Kench	7
Richard Hayes	3	Ian Friend	8
Christopher J. Hughes	4	Richard J. Warrilow	9
Harold Evans	5	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Christopher J. Hughes	Treble	Ian Friend	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Brian J. Wylde	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
Most Surprise Major methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWAINSWICK, Bath.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman and five each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Kennington, Dedworth, April Day, Old and Norfolk.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Peter J. W. Hardwick	Treble	Peter J. Devrell	4
Alan F. Lee	2	Robin L. Coles	5
†‡Andrew Swatton	3	‡Cherry I. M. Stapleford	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ Most methods to a peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter J. Starr, late towermaster at this church and life member of the above Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
*Ronald Andrew	2	Derek F. Yates	6
Christine Inman	3	Christopher Movley	7
Alan F. Scholfield	4	Arthur E. Whiting	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur E. Whiting.
* First peal "inside." First on eight bells as conductor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	Ian D. Thompson	5
Anthony J. Cox	2	Stephen F. Royal	6
Ian M. Robinson	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Peter H. Mackie	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Richard T. Liggins	Treble	Anthony J Cox	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Arthur R. Wright	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) York and Durham Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Robert W Sherriff	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
*Caroline Mackie	2	Alan H. Bridges	5
Peter H. Mackie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal in more than one Minor method.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT TEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Rosemary A. Frith	2	James L. Towler	6
Josephine A Quilter	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael J. Bew and Catherine M. Powell, married this day at Christ Church, Esher.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

James Laken	Treble	Bernard C. Sadler	5
Roy D. Tomlin	2	Michael J. Hallett	6
*David Sloman	3	Alfred J. House	7
Frank C. May	4	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. F. Ward, Philip H. Avey and Gilbert R. Goodship. Also to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Martin Steer.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYDNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Anita Tyler	Treble	Bernard D. Sims	4
*Graham Band	2	*Martin Rice	5
*Robert Philpott	3	*Roger Day	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard D. Sims.
* First peal. First in the method as conductor.
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving and as a farewell to Katharine Lloyd and the ringers of 3, 5 and 6, who are all shortly leaving the Lydney band to go to college.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERSHOT, Hants.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr 16 lb.

Edward J. Bragg	Treble	G. Kenneth Williamson	5
*William H. Viggers	2	Tom Page	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
†Dudley L. Elsmore	4	‡Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th of Surprise Major.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

*Felicity Hamilton	Treble	*Geoffrey W. Stevens	5
Keith G. Game	2	Roy D. Mills	6
*†Adrienne Gibson	3	Christopher W. Daws	7
*Tony Skilton	4	‡Stanley G. Ponting	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Daws.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

SANDHURST, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in B.

Roy H. Jones	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford	4
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Michael J. Church	5
David Floyd	3	Tom Page	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PENCOMBE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 15 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. Charles Biggs	Treble	James Ward	4
C. William Nutt	2	Thomas Cooper	5
Leonard J. Walters	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Colin A. Tester	6
Trevor A. Cross	2	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Alexander Waddington	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	8
Herbert E. Audsley	4	John W. Smith	9
Peter M. Wilkinson	5	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Caters as conductor on tower bells.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Martin L. Howe	2	‡Philip R. Down	6
†Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
†Malcolm Barden	4	Thomas W. Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal.
Rung to welcome Catherine, daughter of Brian and Evelyn Powell.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, E.C.
On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Wells, Durham, Beverley, York, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	4
*Margaret E. Fort	2	John Pladdys	5
Ian H. Oram	3	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 200th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Thomas W. Hesketh	Treble	Martin E. Snape	6
James Hedgcock	2	‡John R. Ridley	7
*Eric Roughley	3	*†David J. Bennett	8
†Kenneth Edwards	4	Terence M. FitzGerald	9
†Michael Thomson	5	‡Graham K. Austin	Tenor

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal on ten bells. † First in the method. ‡ First of Caters.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gillian M. Austin, sister of the tenor ringer.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

*J. Mark Nicholson	Treble	Edmund Rothwell	4
Robert Larkey	2	Martin E. Snape	5
Stanley J. Livesley	3	William E. Court	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Court.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Mark Nicholson for his 14th birthday (September 26th 1967).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Sept. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	8
Martin Green	3	Robert C. Kippin	9
A. Maxwell Lindsey	4	Samuel J. Haines	10
Rupert A. Clarke	5	John M. Jelley	11
John Bramley	6	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First 12-bell peal as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Garry W. Mason, of Leicester, and Miss Susan E. Sarson, of Glanfield, who were married at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on September 11th, 1967.

BARKBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods, being three extents each of Northrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Albans, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Paul and nine of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	N. Roderick Ellway	4
Julian M. Morley	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Geoffrey C. Sparling	3	Maurice R. A. Kirk	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Maurice Kirk, churchwarden at Barkby for 20 years and grandfather of the tenor ringer.

WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Sept. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Clive J. Mobbs	Treble	Geoffrey C. Sparling	4
Julian M. Morley	2	Maurice R. A. Kirk	5
Hugh Thomas	3	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
Rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, with congratulations to Mary Poole and Brian Mozley on their engagement.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

John Walden	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Richard S. Starkie	3	*Bernard G. North	9
Peter A. Sharp	4	Geoffrey Paul	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Richard J. Parker	6	†Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Maximus. † 800th peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BASSALEG, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Basil.
On Fri., Sept. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Gillian Colleypriest	Treble	†Paul A. Williams	4
Thomas Yeomans	2	†David L. Phillips	5
†John Prytherch	3	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Conducted by David L. Phillips.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the grandmother and great-aunt of the ringer of the 4th.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Ron Hughes	5
Sheila Parsons	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	John K. Smith	7
William J. V. Conduct	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

REPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wystan.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Edward R. Fairbrother ..	2	Frank Beech	6
William J. V. Conduct ..	3	Richard J. Warrilow ..	7
John K. Smith	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
C.C.C. 139. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Norman W. Cotton ..	Treble	Frank Chambers	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Ron Hughes	3	Roland Beniston	7
William J. V. Conduct ..	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Wightman. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 25th peal.
Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Tony Villiers, an honorary member of the Midland Counties Guild, to the living of Llanymynech, Shropshire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Jane Foster	Treble	John R. Pratchett	7
Mary E. Marshall	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	8
Yvonne Edwards	3	Kenneth J. Darvill	9
Joan Beresford	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
*Graham J. N. Colborne	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Maurice C. Ingram ..	6	Peter Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal on twelve bells.
Rung in memoriam Vincent T. Cherrill, who died on August 22nd, 1966.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed. Sept. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	Robert B. Blood	5
Mrs. A. D. Smith	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Roger B. Pike	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
First peal in the method for all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

WEST HANNEY, Berks.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Childwall and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Anne M. Carpenter	Treble	Ian P. Stoter	4
Catherine A. Salter	2	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	5
John C. Baldwin	3	Christopher I. Rowson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael C. E. Hodge.
First peal as conductor.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bertram J. Coggins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Peter Pearce	2	Peter J. Heritage	5
Frank Reed	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First in the method by all the band.

WINGRAVE, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Sept. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Cambridge Surprise and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Charles C. Radcliffe ..	Treble	Alan J. Frost	4
*M. Ann Houghton	2	Kenneth Jackson	5
Henry B. Whitney	3	Roy Woodruff	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Woodruff.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, containing 1,360 Yorkshire, 1,280 Rochester, 1,240 each of Cambridge and London (No. 3), with 54 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Graham C. Paul	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Richard F. B. Speed ..	7
David J. Marshall	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Anne B. Speed	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., September 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Raymond A. Vickers	5
John K. Smith	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	James Linnell	7
David Burbidge	4	William A. Yates	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William A. Yates.
Rung to congratulate the Rev. E. G. Orland (Guild president) and Mrs. Orland on the birth of a son.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, being one extent each of Winchendon, St. Miles, St. John, St. Nicholas, Lapley, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Simon, Eynsham and St. Albans, two extents each of Wychbold, Dedworth, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington and April Day and six extents each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	*†Christopher J. Groome	3
Stephen B. Bell	2	†Roger N. Scholes	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* Has now "completed the circle." † 25th peal together.
Rung as a farewell to Roger N. Scholes, who is entering Rutherford College of Technology.

PYTCHLEY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods/variations, being two extents of Stedman and four each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, April Day, Cadbury, Folke, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	3
John G. Mitchell	2	Stephen B Bell	4
Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florent.
On Sat., April 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*Robert D. Hodges	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
Richard L. Underwood ..	2	John F. T. Turney	5
Richard C. Warburton ..	3	Rev. Michael Hart	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Michael Hart.
* First peal at first attempt.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florent.
On Mon., Aug. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old Bob, Antelope and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*Simon P. Rogers	Treble	Philip C. Rogers	4
Arthur F. Walters	2	Richard L. Underwood ..	5
Derek H. Walters	3	David P. Griffiths	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal at first attempt. Most methods to a peal for the Guild and for all the band except the conductor.

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THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florent.
On Tues., Aug. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Simon P. Rogers	Treble	Rev. Russen Thomas	4
Derek H. Walters	2	Rev. Michael Hart	5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood	3	Peter D. Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 6 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
Roger L. K. Whittell	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	6
Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	Robin H. Rogers	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
Rung to commemorate the peal of 10,080 Bob Major rung at Debenham on March 16th, 1767.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Robert J. Southgate	Treble	Michael J. Howes	5
Martin H. Whittell	2	†Alan Munnings	6
*David J. Derrick	3	Roger L. K. Whittell	7
Howard W. Egglestone	4	Leslie G. Brett	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by H. W. Egglestone.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Major "inside."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

Kathleen E. Chilcott	Treble	*Roy D. Mills	6
*Eunice A. Lewis	2	Michael V. Chilcott	7
*Peter J. Munday	3	Alan D. Elsmore	8
Joyce A. Parsons	4	‡Donald E. Cobb	9
†Adrienne Gibson	5	Alan J. Luxford	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ 75th peal.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers as a wedding compliment to Janet Crane and Roger Ashmore.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BARCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 50 methods/variations, as follows: (1) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Euxton and Duxford, (4) Pancrasweek and Coxmoor, (5) Moxley and Laxton, (6) Kexby and Jevington (7) Ixworth and Hexgreave, (8) Goxhill and Foxhill, (9) Beauxfield and Allexton, (10) Clashmore and Wollaton, (11) Stanton, (12) Ray, (13) Beckley, (14) Isis, (15) Harbury, (16) Jacobstow, (17) St. Tydfil, (18) Gresford, (19) St. Cross, (20) Antelope, (21) Northleigh, (22) St. Swithun, (23) Freeland, (24) St. Valentine, (25) Oxford, (26) St. Margaret (27) Middleton Stoney, (28) St. Anne, (29) Bluebell, (30) Daffodil, (31) Pink's, (32) Keysoe (33) Zennor, (34) Ladbroke, (35) St. Frideswide, (36) Allestree (37) St. Lucy, (38 St. Quintin, (39) Longparish, (40) St. Helen, (41) Newborough, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.

*Joan C. McLean	Treble	‡Amette E. Bradbury	4
†E. Sybil M. Tonkin	2	‡Albert Turner	5
David R. McLean	3	*Stephen J. Osborne	Tenor

Conducted by David R. McLean.
Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.
* First peal attempt. † First in more than one method "inside."
‡ First in more than one method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

8ths place bob. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	6
David P. Hilling	2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
David J. Forder	3	*Frank W. Lewis	8
*Beryl R. Simpson	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
James R. Taylor	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BUSHLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 31 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Pitman's 240 and 40 extents (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*Angela M. Britton	Treble	*Peter Goodyear	4
John Clements	2	David G. Franklin	5
S. Barnaby Bell	3	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. 50th peal as conductor.
Western Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb in E.

Elizabeth Johnson	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	6
*Rev. Nicholas Webb	3	*Trevor Tarbatt	7
David S. Johnson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.
Rung to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the first peal of New Treble Bob by Wakefield ringers in this church.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in seven methods: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Philip Park	Treble	David S. Johnson	4
Elizabeth Johnson	2	*Wilfrid F. Moreton	5
Christopher A. Moxon	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 1,000th peal.
Rung in honour of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Sept. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5126 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8
Alan A. Potts	3–4	Alan F. Scholfield	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	J. David Atkinson	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Wed., Sept. 6, 1967, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Fulbeck Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
		*Kenneth R. Davenport	5–6

* Most methods rung to a handbell peal.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire.—At Zermatt, Butler Road.
On Wed., Sept. 20, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising 14 different extents. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
		Kenneth R. Davenport	5–6

Most number of changes to a peal by all the band.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At The Willows.
On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 28 in A sharp.

*Susanne Sargeant	1–2	Frank C. Price (cond.)	3–4
		*Kenneth R. Davenport	5–6

* Most methods rung to a handbell peal.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At 43, Downton Road.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Hazel Way	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves	9–10
*J. Arthur Hoare	5–6	*Edmund J. Morris	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on 12 bells and have now completed Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. First peal on 12 bells for the Guild. First peal on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire).

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine M. Thorley 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, J. Woolley 4, J. M. Thorley 5, C. J. Groome (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Mrs. A. Blatcher 1, Anne Galloway 2, Mrs. H. Hinde 3, Felicity Mussell 4, D. Manger 5, N. J. Martin (cond.) 6. For Ringers' Sunday.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Beamish 1, L. Trevor 2, J. E. Lloyd 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish (first as cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Harris 6, G. A. Bell 7, Miss J. A. Suffolk 8. Rung to welcome the Provost of Coventry Cathedral as preacher for Evensong on the 20th anniversary of the church's rededication after rebuilding by German prisoners of war at their own request.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End).—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, P. Schafle 2, G. Lamb (first "inside") 3, D. Cobb (first as cond.) 4, M. Bew 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong, as a greeting to Rev. Stanley G. Brown, ordained deacon at St. Andrew's, Ilford, the same morning.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, J. Muller 2, Miss M. Adamson 3, E. Eldridge 4, W. Jackson 5, T. Tocock 6, M. Barton (cond.) 7, D. Hartley 8. For Harvest Festival, and a farewell to the conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne Herbert-Jackson 1, W. Gibbons 2, I. R. Nichols 3, A. Doreen Edwards 4, W. Kerr 5, E. J. Holloway 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, G. Edwards 8, B. Harris 9, J. Scott 10. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to 3, 4 and 7.

EMBLETON, W.A.—On Sept. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jenny Lees 1—2, Heather A. Mann 3—4, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 5—6, Eileen S. Palin 7—8. Rung in memoriam Cecil Robert Mann, father of the conductor, died August 24th. R.I.P.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Adrienne Gibson 1, R. E. Fenniman 2, D. J. F. Oakshott 3, W. Parrott 4, G. A. Cockman 5, W. J. Munton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Vincent 1, A. N. Blount 2, G. Gooding 3, D. C. Haslam 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, Miss R. Morse 6. First of Grandsire 2 and 3.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Richardson 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, L. Tubb 5, Miss D. Robotham 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. For Harvest Festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Colborne 1, L. Squires 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, G. Vinters 4, D. Frith (cond.) 5, R. Stillwell 6, J. Holmes 7, R. Woods 8, G. Colborne 9, A. Crawford 10. 100th quarter together 3 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

HACKNEY, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. John at Hackney, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. McKinley (first quarter) 1, Miss E. French 2, W. Corcoran (first as cond.) 3, R. Morgan (first quarter) 4, T. Jones 5, R. Wood 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Kim Tracey, a daughter for Diane and Dave Smith.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. P. A. Goulding 1, B. Davies 2, A. J. York 3, J. R. Ridley 4, J. Hedgcock 5, G. K. Austin 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, T. M. FitzGerald 8. A 17th birthday compliment to Nigel P. A. Goulding.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. A. Wigg (first of Major as cond.) 1, Miss M. Chidwick 2, E. I. Parkin 3, Miss D. M. Groves 4, M. Hitchcock 5, M. Barden 6, I. Russell 7, M. L. Howe 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. West 1, E. G. Baker 2, A. H. Kemp 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, H. Pope 5, G. Waters 6, P. Harrison 7, E. West 8. Rung prior to a concert for Feed the Minds Campaign.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, D. Hughes 2, Valerie Rushforth (first of Triples "inside") 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Reeves 6, K. Tipper 7, K. Waller 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss E. Moss 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Jordan 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. W. Goode, going to Church Fenton.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. Town 1, P. Town 2, A. Bashforth 3, D. Town 4, E. W. Metcalfe 5, N. Munden 6. Conducted respectively by 4 and 5.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: M. Parkinson 1, D. Phillipson 2, H. Lowman 3, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 4, H. Gibson 5, W. Tomlinson 6, J. Walden 7, G. R. Parker 8, G. Paul 9, B. G. North 10.

LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips (cond.) 1, Miss M. Powell 2, W. Rawlings 3, W. Theobald 4, T. N. J. Bailey 5, W. T. Cook 6, M. Faulkes 7, R. Overington 8, J. Phillips 9, B. Baker 10. For Harvest Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 17th (Battle of Britain Sunday), 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. G. Richardson 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, J. Fowler 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, Sgt. F. E. Scoones (R.A.F.) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Smith 1, K. Lewin 2, N. Garrard 3, G. Hawkins 4, J. Booth 5, H. Wood 6, J. G. Newman 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. S. Darley, and a welcome to Mark Cheney (recently baptised). Also on Sept. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: B. L. S. Hulatt 1, Elisabeth McCartney 2, K. Lewin 3, A. J. Smith 4, N. Garrard 5, G. Hawkins 6, H. Wood 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8, J. G. Newman 9, C. McCartney 10. For evening service, and as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. H. E. Frankham, on becoming an Hon. Canon of St. Albans Cathedral, and to Mr. Wesley Carr, ordained Deacon on September 17th.

LYDD, KENT.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Birch 1, E. A. Todd 2, B. G. Butcher 3, R. Sinden 4, K. D. Butler 5, M. Thomson 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Judith Brooks 2, R. A. Birch 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. Taylor 6. For Matins. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Ann Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, B. Butcher 5, A. Neilson 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, G. Neilson 4, B. Butcher 5, R. Birch (cond.) 6. For Matins.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cooper 1, R. Andrew 2, Shelagh Coyne 3, R. B. Smith 4, F. Osbaldiston 5, A. McFall (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Blackburn Place: G. A. Porter 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First quarter Blackburn for all the band. For Harvest Festival.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pepper (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, I. Stracey 3, S. Reed 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, D. E. Pepper 6. For Harvest Festival.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Day (first of Minor) 1, H. Clayton 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, O. Homewood 4, W. Clamp 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. In honour of Mrs. Barrett's 90th birthday. She is in St. Mary's Hospital.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Blackburn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. E. Godfrey (first "inside") 2, Miss F. Riley (first as cond.) 3, Miss F. Stocker 4, A. Nunn 5, W. T. Godfrey 6. For ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Riley.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. J. Pike 1, H. Lawrenson 2, W. Hunt 3, R. Christopher 4, J. Constant 5, F. E. Turner 6, R. B. Pike (cond.) 7, M. Goodwin 8. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Constant 1, R. Christopher 2, R. B. Pike 3, J. Marlow 4, H. E. J. Smith 5, F. E. Turner 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, R. Pratley 8. Also on Sept. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. R. Hunt (first of Caters) 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, J. Constant 5, A. D. Edens (first of Caters) 6, R. Christopher 7, F. E. Turner 8, W. Hunt (cond.) 9, M. Goodwin 10. All rung during Newbury Festival Week.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 9th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Burgess 1, Miss V. Leleux 2, Miss J. Downing 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, D. Fox 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings, on their 65th wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Fox 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, A. Leleux 4, Miss H. E. Leleux (first as cond.) 5, G. F. Roome 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug 27th, 1,260 Plain Boo Minor (tenor covering): W. Ward 1, Miss P. Halliwell 2, Mrs. J Hallett 3, D. Sloman 4, T. Sharpe 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6, G. Eve 7. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mrs. C. Evans, daughter of tenor ringer. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Penny Halliwell 1, D. Sloman 2, Janet Hallett 3, F. May 4, B. Sadler 5, M. Hallett 6, R. Tomlin (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. R. Chidwick 1, E. J. Beer 2, T. A. Cross 3, M. F. Layton 4, B. R. Trill 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6, L. Crouch 7, G. Philpott 8. For ordination service.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): H. Webster 1, Jane Osenton 2, Jane Hough (first in method as cond.) 3, O. Webster (first in method) 4, J. Hemsley (first in method) 5, P. Thomas 6, R. Webster 7, A. Grant 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. For the wedding of Miss V. Hemsley (ringer) and Mr. I. Chandler.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Major: T. Hollis 1, Ruth Gordon 2, A. Holroyd 3, Tessa Hollis 4, R. Harper 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8. A farewell token to Miss Janet Morris, who is to take up a teaching appointment in Australia.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Wheeler (first in method) 1, Margaret Holt 2, B. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, W. H. Nield 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Margaret Holt, who has left Mossley to join the Wrens.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Muncey 1, E. J. Chapman 2, Mrs. B. Dixon 3, E. C. Buckby 4, K. J. Chapman 5, B. Whitworth 6, R. J. Cowley 7, R. L. Coley (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Ann Chettle and Terry Smith.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jeane Taylor (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Taylor 2, Ruth Taylor (first Doubles) 3, A. Taylor 4, J. Chesterman (cond.) 5, C. Mitchell (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, J. A. Ainsworth 2, R. J. Cann 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, V. Green 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8, P. D. Warren 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to the ringer of the treble, on his 82nd birthday.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Hilary Finch 1, Jacky Holmes (first quarter) 2, Marion J. Glover 3, Celia D'Aeth 4, M. E. Snape 5, J. Elliott 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, B. J. Glover 8. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): P. Rumley 1, W. Lawrence 2, H. Wiltering 3, D. Taplin 4, S. Gullick 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, with R. Kirkpatrick 6 and W. Munson 8 covering. For Harvest Festival.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Hollands (first quarter) 1, P. Tomsett 2, R. Busbell (cond.) 3, M. Lacey 4, F. Dadson 5.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 1, J. W. Belshaw 2, P. S. Reading 3, D. French 4, P. C. Randall 5, G. W. Randall 6. For Evensong.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. For Evensong.

STONE, Aylesbury, BUCKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Louise Evans 1, B. Edwards 2, D. Whitlock 3, R. Mitchell 4, A. Fortin 5, R. Snack (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Oakley 1, Pamela Dence (first "inside") 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, M. Gilbert 6. For morning service, and as a farewell tribute to Miss Pamela Dence.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clarke 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann Jenner 3, J. Everett 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, A. H. Everett 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER general meetings of the Association are frequently held at the seaside or in the country, some distance from the industrial areas. But hopes of a fine day and a picnic on the sands were dashed by the mist which persisted over the Whitby moors and in the town itself; indeed St. Mary's Church was at times completely invisible from the other side of the river, though the lovely ring of bells could still be heard across the water by the would-be sand-castle experts.

The 104 members and friends who had booked tea (fish and chips for all but three people) all came in spite of the weather and gave their support at the brisk business meeting in the Mills cafe. Mr. Tom Cox, in his usual jovial manner, said "thank you" to the incumbents of Pickering, Fylingdales and St. Mary's, whose bells were enjoyed, and to those responsible for the arrangements. Voting took place on two matters proposed at the previous meeting: the Association decided to send £25 from its general fund to the York Minster appeal, and the new rule about expenses was accepted.

A proposition to alter the rules with regard to the peal secretary's job was made. If accepted—voting will take place at the next general meeting at Goole on January 20th, 1968—the rules will allow for a peal secretary, a composition secretary and a report editor, so that the load, borne until quite recently by the peal secretary alone, can be shared.

The company stood in silence for a short time in respect for four members who had died: A. Percival Knights (Sheffield), Henry Stanger (Kirby Wiske), Leonard Drake (Leeds), and T. Colin Ryder (Rotherham).

Grants from the Bell Repair Fund were announced as follows: to Bolsterstone £25, to Patrington £25, to Cleckheaton £10. The president also announced that "The Ringing World" of October 20th would feature a picture of York Minster and articles by Mr. Harold Walker and Mr. Ted Hudson. The feature had been planned to coincide with the Snowdon Dinner at Cottingham on October 21st.

Two new members were elected: Robert Stansfield, of Pontefract, and Eric McNally, of Knaresborough. The election of three non-resident members was ratified: Arthur E. Rowley, of Ibstock, Frank Chambers, of Woodhouse Eaves, and Ronald G. Edwards, of Loughborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A lovely, fine day, excellent organisation on the part of the chairman, Mr. George Newman, and a good coach driver and navigator, all combined to make the annual outing of the Marlborough Branch, on September 30th, a great success. The party, numbering 36, met at 8 a.m. and headed for the Bridgwater area. After a beautiful run through a countryside surprisingly green for early autumn, the first tower, at Ashcroft, was reached at 10.30 a.m. We were met by the tower captain and had a most enjoyable pull on the nice ring of six. At Cossington the Vicar, himself a ringer, welcomed us and although inside the tower the tower the bells are a little noisy everyone took part in method ringing.

Bridgwater was reached at 1 p.m., a packed lunch eaten, and ringing on the eight at the Parish Church started at 1.30 p.m. The ground-floor ring with its long draught and 25 cwt. tenor defeated some, but the more experienced took part in some good touches.

Westonzoyland, with its historical associations with Monmouth and Sedgemoor, was the next objective and here occurred the only hitch of the day, the key being difficult to locate. However, the ringing included an excellent touch of Stedman and the best "lower" of the day. At Middlezoy the nice six were enjoyed before tea at Glastonbury. Further ringing at St. Benedict's brought to a close a perfectly organised and most enjoyable day, a start for home being made at 7.15 p.m.

W. A. E.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD

Our destination this year was St. Albans, and on September 9th we left Norwich in bright sunshine, only to find ourselves in thick fog by the time we reached the county border. Despite this, our first stop, at Baldock, was on schedule where, rather to our surprise, we found the tenor minus clapper, wheel and rope. Without going into the question of who was going to count the tower and who was not, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung on the front seven. Next stop (having discussed the quality and hazards of 3d. loos) was St. Albans itself, with St. Peter's as the first tower. Everybody enjoyed themselves on this tuneful 23 cwt. ten, and some of the better ringing of the day was included in the tally of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Royal.

After lunch we made our way to the Cathedral and could not but admire the stamina of the resident band who face such a climb to such a ringing chamber with equanimity. Our arrival coincided with the departure of a bride in the Abbey below and so we were able to add the spice of purpose to our pleasure. With a new insight into Matthew 7, 3, we rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques before time ran out.

Originally the plan was to visit all the St. Albans towers, but St. Michael's had to be omitted, and Redbourn, some five miles towards Dunstable, had been substituted at short notice. This proved to be a happy accident and the party found much to admire, not only in the "go" and tone of the 15 cwt. six, but in the beautiful little church itself. The last call before tea was again in St. Albans, this time at St. Stephen's. A fair selection of Minor methods went well here and an all-ladies' band were persuaded to make their contribution to the day's variety.

After tea we headed for Saffron Walden, where a certain flexibility crept into the timetable to allow refreshment before and after ringing. The fine 12 were put to good use and by nine o'clock we felt that a day of good ringing had been completed in a tower that had been kept—rather as a "bonne bouche"—until the end.

Even before Norwich was reached at a late hour, thoughts were turning to next year's outing, but that, as they say, is another story.

PUBLICATIONS

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This we started in September, 1966, and Pamela Blackith has just completed each of the 30 or so stages across the whole of the chart in 12 months.

The results of the "new campaign" are very encouraging, as evidenced by the general air of renewed enthusiasm in St. John's belfry after a year of regular Wednesday evening practices. We use rubber muffles from a cut-up car tyre fitted to the "front six" to reduce outside noise in the city centre—except for "open practice" every third Wednesday of the month, when all are welcome.

On Wednesday, September 20th, we had in all some 30 ringers present—standard ranged from rounds and call changes to Double Norwich and Cambridge. It was quite a feat for the captain (yours truly) to make sure everyone had a fair share of the ringing and that those not actually ringing were busy looking up the method and bobs for the next touch.

COMPOSITIONS

5,160 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

(Two methods)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	M	W	H	
43652	—	3	3	
56234	—	—	3	A
35264		—	3	A
63254		—	3	A
52436	—	—	3	
42356		2	—	
54326		—		
64523		2A		
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23456	5ths	Out	In
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24365		—	
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23645		—	
32546	—	—	
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Rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, on September 23rd, 1967.

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BIRTHS

BARBER.—To Rita (nee Boumphrey) and Joe, of 102, Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland, New Zealand, on October 3rd, 1967, a son. Grandson to Mr. and Mrs. E. Boumphrey, 11, Merefell Road, Bolton-le-Sands. 2481

KEELEY.—To Roger and Patricia, of Silverless Street, Marlborough, on October 3rd, 1967, a son (Stephen Francis), a brother for Michael. 2486

ENGAGEMENT

CLARK—FLOYD. — The engagement is announced between Leah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, and Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. D Clark, Decoy Farm, Upper Winchendon. 2493

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JONES.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Jones is now "Porlock," 17, Acacia Avenue, Knutsford, Cheshire. All ringing friends welcome. 2492

POYNOR.—The new address of Jim and Sandra Poynor is 20, Kirkland Road, Braunstone, Leicester. Postal code LE3 2JP.

PERSONAL

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." —3 John iv, 18.

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

There will be no practice on the first Friday in each month. Practice as usual on all other Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Visitors welcome. All inquiries to G. A. Olliffe, 43, Fernhurst Road, Leicester. 2474

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Ringing at St. John's, Preston, 4–6.30 p.m.
Tickets, 27/6 each, from C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Preston. Please send stamped addressed envelope. 2263

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Hawley (8) on Tuesday, October 17th, 7.30-9 p.m. 2485

KINGSTON UPON THAMES. — Will all ringing visitors please note that entry can only be made from choir vestry (north side). Please press door bell (when fitted) and wait.—Bryony Moorby. 2417

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE. — Practice night is now MONDAY. Learners and methods up to Treble Bob Minor, 7-8 p.m. Surprise Minor and Major, 8-9 p.m. Visitors very welcome. 2482

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—All inquiries regarding the bells at St. Peter's, Pentre, Rhondda, should be made to Tudor P. Edwards. 5, Pleasant View, Pentre, Rhondda, Glamorgan (Tel. Pentre 3705). 2483

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Wath **postponed** until November. Details later.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 2489

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Beckington on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. A. Fear, 2, Sandy Lane, Beckington.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 2443

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, October 14th (please note date). Bells from 2.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea to J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold. Ashorne. Warwick, please. 2330

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael and All Angels', Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, October 14th, commencing 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Chicken, 34, Ettrick Grove, Sunderland, Co. Durham. Tel. Sunderland 67377. 2472

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Dudley, Staffs. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and 4 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available after the meeting and also at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley, if required. Names for tea to Mr. R. Edwards, 4, Silva Avenue, High Acres Estate, Kingswinford, Staffs. No names, no tea! 2456

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield, October 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at High Ongar (6) after meeting. Names for tea to J. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Canons Lane, Fyfield. 2394

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. All welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 2397

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stockland (6) on Saturday, October 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea o Stockland 284. 2477

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone on Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 2398

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual District meeting, St. Dunstan's, Saturday, October 14th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cathedral bells available after business meeting. Names, together with money for tea (2s. 6d.), to K. I. Davis, Apple Acre, Union Road, Bridge, near Canterbury. 2453

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 2473

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C.2, Saturday, October 14th, 2.30–4.15 p.m. Tea, Fan Makers Hall, 4.30 p.m. St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C.2, 6.30–7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please. Please note: October practice, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, 6.45–8.30 p.m. **not** Kensington.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6 2355

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, St. Leonard's, Drayton, Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 2460

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale-of-White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, October 14th. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting Village Hall. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon. 247!

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch—Autumn meeting, Saturday, October 14th. Ringing, Mollington (5), 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Ringing, Wardington (6), 7 p.m. 2487

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Yardley on October 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Tel. SPR 1025.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), Saturday, October 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 2451

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, East Tytherley, October 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Sherfield English bells (8) available 2.30–4. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Thomas, Gandria Hill Lane, Colden Common, Winchester. (Tel. Twyford 3003.) 2442

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Meeting at Odiham, Saturday, October 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice at Ashtead on Tuesday, October 17th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire.—M. M. 2465

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, October 17th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Maldon on October 18th, 7.30–9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 2497

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at Warmley, Bristol, Wednesday, October 18th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. 2480

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Evening meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford (8), on Thursday, October 19th. Ringing from 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. Andrew Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Baltonsborough (6), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—P. Hull, Hon. Branch Sec., Dinder, Wells. 2494

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 2495

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham (8), October 21st. Service 4 p.m. All teas must be booked; otherwise, bring your own, please. Names for tea to E. W Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Wormingford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names to the Rev. T. F. L. Strong, Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester. 2428

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, October 21st Bells (8) available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold (Tel. Stow 350), by October 19th. 2458

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Quarterly meeting, **Woodchester** (6), October 21st. Please note change of tower. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Business meeting 5.30. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Bells available till 8 p.m.—V. M. D.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Bibury (6), October 21st, 5.30–6.30 p.m. Ampney Crucis (5) 7–9 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 2499

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet (8), October 21st. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service. Tea in local cafe 5 p.m. Meeting and further ringing Monken Hadley (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea **essential** by 18th to Mrs. A. Sharpe, 3 Drury Road, Hadley Green, Barnet.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2404

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual general meeting, Ashford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford, by Thursday, October 19th.—A. P. S. B. 2421

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 3.15, 4 to 5 and 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Service at 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Frindsbury bells after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea to C. S. Jarrett, 9, Frindsbury Road, Strood.—T. Barton. 2419

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Winterton on October 21st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Chafer, 69, Earles Gate, Winterton, Lincs, not later than Wednesday, October 18th. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 2467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting. Bury, Saturday. October 21st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, especially learners. —H. Parkinson 2438

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 21st. Bells: All Saints', Leicester, 9.45 to 10.30; Groby, 10.30 to 11.15; Kirby Muxloe, 11.15 to 12 noon; Ratby, 1.30 to 2.15;; Markfield, 2.15 to 3; Newtown Linford, 3 to 3.45; Anstey, 3 to 4.30. Service at Anstey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Elkington, 74, Andrew Road, Anstey, **not later than** October 18th.—Hon. Gen. Sec. 2490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park, Bakerloo Line), on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2335

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Joint meeting at Burton Parish Church. Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Cotton and C. Smith, Hon. Secs. 1475

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting at Hook Norton on Saturday, October 21st. Ringing 3 p.m Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—P. R. Coveney, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on October 21st from 6 till 9 p.m. 2484

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swanage, October 21st. Bells (8) 3.15 and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21, Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by October 19th. 2457

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice meeting at St. Modwen's Burton-upon-Trent, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2429

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Special "learners" practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Saturday, October 21st Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor. Experienced ringers to give instruction welcomed. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by October 7th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Combined practice, Bletchingley (8), Wednesday, October 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2479

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and EAST DERBYS & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Belper on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing commences at 3.20 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names by October 26th to W. A. Morley, 2, Laund Close, Belper. 2447

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), LADIES' GUILD (Central District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, and a social evening at 7.45. St. John's bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8) (opposite the Underground Station), 2.45 to 4 p.m. No. 207 bus connects towers.—C. H. Rogers, D. Hague, J. Hooton and V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs. 2488

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 2498

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

FROST.—Diana and Alan have pleasure in announcing the birth of a daughter—Rachel Jane—on Saturday, October 7th, 1967. 2515

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STRUCKETT—SMITH. — The marriage of Elizabeth Smith with David W. Struckett will take place on Saturday, October 21st, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Felpham, Sussex. All ringing friends welcome at the church. 2503

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SMITH.—As from October 12th the address of A. H Smith will be: 8, Overton Way, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 2519

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES
Meeting at Birmingham on Sat., Dec 9th
(limited accommodation)

Birmngham University Society Annual Dinner, Dec. 9th, 7.30 p.m.
All welcome. Arrangements later 2500

MISCELLANEOUS

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—Practice evening is now Monday evening at 7.45 p.m. and not Wednesday. 2502

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, October 28th. Ringing arrangements: St. Margaret's, Leicester (12) 2–3.30 p.m.; St John the Divine's, Leicester (10) 2.30–4; Aylestone (8) 3.30–5.—B G. Warwick, Dinner Committee. 2521

THIS IS SECOND WEEK OF NEW QUARTER. :: :: PLEASE RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

MEETINGS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, Bell Cottage, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 25.9

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Harby on Saturday, October 14th. Bells (5) 6.30.—M Stimson. 2508

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 2505

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow Gurney (8) Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2510

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Ilminster, Saturday, October 21st. Bells 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2516

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Striking competition will be held at Old Warden (6) on Saturday, October 21st at 4 p.m. Draw and practice prior to competition at 3 p.m. General ringing after tea, names for which essential to Mrs L. Ellison, 19, Alexander Road Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 2 p.m. Committee 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. (Tel. 3504.) 2506

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting to be held at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) bells available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2512

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2513

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Burbage and Milton Lilbourne, October 21st. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2507

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting on Saturday, October 21st. Bells: St. Matthew's Upper Clapton, 10–10.45; St. John-at-Hackney 11.15–12; St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 12.30–1.15; St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 2.15–3; St. Vedast's Foster Lane, 3.15–3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4–4.30. Service in St. Olave's at 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. Names for tea, please, to C. . Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, London. S.W.2. 2509

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at the Pilgrim Hut at 7.45 on Friday, October 27th. Ringing after meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Flitton, Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Flitwick bells in evening. 2501

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting Crayford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Barnett 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, by Wednesday the 25th. 2517

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington, Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. Brett, Mount Pleasant, The Street, Dallington, not later than Wednesday, October 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis Sec. 2511

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330TH *ANNIVERSARY DINNER*

Saturday, November 4th, 1967

The 330th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 4th (6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.) at the Walbrook Restaurant (Cotillion Room entrance), Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, City of London, E.C.4, the Master, Mr. A. J. Frost, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/- each) now available from the secretary. Remittances with orders, please; cheques and postal orders to be made payable to the Society.

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Ringing arrangements for those attending the dinner will be announced later.

J. G. A. PRIOR, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

NEW FOREST QUARTER PEALS

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Nunn 1, J. Hartless 2, N. O. Skelton 3, D. Wilson 4, W. R. Gilks 5, R. Allinson 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. First in the method 1 and 5. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: N. O. Skelton 1, W. T. Perrins 2, M. L. Northway 3, W. R. Gilks 4, H. J. Page 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, D. Fallick 8. First in method 2 and 4.

LYNDHURST, HANTS. — On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Double Grandsire Triples: A. Nunn 1, R. N. Marlow 2, W. T. Perrins 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. Wilson 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, T. Matcham 8. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: A. W. Fry 1, D. Wilson (first in method) 2, P. Young 3, A. Nunn 4, W. R. Gilks 5, R. Allinson 6, J. Hartless 7, R. R. Savory (cond.) 8. First of Major 3, 4 and 5.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss E. A. Banks 1, L. D. Smith 2, A. Nunn 3, W. R. Gilks 4, W. T. Perrins 5, W. T. Godfrey 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 4.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,368 Stamford Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda S. Powell 2, Carol E. Cousins 3, Wendy J. Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all the band. For Harvest Festival.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Beeson 1, G. W. Charman 2, A. Mackman 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, O. L. Warner 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Birkett 1, C. M. Wright (first quarter) 2, P. N. Mounsey (first as cond.) 3, S. G. Pick 4, K. Hilton 5. A welcome to Hilary Jane Poyner, on the eve of Harvest Festival.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Schofield 1, Andrea Tilley 2, J. Cheesman (first quarter) 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, N. Hobden 5, G. Huxley 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. Reece 8. A thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the church.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy I. J. Matthews 1, B. E. Matthews 2, I. Robinson 3, G. Rix 4, H. F. Wood 5, R. Banner 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, T. Banner 8. Rung to mark the wedding of David Smith and Jenny Grant, and also the ordination of Mr. S. F. Cousins.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. B. Steele (first quarter) 1, D. J. Morgan (first "inside") 2, D. Robinson 3, Anne Henman 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, I. G. Morgan 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Susan Chapman 3, Mrs. J. Syder 4, C. Barker 5, A. Wiffen 6, J. Warner 7, A. Syder 8. First of Surprise 2 and 3. For Harvest Festival.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): H. Kirk 1, Margaret Finlow 2, Gillian Fanshaw 3, Elizabeth Barton 4, M. Stanway 5, A. G. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of John T. Marriott, a ringer at this church for over 20 years.

QUARTER PEALS

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, M. J. Fackrell 2, F. C. Fackrell 3, L. Pople 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, G. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Pyke, organist/choirmaster and headmaster of the school.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Barrett 1, R. D. Baker 2, G. W. Reynolds 3, Miss S. Guthrie 4, A. E. Barker 5, Miss S. Davey 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, J. Darrall 8.

CHETTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. J. Bennett (first of T.B. Minor) 1, J. Wellings 2, Christine Slater 3, P. R. Johnson 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

DURRINGTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Pearce 1, T. E. Marks 2, D. S. Beaufoy (cond.) 3, P. J. Bushell 4, A. E. Cook 5, D. R. Sheppard 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook, of Milston.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. S. Wood 1, J. G. Flint 2, I. P. Sawford (first Major "inside") 3, P. Clarke 4, D. W. Manton 5, D. G. Carr (first of Major as cond.) 6, P. S. George 7, C. D. Corby 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 4. Rung for 33rd wedding anniversary of parents of tenor, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Gray (first in method) 1, Sarah Hughes 2, H. P. Reed 3, G. S. G. Joyce 4, Beryl Simpson 5, M. Church 6, S. A. Reed 7, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 8. Before Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary A. Collins 1, Judith M. Collins 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, S. Meadows 5, F. North 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, J. A. Collier 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Gould, of Elstead.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Chettle 1, Joyce Clipstone 2, F. E. Coales 3, K. J. Chapman 4, E. C. Buckby 5, R. J. Cowley 6, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 7, T. G. Smith 8. For the ordination of the Rev. A. E. C. Scorrer, M.A.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Denness 1, Linda Gray 2, C. E. Guy 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First in method 2 and 3. A farewell to Linda Gray, who is leaving for Leicester University.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Sturgess 1, R. Fisher 2, Janet Pink (most methods "inside") 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Whiting 6.

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OWLESBURY, HANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): E. W. Colley 1, P. Page 2, R. Green 3, Miss B. J. Daysh 4, Miss E. Farmer 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6.

PERTH, W.A.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Whale (first quarter) 1, W. Palin 2, J. Carter 3, Jenny Lees 4, A. Mann (cond.) 5, L. Reynolds 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil Robert Mann, father of the conductor, and Lord Mayor Veryard, late Lord Mayor of Perth.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Duguid 1, Mrs. C. Rolph (first "inside") 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, A. F. W. Burbidge 4, J. F. A. Rolph 5, L. D. Duguid 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. For Harvest Festival.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, K. D. Butler 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6.

STOCKTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. T. Yates 1, A. J. Fletcher (first "inside") 2, P. G. K. Davies 3, C. Slater 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. R. Johnson 6.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS. — On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Gwynneth C. Ducker 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, Maris C. Stephenson 4, Linda Sherwood 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. Calvert, wife of Vicar's warden.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): R. J. Snack 1, Brenda M. Arnott 2, R. K. Russ 3, D. K. Whitlock 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, A. K. Fortin 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the brother of the 4th ringer.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At All Hallows', on Sept. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Willcocks (first of Major) 1, E. Rowe 2, Mrs. A. Medley 3, Mrs. S. Spreadbury 4, A. Spreadbury 5, M. Medley 6, L. Gates 7, J. Weaver (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Diane Street and Stuart Holland, recently married at Godalming.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Stephenson (first quarter) 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. J. Rowley 5, A. J. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, F. W. Gladman 8. For Evensong. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor for morning service.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Carveth 1, V. Mary Matthews 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, A. Locke 4, D. Burnett 5, A. F. Burley 6, F. M. Bowers 7, G. D. Carter 8, D. N. Penrose 9, A. J. Davidson (first on 10 as cond.) 10. First of Royal 3 and 7. A compliment to Graham Carter on leaving for university.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. A. Wainwright (first quarter) 1, Lynda M. Roberts 2, Marjorie E. Webster 3, V. T. O. Boase 4, J. V. P. Lochner (cond.) 5, T. R. Humphreys 6. A farewell to the conductor who is taking up training in Coventry.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Mount (first of Caters) 1, D. E. Cobb 2, Jane Chapman 3, E. T. Newnham 4, Laura Grindrod 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, R. Durrant 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8, R. E. J. Dennis 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. C. N. Brown (first quarter) 1, P. R. Keough 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. For Harvest Festival.

WARMLEY, GLOS. — On Sept. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Moxham 1, W. Lampard 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, A. K. Griffiths 4, K. G. Weekes 5, M. Brown 6.

NOTICES—continued

DORCHESTER, DORSET
ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Ringers' Festival, Sunday, October 15th Visiting ringers will be welcome at all times Ringing: 7.30–8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.15–11 a.m., Morning Prayer. Preacher, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Rector of Cattistock and chairman of the Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild. 2.30 p.m.–5 p.m., tower open to visiting ringers and general public. 2440

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
Annual Dinner

Saturday, October 21st, 1967
at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m.
Guest of honour the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The Washington Film will be shown. Bells: Cathedral 3.30 until 5 p.m. All Saints' 4.30 until 6 p.m. Tickets (15s.) obtainable from Branch secretaries and general secretary until October 18th.—D. Beacham, The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 2395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 28th, 1967
at the County Hotel, Taunton
6.45 for 7.15 p.m.
Taunton St. Mary's bells (12) available 5-6.30 p.m.
The Rev. J. G. M. Scott will present a "Ceremony of Bells" after the dinner. Tickets 22s. 6d. (S.A.E., please) from Mr. J. Brain, Green Down, Lotts Avenue, Backwell, Bristol, before October 21st. 2395

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 28th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (23s. 6d.) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, October 25th. S.A.E., please. 2200

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting, Sat., October 14th

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The Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter, York

OUR PICTURE

THE BELLS OF YORK MINSTER

BY HAROLD WALKER

THIS great church is not only the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of York, but also the Mother Church of the Province of York. Its official name is the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter, York.

There has been a church on the site since Edwin, King of Northumbria, built a wooden church in which he was baptised on Easter Day, 627 A.D. The present building is the fifth Minster and was built round the walls of a Norman building.

Building of the Early English transepts started about 1220 A.D. Then followed the Decorated Nave and the Perpendicular Choir, Lady Chapel and Towers.

The south-west tower was built during the period 1432 to 1457 and various bells were housed in it.

The erection of the north-west tower completed the building of the Minster as it now is and it was consecrated on July 2nd, 1472.

The Fabric Roll of 1466 shows that Thomas Innocent, bellfounder of Leicester, cast four bells for the north-west tower, then known as St. Mary's Tower. One of these bells was inscribed: "Sum rosa pulsata munda Maria vocata." (I being rung am called Mary the rose of the world.) This bell still exists as the tenor of the derelict ring of six at St. Michael's in the city.

In 1655 the four bells were taken from the north-west tower and placed with those of the south-west tower to form the very first ring of 12 in the country. It is evident that musically the ring was not a success, for two bells were recast in 1657, one in 1671, the four trebles in 1681 and the tenor in 1727. The tenor was reputed to weigh 59 cwt. and had a diameter of 5ft. 9½ins.

There was more trouble in 1733, when the whole ring was rehung in new frames, and a new ringing floor had to be built 20ft. nearer the bells.

In 1765 Dean Fountayn decided to replace the old ring of twelve with a new ring of ten similar to Bow Bells, which had recently been installed. The new tenor weight 53¼ cwt and was 5ft. 4½ins. in diameter.

The change from twelve bells to ten did not please a certain Mr. Beckwith, who wrote (Beckwith's MSS., Bodleian Library, Vol. 2, page 206):—

> "This year Dean Fountayn disposed of the old peal of bells in the Minster and got a new peal of worse bells. Before there were twelve but now reduced to ten. The great Old Bell was supposed to have been in the Minster ever since the building of the church. The inhabitants of York had no reason to thank the Dean for meddling with them, for the bells were much better as well as the former Dean."

The Latin inscriptions on the old bells were not reproduced and it would appear the founders were free to choose their own, hence:—

Sixth:

"Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round."

Eighth:

"Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess."

In 1840 the bells were destroyed in a great fire which gutted the south-western tower and spread to the roof of the nave. A new bell, weighing 53 cwt., was ordered for use during the restoration and to form the tenor of a new ring.

In 1843 Dr. Stephen Beckwith died and left £2,000 to provide a new ring of twelve. Eleven new bells were added to the existing tenor by the Whitechapel Foundry and they were heard for the first time on July 4th, 1844. Five years later the tenor was recast and invoiced back as weighing 50 cwt.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on these bells in 1861 with two men on the 9th and three on the tenor. Another was not rung until 1892, with three men on the tenor.

Following years of complaints, the bells were rehung with steel headstocks in 1913. Complaints started again, however, and in 1925 the Dean and Chapter, on the advice of Canon H. H. Nolloth, decided to make a clean sweep of the old bells and fittings and to start anew with everything to accord with modern practice. Hence the present beautiful ring of twelve with an extra flat 6th and a tenor a few pounds short of 60 cwt.

Mention must be made of Great Peter, which hangs in lonely state in the north-west tower. This huge bell was provided out of money raised to replace the bells after the fire of 1840, but which was not required following the Beckwith bequest. It was cast in 1845 at the Whitechapel Foundry and weighed 10¾ tons. It was not a good casting as there was a difference of three-quarters of an inch in the thickness of the soundbow at opposite points. When hung, 30 men could not swing it, so it had to be fitted with an independent hammer fitted to a long lever.

After the great bell restoration of 1925–26 Great Peter was recast at Loughborough in 1927 and now weighs 10 tons. 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. Its note is E flat, the dominant of the ring of twelve. Its hangings are of modern design and it is so well balanced that it can be tolled, by swinging through 90 degrees, by the sexton without assistance.

The bells are rung every Sunday morning by members of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers. The Society was formed on February 2nd, 1854, and has an unbroken record of service. It took an active part in the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875. A note in the Society's minute book reads:—

> "3rd August, 1875. On July 3rd, 1875, a Great Meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers was held at the Punch Bowl, Stonegate, when upwards of 200 Ringers from various towns of the County visited this City and were accommodated by the Society and the Members of St. Martin's, Coney Street, to the extent of their means when the ringers expressed their satisfaction at their reception."

From this one would think that the Association was already in being, but in point of fact it was the first meeting called to consider its formation, which was finalised the following October. The secretary of the Minster Society, William Horner Howard, was elected first vice-president of the Association.

For many years members of the Minster Society formed a strong branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths and practised change ringing on handbells. The first double-handed handbell peal of Grandsire Caters ever to be rung was completed by five Minster ringers on March 12th, 1877.

Today the Minster Society has more members than ever before in its history. Ringers who are students at St. John's Training College or at York University are welcomed at the Minster.

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YORKSHIRE CHARACTERS

BY EDWARD HUDSON

(Secretary of the Northern District and Central Council representative of the Yorkshire Association and Chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies)

From the church porch at Sharow, near Ripon, you may look across to a tall Victorian house When the Yorkshire Association was formed the builder, owner and tenant of this house was Thomas Clarke. My father was landlord of the village inn and, as a boy, I heard local worthies in the public bar recount many stories about this interesting man. He was lame, he was a most hospitable man, he had been a road engineer, he was a regular toper and he was a ringer. His name appears amongst those present at the foundation meeting of the Yorkshire Association. He was an able conductor of Treble Bob and was largely instrumental in securing the augmentation of the Ripon Cathedral bells from eight to ten and of the ring at Sharow from six to eight bells. Stained glass windows in the ringing rooms at Ripon Cathedral and Sharow commemorate important peals which he arranged and conducted, and these windows were provided at his own expense.

Men who were old when I was young told me of the excursions they made with Clarke by horse and wagonette to ring at neighbouring towers, George Langshaw was the boy of the party, and it was always his duty to drive the horse home; the condition of other members of the party made this procedure highly advisable

DIED IN THE WORKHOUSE

The third meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sharow on April 22nd, 1876. Jasper Snowdon was present at this meeting and he probably enjoyed the hospitality of Thomas Clarke. The end of Clarke is a sad story; he was much too generous and he died in the workhouse at Bedale.

Walter Peck, who taught me to ring in the last of his sixty years as a ringer at Sharow, was one of Clarke's pupils, and another eminent pupil was Thomas Metcalfe, grandfather of Tom Cox, and for many years the mainstay of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

In my early years of ringing I was privileged to ring with and enjoy the friendship of many stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Relations between the two Associations were rather strained, and very few of us were members of both Associations. Now after forty years I treasure deeply the memories of those men who were true Yorkshire characters and who did so much for the Exercise in my native county.

It is so easy nowadays to visit other towers —in Yorkshire there is a ringing meeting almost every Saturday. Most ringers work but five days per week and a high proportion of ringers have their own cars.

REAL MARTINET

In my early ringing days the sight of a car at a ringing meeting was exceptional; ringers travelled by train or bus; a few of the more fortunate had motorcycles. My personal transport was a lightweight cycle and journeys of sixty miles on Saturday afternoons were by no means exceptional. In the Cleveland area we invariably met on Easter and Whit Mondays, and one could always count on the presence of a number of old friends. Tom Metcalfe was the master ringer, secretary of the Cleveland Association, principal conductor and a real martinet in the tower. No one questioned the wisdom of his decisions or disobeyed his commands.

Cyril Pollard, the president of the Cleveland Association, was a man of energy and ideas, and a kindly mentor to the young learners. The burly Tom Lancaster and the diminutive Jack Hall were most reliable ringers, and in their own towers Jimmy Barnet at Northallerton, Jack Stott at Thirsk and Fred Tingle at Ripon all maintained useful bands for very long periods.

Money was scarce in the late 1920's and early 1930's and many ringers hit by unemployment were unable to raise the three or four shillings which was sufficient to ensure a day's ringing in those distant days.

THE BEST KNOWN

No one who ever met Percy Johnson will readily forget that powerful little man: his cheerful countenance, his stocky figure and his powerful voice all betrayed the character of a vigorous, friendly man; a typical Yorkshireman, who was born in London. How well I remember his remark to a strapping young farmer who persisted in overpulling a light, easy-going bell—"Young man, it is what you have above your shoulders, not below, that counts in ringing."

Percy was for many years the best known of all Yorkshire Association members, with a remarkable memory and a great capacity for friendship. He certainly knew personally a very great number of Yorkshire ringers and could usually recount a good story about anyone of them It was Percy who introduced me to many of the notable Yorkshire ringers of a former generation; I met Arthur Craven once, and rang with Arthur Knights who, as an instructor in boot and shoe repairing at an approved school, composed innumerable peals of Treble Bob on a slate whilst supervising his boys

The quiet, competent Jimmy Cotterell was our treasurer. I recall vividly the gloomy day, January 26th, 1935. When I arrived at Doncaster in the failing light of a winter afternoon, it was snowing heavily, and as I left the station after a difficult journey I heard muffled ringing; Jimmy had died suddenly that morning; it was the saddest of all ringing meetings.

Of those who sat on the Yorkshire Association General Committee when I first became a member in 1934 only Billy Barton remains in office; his services to Yorkshire ringing are enormous. I met him a few days ago as perky as ever; in my estimation I rank him with other great sons of Pudsey—lovers of Yorkshire cricket will know their names as household words.

BETTING TIPS

We loved and trusted our president, the Rev., and later Canon, C. C Marshall. He could appear very unclerical when he discarded th traditional collar and appeared with a bright red tie A small band of us had rung at Middleham and Bedale, and then adjourned to a place of refreshment in the latter town The landlord was a genial devotee of the turf and to our great delight insisted on giving the incognito Canon a slip of paper bearing some alleged good tips. I was the last to leave the inn and having satisfied the curiosity of the landlord about the identity of the grand old gent with the red tie received another copy of the slip from a rather surprised landlord; four out of the five named horses were good priced winners

After our General Committee meetings, always held in Leeds, we regularly adjourned to the Mitre. The teetotal Percy Johnson presided, and many and strange were the tales that were told. George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, Sid Palmer, of Sheffield, the Clarke brothers (Fred and George) from Arksey, Fred Dixon, of Guiseley, Arthur Walker, of Pontefract, all these were wise counsellors, good companions and men of character; how well they served their day and generation.

OLD CUSTOM

An old custom was dying in my early ringing days. At general meetings bands from prosperous towers often went to meetings and rang as a team. If a band were incomplete an individual ringer might be invited to join them; were he wise he would nominate Kent Treble Bob Major as the method which he wished to ring; he could be assured of a very high standard of striking and of the comment at the end; "That were pretty fair."

How times have changed: the bowler hat as the traditional garb for ringing meetings has almost disappeared; not quite, our worthy president appeared in one at a recent meeting, it bore little resemblance to some of the vintage specimens worn by some of the old ringers of the West Riding. Bill Ash, of Leeds Parish Church, had a real beauty The percentage of lady ringers attending our meetings has increased from about five to well over thirty per cent, and it is no longer considered irreverent for a lady to ring with her head uncovered.

A PLEASANT PICTURE

What of the present? What of the future? We are approaching the centenary of the founding of the Yorkshire Association. I venture to suggest that Jasper Snowdon is as proud of the Association as he was in the days of its infancy In my capacity as chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, I am privileged to see much of the work that is being done in the county; it is on the whole a pleasant picture

In the north, where towers are widely scattered, we owe a great debt to Fred Hodgson, who has done so much to raise the standard of ringing since he emigrated from the heart of the West Riding. There is the talented Lawson family, the cheerful, friendly Tom Cox and some promising youngsters who are so keen that they organise their own informal Saturday evening meetings. There are others who serve, quietly teaching pupils who are not always appreciative: Arthur Bashforth at Kirby Wiske, Doris Killingley in Richmond, Geoffrey Dalton at Bedale, and Elsdon Metcalfe whose memory for faces and names has often rescued me in moments of temporary embarrassment

In the south we have a wealth of talent and much activity Might I suggest that as all-rounders Eric Critchley and Wilf Moreton would bear comparison with (in another sphere) the two greatest all-rounders of cricket, George Hirst and Wilfred Rhodes. From this area Norman Chaddock has just departed to live in the East Riding; in the field of ringing education Norman has been and still is the leading mover; might he not be described as the headmaster of Grantley?

TYPIFYING THE PEOPLE

I like to visit the heart of the West Riding, what we know as the heavy woollen district. There you may find ringers who are thorough in all that they do: men who are both critical and kind; men who ring Minor methods with picturesque names and closed leads. Our president and his wife belong to this area, they seem to me to typify the character of the people of these parts, in the way that they refuse to be enslaved by the cares of administrative responsibility and in their capacity for making friends without flattery.

There has been a remarkable revival of ringing in East Yorkshire. Building upon the foundations laid by such men as Horace Morley, most faithful of men, Fred Cryer, a good churchman who, even in old age, had a lovely tenor voice, the hospitable Albert Sellars and the ever dependable Harold Walker, a new generation of young ringers has taken advantage of a new social order.

A few of the many East Yorkshire ringers whose names come easily to mind are the massive David Johnson, the deep-voiced Ron Ducker, the reliable Leslie Woodhead and the mentally and physically vigorous Margaret Wilkinson.

When Yorkshire ringers gather with their friends to commemorate at their dinner Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, they will speak with subtle variations of accents, they will have a great diversity of physical and mental characteristics, but they will have one thing in common—the pride of being Yorkshire folk; and in any sphere of activity a Yorkshireman takes some beating.

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton's 1,000 Peals

THERE will be many congratulations at the Snowdon Dinner at Cottingham on October 21st to Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, the popular secretary of the Yorkshire Association, on completing his 1,000th peal. This was rung at Darlington on September 23rd, the day of the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Mr. Moreton is a Yorkshireman, having been born at Flamborough in 1924. He learned to ring at All Saints' Church, Hereford, under the instruction of the late Charles L. Sadler, and his first peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Holme Lacy in 1939. His first as conductor was three months later. He has rung about 250 for the Hereford Guild and many of these were rung with Leslie Evans, Austin Wingate, George Cousins and his brother, Michael. In fact all but about a dozen Herefordshire towers have been "pealed" by him.

Mr. Moreton went to Oxford in 1942 and while there learned handbell ringing from Mr. John E. Spice He was Master of the Oxford University Society in 1947 and then served for three years in the Royal Armoured Corps. While in India with the Services he rang three handbell peals. His peals have been rung in six countries—England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, India and the U.S.A. His election as secretary of the Yorkshire Association took place on the same day as the Washington peal.

His association with the Central Council dates back to 1945, when he was appointed a representative of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. In 1959 he was made an honorary member and more recently has been a representative of the Yorkshire Association. Conspicuous in his work for the Council has been with the Sunday Service Committee, which is now also the Education Committee. As a lecturer and teacher Mr. Moreton is outstanding, and two of the peals he records with pride, which contained practically all "firsts," were Yorkshire at Lugwardine and Stedman Triples at Holme Lacy.

Of his peals he has conducted 539 (handbells 129). He has rung from Doubles to Maximus on both tower- and handbells and as conductor. In his 350 peals for the Yorkshire Association, rung in over 100 different Yorkshire towers, are a couple of records—130 Spliced Minor "in hand" and 42 Spliced Surprise Royal on tower bells.

Mr. Moreton married in 1952 Miss "Jo" Roper, daughter of Mr. H. L. Roper.

MR. WILFRID F. MORETON

THE LADIES' GUILD

Where had all the ladies gone? Certainly not to the meeting at North Mimms on September 30th, where there were flowers in profusion for Harvest Festival, a beautifully decorated church, and sunshine.

A good standard of ringing was enjoyed—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge—and Mrs. K. Lock provided a first class tea.

Miss Valerie Ware took the chair for the business meeting. New members elected: Miss Paula Healing (Essendon), Misses Jennifer and Julia Indge (North Mimms). Plans were discussed for welcoming the annual general meeting to St. Albans and Hertfordshire next July.

Next meeting: December 30th. Watch "Ringing World" for details. No flowers then, so ladies come and brighten the scene.

K. M. D.

IRISH BAND IN SOUTH WALES

Members of the St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, visited St. Martin's Parish Church, Caerphilly, to ring for Harvest Festival on October 2nd. The bells have been silent for some time.

The visit was arranged by a former St. Martin's ringer, C. R. P. Broughton, who now resides in Dublin and is a member of the Cathedral Society.

1,200 Grandsire Doubles were rung before the service and ringing continued after service.

Dublin University ringers, returning from Guildford tour, augmented the band.

"OLD SWEATS" GET TOGETHER AT DAVENTRY

In November, 1966, Mr. P. I. Chapman, Ringing Master at Daventry Parish Church, invited a number of his contemporaries from the Kettering District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to visit Daventry and try out the new ring of ten bells. The visitors included those who had taken up ringing at the same time as Pat Chapman, just after the second world war, and two or three of the "old hands" who had helped Pat along the road. At the tea sentiments were expressed that this might become an annual event.

On September 30th, 1967, the second of these get togethers was held. Some 30 or so friends, wives and families accepted Pat's invitation and met at the Parish Church during the afternoon, among them being three former Guild Masters, and a former Guild secretary, Mr. R. G. Black, of Geddington, now aged 78. The oldest visitor present was Mr. Bob Turner, of Kettering, and still very active and able to partake in the ringing despite his 87 years.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed; the talking over of old times, the ringing, and the sumptuous tea, so very kindly provided by Mrs. Joan Chapman. Ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, K.T.B. and Cambridge Royal, Yorkshire and London Major, and continued until 8.30 p.m.

After a visit to a local hostelry everyone was on the way home soon after 9.30 p.m.

On behalf of all, sincere thanks are extended to Pat, for his faultless arrangements, and also to Joan, for all her work in providing such an excellent tea. May we all meet again in September, 1968.

K. R. H.

RUBY WEDDING AT LEICESTER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary on September 24th. To mark the occasion a coffee table was presented by Mr. W. Root, chairman of the Leicester Cathedral Society, who spoke of the esteem in which Shirley was held by his fellow ringers and of the loyal service he had always given to the Cathedral band. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Burton by Mrs. Hunting. A peal, specially arranged for the occasion, came to an unfortunate end through a rope breaking.

H. B. B.

STRIKING CONTESTS

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

There was a disappointing entry of only three teams for the 9th Kimpton Cup competition held at Kimpton on September 23rd. This was partly attributed to the popularity of this day in the income tax year for weddings but there were towers which did not enter because they felt their bands were not sufficiently experienced. This is a pity because the main object of competition ringing is to improve striking.

After tea in the Church House the Rev. Patrick Maddex, Vicar of Codicote, presided over the meeting. Mr. Maddex, who is a ringer, has been looking after the parish of Kimpton during an interregnum. Mr. J. G. Cull welcomed the judges, Messrs. A. P. Cannon and C. H. Kippin.

In his comment, Mr. Kippin said the treble and the fifth were the most difficult bells to strike and caused faults in all bands except the winners'—King's Langley with 81 faults. Their "beautiful" touch of Single Oxford was difficult to fault towards the end and the treble was complimented on "exceptional" ringing. Kimpton, 228, and North Mymms, 284 faults, who were placed second and third respectively, both rang Bob Doubles. To fill in time a "scratch" band was formed and rang Cambridge Minor, with only 117 faults—under the rules they were not eligible to compete.

The Kimpton Cup and certificate were presented to Mr. B. M. Barker, captain of King's Langley, by the chairman, and certificates also awarded to Kimpton and North Mymms.

As a token of appreciation the judges and their wives were presented with a small gift by Susan Desborough, one of the local ringers.

Evening ringing was at St. Paul's, Walden (which leaves Pat Cannon only six more Hertfordshire towers to get), and at Codicote. Afterwards at the local the cup was filled and passed round, and the day rounded off with a good sing-song.

J. G. C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Held at Stretham, Cambs, on September 30th. Judges: J. Bluff, B. Simms, N. Harding.

Teams in order of ringing and judges' remarks in brief:

Histon—Bob Minor (quite good ringing, but slight hesitation), 68 faults.

Haslingfield—Bob Doubles (bad leads), 143.

Meldreth—Bob Minor (bit ragged), 87.

Whittlesford—Plain hunt on five (fired out, but a noble effort by a learner band).

March I—Grandsire Doubles (good ringing, but too many clips; bad trip at end), 90.

Sawston—Call changes (uneven striking, no beat), 122.

St Neots—Bob Minor (some clipping), 87.

Chatteris—Bob Doubles (bad leads, lacking rhythm), 226.

Fordham—Bob Doubles (quite good ringing, some leads too open), 83.

March II—Call changes (most uneven, especially at changes), 262.

Hemingford Abbots—Cambridge Minor (false start and too many rounds at second attempt; good ringing and beat, but lot of clipping), 119.

Result: 1 Histon, 2 Fordham, 3 Meldreth and St. Neots tied.

OBITUARY

(See page 754)

MR. BRIAN G. GROVER

Mr. Brian G. Grover died on September 25th at the age of 36 after several months of illness. He last rang in February at W. Clandon, Surrey, with the newly-formed band. Brian was taught to ring at this tower immediately after the last war by his father, Mr. George L. Grover, who was general secretary of the Guildford Guild for 20 years and with whom he rang most of his peals. A full congregation for the funeral service included many of Brian's ringing friends, and some of them rang West Clandon bells half-muffled for an hour on the evening of the funeral.

D. A. R. M.

The Keys of Gnosall have Scored a Family Peal

The Key family of Gnosall, Stafford, who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Swynnerton. Left to right: Peter (19), Angela (16), Lucy (18), Pamela (20) Mrs. Key and Mr. B. G. Key. [Picture by courtesy of "Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser, Salop.

Some years have elapsed since we published the last family peal. This honour has been bestowed on Mr. and Mrs. Barnabas G. Key, of "Sunnyside," Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford, and four of their children. The announcement of their success appeared on page 723 of October 6th issue of the "R.W."

Swynnerton bells were selected for the attempt as they have a tenor of 7 cwt. 1 qr. compared with the minor six at Gnosall, where the tenor is 17 cwt. But St. Lawrence's, Gnosall, is the family belfry. This was the second attempt, the first having been made some months ago before the eldest daughter June was married.

In the interim, Angela, the youngest daughter, who is 16, has become more proficient. She rang the treble, 18-year-old Lucy A. was on the second, Mrs. E. Marion Key on No. 3, Pamela E. Key (20) on No. 4, Barnabas conducted from No. 5 and 19-year-old Peter J. drummed the tenor. The peal of Grandsire Doubles was accomplished in 2 hours and 43 minutes.

Professionally, Mr. Key is a vehicle examiner for the Ministry of Transport. For years he has been an acknowledged leader of ringing in this corner of Staffordshire and represents the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on the Central Council. A consistent peal ringer, it has been his pleasure to shepherd many young ringers through their first peal and incidentally, the peal at Swynnerton was the first for Angela and Peter. At St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, he is not only Ringing Master but also a lay reader.

Mrs. Key is the organist at this church and is a teacher at St. Lawrence's Junior School. She is very successful as a handbell teacher, and it has been her privilege on a number of occasions to appear on television with her pupils in handbell broadcasts.

The three daughters in the picture attended Newport Girls' High School. Angela is still there, but her two elder sisters have passed on to St Mary's Teachers' Training College, Cheltenham, Pamela being in her third year. Peter is at Dundee University, having formerly attended Adams' Grammar School, Newport.

Mr. Key adds a footnote of appreciation to the Rector of Swynnerton for allowing the family to ring on his bells and to William Watkin, the tower captain, for his co-operation. "We hope to ring a peal of Minor before the wedding bells reduce us to five," he concludes. The photograph we publish was taken in Gnosall belfry.

WASHINGTON TODAY

An encouraging picture of ringing in Washington today is presented by Mr. R. S. Dirksen, who is now in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Meyer, Washington.

During his absence Mr. Fanfani maintained a regular schedule in the tower and with the addition of several beginners a good deal of impetus was generated in the ringing programme. Much help was received from 20 English ringers who visited the Cathedral during the summer.

The Whitechapel Guild numbers 36 girls, while the adult band has increased to 18. Four other high school students make a total this year of 52 ringers—mostly in the beginner category, but with a group of 10th and 11th grade girls, who should have their first quarter by the end of October.

With such a number of ringers, the following schedule is a necessity and we publish it for the benefit of any ringers who might be going to Washington next year:—

Sunday: General practice open ringing, 1.30–4 p.m.
Monday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40–5 p.m.
Tuesday: Adult band, 7.30–9.30 p.m.
Wednesday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40–5 p.m.
Thursday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40–5 p.m.
Friday: Whitechapel Guild beginners, 2.40–5 p.m.

There is also open ringing for service on Fridays at 8 a.m.

On Saturday mornings there is no scheduled ringing but the time is used for practice by the most advanced band. Visitors are welcome to any session but the best ringing is to be had on Sundays. Peal or quarter peal attempts will be arranged on Saturday mornings if the visitor writes in advance.

50 YEARS' RINGING AT EDINBURGH

This year the ringers at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, have celebrated an unusual and most happy event. Miss May S. Taylor, who started ringing in this tower in 1917, has completed 50 years' service as a ringer. To mark the occasion a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on June 17th, and later a presentation of a bracelet and a certificate was made to her. The certificate was signed and presented to Miss Taylor by the Rt. Rev. Dr. R. Leonard Small, minister of St. Cuthbert's, who was also Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland during Miss Taylor's 50th year as a ringer. We wish Miss Taylor many more years of ringing to come.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Whitechurch Canonicorum, with its ring of eight bells and the tower some 80 feet high, overlooking the lovely Marshwood Vale, which dates from the eighth century, was the venue of the West Dorset Branch meeting on September 23rd. Seven towers were represented and visitors were welcomed.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. E. Edwards, Vicar of Melplash (the Vicar being on holiday), and a good tea, laid on by local ringers and their lady helpers, was enjoyed by all.

At the start of the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Powell in the chair, members stood to the memory of S. Gardener (Thorncombe) and Bert Elsworth (Bradpole) the Branch organist. A grant was made towards the Beaminster Bell Fund, which was gratefully acknowledged by Mr. J. T. Barrett.

Next meeting (annual) Bridport, Saturday, November 25th. Practice meetings: Loders, Wednesday, November 8th; Bradpole, Tuesday, December 12th.

Methods rung during the meeting included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise.

GLASTONBURY SOMERSET. — On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, D. G. Mayell 2, K. Prime 3, Mrs. D G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, L. A. England (first quarter as cond.) 6. A 4th birthday compliment to Alan Lee, grandson of the ringer of the 5th.

Letters to the Editor

ALDERMASTON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I rather suspect that Mr. E. Steele's letter (page 694) was written under a fictitious name and the writer is well known in London circles; his letter makes interesting reading.

While one cannot argue with most of what he says, I would like to correct a few false impressions that he gives and hope his sole motive was not the purpose of stirring things up with a wooden spoon.

The musical qualities of this method rung on its own make it such that it is extremely doubtful if any band will ever have the nerve to try it; by inserting Plain Bob you avoid any eight sevens and in fact the composition used did provide plenty of good music.

However, we are fortunate enough now to have rules which allow us to ring what many of the purists would call **rubbish.** Grandsire Major is an example of this, but it was not so many years ago that these methods were just not frowned upon as at present, but forbidden (Plain Bob Triples also fell in this category).

So while not defending this method as it stands on its own, I do defend the rights of the band to ring it if they wish; after all, our friend Mr. Steele does not have to listen unless he wants to, and this is extremely doubtful.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

Dear Sir,—I apologise for the error in the lead end of Aldermaston Bob. Mr. Steele is quite correct in saying that it should be 135284€7, but he is incorrect in saying that three blows are made in sevenths place; they are in fact made in eighths place.

Mr. Steele, and doubtless many other people, cannot see the logic of introducing a method such as Aldermaston Bob, but I would point out to him that there are other methods with a similar change from Plain Bob, i.e. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and Hunslet, the only difference in the Major form being that there are no three blows in one place Surely Mr. Steele has rung some methods of this nature, so I find it difficult to see how he can accuse me of "scraping the bottom of the barrel."—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. WILCOX.

Beenham Hill, Reading.

VISITORS AND BELFRY FEES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the letter concerning belfry fees and visitors ("Ringing World," September 29th). I think this letter shows the attitude of ringers such as Mrs Lawrence today. Their interest in ringing is purely for what they can get out of it; they are not even prepared to pay 6d. towards its upkeep.

With all respect to Mrs. Lawrence, let's wake up! The maintenance of bells is very expensive, so surely 6d. is not an exorbitant fee to ask, especially when an innocent mistake by a visiting learner could easily cost the church 30s. for a new stay.

I believe towers such as Highgate are perfectly justified in asking for a small fee towards the maintenance of the bells.

As for discouraging non-members, I wonder how much Mrs. Lawrence would have left in the collecting box on leaving after having the privilege of some decent ringing with an Association of which she is not even a member.—Yours faithfully, C. G. WRIGHT.

Walthamstow, London.

FIRST-WAR MEMORY RECALLED

Dear Sir —I was extremely interested to see the report of the handbell peal by the Cambridge University Guild in which Dr. Williamson rang the tenors. More than 50 years ago, in February, 1917, I was soldiering at the old Albany Barracks at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight. The bells at Newport were at that time away at the founder's, but a few local ringers used to meet at the house of the kindly Mr. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, for handbell ringing.

It was at this house that I met Mr. Williamson, and I find from a note in my diary that I rang Stedman Triples with him. I remember that I rang a single bell and that it was the first Stedman Triples I ever rang.

We were joined, too, by a Sergeant Blake, who was on the staff at the barracks, and I recollect how comforting it was to me in those bleak days to realise I had "a friend at Court."

I send my greetings to Dr. Williamson, and should this meet the eye of Mr. Blake I should be delighted to hear from him.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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Warminster Wilts.

MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the appreciation given to Mr. Arthur Percival Knights, by Mr. F. A. Adams, on page 711 of "The Ringing World." Although I never met him, his name was very often mentioned by his father, Mr. Arthur Knights, in the correspondence we had in the 1930's. I would wish to add my appreciation, and endorse Mr. Adams' remarks.

Secondly, the heading given to the two peals, on the same page, is not quite correct, as both peals have been rung, and published. Peal No. 369, rung 30-12-33, published K.C.A. Report, 1934, and Peal No. 38, rung 19-12-31, K.C.A. Report, 1931. **The variations to these peals have not been previously published,** although I have had them for over 30 years.

My records, of calling Arthur Knights' peals, is 92 different compositions, 79 first time rung.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—May I (now in my 83rd year) congratulate Mr. William Shepherd on attaining his 84th birthday and express the hope that he will be spared for many years to delight us in these columns with his contributions. Also may I say how pleased I was to see the quarter peal at Westminster in honour of this occasion.

The footnote states that Mr. Shepherd and Mr. George Symonds are the last two surviving members of the old St. Margaret's Society, Westminster. I am also a survivor and took part in what was probably the Society's last peal, Stedman Caters, at St. Margaret's on June 1st, 1909.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OBITUARY

MR. J. A. TOWNSEND

The death has occurred of Mr. John A. Townsend, aged 71, of Handsacre, near Rugeley, Staffs. who was a native of Milton Malsor, Northants.

He served in the 1914-18 war with the Northamptonshire Yeomanry in France and Italy, and his horse was shot from under him during action in the capture of Monchy-le-Pruex, near Arras, France, on Easter Wednesday 1917.

After the first world war he coached a band of ringers into method ringing at Milton Malsor. This band he conducted for the first peal on the bells on March 8th, 1923, and was rung for the Central Northamptonshire Association. A peal board has recently been erected to record the event. He rang many peals for the Association.

Mr. Townsend became a member of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford upon moving to Armitage in 1949, to take up the position of stationmaster. He joined the Rugeley band, and also helped to train ringers at nearby Longdon, where a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in memoriam.

Owing to illness in 1962, he was forced to give up ringing activities, but remained keenly interested. He died quite peacefully after a short illness, leaving a widow and married son. May he rest in peace.

MR. WALTER J. STARR

Mr. Walter J. Starr who died at the home of his son at Cold Ashton, Glos, on September 24th in his 85th year, was for nearly 50 years tower master of St. Mary's Swainswick, near Bath. As a tribute to his faithful service, a half-muffled peal was rung on these bells on the day of his funeral (September 28th). A keen ringer, one of his happiest memories was ringing at Canterbury Cathedral. He was one of the oldest readers of "The Ringing World."

A great lover of flowers, particularly dahlias, his flowers, when in season, beautified the Church of Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton.

TWO AGED MONMOUTHSHIRE RINGERS
MR. A. PROBERT

We regret to record the death of Mr Albert Probert, of Llangibby, Mon, aged 88 years. He was one of the Llangibby ringers who was taught change ringing by the late J. W. Jones, the well-known exponent of our art from Newport. Services were held at St. Cybi Church Llangibby, and the Gwent Crematorium and during the evening the bells at St. Cybi Church were rung half-muffled to 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples by the Usk band. Unfortunately this was not a correct quarter peal as two bells had changed course. We extend our sympathy to the family.

L. J.

MR. E. W. LUFF

Mr. Edgar William Luff, of Usk, who died at the age of 86, started bellringing in 1926, and at one time captained the Usk band of ringers. On retiring, his remark was "Do your best and keep them going."

The funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church, Usk, where Mr. Luff had also been a sidesman. The Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Davies, officiated, and Usk bellringers and a close friend acted as bearers. Cremation followed at Gwent Crematorium.

In the evening the bells were rung to 1,260 Grandsire Triples, but again it was not a true quarter peal. However, the following day members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association rang a half-muffled peal on the bells.

We have lost a good friend, and our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Luff and family.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Ringers' Clothing — Hints and Suggestions

HOW many of you have not at some time looked at people ringing and thought "I wonder if X realises what he/she looks like." Over the past years I have studied dress habits, often unconsciously, in many towers throughout the country and here are the fruits of the studies, offered as suggestions—tactfully, I hope.

Firstly, ladies. The fashion for mini skirts produces strange sights hitherto unseen in modest belfries. To all ringers who wear mini skirts, please have a trial "pull" at home in front of a mirror before venturing out to ring in your new short length. Check, when stretching up at backstroke, (a) that your slip does not show, and (b) that the tops of your stockings do not show, or worse still that bare flesh above the stocking is not visible.

If (a) does show then some needlework at waist level is necessary; but if you must show a frill below your skirt make sure it is not frayed and also that it is clean. Get Mum or a friend to check for you by sitting on the floor nearby if the mirror is not critical enough. The worst type of garment for ringing in is a dress with tight sleeves; the whole thing seems to go up a foot or two with each backstroke. So check the hems of your dresses.

The most suitable clothes for lady ringers are undoubtedly "separates," but these of course are not so smart and even these have their pitfalls. What is worse than a crumpled blouse which has parted company with the skirt and shows either bare midriff or a grey undergarment? So make sure your blouses are long enough. Slacks are very suitable attire for tours, although not always approved of in some towers. However, these can be uncomfortable in hot weather.

Flat shoes are best, especially for climbing stone stairs, which can ruin the leather of good heeled shoes. But for peal ringers, shoes with slight heel (about one inch) are more comfortable. Luckily the fashion for pointed metal heels has changed, but during their heyday these heels caused havoc to many well-cared-for belfry floors. One steeplekeeper known to the writer insisted that such offenders removed their shoes before walking on his pristine lino. If you still wear this sort of shoes be kind when visiting other towers and stand on one of the mats if the floor is the sort that could be injured.

Perhaps the fashion will change back, too, to full skirts and we shall see again the interesting spectacle produced when one is caught in a moving rope. The straighter skirts are much more preferable for ringing. One final hint to the ladies before embarking on a continuous length of ringing—check your bra straps; any which are too tight can produce very painful weals in a short time.

Now to men—yes, some of you need hints, too! You suffer from waist gaps and no one really wants to know the brand of your underwear! The shirt tucked between pants and trousers saves this embarrassment. If you do a lot of continuous ringing especially in hot weather, you will find nylon or similar man-made fabrics most uncomfortable to wear. Even with a cotton vest underneath this does not provide enough material to absorb the perspiration which the nylon rejects. Shirts made of cotton mixed with these fabrics are preferable as they stay crisp and yet are absorbent.

Self-supporting trousers are smarter, provided they are; make sure that all buttons and clasps are firm; then perhaps we shall not see remarks in "Belfry Gossip" about unfortunate occurrences in peals! If your shape is such that braces are essential, or if you prefer to wear them, then make sure they are presentable—not hanging on by one button nor elastically deficient.

Finally a whisper in the ear of all ringers everywhere—"B.O." Yes, make sure you all use a deodorant—male and female alike. Nothing is worse than opening the belfry to be hit by the smell of hot, steaming ringers. Many of our belfries lack ventilation and a "fug" soon builds up. So be neighbourly, everyone needs to use one, and if you think you don't then you are probably one of the worst offenders!

AN OBSERVER.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (with two covering): Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey (12 years, first "inside") 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, A. Betsworth 6, R. Cross 7. For Harvest Festival.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples A. Crabtree (first away from cover) 1, Verona Naylor 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, E. J. Cole 4, T. J. Warner 5, V. Green 6, R. J. Cann (first of Triples as cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting at Devizes on October 7th drew nearly 60 people, and the company included visitors from Norfolk, Bristol, Guildford and Cheltenham. Among those present were the president of the Guild and the general secretary.

Seventeen new members were elected, and among these was a whole band from Heytesbury. Practice ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise and was varied enough to give everybody plenty of ringing.

The Branch Committee held a meeting to make final arrangements for the striking competition, which will be held at Corsley at 2.30 p.m. on November 4th. Nine companies have now entered, and it has been decided that the test shall be a touch of 120 changes or five minutes of any other type of ringing. The Branch chairman pointed out that no band need feel incapable of entering for the competition, for it was the sincere wish of the organisers that this should be a friendly and helpful occasion.

The service in St. John's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. C. Williams, and the lesson was read by Mr. Andrews, the Branch chairman. At the meeting Mr. Weeks paid tribute to the work of Mr. J. Rumming, whose death has left a gap in the band at Southbroom.

Next meeting: Corsley, and in December at Steeple Ashton.

A DEVON PEAL RINGING WEEK

DEVON was the venue for a peal ringing week during the first week in October. The leader was to have been Mr. George E. Fearn, but to the great regret of all he was prevented from coming owing to a serious illness in his family. However, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth proved to be a delightful substitute, and those accompanying him were Clifford Skidmore, Michael Perry, Jack Millhouse, Geoffrey Parker, Michael Maughan, Eric Harrison, Frank Darby, Maurice Edwards, Clifford Barron and John Anderson. The King's Arms Hotel, Buckfastleigh, was the headquarters, and the towers were selected and procured by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, who did everything possible to ensure the smooth running of the tour.

On the journey down on September 30th the first peal was scored, one of London Surprise Major, at Highweek Church. Sunday saw the tourists at Dean Prior Church to ring after morning service, and in the afternoon the five six at Modbury Church were sampled. It was a privilege to ring at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, that evening, where Messrs. A. W. Myers and D. R. Bould, as well as Mr. Bennett, joined in two exceptionally good touches of Stedman Caters.

On Monday morning the serious business of the week began when another peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Wolborough, and Miss Merryn Hutchings, of Modbury, formerly of Solihull, had the satisfaction of ringing her first peal in this method "inside." The afternoon tower was St. Mary's, Brixham, where Cambridge Royal was lost after nearly two hours ringing.

LOST AND REGAINED

Tuesday morning found the tourists at East Budleigh, the birthplace of Sir Walter Raleigh. The bells are a light eight, and a little rung method—Illey Surprise Major—was lost after nearly two hours. The afternoon ringing was on the magnificent octave at Broadclyst, where another peal of London Surprise Major was accomplished in fine style in just over three hours.

Buckland-in-the-Moor was to have been the venue on Wednesday morning, but owing to a funeral that day this visit had to be cancelled. Bovey Tracey, however, proved to be a good substitute and Illey Surprise Major was duly accomplished. The afternoon tower contained the good octave at Ashburton, where an equally good peal of Yorkshire Major was also completed in just over the three hour mark.

On Thursday morning at Clyst Honiton the tourists were met by Mrs. G. E. Retter, a member of a ringing family who do much to foster the art in this particular area. London Surprise Major was the order on this fine ground floor ring, but the attempt came to grief after just over one hour's ringing. There was another disappointment in the afternoon at Ottery St. Mary, where Rutland Surprise Major just would "not go" on the fine ground floor ring. Cambridge Major was quickly substituted and this was successfully accomplished in just under three hours.

SHIFT COURSE SUGGESTION

On Friday morning the Rev. J. G. M. Scott met the tourists at Newton St. Cyres. Perhaps the thought of his tape recorder prompted a shift course after one and a quarter hours. In the afternoon the table and clock in Woodbury belfry, memorials to the late John Glanville, were much admired and a good peal of Cambridge Major was rung.

The tourists' homeward journey started the next morning after staying at Cullompton, but a stop was made at Ledbury, Herefordshire, where the final peal of the tour, Rutland Surprise, was rung. This splendid octave was judged by the tourists to be the second best of the week after Broadclyst.

Sincere thanks are due to those clergy and to fellow ringers who met the tourists, who were not unmindful of the able work of the two organisers.

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Elijah Roberts — the Greatest "Tapper"

IN contemplating the art of change ringing we cannot but be struck by the many and varied talents that may be put to use in its pursuit. A thoughtful observer of some of the greatest and most gifted members of the Exercise, in theoretical and practical fields, may well be filled with wonder at the uncanny perception so often displayed, and he may possibly be led to inquire of himself what these people have that we lack. Among the many feats that astonish us are exhibitions of tapped changes and the almost incredible ability and concentration that enable men to tap out peals single-handed. The earliest, and in some ways the most amazing, exponent of this art of whom we have recoverd is Elijah Roberts.

Roberts was born in Birmingham in 1807, and began his ringing career at a very early age. Before he was thirteen he was in the belfry and had already begun to tap changes. He became a very competent ringer and conductor, ringing his first peal at the age of fourteen, and later taking part in most of the peals rung by St. Martin's Youths. His later performances included Treble Bob Royal and Cinques and the composing and conducting of 6,282 Grandsire Caters. But it was as a tapper that he astonished his contemporaries, and but for the incontestable evidence available we might be tempted to pass off the records of these feats as apocryphal.

The first of these extraordinary peals came in 1824, when Elijah was seventeen years of age. This peal, tapped in three hours and twenty-seven minutes, was made up entirely of Plain Courses of the following: **Triples,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; **Major,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob; **Caters,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; **Royal,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob; **Cinques,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob; **Maximus,** Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob. The whole was rounded off by a course of Treble Bob Sixteen! We may well marvel both at the mastery of coursing order and the concentration so completely at the young man's command.

In 1827 Roberts tapped a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and in 1830 a peal of 7,536 in the same method, and this time the bobs were called by Joseph Powell and witnessed by a number of prominent Birmingham ringers. Three years later came a tapped peal of Stedman Cinques, composed and conducted by Henry Cooper; among the witnesses of this peal was Henry Johnson, whose testimony alone is enough to set seal on the truth of the performance.

Elijah Roberts was described by Thomas Day as "a nice lad with bright and keen blue eyes and of a very determined nature." This reference to determination would certainly accord with what has been noted above and would have a bearing on the incredible feat of 1837. As a ringer Roberts must have been of great value in Birmingham at a time when the Society of St. Martin's Youth was maintaining a somewhat precarious existence, sustained by the faith of Hopkins and Johnson and opportunely reinforced by the arrival of Chattell. For some time Roberts kept "The Union" tavern in Jamaica Row, and this house was the gathering place of the Society. It was here that the peal of Stedman Cinques was rung.

Soon after the peal of Cinques Roberts abandoned the tavern to become a coach driver, but settled eventually in Liverpool, where he took "The Derby Arms" public house. Here he rang his last peal. It was 19,440 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and Roberts tapped it on handbells in Thirteen Hours and Forty-three Minutes. There were no witnesses of this supendous performance, but there can be little doubt that it was carried through.

In "The Ringing World" of October 6th, 1911, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, that assiduous collector of change ringing records, published the copy of a letter found in a scrapbook compiled by a Mr. W. Chrisfield of London, and which had been in the possession of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. The ancient manuscript reads: "Derby, January 23rd, 1944: Dear Sir, The underneath is the peal I rang on my handbells, which took me 13 hours and 43 minutes, New Treble Bob Maximus." There follow the figures of Reeve's Five-Part and the signature of Elijah Roberts. The interest aroused by this discovery brought a letter from Alfred Paddon Smith (at that time Secretary of St. Martin's Guild), quoting another letter written by Roberts to a friend in Birmingham telling that he had rung the great peal and "regretting that no amateur heard it. The neighbours said they thought I should never give in, for they heard the bells ringing hours before they got up, and almost until bedtime again."

In "The Ringing World" of October 20th, 1911, William Snowdon gave a review of an article on the subject of the 19,440, written by his brother Jasper in 1885. This very ably examined all the evidence available, together with the character of Roberts and his phenomenal skill as a tapper, and it could leave us only with the conviction that this tremendous feat of mental and physical endurance had actually been accomplished.

During this century we have seen the wonderful peal tapping of men like John Seager, Olave Broyd, A. T. Morris, the extraordinary versatility of Harry Withers on all numbers of bells, and notable expositions of this peculiar art by a number of other practitioners. But the first of this line was Elijah Robert, and the wonder of his performances can stir us even in these days of many marvels. E .C. S.

MR. H. C. SPENCER'S 250 PEALS

With a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Evesham bell tower Mr. H. C. Spencer has passed the 250 peals milestone in his ringing career. Details:—

Triples: Grandsire 17, Stedman 28 (conducted 3), Erin 1.

Caters: Grandsire 6 (1), Stedman 21 (2).

Cinques: Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 53 (1), (1 silent), Erin 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 4 (1), Cambridge Surprise 2.

Major: Plain Bob 11 (1) Double Oxford 1, Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Double Norwich C.B. 15 (5), Cambridge 13 (2), Yorkshire 11, Lincolnshire 3, Superlative 2, Rutland 2, London 1, Bristol 1, Belgrave 1, Norfolk 1, Ipswich 1, Pudsey 1, Ashtead 1.

Royal: Plain Bob 3 Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge 8, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 4, Rutland 1.

Maximus: Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Cambridge 7, Yorkshire 1, Superlative 1, Belgrave 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Total: 236 (19) (1 silent).

"In Hand": Stedman Triples 1, Caters 9, Cinques 3, Grandsire Caters 1. Total 14.

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ANOTHER STORY OF RINGING IN DEVON

This Time the University of Bristol Society

EXCELLENT bells, magnificent countryside, finest cider and reasonably good weather were the chief items on the menu as "served" by Frank Mack to the University of Bristol Society on their annual tour this year.

The tour started on August 26th at Up Ottery, where we renewed friendships. From there to Stockland, where the local inhabitants seemed a little bewildered to see so many cars at once descending upon their church. The majority of our party were even more bewildered and mystified to see Frank lead our general secretary off in the wrong direction towards, or rather away from, the next tower, Combeigh! Here, as in the previous tower, ringing took place from a balcony and, after a couple of touches had been rung, Messrs. Mack and Bird were seen creeping into the church as if they had been there all the time!

So ended Saturday's ringing programme and we all made our way to our respective caravans, camping sites, farmhouse and hostelries in and around the Exmouth/Woodbury area. Sunday morning saw us ringing Triples at Woodbury, followed by ice cream at the Foxholes, Exmouth.

It was really too hot to ring at Exeter Cathedral that afternoon but after much prodding from our organiser we successfully rang a touch of Grandsire Cinques and three leads of Treble Twelve. Over then to the very irregular-shaped church at St. Petrox and then to Heavitree, the best bells of the week, and we did justice to them with touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

FRANK'S BIRTHDAY

That evening some of us attended a practice—yes, it was a Sunday—at the Garage Ring. Unfortunately a quarter in honour of Frank's birthday was hopelessly out of the question, since we only managed a course of Cambridge after three difficult attempts, during which the chairman of the G. and B. was seen to overturn her bell more than once!

The heavy six at St. Michael's, Honiton, made a rather noisy start to Monday before ringing at Axminster. On to Uplyme where, after a quick rise, the bells went straight into Cambridge. It was not very sunny for the children on the beach at Lyme Regis, but the sound of these delightful bells probably made up for the lack of sun.

Heading back westwards, our next call was at Colyton, with its very devious ascent and its irregular-shaped tower, bell arrangement and rope "circle." At Sidbury we rang our first Oxford Bob Triples on the tour before having tea. Several people were tricked by the small staircase just inside the doorway at Ottery St. Mary Church that evening.

RECORD LENGTH OF CALL CHANGES

Tuesday was the day of great mileage, a total of approximately 110 being covered. After a quick ring at Crediton we duly arrived, despite an abundance of combine harvesters on the road at North Tawton. On entering the ringing chamber we were visually warned to listen to our striking. In addition to the large number of certificates there was, on the wall, a board telling us of the record length for a call change peal—four hours. After a good course of Bristol, slight confusion arose when our general secretary called "Look to" from the second! He had just rung it to the Bristol, too!

Winkleigh was the next stop, both for ringing and refreshment. We can certainly recommend the cider at the Ring o' Bells there. At Great Torrington we "pitched-'em-in" and after some Cambridge, Plain Bob Triples and Stedman the bells were lowered in Queens.

Our first attempt at London Surprise Major went wrong halfway at Hatherleigh but the same method was successfully rung at Okehampton. That evening we were privileged to be able to join the local practice at Littleham, where Lady Nelson's grave is in the churchyard.

BUCKFAST ABBEY

Ringing at Bovey Tracey, sightseeing on the Moor and Spliced Plain and Little at Buckland-in-the-Moor were the highlights on Wednesday morning. A picnic lunch in the heart of this beautiful county was followed by a ring on the famous 12 at Buckfast Abbey. We were pleased to have Father Mowan join us in the ringing here, which included Erin Cinques with a long single to start with. A bob course of Grandsire Cinques preceded an almost faultless lower on the back eight.

Our only trouble on the tour occurred at the next tower, Berry Pomeroy, where one rope broke and another slipped wheel. Luckily at Ipplepen the local ringer was as early in arriving as we were. We had pleasure in ringing at the East Budleigh practice that evening, after which the local captain showed us the excellently-carved church bench-ends before escorting us to the Sir Walter Raleigh Inn and insisting on buying us all drinks.

SS. Mary and Martin's, Chudleigh, was our first call next day and our Yorkshire here had to compete with the traffic noise from the A.38. The ringing chamber at our next tower, Kingsteignton, boasted the All Devon Shield and the Tawstock Invitation Shield. Some excellent Stedman was recorded here. Lunch was taken following a ring at Wolborough. A longish journey then brought us to the recently augmented ten at Brixham. Whilst the large number of children in the party amused themselves with the model church and its bells underneath the tower, our tour doctor called a good touch of Stedman Caters. This was followed by a pure U.B.S.C.R. band ringing a half-course of Cambridge Royal. The day was rounded off by visiting Powderham and some attended Topsham practice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT!

The following morning, after finding the fourth heavier than the treble at Brampford Speke, we ran into rain on our way to Thorverton. At Silverton an all-ladies' touch of Plain Bob Triples was "called" with the help of the men in the background! We were honoured by having a special bar opened for us, complete with children, at the Trout Inn, Bickleigh. Several Society grandfathers remarked that this was indeed a departure from the past and more like a Sunday School treat than a ringers' lunch! After ringing, which included 60 on thirds at Bickleigh, we travelled to Broadclyst. Some recorded Grandsire Triples, Bristol Surprise Major and photographs here sped us on our way to the Mack house.

Mary had put on a very good spread for us, for which we were extremely grateful. After this, whilst the men listened to our recorded efforts of the week, the ladies, having cleared away of course, retired, with children, to the garage Never before has the U.B.S.C.R. tour included a ringing lesson for children—a dozen one to eight-year-olds were seen intently trying to master the bells of the Garage Ring! That evening, after finishing the practice at Withycombe Raleigh correctly with a course of Bristol, we retired to the Holly Tree, where some farewells were said.

However, the tour was not quite over since there were three towers on Saturday morning. After Aylesbeare and Talaton the grand finale came at Luppitt, where we hope the six soon get augmented to eight—they will surely make an excellent octave.

And so to the farewells until Dinner Day. Frank deserves our hearty thanks for all the time and effort that he must certainly have put in to arrange such a successful tour. We also wish to thank Pat for all the central administration for the tour, and last, but by no means least, we must thank all the local ringers and incumbents. E. G. M. and C. M.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Basingstoke District were the guests of the Church Oakley ringers, a band at present consisting of ladies only, on September 16th. Over 50 members attended, and the proportion of young beginners was even higher than at recent meetings of the District. The Guild Office was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. H Jackson, and tea at the Rectory was followed by further ringing.

The young ladies of Church Oakley must be congratulated on their redecoration of the ringing chamber, the walls being painted in a pleasing primrose tint. A screen is shortly to be erected at the west end of the nave, under the tower arch. This is to be associated with the name of the late Marcus Lee, who was for many years captain of the tower; it will be dedicated on the evening of Monday, November 6th.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,408 Putney Surprise Major: Janet M. Bull (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, C. F. Mew 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Rev. M. Hart 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. W. Blake, ordained deacon in Southwark Cathedral earlier this day.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Plain Bob): G. J. Hagger 1, P. May 2, Margaret Newby 3, K. Whittell 4, R. G. Kersey 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. For Harvest Evensong.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Braintwister entries have been received from New Zealand and Africa. Such is the advantage of having "The Ringing World" by air.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Malvern Link (page 724) was rung on September 16th and not September 19th as wrongly submitted.

Saydisc Specialised Recordings Ltd. hope to have available by the end of November the first of their recordings of "Bells of Britain" series. It will deal with the bells of Bristol.

Washington Cathedral band have adopted a policy of a contribution to "The Ringing World" of five dollars per peal and 2.50 dollars a quarter. The Editorial Committee wish them a most successful year.

The Ely Diocesan Association raised £27 for their bell restoration fund by a draw. Two towers undergoing restoration—Isleham and Histon—will both receive grants from the fund.

From Accrington we get an inquiry: What is the lowest number of faults recorded by a Sunday service band in a striking competition?

Barnet Herts, had a notable quarter on September 24th—three first quarters and a first as conductor. May it be the forerunner of many more.

One of the three locomotives built by Sir Arthur P. Heywood (1849–1916) for his Duffield Bank railway line is still running—on the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway in Cumberland. Sir Arthur was the founder of the Central Council.

Two promising first pealers at Beaconsfield are Captain David Wood and his wife, Belinda. It was a disappointment to their tutors, Harry Wingrove and Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher, not to be fit enough to ring with them on this auspicious occasion in their ringing life. They both rang "inside" to Plain Bob Major on September 30th at St. Mary and All Saints' Church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A NEW RECORD IN 12-BELL RINGING

On September 9th at Leicester Cathedral a band from the Lancashire Association, conducted by Neil Bennett, established a new record with a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus containing 35 methods. The band wish to associate the peal with the 21st anniversary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. This Guild, under the magnetic leadership of the late Harold Poole, pioneered Spliced Surprise Maximus in the 1950's.

The band are grateful to Margaret Booth for standing in at short notice in place of Maryl Fielding, who was indisposed. The peal was rung with best wishes to Brian J. Woodruff and Patricia Bullen and to Frederick Shallcross and Carol Williams, who were married the previous week.

PAST MASTER OF LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY MARRIES

Many Liverpool University friends attended the wedding at St John's Church, Royston, Yorks. on September 2nd of Miss Janice Smith and Mr Jeffrey Fox. The bridegroom is a Past Master of Liverpool University Society. He started his ringing career at Royston and it was there the couple met. Janice is now teaching at Wallasey, while Jeff continues his studies for a degree in medicine.

At the service the bride wore a full-length cape gown with train and trimmed with guipure lace. The four bridesmaids wore full-length dresses of pale blue satin the chief being Barbara Fox, the sister of the bridegroom

After the reception a peal was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

SILENT BELLS RUNG FOR THE HARVEST

Hunston, Suffolk, bells were heard ringing for the first time for many years for the Harvest Festival. This unexpected pleasure was due to the Rougham ringers who rang 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. They also rang a 720 at Great Ashfield for the Harvest Thanksgiving and were thanked by the Bishop of Dunwich (the Rt Rev. M. D. Maddock), who said he only wished that more of Suffolk bells could be manned on a Sunday.

Naturally, Rougham people rang for their own harvest celebration—a 720 both morning and evening.

MEMORIAL TO CHISWICK RINGER

A memorial was dedicated in St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on Sunday, October 1st, to Thomas James Thurley, who for over 50 years was a ringer and steeplekeeper at this church. He died on September 30th, 1965 aged 73.

The memorial takes the form of a bronze plaque placed in the ringing chamber and baptistry of the church, recording the half-muffled peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the University of London Society on October 12th, 1965, to his memory. The names of the ringers are not given.

AN OLD QUOTE ON CLOCKING

M. Wright in an article on "Bells with a story," in "Home Words" states that Bishop Grandison, of Exeter, tried to stop the custom of tolling bells. His comment: "They do no good to the departed, are an annoyance to the living and injurious to the fabric of the bell."

"BARNABY'S BELL," NEW TENOR NAME

Wansford, Northants, has had its minor five augmented to six by the addition of a tenor, which will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. Frank N. Towndrow, on Sunday, November 5th, at 6 p.m.

It is to be called "Barnaby's Bell" at the request of the manageress of the Haycock Hotel, Wansford, who was the first to send a donation when the Ringing Society launched an appeal about two years ago. The legendary Barnaby is painted on the inn sign of the Haycock Hotel.

The story goes that Barnaby was swept down the River Nen asleep on top of a haycock and was awakened by the bell in St. Mary's Church being rung. Seeing people standing on the bridge, he called out "Where am I?" "Wansford in England," was the reply.

This solitary bell was very old and it was not until 1887 that it had a companion cast by Warner's of London. Then in 1897 a treble and fourth were cast by John Taylor and Co. to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The old bell was also recast and the four bells hung in a frame said to have been put in by a local handyman because of a shortage of funds. The bells could only be chimed or at the most half-raised.

In 1960 an estimate was obtained from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for a new iron frame for six. While this job was in hand the gift of a new treble was received from the Barron Bell Trust and the bells tuned to a minor five. Practice nights were started and a band able to ring for service was soon in being.

Barnaby's Bell, cast by J. Taylor and Co. now hangs in the tower and weighs 3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. The treble weighs 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

MISS BETTY FAUNCH MARRIED

Miss Elizabeth Faunch, a faithful member of St. John's, Preston, band for several years, was married at St. John's Church, Preston, on September 30th to Mr. Richard Palmer, late of Holy Trinity band, Morecambe. The couple met at a Preston ringing practice, the bridegroom having come to Preston to work.

The bride wore a full-length satin dress with train, and carried apricot roses. The bride's niece, in blue satin, was her attendant.

The local ringers rang before and after the service, and in the morning a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung by some of the ringing guests at Bilsborrow

The couple spent a short honeymoon in Yorkshire, and are now living in Preston. All friends are welcome at the house, but are advised to take their own paint brushes!

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS PEALED, TOO!

The celebrations of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Minchinton and Miss Lyndel Dallimore were not confined to ringing at St Paul's Cathedral, where Ken has given years of faithful service. At Grundisburgh, Mr George W. Pipe, who was a friend of Ken's when in Melbourne, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in honour of the occasion.

Members of Great Adventure II have the happiest of recollections of the evening spent at 24 Central Park Road, East Malvern, the home of Ken's parents, and the lavish hospitality extended.

BELLS AND ARCHITECTURE IN DUNSTER AREA

Churches noted for their architectural interest as well as possessing excellent rings of bells were selected by the ringers of Hemington and Kilmersdon for their annual outing on September 16th into the Dunster Branch area.

Towers visited in the morning were Wembdon and Watchett, where an excellent lunch was provided. Then came Selworthy in all its autumn beauty, Porlock with tea at Porlock Weir, Wootton Courtenay and Cutcombe. Methods rung ranged from various Doubles and Minor, including Cambridge Surprise. Our thanks include a special one to the Dunster Branch for allowing us to join them at Porlock.

R. V.

KIMPTON'S NEW VICAR

Kimpton's new Vicar, the Rev. Robert Meredith, who was inducted on September 28th, learned to ring during his theological training at Cheshunt, but so far has not had a parish with a ring of bells. He hopes to advance from plain hunt with the aid of the local band and at least one of his five daughters is keen to learn the art.

The peal attempt of welcome was unfortunately unsuccessful—like the attempt for his predecessor, but a quarter of Kent T.B. Minor, which followed, was a true welcome in the ringing sense.

A GOOD FIRST YEAR

St. John's Peterborough (8 cwt. 27 lb.), has a star pupil in Miss Pamela Blackith. Under the guidance of Mr. R. H. Daw, Pamela has made very good progress in 12 months and rung in three quarters—Plain Bob Minor (after seven months), Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (both "inside") and all very creditably. She has also rung in over 60 churches.

It is also pleasing to learn that St. John's, Peterborough, has several other young learners (ages from 11 upwards) who are following in Pamela's footsteps.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNGSTER

May we ask for the co-operation of District secretaries and tower captains in our series of "Up-and-Coming Youngsters." Please send particulars and a photograph—a passport picture is very suitable— to the Editor. "Norving" has experienced a shortage of information from the Districts and considers that a better response would be forthcoming if an appeal was made by the Editor.

A GOOD CHEW

"Our wonderful journal gives me very great pleasure each Friday, as without this wonderful tonic I should be unable to masticate my Friday breakfast."—Old Reading reader from "Bell News" days.

ENOUGH SAID

"In the still of night note: One of Prince Charles' neighbours at Trinity College, Cambridge, will be 19-year-old David Andrews, of Ringwood, Hants. David has three hobbies: Choral singing, violin playing and church bell ringing."—"Daily Mirror."

A DEVON PEAL WEEK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

NEWTON ABBOT.—At the Church of All Saints, Highweek.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Frank E. Darby	6
John A. Anderson	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Michael Maughan	4	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NEWTON ABBOT.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Wolborough
On Mon. Oct. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt in F.

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
*Merryn Hutchings	2	Michael Maughan	6
Frank E. Darby	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of London on an "inside" bell.

BROADCLYST.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Oct. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Maurice F Edwards	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Frank E. Darby	6
Jack L Millhouse	3	Michael Maughan	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BOVEY TRACEY—At the Church of Thomas-à-Becket.
On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ILLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	*Eric N Harrison	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
*Clifford Skidmore	3	*Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Michael Maughan	4	*Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal in the method.

ASHBURTON.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Eric N Harrison	5
*Maurice F. Edwards	2	J Alan Ainsworth	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Michael Maughan	7
Frank E. Darby	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael Maughan
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—At the Church of St. Mary, King Edward and All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E

Geoffrey R. Parker	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Maurice F. Edwards	2	Michael Maughan	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Clifford Skidmore	4	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

WOODBURY.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Fri. Oct. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Frank E. Darby	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Michael Maughan	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	*Eric N. Harrison	7
Maurice F. Edwards	4	*J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 300th peal together.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Eric N Harrison	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	*Michael Maughan	7
J Alan Ainsworth	4	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse
* 200th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Arthur H Reed	Treble	*Sydney G. Smith	6
*Walter S. Rice	2	*Mackenzie Collins	7
†Roy W. Rice	3	H. David Mackay	8
†Keith E. Beale	4	John Brain	9
William H. Kingcott	5	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Simon. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells.
Rung to mark the baptism of Richard Julian Kingcott.

BRENT KNOLL, Somerset.—At the Church of St Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
15 callings. Tenor 21 cwt 16 lb.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	Roy W. Rice	4
George Prescott	2	*Walter S. Rice	5
Ronald Ballam	3	Sidney G. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* 25th peal.

ST. AUDRIES, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Etheldreda.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Miss B. Jarvis	Treble	W. J. Smith	3
*L. Lyddon	2	C. Lock	4
		R. J. Somerfield	Tenor

Conducted by W. J. Smith.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Herbert Sutton	Treble	*William F. Gibbons	5
John E. Brough	2	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
Frederick S. Sutton	3	*John R. Scott	7
A. Doreen Edwards	4	Frank R Morton	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. First of Little Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Harold Dowler, of Church Lawton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb in F.

Richard Stevenson	Treble	William Allsopp	5
Kevin A. Betesta	2	Neil Handley	6
David K. Walklate	3	Geoffrey Bridges	7
Reginald J. Stretton	4	Trevor Kirkman	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by David K. Walklate
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DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 100 methods/variations: (1) Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, (2) Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Broughton, Chesham, Oakham, (3) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, (4) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Oakley, Itchingfield Chipstead, (5) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, (6) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Thornborough Longford Hascombe, (7) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, (8) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Slapton, Rugby Merton, (9) Plain, Candlesby. (10) Plain, Boxford. (11) R. Canterbury, Raveningham, (12) R. Canterbury, Dorton, (13) Eynsham, St. Leonard Muggington (14) St. Andrew, St. John Horsley, (15) Elford, Austrey, St Felix, (16) Shareshill, Ryton, Lapley (17) Doveridge, Elton, Shirland, (18) Winster, Chelmorton, Heath, (19) Besthorpe, (20) Costessy, (21) Litchurch, Seighford, April Day, (22) St David, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, (23) Kennington, (24) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Gresley. (25) St. Matthias St. Philip, (26) Rushall, All Saints, (27) Grandsire, Daffodil,, St. Quintin. (28) Newborough, St. Lucy, Bluebell, (29) Allestree, St. Helen, St. Ann. (30–33) Plain, (34) Phredd, (35. Alvaston, (36) St. Wystan, (37) Barrow, (38) Southrepps, (39) St. Columb, (40) Grandsire, (41) Old. (42) Plain.

Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb.

Geoffrey Bridges	Treble	Kevin A. Betesta	3
William Allsopp	2	David K. Walklate	4
		*Arthur F. Hall	Tenor

Conducted by David K. Walklate.

* First peal of Doubles methods/variations for all and the Association.

Rung on the front five with the bells quietened with "car-tyre muffles" against complaints.

Phredd is Plain, R. Cant. Bob R. Cant. Alvaston is alternating R. Cant. and Plain Bob lead-ends with R. Cant. bobs. St. Wyston is alternating Plain Bob and R. Cant. lead-ends with Plain Bob bobs. Barrow is Alvaston with Plain Bob bobs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) York and Durham, (5) Ipswich and Cambridge, (6) Oxford and Kent, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat

Harry Turner	Treble	David C. Isgrove	4
Michael A Houghton ..	2	David E. Belcham	5
David J. Houghton	3	Laurence H. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., October 7, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr 22 lb. in F

Angela J. Smart	Treble	John A. Collier	5
Patricia C. Hill	2	Martin J. Kirk	6
Carolyn Tubbs	3	Peter G. Smart	7
John H Payton	4	David J. Tubbs	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David J. Tubbs.
First peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TRING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

Christopher J. Badrick ..	Treble	Augustin V. Good	5
Jennifer M Brunger ..	2	Eric J. Brunger	6
Walter Ayre	3	*Richard G. Ouston	7
Howard Collings	4	Brian M Barker	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. D. L. Howells, B.A., on the first anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Tring; also for the Feast of St Michael.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri. Oct 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley ..	Treble	Frederick J Cullum ..	5
Judith M. Corby	2	*Ernest J Ladd	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Richard Hayes	7
*Arthur G Mason	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 475th peal.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Ralph Bird	5
*Tony Lewis	2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*Ann Jenner	3	*D. Paul Smith	7
*Margaret E. Fort	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Sept. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each of London and Cambridge and 800 each of Rutland, Superlative, Bristol and Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Stanley Jenner	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
First peal of six-spliced as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary of Ransom.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Martin L Howe	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5
Hilary F. Hinde	2	Peter S Muchlinski	6
*Malcolm Barden	3	Richard Hayes	7
Derek Slater	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

In 35 methods comprising 144 each of Albanian, Aldenham, Ashton, Bedford, Belgrave, Belvoir, Brigstow, Cambridge, Deansgate, Feering, Gartree, Halifax, Lambeth, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Manitoba Newgate, Oldham, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Redfield, Rochester, Saskatchewan, Solihull, Southwark, Stoneygate, Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Wycombe, York and Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Margaret P. Booth	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Neil Bennett	2	Basil Jones	8
Alan McFall	3	Richard S Starkie	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Derek Butterworth	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John H Fielden	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil Bennett.

This is the record number of methods rung in a 12-bell peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Brian J. Woodruffe and Patricia Bullen and to Frederick Shallcross and Carol Williams, who were married the previous week.

WEMBLEY
—5t—16—12—36—14—3t—16—3t—16—3t—16—. h.l. 3t. l.h. 12 1426.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

Neil Bennett	Treble	Derek J. Marshall	7
Jeffrey Brannan	2	*Chris M. Movley	8
*†Margaret Wright	3	Edward Jenkins	9
Peter J Malloch	4	Basil Jones	10
*†C. John Clegg	5	Ronald M. Edwards ..	11
*Michael J. Platt	6	Robert B Smith	Tenor

Arranged by J. Brannan. Conducted by Ronald M. Edwards.
* First 12-bell peal. † Have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus The conductor has now called Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus

Rung for the Patronal Festival and also as a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Wright.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At The Town Hall.
On Sat., Sept 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Edward Jenkins	2	Alan F. Scholfield	8
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Basil Jones	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung for the christening of Lisa Jill Smith, which was to take place at Marple the following day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb. in E.

Patricia A. Etchells	Treble	Geoffrey Gardner	5
Michael Platt	2	Christopher Movley	6
Christine Andrew	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
Basil Jones	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., Sept 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

John Ascroft	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	5
*Margaret Crossthwaite	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Diana J. Handley	3	*Stanley Anderton	7
Maryl R. Fielden	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the Preston Branch to Betty Faunch and Richard Palmer on the occasion of their wedding.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*Keith J. Walpole	Treble	*John Elliot	5
†Dianne M. Hatfield	2	*David J. Bennett	6
Martin E. Snape	3	H. Lyndon Hatfield	7
Celia F. H. D'aeth	4	*Frederick Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by H Lyndon Hatfield.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples † First "inside." First of Triples as conductor Rung for Harvest.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat

Frederick Pearson	Treble	*David J. Bennett	4
*Edmund Rothwell	2	Martin E. Snape	5
H. Lyndon Hatfield	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal in four Minor methods
Rung for Harvest, and as birthday compliments to Kathryn Gregory (21); the daughter of Stanley Livesley (2); and the father of the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat, Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Beverley Surprise and one of Surfleet Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Edward Guy Slater	4
Samuel J. Haines	2	Edward W. Martin	5
Judy Morris	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

SADDINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents Plain Bob and 22 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	Edward C. Cowd	3
John Hunt	2	Edward Guy Slater	4
Edward W. Martin	Tenor		

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr 18 lb. in E.

W. Arthur Crowder	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Derek F. Yates	3	Alan F. Scholfield	7
William H. Dowse	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by N J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Richard J. Bowden	6
Tudor P. Edwards	2	John H. Taylor	7
David J. Orledge	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	8
Rev. Geoffrey Stickland	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
Richard C. Taylor	5	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

BASSALEG, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Basil.
On Sat., Sept 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods/variations: Six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, five of Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day and Kennington, two extents of Stedman and one each of Dedworth and Wychbold Tenor 12 cwt.

Derek Livsey	Treble	William Willans	4
Paul A. Williams	2	Trevor Newlands	5
David Rennolds	3	David L. Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
First peal of Doubles for all except the conductor. Most methods to a peal for all. The fastest peal on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fardon for their 40th wedding anniversary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two six-scores of Stedman, four of Plain Bob and six each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr 24 lb. in A flat.

Roger E. Peckham	Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey	3
Rev. Peter N. Bond	2	Barry J. Pickup	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Arthur Butcher, who is retiring to Buxton, Derbyshire, after nine years' faithful ministry in the parishes of Haddiscoe and Toft Monks, Norfolk.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb

Roland Biggs	Treble	Roy Woodruff	5
Joyce Cornwall	2	†David Wood	6
John Young	3	David A. Cornwall	7
*Belinda Wood	4	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter Lee.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

William J. Irving	Treble	*Andrew Cope	5
Harry E. Wells	2	Robert B. Blood	6
*Christopher Freeman	3	James P. Blond	7
Angela M. Ayres	4	Robert A. Partridge	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal of Major
Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. C. G. Hester, Rector of Wallingford.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*Richard J. Cowley	Treble	Eric J. Chapman	5
Ann E. Smith	2	Terry G. Smith	6
Kevan J. Chapman	3	Edward C. Buckby	7
Mary R. Coleman	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by E. H Lewis. Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* Has circled this, his home tower, to peals.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Frank E. Coales, of Twywell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTWOOD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

Richard Grant	Treble	Derek Tranter	5
Alfred Ballard	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Shirley Burton	3	Herrick B. Bowley	7
T. Edward Harrold	4	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
Rung after the consecration of Eastwood Parish Church by the Lord Bishop of Southwell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Sept. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Stedman and Reverse St. Bartholomew, 15 extents Plain Bob, 10 extents Reverse Canterbury, 11 extents Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

Neil Handley .. .. .. Treble		Trevor Kirkman	3
Arthur Newell	2	Reginald J. Stretton ..	4
*David Oliver .. .. .. Tenor			

* 50th peal for the Southwell Guild.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Osbourne.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*Derek E. Kirton .. .. Treble		Frederick G. Hooper ..	4
Derek J. Tysoe	2	Peter Wakefield	5
Paul Raithby	3	Colin W. Reed .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Oct. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Howard W. Egglestone .. Treble		Andrew T. Beckwith ..	6
George W. Pipe	2	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Diana M. Pipe	3	Michael J. Howes	8
Muriel R. Page	4	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	9
Leslie G. Brett	5	H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
Specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Minchinton and Miss Lyndel Dallimore in Melbourne, Australia, on September 30th, 1967.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt, in G.

George W. Pipe .. .. Treble		Alan R. Bridges	4
*Stephen Bedford	2	†Adrian Knights	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	†Vernon Bedford .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Minor "inside." † First in seven methods.
Rung in memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, who died on September 18th, 1953.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
'THE CHURCHILL PEAL'
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Richard C. Stevens .. Treble		Norman G. T. Steere ..	7
Kathleen E. Chilcott ..	2	C. Martin Foster	8
*Christine A. Foster ..	3	*Andrew J. C. Brown ..	9
Elizabeth Timmins ..	4	Kevin Taber	10
Nigel Thomson	5	*Raymond J Talbot ..	11
*†Juliet S. Stoy	6	Bernard J. Stone .. .. Tenor	

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal on 12 bells. First of Stedman.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Oct. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble		David E. Rothera	5
Roger D. Bailey	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	6
*Timothy G. Pett	3	*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	7
Robin R. Churchill ..	4	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. Tenor	

Arranged and Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Edgar R. Rapley .. .. Treble		George Francis	5
Derek Slater	2	Ian Wickens	6
Irene Marshall	3	John Howard	7
Neil Carter	4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by George Francis.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David D. Smith and Jennifer A. Grant, both of whom are ringers at this tower.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(Sheffield and District Society)

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Neil Donovan .. .. .. Treble		John Whytham	5
*Ruth Gordon	2	George S. Lee	6
†Roger Harper	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Richard E. Price	4	David Nichols .. .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal. † First "inside."

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, with seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Judd .. .. .. Treble		†Christopher J. Groome ..	4
*J. Martin Thorley	2	Melvyn A. Rose	5
Susan E. Thompson ..	3	†A. Colin Banton .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* Has now 'circled the tower" to peals. † 25th peal together.
Rung as part of the Harvest Thanksgiving.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EDGBASTON, Warwickshire.—At The Union.
On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5240 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In 18 methods including Plain, Double, Little, Crayford Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Birstall Greengate, Lockinge, Ardington, Radley, Northcourt, Cliviger, Barkby, Hendred, Abingdon.
Tenor size 15 in C

Christopher I. Rowson ..	1–2	*Richard J. Parker (cond.)	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Arranged by J. R. White and R. J. Parker.
* 25th peal for the Society.

METHODS
—1458—38—38—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Rosehill, 8ths Briercliffe.
—1458—1238—38—. h.l. 38 l.e 2nds Birstall, 8ths Greengate.
—1458—38.12.38.12. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Lockinge, 8ths Ardington.
—1458—38—1238—. h.l. 38 l.e. 2nds Radley, 8ths Northcourt.
—1458—1238—1238—. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Cliviger, 8ths Barkby.
—1458—1238—38.12. h.l. 38. l.e. 2nds Hendred 8ths Abingdon.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C

Alan McFall	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse ..	7–8
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*Brian Harris	9–10
Robert B. Smith	5–6	Herbert M. Keaton ..	11–12

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 50th peal of Plain Bob. First peal on 12 handbells completing peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus tower and "in hand."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby 71, Woodville Drive.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith (cond.) ..	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	*Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7–8

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At 37, Morleston Street.
On Sun., Oct. 1, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 18 methods/variations: (1) Costessy, (2) Besthorpe, (3) St. David, (4) Litchurch, (5) Grandsire, Daffodil, St. Quintin, (6) Grandsire, (7) Alvaston, (8) Allestree, (9–11) Seighford, (12–14) Little Aston, (15–17) April Day, (18–20) Clifford's Pleasure, (21–23) Kennington, (24–26) Rev. S. Bartholomew, (27–29) Old, (30–32) St. Columb, (33–35) Southrepps, (36–42) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.

*†Kevin A. Betesta	1–2	††David K. Walklate (cond.)	3–4
William Allsopp	5–6		

* 50th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues. Oct. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal of Little Bob "in hand" by all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Wed., Oct. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Trevor A. Cross 1–2	Frank J. Matthews 5–6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3–4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7–8
Stuart Sandford 9–10	

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1967, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR (1)
Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout

Joseph Whalley 1–2	Mary W. Whalley 3–4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6	

* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 18th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs Joseph Whalley. Tenor size 14 in D.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEWNHAM, Northamptonshire.—At Hamewyth.
On Sun., Aug. 20, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11.

David J. Marshall (cond.) .. 1–2	Barrie Hendry 3–4
Graham C. Paul 5–6	

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Notts.—At 11, Meadow Drive.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*†William L. Exton 1–2	Brian M. Buswell 3–4
*R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5–6	

* 25th peal together. † 250th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LODSWORTH, Sussex.—At The Patch.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
Being 35 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 53 each of Double Bob and Reverse Bob and 69 of Plain Bob Tenor size 13 in E.

D. O. Haslam 1–2	R. D. Smith 3–4

Rung as a wedding compliment to David and Jenny Smith.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At 43, Downton Road.
On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Hazel Way 1–2	Robert B. Smith 7–8
Brian J. Woodruffe 3–4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9–10
*J. Arthur Hoare 5–6	*Edmund J Morris 11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells for the Guild. First on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire).

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorks.—In the ringing chamber of the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Alan Clifton 1–2	Patricia Lockwood 3–4
*Ian North (cond.) 5–6	

* 50th peal. First peal "in hand" for all.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION QUARTER PEAL WEEK

From September 17th to 24th. There were 12 attempts in ten different towers. Eight were successful.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bailey (cond.) 1, A. Maxwell 2, B. Maxwell 3, G. Bithell 4, D. Edwards 5, G Jones 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Sept 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Rachel Williams 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. Mal Jones 4, A. K. Putnam 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, K. W. Price 7, G. Parting (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. For the Patronal Festival, and the dedication of a memorial window for the old church schools.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bithell (first quarter) 1, A. Bailey (cond.) 2, F. Jones 3, E. M. Jones 4, J. E. Jones 5, W. Young 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Hodges (first of Caters) 1, Norah M Randles 2, F. R. Evans 3, E. Mal Jones (first of Caters) 4, Bessie Carter 5, P. K. Goodhew (first of Caters) 6, G. H. Randles 7, J. M. Capper 8, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 9, E. Edwards (first of Caters) 10.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tilston 1, Norah M. Randles 2, F. R. Evans 3, E. Mal Jones (first "inside" Triples) 4, T. S. Randles 5, E. M. Williams (first quarter. 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, G. Parting 8. For Harvest Festival.

HANMER, FLINTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. C. Bowley 1, Rachel Williams 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. Mal Jones 4, D. N. Collins (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6.

OVERTON-ON-DEE, FLINTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. N. Collins 1, E. Mal Jones 2 T. C. Bowley 3, Rachel Williams 4, P. K. Goodhew (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6.

CHIRK, DENBIGHS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Williams 1, P. K. Goodhew 2, T. C. Bowley 3, D. N. Collins 4, E. Mal Jones (cond.) 5, P. Tarron 6. First of Plain Bob Doubles 1 and 2.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Lightfoot Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all the band. For Matins, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Robert Rayfield.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Gardner (first quarter) 1, P. Woodgyer 2, D. Brock 3, P. Ruch 4, D. Boniface 5, M. Tyers 6, A. Grant 7, D. Sumner 8.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX. — On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Trendall 1, R. Martin 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore (first in method) 4, F. Roper 5, J Brett 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, T. Bird 8. For the Flower Festival.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Bluebell, Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck (first in three methods) 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, T. J. Bell (first quarter) 6. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, C. W. Jose 4, A. F. Burley 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dunstan 8. For Harvest Festival.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ann Houghton 1, E. Houghton 2, J. Claughton 3, H. Whitney 4, R. Woodruffe 5, P. Williams 6, A. Frost 7, J. Sinfield 8, G. Debenham (cond.) 9, K. Jackson 10. Also on Oct 1st 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Durrington 1, Susan Jackson 2, Ann Houghton (first Grandsire Triples "inside") 3, H. Whitney 4, A. Frost (cond.) 5, E. Conquest 6, P. Williams 7, K. Jackson 8. For Dedication Festival.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Barber 1, G. W. Edwards 2, E. Rose 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements 6, R. G. Morris (cond.) 7, P. Young 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Page 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. Bolton 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On July 30th, at Lot 141, Dance Drive, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jenny Lees (first of Minor 1—2, Heather A. Mann 3—4, Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 5—6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goakes 1, Pamela Blackith (first in the method) 2, Katharine Gorvin 3, M. Tyler 4, W. R. Barker 5, J. H. Bluff 6, R. H. Daw (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, F. T. Boyall 8. Rung for morning service on Battle of Britain Sunday, and as a birthday compliment to Pamela Blackith, on her departure to college in London. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. Wendy Daw 1, H. Goakes 2, Katharine Gorvin (first in method) 3, M. Tyler (first in method) 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. E. David (first in method) 6, J. H. Bluff 7 R. H. Daw (first in method as cond.) 8. For morning service on Harvest Festival. Also as a birthday compliment to Katharine Gorvin, and as a wedding compliment to Bernard Branston and Jennifer Eve, married at Glinton the previous day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. W. Darvill 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, Miss F. A. Dodds 3, K. J. Darvill 4, Miss T. L. Willis 5, C. Forster 6, R. W. Darvill 7, C. E. Slade 8, G. W. Debenham 9, J. E. Ewer 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Duggan, on the birth of a son.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—At the Church of St. James the Great on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob): Miss M. K. Collins 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, R. A. Bryant 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 1st, 2,160 Doubles (five methods): A. Lazzerini 1, D. Lazzerini 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Longest length 1 and 2. For Harvest Festival.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Snow (first quarter) 1, Wendy Cox 2, Ann Butcher 3, L. Meadows 4, J. J. Webb (conductor) 5, F. Blowen 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 29th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, R. L. Jones 2, L. C. Way 3, A. S. Bishop 4, K. J. Rider 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8. A compliment to Canon Missioner Gordon Davies, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Thomas 1, Margaret Powell (first of Minor) 2, K. Bellew (first of Minor "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, S. Bendle 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to 1, 2, 3 and 5, who are going respectively to the universities of Leicester, London, Southampton and Oxford.

THURLASTON, LEICS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Watts 1, Miss J. Pickering (first quarter) 2, Mrs. J. Belcher 3, G. Pickering 4, M. Millard 5, J. Morriss (cond.) 6.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Barry 1, I. Goulter 2, P. Clarkson 3, R. Hazel 4, L. Edwards 5, P. Gould 6, P H. Allen (cond.) 7, D. Pobjoy 8. Rung prior to the induction of Rev. P. Davie as Rector.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Turner 1, Mrs. I. Marshall 2, Miss H. Alford 3, Miss C. Etherton (first in the method) 4, N. Carter 5, R. D. Smith (first of Triples) 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey (first in three methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6.

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ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Judith Fitzgeorge 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (first 'inside") 2, R. Fitzgeorge 3, N. H. Coombs (cond.) 4, C. V. Coombs 5, G. Moore 6. Rung for the wedding of P.C. Brian Livings and Amanda Hesketh at St. Mark's Church, St. John's Wood, London.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,344 Stedman Triples: Mary Kinchin 1, A. Hayden 2, Dorothy Mason 3, Sandra Chesterton 4, Tony Natt 5, P. Mason 6, A. J. Poynor (cond.) 7, T. Roper 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service to Canon F. M. Cray, Rector of Aylestone until 1965.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane M. Drew (first quarter) 1, M. R. Worthington 2, R. T. Falder 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters (first as cond.) 5, L. A. Izzard 6.

BARMING, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Rayner (first of Minor) 1, Marianne Leworthy (first Minor "inside") 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, P. Jackson 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to David and Marianne Leworthy.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): H. Christine Younger (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, C. L Younger (first quarter) 6. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Cherrill L. Everard (first of Treble Bob) 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, F. K. Thompson 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARSTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. D. Sansum 1, M. F. Edwards 2, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 3, R. Farmer 4, D. Main 5.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Paternoster 1, Elizabeth Aubrey 2, K. Record 3, J. Paternoster 4, R. Adcock (first as cond.) 5, M. Bullett 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 6. A compliment to Michael Bullett, on his birthday. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cuckson 1, Marjorie Paternoster 2, Elizabeth Aubrey 3, M. Bullett 4, R. Adcock (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, P. J. Devrell 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J. Hardwick 5, D. J. Orledge 6, J. G. Hobbs 7, B. Sarll 8. For Harvest Festival, and the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (7-8 covering): P. Dodd 1, P. Suckling 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, P. Le Count 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 6, J. Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. Also 1,260 Bob Minor (6-8 covering): J. Porter 1, H. Pratt 2, G. Trendall 3, H. Moore 4, R. Martin 5, D. Kemp 6, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 7, J. Fuller 8. Also 1,320 Bob Minor (7-8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, R. Martin 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, P. Le Count 6, J Fuller 7, D. Kemp 8. All on the same day for Flower Festival.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET. — On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): J. W. Marshall 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. A. Bryant 3, P. R. Board 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Tidwell 6. First in seven methods by all the band.

BRYANSTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Miss E. J. Gill 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, J. W. Marshall 3, E. H Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Tidwell 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Barrett 1, Miss S. Lloyd (first "inside" in method) 2, Miss S. Devey 3, Miss S. Guthrie 4, A. E. Barker 5, G. W. Reynolds 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. W. T. Benton, a ringer at this church for 55 years, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Woorward (first quarter) 1, Miss S. A. Peake 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, Miss A. D. O'Brien 4, H. Ball 5, M. A. New 6. For Harvest Festival.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Slater 1, G. Bosworth-Smith 2, E. Timmins 3, B. J. Stone 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. R. Johnson 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Welsher 1, E. Webber 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, A. Somerfield 4, A. Welsher (first "inside") 5, W. Bale (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CURRY MALLETT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Welch (first quarter) 1, J. T. Locke 2, R. Parker 3, J. W. Drew (cond.) 4, T Hill 5, R. Welch 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM. — At St. Cuthbert's, on Oct. 1st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss P. Dowse 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, F. Hodgson 5, E. Pannell 6, P. Tocock 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Bould (cond.) 1, A. L. Bennett 2, Miss M. Hutchings 3, J. C. Michelmore 4, G E. Mudge 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. Duke 1, J. W. Rose 2, R. F. Symonds 3, P. F. Romney 4, E. H. Amey 5, B. S. B. Kear 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. H. J. Mears 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, captain of Wyke Regis ringers.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,360 Spliced Minor (10 methods): J. S. Hopwood 1, Catherine A. Roberts (first of Minor) 2, Susan V. Banks 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. First of 10 spliced by all the band.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Moulton 1, B. G. Key 2, Sarah Parsons 3, G. Keay 4, I. Friend (cond.) 5, P. J. Key 6. A wedding compliment to Keith Butler and Jane Leedham.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, Hilary Webb 2, P. M. Adcock (cond.) 3, R. C. Bunning 4, D. G. Adams 5, P. C. Palmer 6, G. T. Bunning 7, G. P. Adams 8. For Harvest Festival.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Wills 1, W. J. Chester 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6. In memoriam Rev. R. J. Rowbury.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hawkins 1, Sandra Weaver 2, R. Hawkins 3, R. Weaver 4, P. Gould (cond.) 5, E. Green 6. For Evensong.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Diane Angell 1, I. Desborough 2, E. Edmonson 3, J. G. Cull 4, T. J. Southam 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in the method 1 and 2. Rung to welcome Rev. Robert Meredith, instituted and inducted Vicar, September 28th.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret R. Chapman 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, J. P. Hull 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, J. J. Bailey 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. M. Walker 8. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. P. Moorby 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, J. P. Hull 3, Anthea S. Bruce (first Triples) 4, J. J. Bailey 5, I. F. Taylor 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Green 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B J. Stone 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, B. P. Moorby (first "inside") 4, M. J. Green (cond.) 5, C. Collin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LITTLE CHART, KENT. — On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Glynis Poppleton (first of Minor) 1, D. W. Grimwood 2, Jane Bryant 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, R. Finch (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Nigel and Margaret (nee Churchward) Bearne, married this day at Sturry.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, R. A. Birch 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. Myrtle Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Atkins 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, I J. Lockwood (first "inside," aged 11) 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester 5, E. J. Lockwood (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of two Suffolk Guild ringers' ordinations—Brian Redgers and Lawrence R. Pizzey.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,376 Plain Bob Major (tenor covering): R. Haines 1, Helen Haines 2, T. R. Taylor 3, P. Royds-Jones 4 G Love 5, N Haile 6, G. Gammon 7, A. Buswell (cond.) 8, A. Hoodless 9. For Civic Service and Harvest Festival, also to welcome Shelley Ann, great grandchild to Tower Taylor.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. C. Mussett 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, R. Crooks 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. In memoriam Claude Woodard, a former ringer at this church, died August 9th.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Gillian J. Colleypriest 1, G. Wilkinson 2, P. A. Williams (first in eight methods as cond.) 3, J. Prytherch 4, D. L. Phillips 5, R. Hall 6. Most methods 1, 2, 4 and 6

SHALSTONE, BUCKS.—On Sept 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. L. Thorogood (first quarter) 1, R. W. Yates 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5. For Harvest Festival.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 10th 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. B. Dobbie 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, A. Lewry 3, N. J. Chesson 4, Rev. S. Evans 5, D. Grimwood 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, R. Finch (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 4 and 6.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Bowron 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, R. Venn 3, E. Venn 4, I. Bowron 5, R. Cuff 6. For the 21st birthday of the tenor ringer.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Sept 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Monica Blagrove 1, D. Brock 2, A. G. Tyers 3, R. Bettley-Cooke 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, M. B. Tyers 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, D. Boniface 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. David Savill, appointed Vicar of Heston, Middlesex.

TRING, HERTS.—On Sept 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): B. Day (first quarter) 1, H. Collings 2, E. Brunger 3, R. Gerhard (first "inside") 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, Miss J. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): R. Crooks 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, K. Nunn 3, R. W. Steward 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For the church fete.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT. — At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osbon 1, R. Jean Osbon 2, Mrs. J. E. Warner 3, C. Bassett (first of Major) 4, B. V. Collison 5, J. E. Warner 6, C. Osbon 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Kenward 1, Wendy Austin 2, Rev S. Evans (first of Surprise) 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. Grimwood 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, C. S. Jarrett 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5.

USK, MON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Clench (first quarter) 1, D. Hughes (cond.) 2, J Woodward (first quarter) 3, R. Shea 4, R. Clench 5, S. Kear 6, L. Jones 7, F. Hobbs 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to J. Woodward, who is emigrating to America.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX. — On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Gamble 1, K. Warner 2, C. T. Coles 3, W. G. Wilson 4, E. Holman 5, D. Wright 6, P. D. Chapman 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Sandra Pearce 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Harvest Festival.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal Jill Gordon (first Royal) 1, S. Laud (first Royal "inside") 2, W. G. Paul 3, Sally Holland (first Royal) 4, R. G. Smith 5, M. Eastman (first on 10) 6, R. D. Bell 7, R. G. Bell 8, D. Laud 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. For Harvest Festival.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: G. Gammon 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, Mrs. K. Baldwin 3, R. Baldwin 4, E. Treagus 5, A. Burbidge 6, L. Duguid 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First of Bristol for 2, 6 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: N. T. E. Burnett 1, G. Fothergill 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Cunliffe 4, R. K. Lister 5, R. Jolley 6, A. J. Illingworth 7, J. E. Andrews (first as cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong. Also as a 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.—On May 31st, 1,260 Spliced Surprise Minor (eight methods): R. D. Smith 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Juliet Fynes 4, Rev. J. H. Greene 5, D. O. Haslam 6.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): Patricia A. M. Downes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, W. C. Godwin 3, E. R. Venn 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, Dorothy Smith 6. Rung as a 50th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Genese.

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DEATH

STILWELL. — On October 9th, 1967, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sophie Ellen (Tim), devoted wife of Leonard Stilwell, aged 74. 2541

ENGAGEMENT

CAPO-BIANCO—RICE. — The engagement is announced between Stella Gwendoline, of Portslade, Brighton, Sussex, and Anthony James of Purley, Surrey, and Shoreham, Sussex. 2446

PERSONAL

"For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living for all live unto him."—St. Luke, xx, 39.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHURCHILL. — The address of Robin Churchill is now: 21, Cornwall House, Allsop Place, London, N.W.1. Tel. 01-486 1756. 2536

DARVILL.—Stephen's new address is: 6, Addison Gardens, West Kensington, London, W 14. Telephone No. 01-603 8315. 2529

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—HAWLEY.—As from October 24th, practice nights will now be Tuesdays. 2526

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The new District secretary is Mr. R. W. H. Hayes, Forest Cottage, Chiddingstone Hoath, Edenbridge.—W. H. D. 2531

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, October 28th. Ringing arrangements St. Margaret's, Leicester (12) 2-3.30 p.m.; St. John the Divine's, Leicester (10) 2.30-4; Aylestone (8) 3.30-5.—B G. Warwick, Dinner Committee. 2521

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 2524

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, October 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 2525

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Chester-le-Street (8), Saturday, October 21st. Bells 2 p.m. Committee 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. (Tel. 3504.) 2506

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and Cambridge University Guild.—At Longstanton (8) on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. 2522

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Tilney, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2518

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting to be held at Leighton Bromswold, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Winwick (5) and Hamerton (4) bells available after tea. Special methods: Stedman, St. Simon and Reverse Canterbury Doubles. — Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham (8), October 21st. Service 4 p.m. All teas must be booked; otherwise, bring your own, please. Names for tea to E. W. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Wormingford, Saturday, October 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. followed by tea and business meeting. Names to the Rev. T. F. L. Strong, Wormingford Vicarage, Colchester. 2428

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Barnet (8), October 21st. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service. Tea in local cafe 5 p.m. Meeting and further ringing Monken Hadley (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. A Sharpe, 3 Drury Road, Hadley Green, Barnet.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2404

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 2.30 to 3.15, 4 to 5 and 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Service at 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Frindsbury bells after meeting until 8 p.m. Names for tea to C. S. Jarrett, 9, Frindsbury Road, Strood.—T. Barton. 2419

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 21st. Bells: All Saints', Leicester, 9.45 to 10.30; Groby, 10.30 to 11.15; Kirby Muxloe, 11.15 to 12 noon; Ratby, 1.30 to 2.15;; Markfield, 2.15 to 3; Newtown Linford, 3 to 3.45; Anstey, 3 to 4.30. Service at Anstey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R Elkington, 74, Andrew Road, Anstey. —Hon. Gen. Sec. 2490

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park, Bakerloo Line), on Saturday, October 21st. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 2335

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Joint meeting at Burton Parish Church, Saturday, October 21st. Bells available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. W. Cotton and C. Smith, Hon. Secs. 1475

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Special "learners" practice meeting at Barcombe (6), Saturday, October 21st Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing restricted to rounds, plain hunting, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor. Experienced ringers to give instruction welcomed. Names for tea to D. L. Hall. Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — General meeting on Saturday, October 21st. Bells: St. Matthew's Upper Clapton, 10-10.45; St. John-at-Hackney 11.15-12; St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 12.30-1.15; St. James, Clerkenwell, 2-3; St. Vedast's Foster Lane, 3.15-3.45; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 4-4.30. Service in St. Olave's at 4.30, followed at 5 by tea and the meeting. Names for tea, please, to C. Starbuck, 148, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. Note: No ringing at Aldgate. 2509

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, October 24th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.15 for essential business.—H. Heath. 2532

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Southern District. — Combined practice, Bletchingley (8), Wednesday, October 25th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 2479

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at the Pilgrim Hut at 7.45 on Friday, October 27th. Ringing after meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Practice meeting at Walkington on Friday, October 27th, 7-9 p.m. Methods: Double Court, Childwall, Killamarsh, Treble Bob, London and Hull Surprise.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2533

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bruton (6), October 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 2537

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and EAST DERBYS & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Belper on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing commences at 3.20 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names by October 26th to W. A. Morley, 2, Laund Close, Belper. 2447

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, October 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (cups of tea only). 2545

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington on Saturday, October 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, 41, West Green, Heighington, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thursday 26th. 2527

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Autumn meeting, Much Wenlock, October 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent Much Wenlock, not later than October 26th. 2543

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting Crayford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Barnett 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, by Wednesday the 25th. 2517

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Bolton (the Parish) on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Free tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr A Forrester, 17, Conway Avenue, Bolton. 2538

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Calverley on Saturday, October 28th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Peter Dawson, 34, Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by previous Wednesday. 2544

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Sudbury on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 2546

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S and W District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), LADIES' GUILD (Central District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, and a social evening at 7.45. St. John's bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8) (opposite the Underground Station), 2.45 to 4 p.m. No. 207 bus connects towers.—C H. Rogers. D. Hague, J. Hooton and V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs. 2488

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, October 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 2557

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District. — Meeting at Sellack (5), October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. King's Caple (6), 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J Webb. 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice meeting at Allensmore (6), October 28th, 6.30 p.m. (Please note—no afternoon ringing.) Business meeting during the evening. All welcome.—G. Sinms, Ringing Master, T. Wood, Dis. Sec. 2568

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Braich.—Meeting at Kingsthorpe (6), Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. F. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 2514

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Warkton (5) on October 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Weekley (6) in evening. Special methods: St. Edmund's S.C. Doubles and Durham S. Minor. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. Mutton, No. 1, Warkton, by Tuesday previous. 2416

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Irthlingborough on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Important meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Bigley 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2547

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Damerham. Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. J. Baverstock, 14, West Park Lane, Damerham, by Tuesday Oct. 24th. 2535

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing at St. John's, Alloa 2-4 and Dunblane 4.30-5.30. No meals provided.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh 15. 2564

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Evening Surprise practice, Market Drayton, Saturday, October 28th, 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Bristol, Shropshire.—R. H. Newton. 2539

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Bulwell (8), October 28th. Bells 6-9 p.m. Methods for attention: Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2530

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. Palgrave (8), Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, followed **immediately** by business meeting Thrandeston bells also available from 6.30. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by **Wednesday.** 2552

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at [illegible]lington, Saturday, October 28th. Ringing [illegible] p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. Brett, Mount Pleasant, The Street. Dallington, not later than Wednesday, October 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis Sec. 2

TRURO GUILD. — Penzance Branch. — Autumn Festival. Carbis Bay, October 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 2533

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Barnabas', Swanmore. October 28th. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30 till 8.30. Business meeting follows in the church. 2542

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W District.—Surprise practice at St Mary's, Staines, Wednesday, November 1st, 7.45-9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2549

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road. Chelmsford. 2498

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Mary's Swansea, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Williams. 4, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea, by October 30th. 2540

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

BROWN.—On October 13th, 1967, at Harpenden Memorial Hospital, to Sheila (nee Hackett) and Roger, a son (Edward Peter), a brother for Simon. 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden, Herts. 2563

MARRIAGE

SHALLCROSS—GREEN.—On October 7th, 1967, at St. Peter's Church, Hindley Wigan, Lancs, John Brian Shallcross and Barbara May Green, both ringers at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Wigan. 2567

DEATH

PARKER.—On Monday, October 9th, 1967, in Hefferston Grange Hospital, Harry, aged 62 years. Interred at Northwich Parish Church Friday, October 13th. 2566

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PITCHER. — The address of William B. Pitcher is now: 7/287, Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006. 2558

WALTERS.—The address of Clarke Walters is now: Cryfield Old Farmhouse, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry CV4 7AJ. Telephone Coventry 62234. 2555

WARRILOW.—The address of Bob and Cynthia Warrilow and family is now: Windover, 76, Townfield Lane, Frodsham, via Warrington. T.N. Frodsham 2334. 2565

MISCELLANEOUS

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.—Please note that there is no ringing at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul and that all communications should be addressed to the Rector. 2551

MEETING

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Quarterly meeting at Banstead, October 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5, followed by meeting 6 p.m. 2561

BATHEASTON, BATH. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jane M. Dennis 1, H. D. Taylor 2, P. M. Giles 3, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 4, A. Swatton 5, J. E. Newman (cond.) 6, P. J. Devrell 7, M. J. C. Cannon (first quarter) 8.

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hornby (first of Triples) 1, Lesley Stracey 2, E. J. Philips 3, H. Stracey 4, A. Stracey 5, J. H. Philips 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond., first in method) 7, S. D. Butcher 8. For Harvest Festival.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Heather Travers 1, R. Palfrey 2, P. J. Glazebrook (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, P. Chappell 4, P. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8. For Civic service and Patronal Festival.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): D. G. Hatherly 1, Valerie Rushforth (most methods) 2, Lesley Read 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. Godman 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Moya Britchford 1, P. Woodgyer 2, Katherine Tebbutt 3, J. Britchford 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Linda Smith 2, W. Coles (cond.) 3, D. Pickett 4, P. Woodgyer 5, P. Venn 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Alfred Gorbold, priest, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Hilary Webb 1, Janet Dagley 2, D. G. Adams (first in method) 3, C. Bird 4 B. Gogle 5, S. Marshall 6, P. M. Adcock 7, D. E. House (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Barrett 1, R. Fisher 2, Mrs. P. Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. A. Peck 1, Miss S. Aveyard (first Surprise "inside") 2, Mrs. J. A. Parsons 3, S. R Elliott 4, D. E. Parsons 5, C. M. White 6, N. Summerhayes 7, A. D. Flood (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Rowley (first quarter) 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. A. Caldecote 1, Annette Taylor 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. For Harvest Evensong.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Sept 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Ballam (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Stannard 3, R. Stannard 4, J. Banks 5. Mr. S. Smith is on holiday from Tasmania. His last quarter at Ingham, his home, was in November, 1912.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Manger 1, D. Manger 2, P. Richardson 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5, H. Deacon (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Barron 2, R. Aldington 3, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, J. N. Lindon 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron 7, M. A. Jones 8. For Matins.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia A. Lattimer 1, S. S. Barratt 2, T. N. Kedge 3, J. Lightfoot 4, G. M. Cox 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6. A farewell to Patricia Lattimer, now at Cheshire College of Education, and Geoffrey Cox, now at Queen's University, Belfast.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,390 Plain Bob Doubles: Dilly Chandler 1, D. O. Haslam 2, L. F. Palmer 3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, R. D. Smith 5. Conducted by 3, 4, 5. First quarter 1 and 3. Also on June 25th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Osborne (first quarter) 1, R. D. Smith (cond.) 2, L. F. Palmer 3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, T. R. Redding. Also on July 5th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (10 methods): Juliet Fynes 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2—3, Rev. J. H. Greene 4, D. O. Haslam 5, R. D. Smith 6.

LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Brown (first as cond.) 1, Rosamund M. Brown (first quarter) 2, S. R. Hare 3, C. Finch 4, W. R. Hare 5, F. E. Adams (first quarter) 6. For Flower Festival, and 17th birthday of C. Finch.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts 1, R. L. Underwood 2, K. Salisbury 3, M. E. Lewis 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. From midnight to welcome the New Year. Also on May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 2, M. E. Lewis 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. On Ascension Day. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 2, A. Johns 3, M. E. Lewis 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P Kraus 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William James Henwood, people's warden and former headmaster of Church School. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. L. Underwood (cond.) 1, M. E. Lewis 2, K. Salisbury 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas 5, C. Johns 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 28th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, M. E. Lewis 2, Marion Kraus (first quarter) 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. R. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus 6. For Harvest Festival.

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A STORY FOR RINGERS

P.C. PLODD'S REVENGE

P.C. PLODD turned resolutely and trudged wearily up the hill towards St. Mary's Church. He had tried desperately to avoid this beat, this being Tuesday evening, but today the inspector had been adamant and Plodd had been sentenced to patrol St. Mary's Hill.

"You, Plodd," boomed the inspector, "will patrol St. Mary's Hill and remain conspicuous." Plodd glanced down at his 18 stone frame and wondered how he could remain otherwise! He had blanched visibly at the inspector's order, St. Mary's Hill was too open, there were no convenient alleys for him to slide into in order to learn the method for Saturday's peal. Not only this, he would be forced to endure about an hour's noise from the hilltop church, masquerading under the name of Grandsire Cinques, which he had no doubt he would see in the Quarter Peal columns in the weeks to come. Perhaps the writers of yesteryear had been correct—Ground Fire was just about the correct description for the ringing which he knew was about to ensue. He envied the doubtful characters, even now sliding into the pubs adjacent to the church, how he yearned to join their company and drink to oblivion to alleviate the agonies of ear and mind which the next hour or so was sure to bring.

His refreshment break over, he approached the brow of the hill just as the bells exploded into near rounds. Plodd left-wheeled and walked at a brisk pace to a spot where he had found by experience that the traffic noise was at a maximum and the bells merely a background jangle.

What was it that had caused Plodd's angry state of mind? To begin with, the city possessed but one ring of 12—unlike the lads in the Midlands, who had a choice of several, Post Office towers included! Even this one ring was intangible, too heavy for practice purposes, uneven, and in Plodd's opinion overrated. Even before the blocks of flats were built adjacent to the church there were but four peal attempts per year "allowed." Plodd recalled a certain ringer from the second city whose catch phrase "You don't ring them often enough" was the stock answer to tower captains who had complaints from persons residing in close proximity to their churches. Furthermore, the present Ringing Master was not exactly generous with his bells, allowing the City Branch but one 12-bell practice every two months. This, as any of the "Midland collection" would tell you, would not even be sufficient to remember what a half-lead single sounded like.

The crunch came at one quarterly meeting when it had been announced that even this privilege was to be withdrawn and that, instead, on the normal practice night, which had been skilfully changed to clash with as many local towers' practices as possible, the local band were to attempt quarter peals. The secretary droned on "... visitors will, of course still be welcomed." The meeting was stunned into silence, then came mutterings of "sour grapes, power complex, etc.," while others were hastily computing the mileage and time required for the journey to the Midlands! This would be the death knell for twelve-bell ringing in the city. There were some who raised hopeful voices with regard to the installation of a new 12 in the war-shattered ruin by the Co-op, but this would take many years to finance even if the city engineer agreed—which was doubtful. Would a venture such as this succeed anyway? If Association members could not be bothered to support their own meetings what chance would such a revolutionary idea such as this stand of success?

Plodd's lonely vigil on "the hill" was nearing its conclusion when the bells crashed into rounds, and a short time later all was silent. During a previous "fire up" he had noticed the ringers' cars all neatly parked on the double-yellow lines near the island! As the jubilant ringers clustered round their cars some little time later, P.C. Plodd stepped forward from the shadow of a convenient buttress and with a minimum of formality proceeded to "book" each driver for dangerous parking. Taking his leave of the now despondent group he added: "Be grateful that the Noise Abatement Act has not been extended to church bells—yet." He turned and marched jauntily back towards the station.

He had probably rung his last peal at St. Mary's but this was of no account—justice had been done!

BROTHER AMBROSE

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Lucas (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, G. Lucas 4, D. Furminger (cond.) 5, S. Holdaway 6. For Harvest Festival.

SUNDAY MORNING RINGING

Hanging there so silently,
Just above the high belfry,
Fain outlines of bells so bold,
Noble bells, await to be tolled.
In shady percolated light
They'll ring out with voice contrite.

A cock crows, an alarm clock rings;
Mother in the kitchen sings,
Washing all the breakfast things.

Sunday papers pushed through the door.
"Any more tea?" "I'll have some more."
"Hurry up, you're going to be late.
And brush your coat, it's in a state."

The country lane is wet with dew.
It get's in your hair "the dew do."
That's Charlie panting up the hill.
"I see your old bike's going still."
I call out as I speed on my way,
"Sorry, can't stop to chat today."

There's Old Bob crossing the green.
Pipe and breath together steam.
His jacket knee-length and worn cloth hat,
Trousers tucked in socks and wobbling fat.

"Morning!" he smiles with the plastic rattle
Of teeth he claims to have won in a raffle.
"Hard times" has dear Old Bob seen,
And he often looks back as though in a dream.
"Ah, those were the days when things were right—
No talking in the belfry on practice night."

Into the church through the heavy oak door.
Past the tombs of those gone before.
Ascend the tower. "Bet the bells are down,"
Mumbles Harry with his usual frown.
"No, they're up!" "Well all catch hold,
Let's get them going—it's mighty cold."

The wheels creak as the ropes take the strain.
"Treble's going—she's gone." But all in vain.
Second's got his rope all twisted.
Roger fumes, his glasses get misted.
"Look two." He cries in ambiguity.
Two looks sheepish. "Sorry," says he.

Into rounds, the bells ring out.
"Call a touch, Bob, but don't mess me about."
Frowns forgot, Queen's brings smiling faces,
While in the church, they're taking their places.

In his vestry the Vicar is dressing,
While trying to remember a catchy blessing.
The choirboys leap-frog over a vaulted tomb
And the weeds in graves neglected bloom.
The organ renders its vibrating worst,
With Podgy pumping fit to burst.

The choir enters and the ringing stops.
The bells let down for the clock's
Hammers to chime out the hour
As the ringers leave the lofty tower.
Some having served the band, serve God and stay
To the service, while others—"Some other day."

Outside the sun shines as the mist clears.
The belfry windows shadowed, like ears,
(Though once a mouth with bellowing voices),
Now listen as the congregation rejoices.
The organ groaning at their apathy,
And the bells hum in gentle sympathy.

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St. John the Baptist Church, Bredgar, Kent

stands on the site of a Saxon Church. The 14th century tower has an excellent Norman doorway. In 1951 the five bells, some of considerable antiquity, were declared to be unringable. The bells have been retuned and augmented to six and on September 16th were rededicated by the Rural Dean, the Rev. L. Wilkinson.

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Points from First Half of 1967 Peals

BY CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN the first half of 1967 there appear to have been more than usual "First peal on the bells" despite the dwindling number of such towers. I confirm the first appearance of the following in the peal lists: Marden. Drayton (Norfolk), Broadhembury, Stourpaine, Sturton-le-Steeple, Rotherwick, Swallowfield, Sherborne St. John, Wetheringsett, Aidborough. Chiselborough Harefield, Tintinhull, Whitchurch (Devon), Withypool and Ashford-in-the-Water The peal at Sourton also appears to be the first on the bells but it was not claimed as such. On the other hand, the peal at Codicote claimed as the first was not so. Peals of Minor in seven methods were rung in 1908 and 1932.

As far as infrequent visitors to the peal columns are concerned, it appears there were fewer than usual from before 1939 (my usual landmark for such towers) Only one tower had not appeared for more than 50 years, i.e since before the First War. This was Monksilver, where the previous peal was rung in 1914. There had been eight peals here from 1907 to that year. No tower was last heard in the 1920's, but there were several from the 1930's (as usual). Wilby had its only previous peal in 1930. In 1932 were last heard in peals Bagshot, West Hendred and Bridgnorth (St. Mary's). The first had its first peal in 1921, followed by another in 1922, two in 1928 and then the 1932 one (not many peals for an eight-bell tower). The 1932 peal at West Hendred was the only previous one. The recent peal at Bridgnorth was rightly claimed as the first of Major on the bells. The previous peals here were in 1902, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1924 and the 1932 one. Empingham. West Monkton and Seaton last had peals in 1933. Empingham also had peals in 1895 and 1910, and West Monkton in 1911. The recent peal at Seaton was rightly claimed to be the first for 34 years and that was the only previous one

GOSPEL OAK PEALS

The claim for the peal at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, as the first for 40 years was not quite accurate. The last one I recorded there was in 1934. Here, I have also peals in 1898 (two) 1906, 1908, 1909, 1913 and 1926. All these were of Minor, so the recent one was the first of Doubles on the bells. We then come to 1937 as the year when the last peals were rung at Hazelbury Bryan and Lillington. At the former I see there were peals in 1933, 1935 and 1936 as well, and at the latter just one, in 1935.

The last pre-war year in which peals were last rung at Attleborough, Childe Okeford, Wootton (Oxon) and Iwerne Courteney was 1938. This was claimed in the case of Attleborough, so I can confirm it. This 1938 peal was the only one this century until the recent one, although there were peals in 1895 and 1898. The 1938 peal at Childe Okeford was the first on the bells. Wootton also had peals in 1927 and 1928, but I confirm that it was the first of Minor on the bells. At Iwerne Courteney there were peals in 1922 and 1926. It will have been noticed that in all these towers peals have been infrequent through the years. Often, a long silence follows a period of great activity, but it has not been so this time.

MILESTONES

We then come to the "milestones" in a tower's history. There are not many of these to note this time, either. I confirm the claim of Isleworth to have had its 250th peal on February 11th. These peals have come in almost exactly 200 years. The College Youths appear to have rung the first peal there in 1768. Peals followed every now and then for the next 100 years so that the total was 14 by the time "Bell News" started its publication. Only one peal was rung in the 1880's, but since 1893 only two years have not seen at least one peal (disregarding the war years, of course)—1927 and 1930. The total was 79 in 1914, 107 when the bells were augmented to 10 in 1931, 143 in 1939, and now, of course, 250. The most peals in a year (11) were rung in 1964. There were nine in 1966 and eight in both 1938 and 1954. There had been six in 1906 and 1908. Thus the record is very consistent during the last 80 years.

St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, had its 200th peal since "Bell News" started publication, on May 3rd, but its actual total is in the 270's. In a similar way Rotherham, Gravesend, and St. Peter's, Nottingham, have reached the 150 mark since 1881. All had earlier peals, so that I make their totals 170, 180 and 181 respectively. Saxlingham Nethergate did not have its first peal until 1901, so the 150 there have all been rung in this century. Sixty came before the First War, only 25 between the wars and 65 since 1945.

Seven towers reached their centuries in the first half of this year. They are Farnworth-with-Kearsley (January 22nd), Christ Church, Swindon (February 10th), North Muskham (also February 10th) Deeping St. Nicholas (February 27th), Frindsbury (March 25th), Long Eaton (April 29th) and Aldermaston (May 17th). The Swindon tower and Long Eaton had their first peals in 1884 and 1883 respectively, so both have taken about the same time to reach this goal. The former's peals have come fairly evenly over the period, but Long Eaton has taken 30 years for the final 13 to be rung—there were 87 at the end of 1937. That was the year in which I had my first curacy in that town (not in the parish where there were the bells !) I don't think my arrival had anything to do with the diminution in activity !

Farnworth and Aldermaston also had their first peals about the same time—1899 and 1900. Practically all the peals at the former have been rung since 1948 (more than 50 in the last five years). Eleven were rung from 1899 to 1904 and there were only three from that year to 1948—one in 1910 and two in 1923. Aldermaston's leanest period was between the wars. There were 39 from 1900 to 1914, 16 from 1921 to 1935, and the remainder from 1946. Frindsbury's first peal was in 1927, and the total was only 20 by the time of the Second World War. Again we have more than half of the 100 peals in the last five years. The final two towers deserve special mention, being six-bell towers. Both have been particularly active since the war. North Muskham's total was only ten in 1939, commencing in 1928, and Deeping's 28, commencing in 1909. By the way, the claim for the 100th peal at St. Peter's, Derby, is rather a long way out. This took place a year ago, on May 28th, and the total on July 12th, when the claim was made, is 108.

90 YEARS FOR 50 PEALS

I confirm the claims of two towers to have reached 50 peals. They are Beeston and Marple. The former had its first peal in 1877 so it has taken 90 years to ring the 50. The latter did not start until 1925. Other towers reaching this goal are Sharnbrook, East Peckham, Hallow, Dodderhill, Mistley, Gressenhall and Goldhanger. There is little to note about their history—all have the occasional peal and have taken 40 or more years to reach this milestone.

Finally, a few odd notes. I confirm that the peal of Stedman Triples at Dereham was the first in that method at the tower for 100 years—exactly so, in fact. The last one was on February 25th, 1867. Although I would not be certain, not having scrutinised the pages of "The Ringing World" for the purpose, I do not think it has been pointed out that the method C.C.C. 368 rung at Buckley on January 28th and called Abergele Imperial Bob Major had been previously rung at Burnham on July 11th, 1964, and was called Nashdom Imperial Bob Major.

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OUR PICTURE

BREDGAR'S HISTORIC BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

BY DAVID L. CAWLEY

ABOUT three miles west of the main A.2 trunk road at Sittingbourne and close to the great new motorway which carves its way through some of Kent's loveliest countryside lies the small but historic village of Bredgar. Long known to Kent ringers as having an unringable five, the tower of Bredgar Church has once more come to life with a splendidly restored and augmented ring of six from the Whitechapel Foundry.

The church at Bredgar is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and has a nave with aisles, chancel, south porch and western tower. The fabric as it stands at the present time dates in the main to the 14th century, with the exception of the porch, which is modern, and the lower portion of the western tower, which contains an excellent Norman doorway exhibiting dog-tooth mouldings.

Bredgar was named from the "Broad gore" or clearing in the woods which extensively covered this part of the county in early days, and it is believed, though without much evidence that a church of St. John stood here in Saxon days; in Norman times this probably wooden church was pulled down and a Norman building erected of which the base of the tower is a witness. Then in the great building century there was a great change; a college was founded, and the church was greatly rebuilt. This college, the buildings of which still stand near to the church was founded by one Robert de Bredgare in 1393, and its membership consisted of a chaplain and four scholars, two poor and two clerical.

It was about this time that a tower was built; almost certainly there were bells before this time, but we do know that right down to 1842 a mediæval bell hung in the tower of Bredgar Church. This bell was dedicated to St. John and was probably inscribed "Iohannes Criste care + Dignare pro nobis orare" — a common Kent inscription meaning "O John dear to Christ, deign to pray for us." The dedication was preserved by Mr. Fausset, the antiquary, who wrote in 1757 and 1758. There were probably other bells as well, but of these there is no record; indeed there is silence till the end of the 16th century.

WHITECHAPEL'S LONG INTEREST

In 1579 Robert Mot, of Whitechapel, cast or recast a bell for Bredgar Church and this bell is still in use; formerly the third, it is now the fifth of the augmented ring. There was a lot of bell work done by Mot in the county at about this time, and it is fitting that the Whitechapel Foundry should have preserved its connection with Bredgar when the restoration was accomplished.

The next bell work in the tower gives us a clue to the number of bells there may have been in mediæval times—either three or four. In 1620 John Wilnar, of Borden, a nearby village, cast or recast the then treble of the ring, and in 1634 he recast the third of what by now was definitely a ring of four, and which is now the tenor of the ring. To house these bells a new bell frame was installed in the tower having the four bells each swinging at right angles to her neighbour, with a central pit for letting them up and down. It was then a stout bell frame, and it lasted 300 years and more.

John Wilnar's frame was not destined to remain intact for long. In 1692 Thomas Alderslev, a local benefactor, gave a treble bell, and this was added to by James Bartlett, f Whitechapel—another link with this historic foundry. To accommodate this extra bell the bell which had been the second and was now the third was moved in its frame, and the end member at the head of its pit cut away and the old treble pit was enlarged to take two bells, thus converting a fairly robust four-bell frame into a rather weak one for five bells. Beyond a new headstock for the treble in 1776, no further work seems to have been done to the bells. But we do know that there were ringers, and that they had a strict code of conduct, for on a board in the ringing room we read:—

"My Friendly ringers
I to you declare
You must pay one penny
Each oath you do swear:
To turn a bell over
It is the same fare.
To ring with your hats on
You must not dare.
MDCCLI"

16th CENTURY CLOCK (?)

By 1842 the tenor had become cracked; it is interesting to note that Mr. Fausset's note on this bell records that the clock struck on it. How old this clock was we do not know, but it was certainly there in 1757 and it was considered by Mr. R. Clouston to date from c 1650. The bell was taken to Whitechapel, but whether it was recast or whether a discarded bell was substituted for it is a moot point, for the new bell, weighing 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. and striking note F sharp, had on its waist four obliterated lines of inscription. The rest simply reads "Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1842."

In 1902 the old clock was discarded and a new one, striking on bells 1, 3 and 5, was installed by Mr. C. E. Homewood, of Ufton Court, as a thankoffering from him for the recovery and coronation of King Edward VII. A brass plate on the 18th century screen of the ringers' room records this. Further work was done on the bells in 1921, when the three largest received new timber headstocks of archaic design.

But inevitable dilapidation was setting in; the bells were becoming difficult to ring; the frame was working loose; the treble was loose on its headstock, and the stock of the second was badly split. In addition to this the bells were very far from being tonal, whether a major or minor ring of five and were deeply indented at the strike points. In 1951 they were declared unringable and though they were rung on one or two subsequent occasions they were largely silent, the tenor alone being sounded for services.

The story of the rebirth of Bredgar bells begins in 1960, when Mr. Ranald Clouston, of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, visited and reported on the bells at Bredgar. His report is a fascinating document, much drawn on for use in this article, and the upshot of it was that the bells were unringable and required rehanging in a new frame. In 1965 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank reported the same thing.

A RINGING VICAR

But in the intervening years things had been happening. First a fete held by Miss Hooker, one of the two arch-fund-raisers (the other being Mrs. Bowring), raised the first £100 n 1961. Then in 1963 the Rev. Stanley Evans became Vicar. A keen ringer, he first rose to the task of reheating and in part reroofing his church, and then to the job of rehanging his silent bells. It was decided in view of their tonal qualities to tune the four trebles to a major key, and to break the tenor up and cast two trebles from its metal. The heating was paid for by 1965, and in November of the same year the debt on the roof was cleared. The bells could now come first.

Of the money, £300 was most generously given by the Barron Bell Trust, and £30 by the Kent County Association. The total, including clock work, was some £2,250, of which £1,800 has already been collected by such devious means as a Festival of Saints, St. John the Baptist Fairs, coffee mornings and evenings, wine and cheese parties, an auction of antiques and a picture gallery with wine and fork luncheon, not to mention the common or garden jumble sales, together with various legacies and a collection of £35 at the dedication. Donations will still be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rev. Stanley Evans The Vicarage, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent.

In April 1967, the bells were removed to Whitechapel and the old frame was taken down and placed in the churchyard. Meanwhile the young would-be ringers of Bredgar were receiving instruction from their Vicar, Terry Barton and others at nearby Tunstall. In August the bells were returned to the church and gleefully tried out by a number of local and invited ringers in the presence of Mr. Harry Parkes, bellhanger, who was much complimented on the excellent job.

THE GREAT DAY

And so to Bredgar's great day. On Saturday, September 16th, a large congregation of visitors and villagers crowded St. John's for the great moment when its bells would peal forth again. The service was that of Evensong, and after the third collect the choir and clergy filed down the church for the great event. The Rev. L. Wilkinson, the Rural Dean, solemnly dedicated the bells to be used only and ever to the glory of God and then with a great burst of joy the bells were raised in peal. A short touch of Bob Minor was rung and the choir returned to the singing of Stanford's setting of Psalm 150. The Rural Dean then preached, his theme being the bells as messengers. After the service there was general ringing till 8 p.m., and two bumper teas were laid on one for non-ringers and one for ringers, at the latter of which Mr. P. A. Corby, general secretary of the Kent County Association, thanked Stanley Evans and congratulated him on making this day possible.

THE BELLS

Treble (3 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E): Alleluya Alleluya. We two trebles were cast from the old tenor. Thomas Mears 1842. Mears, 1967, London.

Second (4–0–27, D): Glory be to God on High. Stanley Munro Evans, Vicar. Francis Tooze, Eric Turville, Churchwardens. Mears, 1967, London.

Third (4–3–20, C): The Gvift of Thomas Aldersley Gentleman, 1692. Iacobvs Bartlet me fecit.

Fourth (5–3–22, B): Iohn Wilnar made me. 1620.

Fifth (7–1–22, A): Robert Mot made me. MDLXXIX.

Tenor (9–2–6, G): Iohn Wilnar. 1634.

So Bredgar bells ring out today. They sound out and as they do they tell of the courage and devotion of Stanley Evans; of the skill and craftsmanship of their makers; of the zeal and enthusiasm of those who ring them; and they ring, as they were dedicated, always and only to the glory of God.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Litton Cheney church was tastefully decorated for Harvest Festival when the Dorchester Branch held a quarterly meeting there on October 7th. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Guild service was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. Ringing on the eight bells took place during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the Ringing Master Mr. E. H. Amey. Tea was provided in the Church Hut by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Fry and helpers, and the company of 25 included visitors from Wimborne and Swanage as well as ringers from seven towers in the Branch. Subject to confirmation, evening practices will be held at Charminster, November 4th: Preston, November 18th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, December 2nd; Upwey, December 16th; Abbotsbury, December 30th; and Puddletown, January 27th. The next meeting (annual) will be held at Cattistock on January 13th.

West Countrymen in East Anglia

SIX cars and fourteen ringers converged on Wymondham on the afternoon of August 18th for ten days of East Anglian ringing and sightseeing. Most of the invaders hailed from the wilds of Somerset, but they were accompanied by friends from the more urban and civilised settlements of Bristol, Staines and Ipswich. We set the tone of the week that same evening by breaking the first rope of the tour in the first tower. We also encountered the round flint towers so characteristic of Norfolk, and marvelled that eight bells could be packed into so tight a circle.

Saturday dawned misty and wet, and remained so for the best part of the day, but this in no way spoiled our pleasure in ringing together. The towers visited included the three tens of Bury St. Edmunds, Soham and Mildenhall, and the standard of ringing, if not perfect, was satisfactory for so early in the tour and was to improve as the days went by.

SUNDAY IN NORWICH

Sunday was meant to be a leisurely day, with four Norwich towers on the programme. We all attended morning service, and if the form of service was not to everyone's taste at least it proved that in so catholic an organisation as the Church of England one must be prepared for almost anything. The rest of the day, in between ringing and eating, was spent in an exhausting but very rewarding stroll through the older parts of the city. The bells were enjoyed, but it was sad to see the neglected state of the interior of St. George's, Colegate, now without an incumbent. We were sorry that tower repairs prevented us from ringing at St. Peter Mancroft, with its noble twelve in a noble tower.

The Minor enthusiasts had a great time on Monday as we journeyed northwards to Cromer, and some fast ringing was heard, especially on the 2¾ cwt. ring at Saxthorpe. Apart from the sixes, we had some good ringing at Aylsham, where we broke another rope, and on the eights at Marsham and Salle. Salle took some finding, and then took some ringing, as these bells have clearly seen better days. The church is huge, and is situated in a very rural area.

The view from the top of Boston Stump, and the remarkable sight of the leaning towers of the Fens, particularly Surfleet and Pinchbeck, were Tuesday's rewards for the longest drive of the tour.

Great Yarmouth was the high spot for Wednesday morning, and the grand twelve were immediately and unanimously selected as the best of the tour, an opinion unchanged by the end of the week, although we were not able to do full justice to the bells because of our lack of experience on that number.

A SOMERSET PEAL

A free afternoon had originally been planned for Wednesday, but the enthusiasts had insisted on the organiser including a peal in the programme. The result was an excellent peal of London on the pleasant eight at Pulham Market. This was a creditable performance as it was the first of London Major for seven of the band. Having consulted local opinion in the county, the conductor reluctantly decided that the peal could not be rung for the Norwich Association as he was the only member in the band, and it was therefore agreed to ring the peal for the visitors' home Association. The conductor was consoled by being able to pocket the peal booking fee—until the end of the year.

PEALS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS
Prices.—Peals: Set of 12 for 16s.; 18 for 22s.; 24 for 26s. Quarter Peals: 12 for 15s. and 3d. for each additional card.—"The Ringing World", Onslow Street, Guildford.

Three of those not in the peal, having "snatched" Pulham Market, calmly joined forces with another touring party that happened to be passing, and thereby acquired several extra towers.

At about this stage Wally and Roy Rice had the misfortune to have a broken spring on their car, and their notoriously early rising became even more noticeable. The labours were not in vain, and we were pleased to know that the patched-up spring lasted the rest of the week and got them safely home again.

Thursday's programme included three more tens, Beccles, where Dick gave an interview to the local newspaper reporter, Stradbroke, where Grandsire Caters was recorded for use during the impending Flower Festival, and the newly augmented ring at Wymondham Abbey. We also rang at Haddiscoe (a light five in a round tower), where the Vicar, formerly from Wells, Somerset, welcomed us in a novel way, with a flag fixed to the churchyard fence.

Wells-next-the-Sea was the focal point on Friday and here, too, we found that Wells, Somerset, had been heard of. Some of the best rings of eight of the week were encountered, including Wells, East Dereham, Fakenham and North Elmham.

KING'S LYNN TRAFFIC

Traffic was our biggest problem on Saturday, especially in reaching and departing from King's Lynn. We enjoyed the fine ten and the beautiful church, marred perhaps by some too modern touches in the porch below the tower. In an endeavour to avoid the traffic we took to the country lanes between Terrington St. Clement and Downham Market. As a bypass it was very successful, although George narrowly avoided getting his Cortina, complete with occupants, baled and harvested by a massive farm machine in a narrow road. For this episode he was severely berated by Hilda, and remained in a chastened mood for the rest of the day.

That evening, the last of the tour, we dined together in the hotel in Wymondham, and expressed our thanks to Edgar Skipsey, not forgetting his wife, for all the effort put into organising such a highly successful week's ringing holiday.

Our final score was 61 towers, three broken ropes and one broken clock hammer. The hammer, fortunately for us, was broken in the presence of the local captain and was not our fault. We had rung at almost every ringable tower in Norfolk with eight or more bells and at a selection of towers in neighbouring counties. The method tally included a successful plain course of Scientific Triples, though not at the first attempt, and touches of Duffield Major and Reverse Stedman, in addition to more conventional methods.

We were left with an impression of many large churches in isolated country areas, and a sad lack of local ringers in some parts of Norfolk. Nevertheless, all the towers we visited were in good ringing order, most of them in an excellent state. We were welcomed everywhere and often invited to return to ring a peal although in one tower we were told in no uncertain manner that applications for peals from outsiders would not be welcomed and would certainly be refused. As we didn't want the bells for a peal we weren't perturbed, though a little sorry that such an uncharitable attitude should exist.

Six of the party, not content with the end of the programme, were able, thanks to the willing co-operation of Mr. Jock Boast, to sample the newly restored ring of six at South Lopham and the eight at North Lopham for morning service, before setting out on the long journey home in time for evening ringing in their home towers.

G. W. M.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SUMMER TOUR

THIS year's summer tour of the University of Wales Society was mainly in Warwickshire and started from Kenilworth on August 30th. It was a disappointment when we assembled at St. Nicholas' Church (6) to learn that the Master was unable to join us.

Most days we had a different Master, starting on Thursday with Henry Hatfield. At Exhall the Vicar met us and told us about the work of the Salvation Army in Wales. Nigel Gowther joined us for the day at his home tower, Bulkington, where some good Cambridge Major was rung. The beautiful tone of Chilvers Coton's ten bells was not lost to the band, many of whom found the striking difficult.

LICENSING PERPLEXITY

On Friday Peter Smith was Master and, at Willoughby, Netherseale Surprise Minor was rung before lunch. Thirsty members of the party were shocked at the licensing hours in Northants—2 p.m. instead of 2.30 being the lunch-time closing time. One landlord was really annoyed when the third carload hammered on his door. Undoubtedly the ringing event of the day was on the really excellent ten at Daventry, where with local help Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were rung.

Barry Couzens took the Mastership on Saturday. The first tower of note was St. Nicholas, Warwick, followed by the light eight at Barston, where Norwich Surprise Major was rung kneeling by one tall ringer. At Packwood, handbells were rung outside while the local band rang for a wedding, and later John Wilson managed to break an already cracked stay. Henley-in-Arden will be remembered by some for its delicious ice cream. Will the ringing here go to posterity? It was being taped by the natives!

At Wootton Wawen we successfully climbed one of Britain's oldest staircases without incident to find some good bells. The ten at Stratford-on-Avon rivalled those at Daventry, although the ringing did not reach the same standard due to the depletion of the band. Service ringing on Sunday was at Solihull and St. Mary's, Warwick.

The final day started at Leamington Spa (a beautiful eight). Hereward was managed at Harbury (6), although London would not go; these were some of the best bells of the tour. The final tower was at St. Margaret's, Whitnash (a lovely six), where a plain course of Killamarsh was well struck. Thanks are due to all incumbents and to Paul Reading for so ably organising the tour.

D. W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Vicar Elected a Member

A pleasant meeting was held by the Northern Branch at Wroxham on October 7th, when over 50 members sat down to a delicious tea which was very kindly given by Mrs. A. F. Boyce and members of the Wroxham band.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. C. Nicholson, conducted the service and the lesson was read by Mr. F. N. Golden.

The Rev. P. C. Nicholson, Miss G. Blythin, Mr. R. Gorbould (of Wroxham) and Mr W. Borrows (of St. Faith's) were elected s ringing members, Messrs. P. Elliott, P. Thompson, M. Goodley and Miss A Dickerson (of Wroxham) were elected probationary members.

Ringing on the six bells before and after the meeting was under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. M. Cubitt) and consisted of many methods, ranging from rounds to London Surprise, also Spliced Doubles and Minor methods.

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. D. Bird for playing the organ, Mrs. Boyce and her husband, Mrs. Dickerson, and the local ringers for supplying and serving the teas.

C. B.

HANDBELL TUNE RINGERS FORM OWN GUILD

Second Annual Rally

MR. JOHN P. PARTINGTON and his young assistants are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements on the occasion of the second annual Handbell Tune Ringers' Rally, which was held on October 7th at the Grammar School, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire. Nineteen bands with 914 handbells were present and, together with ringers and friends, there were close on 350 people present.

The proceedings were opened by a short address from the Head of the school, who welcomed everyone and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many enthusiastic music makers, many of whom had made an early start to the day and had travelled long distances to be present. Although not a ringer himself, some of his staff and scholars were, and he admired the enthusiasm and fellowship which they had between them. He also pointed out to those from far afield that, although the school was situated only six miles from Manchester, yet it was not raining!

57 PERFORMANCES

Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School girls commenced the ringing session with a most appropriate piece, seeing that they were on their home ground, "Home, Sweet Home," after which each band played in alphabetical order of name throughout, until, after an interval for tea, every band had played three tunes each, a total of 57 performances in all. Space will not allow me to comment on every one, but among others I thought that "Rosamunde," Ashton and District Ringers; "Cradle Song" (Brahms), Ashover; "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," Hunshelf; "Silver Moonbeams," Ealing; and "Norwegian Dance" (Grieg), Ecclesfield Grammar School Ringers, were quite outstanding, and I particularly enjoyed the "Euturpe Mazurka," delightfully rendered by Norbury Ringers on their tuneful bells, which are just back from renovation at the Whitechapel Foundry. "Nymphs and Shepherds" by the Kingsbury, Warwickshire band was very nicely played and, in contrast, a modern setting to the hymn "At the Name of Jesus" was rendered with feeling and delicacy by the Higher Walton Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Mansley.

FROM FURNESS

There were more than a few gentlemen present, who at one time or another had a "Rendezvous" with "She's a Lassie from Lancashire," both these two items being well played by the Charnwood Ringers from Leicestershire, and very appropriately, too! Although they have only a small set of twelve bells, Mr. N. Newby and the Kirkby-in-Furness Ringers distinguished themselves by a pleasing rendering of "My Grandfather's Clock," while St. Thomas's, Moorside, Ringers, who were handicapped by not being able to field a full team owing to business commitments, managed a most creditable performance of the ever popular "Bluebells of Scotland," with suitable variations.

The young men from Sileby, Leicestershire, gave us a very vigorous rendering of the Gallop from "Orpheus in the Underworld," followed by contrast with "Bells of St. Mary's" rung by the Stokesay Ringers from Salop, and which was most effective.

These doughty strikers from Thurlstone, Yorkshire, played next a very spirited march tune—"Under Freedom's Flag," with effortless timing and precision, and I shall long remember the look of determined concentration on the face of their youngest member, Master Briggs, who struck his bells with accuracy and good timing throughout this none too easy piece. Well done, young man!

The Ordsall Ringers from Retford, Notts, chose William Gordon's lovely arrangement of "Home, Sweet Home," which they played in most effective style, and later on the Warburton W.I. Ringers from Cheshire caused some amusement with their arrangement of "Pilgrims of the Night" (never mind, ladies, we know just how it is, we have all been in the same predicament at some time or another!), and a band of three young men who chose not to give any name as a team, but who I can best describe as the Three Wise Men from the East, gave an exceptionally fine rendering of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," which amazed everyone, especially so as it was played "four in hand," in harmony and strict tempo, and entirely without any music at all!

SET OF 162 BELLS

By a show of hands, Ecclesfield Ringers were requested to let us have their arrangement of the tango "Tonight," which was much appreciated, but the most outstanding by far of all the excellent and complicated arrangements played on this day was the same band's rendering of the overture "Caliph of Bagdad" (Boieldieu). Played with superb timing and rhythm on their wonderful set of 162 bells, the ten ringers excelled themselves, and the long and thunderous applause which followed showed how much their efforts were appreciated by the large audience present.

Silverdale, Lancashire, Ringers had intended to be present, but owing to illness it was impossible for them all to come over. However, four members of their band attended and they took back with them the good wishes of their many friends, who hope that all the invalids will soon be restored to good health again.

Following the tea interval a short discussion was held, at which it was decided to form a Handbell Ringers' Guild. Details of this can be obtained in due course from the secretary, Mr. J. P. Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply, or telephone Rochdale 43534. It was stressed at this meeting that the objects of the Guild are not to promote any competitive spirit among members and others, but rather to foster the exchange of ideas and experience between the various bands and individuals, in an atmosphere of helpfulness and friendship. The yearly subscription for a band of any number of ringers is 10s., but individuals who are interested can join also for a fee of 2s. 6d.

Ecclesfield and Thurlestone Ringers jointly offered to hold the next rally at Ecclesfield, Sheffield, Yorkshire, in October, 1968; the exact date has yet to be fixed, but notification of this will be published in "The Ringing World" nearer the time.

It was a happy thought to make arrangements for Mr. James Taylor, of Rochdale, to attend. Jim, who at one time had his own band of schoolchildren tune ringers, is now only able to get about with great difficulty and has been incapacitated in hospital for almost two years past. He had to leave before the close but he did not go without the handshakes and good wishes of all who knew him there. We sincerely hope that he will be fit enough to attend the 1968 rally.

At the close, as we made our way in the darkness towards our parked vehicles a broad North Country voice was heard to exclaim, "By gum! It's been a reight good do. Ah wouldn't ha' missed it for twenty pahnd. Ah wouldn't!" and, I thought, you're not the only one either, my lad!

THOMAS OGDEN.

HERTS ASSOCIATION

Northern District Quarterly Meeting

The unfortunate lack of a clapper and wheel on the tenor at Baldock necessitated a change of venue for the October 7th meeting to Ashwell. This is the second change for this reason this year.

Ashwell Church, which is impressive from a distance, proved to be in a poor state of repair, with cautionary notices warning of the dangers of falling masonry. The six bells proved no better than the tower and several people were unable to pull off the tenor. In spite this, methods rung ranged from round to London and Norwich Surprise.

The ringing was broken up by the statutory quarterly business meeting at which we were to elect a new District secretary and "Ringing World" representative. Although the latter (Mr. M. R. Worthington) was found at the second nomination, there was difficulty in finding a new District secretary. This was probably because we knew that Michael Orme although no longer in the District, was prepared to continue his work until the District annual general meeting. At the termination of the business meeting we had decided to visit Pirton (5) and Royston (8) for our next meetings. We still had no new secretary, however—"a poor reflection on the District," said Mr. A. R. Agg, our chairman for the evening. Ringing continued until 8.30.

M. R. W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

Members and friends who arrived early at the pleasant village of Chiddingstone for the annual District meeting had the pleasure of joining the local company in ringing for a wedding. Further ringing of a good standard continued until 4.30, when the Rector, the Rev. J. R. S. Elkington, conducted the ringers' service and expressed his pleasure in our visit to his church.

A most generous and delightful tea, prepared by Mrs. Everest and Mrs. Gribble and served by members of the band, was much appreciated.

Mr. E. A. Barnett conducted the meeting, at which seven new junior members were elected. Mr. R. W. H. Hayes was elected as District secretary and Mr. G. Fry as Ringing Master. The two District representatives, Miss D. E. Colgate and Mr. L. T. F. Pope, were re-elected. Mr. W. H. Dobbie was elected as "Ringing World" correspondent.

Among other business of a routine nature, the dates for the four quarterly meetings were fixed. January 6th, April 6th, June 1st and October 5th (A.D.M.).

Mr. P. A. Corby expressed the thanks of members to all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Further ringing at Chiddingstone Church was enjoyed after the meeting and the bells of Hever Church were also available. W. H. D.

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Letters to the Editor

CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Dear Sir,—I was glad to read James A. Burton's letter in "The Ringing World" of Oct. 13th, as this gives me an opportunity to say a word about such services as that at Durham Cathedral on September 23rd.

The daily sung services in our cathedrals form by far the oldest continuous feature of the life of England. The Psalms have been sung daily in the world during 3,000 years, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis daily during 1 900 years and services recognisably like that at Durham have been sung there every day (except for interruptions such as the Commonwealth) since 997—at Canterbury, God's praise has been sung each day (with similar brief interruptions) since 597! Reformation changes in the daily services were superficial; the same thoughts continued to be expressed but in English instead of Latin, and they were expressed by the same singers.

On many special occasions in cathedrals a "simple service" is arranged, with nothing sung but hymns, with no choir and all singing everything. Advantages of this are obvious.

There are also advantages in sometimes sharing the daily tradition. This is particularly suitable where ringers are concerned, for the ringing tradition is parallel with the singing tradition. Simple ringing and singing in mediæval days blossemed forth into exciting developments 400 years ago, in both tower and choir stalls. Each blossoming meant a more interesting, difficult and therefore worthwhile development, for mind and body—in the tower that of changes, composing, conducting, and in the choir stalls that of part-singing.

Development of any art can lead to irritation on the part of those who cannot share in it "Settings unknown to anyone but themselves," as Mr. Burton says, are paralleled by methods, compositions, etc., imposed by us on the neighbourhood and unknown to anyone but those who share our art. Mr. Burton doesn't like "settings." Some neighbours don't like ringing. Many don't understand and therefore don't like modern art . . and so forth. But the more we learn to appreciate others' activities, the richer our own lives become. Some of us often find ourselves trying to get both "anti-ringers" and "anti-singers" to see this.

In a civilised community many interests are pursued at the same time. When they compete, chaos can ensue. When they co-operate, the life of the whole community is enriched. As I said at Durham, "It is fitting that this service be held there, because a great cathedral is a profoundly moving demonstration of the unity of all life under God. Here the arts and sciences, learning, music, ringing, many interests, historic and contemporary, unite under God, from Whom all good comes, and in Whom men find fulfilment. Without God's unifying power, human activity often collapses in chaos, as today's secular world so clearly proves."—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.
President of the Central Council.

LEATHERHEAD OR KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL?

Dear Sir,—If the method rung at Daventry on September 15th was rung with a 2nds place lead-end, the proper name for it is Leatherhead Surprise Royal, otherwise the name of Kegworth may stand. Perhaps the lead-end place could be confirmed.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.
St. Albans.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dear Sir.—Mr. George F. Roome's wish for good public relations regarding church bells and ringing is an admirable sentiment, but his assertion that the Central Council has done little to improve public relations shows that he is unfamiliar with the activities of the Council over the last decade or so.

Indeed, in a quiet way, a great deal has been done by the Council's officers and some of its committees and by "The Ringing World" for public relations, directly or indirectly.

It is by activities that good public relations are secured and maintained, rather than by paper propaganda, and the local ringers and parochial organisations are in the most advantageous position to do this.

However the Sunday Service Committee did produce a "Recruiting Leaflet" written by our president and this includes most of the points which Mr. Roome mentions, viz. why the bells ring, how they are hung and rung, and times of Sunday and weekday ringing. These are available from the Council's librarian at five for one shilling (see "Ringing World" back page). They will go a long way towards meeting Mr. Roome's immediate wishes. — Yours faithfully,

N. CHADDOCK, Convener,
Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that we make the announcement that the Vicar and Parochial Church Council have agreed to a major scheme to overhaul the famous ring of 12 bells at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. The proposed restoration, costing some £2,000, includes rehanging the bells with new fittings by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and an installation to modify the considerable volume of sound in the immediate vicinity of the tower. In addition, if the response to this appeal is sufficiently successful, it is intended to install a sharp second to give a light ring of eight with a tenor of approximately 10 cwt.

Ringers have always been generous in support of Shoreditch bells. In 1807 the Cumberlands provided two new trebles to make a ring of 12, and in 1913, when the bells were last restored by Messrs. John Warner, the ringers raised a substantial proportion of the cost.

The Vicar is most keen to have the bells rung and to have them in good order. The parish is not a wealthy one and we hope to raise as much as possible to assist them in this venture. The commitments of the parish in restoring the fabric of the church are likely to be of the order of £20,000, and it is hoped that Cumberlands, in particular, will contribute generously towards the ring of bells, around which so much of their Society's history is written. In addition, many people will have rung at St. Leonard's at joint meetings and the like, and it is hoped that they, too, will feel moved to contribute.

As a means of raising funds, a Christmas card featuring an old print of Shoredich Church has been produced and is readily available at the very modest price of 7d. each, including postage and packing.

Donations and orders for the Christmas cards should be sent to: D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS BERESFORD.
London. DEREK E. SIBSON.

PIGEON MENACE

Dear Sir,—The following remedy is effective against pigeons, at the cost of shillings rather than pounds.

Obtain some secondhand fishing net from a coastal town or village. Drape this on the most affected part of the fabric for a month or so The pigeons are frightened by contact with the net and in a few days will desert the building. The net may then be removed for a period of a year or so, when the birds will gradually return. The process should then be repeated

If the net is stretched taut and fastened at its upper and lower extremities it is hardly visible.

My own experience tells me that the above treatment is effective, if permitted.

It is believed that pigeons have been eliminated in some Continental regions by feeding them on food containing a hormone which renders the birds infertile. — Yours faithfully,

N. CHADDOCK.
Hutton Cranswick, East Yorks.

Dear Sir —Unfortunately most methods entail expense. The most obvious, also useful for sound control is to fit movable louvres on the Venetian blind system, worked by a lever from the ringing chamber. Then the louvres can be closed, opened down or, in fine weather, opened upwards

Cheaper, and on the same lines, block up the windows inside leaving only the top louvres to be dealt with in the above fashion. That might pacify the bird fanciers on the P.C.C. by still allowing the pigeons room to nest.

Other than that (I've used this one) say nothing to anyone! but cut some short lengths of wire netting the width of the louvres. Double them and push them down into and between the louvres, nearly to the bottom, with a thick board. This will keep the pigeons out and no one will know!

C. F. JERRAM (Lt.-Col.)
Helston, Cornwall.

LONG SUTTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I say how honoured we in Long Sutton feel at having our tower on the cover of "The Ringing World."

Since the information for the "write-up" was sent to our general secretary some new facts have come to light concerning the origins of the 2nd and 3rd of the present ring of six. This has been due to a visit from the Rev. J. G. M. Scott while doing "locum" at Hardington Mandeville.

The third bell, dating from about 1500, is much more likely to be a product of the Bristol Foundry rather than that at Exeter. The second, previously imagined by all to date from 1816 is, in fact, a seventeenth century bell dated 1618. The unknown, illiterate seventeenth century founder had reproduced the inscription not only somewhat inaccurately but also backwards. It has been thanks to John Scott's expert eye that these fats have emerged.

If I had been "on the ball" I should have sent the new information to Mr. John Gilbert before the article was due to appear in this journal. My apologies to him for not having done so.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL (Rev.).
Long Sutton Vicarage.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

VISITORS AND STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir, — It is a custom at meetings of the Guild of which I am a resident member to pass round a box at the tea-table for contributions to the Belfry Repair Fund from members and visitors. During the time this practice has been in operation we have had many visitors and none have ever declined to contribute, and would never dream of excusing themselves from doing so on the ground that they were not members. After all, the pleasure they have derived from the afternoon's ringing would be worth far more to them than the amount they put in the box.

We also have a rule that any avoidable damage that occurs to bells at a ringing meeting of the Guild shall be made good at the expense of the Guild. It is freely admitted by one of your correspondents that the London County Association does not collect annual subscriptions from its members. Therefore, would someone in the know be so good as to tell me where the money, apart from steepleage fees, comes from to cover the cost of any stays broken at a meeting. If any of your correspondents try to tell me that it grows on trees, let me say here and now that I shall refuse to believe them.

I have attended many hundreds of ringing meetings in different parts of the country over the years, and as a visitor who manages to find a welcome wherever he goes, I find it a pleasure to contribute in some small way to the funds of the Guilds and Associations whose meetings I have attended and from which I have derived so much enjoyment. To go to a meeting as a visitor with the idea at the back of your mind that you are there to enjoy all the privileges and have no duty towards your hosts, moral, financial or otherwise, is, to my mind, contemptible to say the least.

Years ago I used to work with a Scotsman in a factory. One of our mates made the mistake one day of trying to take the rise out of Jock by harping on the traditional meanness of men of the Scottish race. Jock had his answer ready: "There are Scotsmen in this factory,' he said, "who have never been north of the Border, and Jews whose ancestors were never in Palestine." No further comment. — Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry

P.A.Y.R.

(Pay as You Ring)

Dear Sir,—Ringers who object to paying a small fee at meetings should remember that these meetings could not take place without being advertised, and this must be paid for; so they are getting what they want (presumably) and paying for what they get. Nothing could be fairer than that; unless we adopted a system of P.A.Y.R. (Pay as You Ring), in which collectors went round after every touch collecting from everyone who had taken part.

For many years now many Associations have been charging booking fees for peals. Arranging and ringing these peals cost the Associations nothing whatever. But ringers are too conservative, and there are always some who want to ring their peals "for" particular Associations. And although the peals are all reported in full detail in "The Ringing World" they must all be reprinted in annual reports and/or copied into peal books; and we are required to pay for every peal we ring, though the total fees thus collected save other members only a negligible amount (in my own territorial Association about 7½d. each in an average year). There must be many like myself who could not care less about having our peals reprinted and copied out, but cannot opt out, and, short of giving up peal ringing altogether, must go on paying for a service we simply do not want.

So I would say, either drop peal fees altogether, and this ridiculous custom of sending round small postal orders (to the gain of none but the Post Office), or let us go the whole way and clap on fees for attendance at meetings and cut the annual subscription still further. In my Association the cost of advertising meetings comes to just about what the peal fees bring in, so we could save another 7½d. all round. How splendid!—Yours sincerely, C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

P.S.—I am a member of the London County Association and wish them well so I offer this suggestion—put the 6d. fee on to the price of the tea, then nobody will notice it.—C. W. W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir,—Over 40 years ago I was one of the first two assistant secretaries to be appointed by the London County Association. Occasionally it became my task to collect steepleage at county meetings, a most irksome job. I was never brusque and had no need to be. I was always received with courtesy by both members and non-members. Meetings were always most friendly. Many young semi-advanced people in the art attended, and were always made very welcome. The County did the spade work.

To suggest, as Gillian A. Leale and others have done, that steepleage was introduced to keep away non-members is downright trash and a grave injustice against the London County Association under its most genial Master, Harold Rogers. If all this kindly atmosphere has changed then maybe the rising generation is somewhat to blame.

It would indeed be appreciated if the above mentioned lady had had the courage to name the target at which she is aiming. As Christopher Dalton has so rightly stated, the county's main source of income is from steepleage and admission of new members' fees.

If this lady has forgotten, the London County Association was formed over a century ago to enable the two main societies to meet and ring together on the friendliest of terms.

This question of steepleage has come up before. Now Gillian comes up with an idea so this vexed question can be dealt with and the Association receive an income without introducing an annual subscription.—Yours, etc., R. NEWMAN.

Romford (late Holloway).

PEALS, 1965 AND 1966

Dear Sir,—Whilst much enjoying Canon Felstead's articles on peals, there are one or two observations I would like to make.

The list of first peals on the bells for 1965 should include Scole, Norfolk. This is a new six and had its first peal (Plain Bob Minor) on July 12th, 1965.

As I have already pointed out to Canon Felstead owing to an unfortunate error in reporting, his total for Bunwell was one more than had been rung there. In fact Bunwell reached its century on April 12th, 1967.

Also I would like to point out a peal in eight Minor methods was rung at Bunwell on March 21st, 1954, and one in 14 Minor methods on December 28th, 1955.

Hoping this may enable any records to be corrected.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Bunwell, Norfolk

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY PARKER

With the passing of Mr. Henry (Harry) Parker on October 9th the Northwich Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost its most outstanding ringer and there is no doubt his influence will be greatly missed.

Harry took up ringing in the early 1920's, up to which time the Northwich Branch had ringers capable only of mostly Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. He was, I believe, the first Northwich Branch ringer to break the Surprise methods barrier and the more advanced methods, and quite a number of the Northwich Branch ringers owe their present standard to his guidance. He must have rung over 300 peals, a large number of which he conducted.

A former hon. secretary and chairman of the Branch he gave yeoman support over a great many years to all Branch meetings and Branch activities.

The funeral was at Witton on October 13th, when the eight bells were rung half-muffled, including the whole pull and stand, by members of the Northwich Branch.

Our sympathy is extended to his widow and son, Kenneth, in their sad bereavement.

R. W. W.

MRS. L. STILWELL

The sympathy of his many ringing friends will be extended to Mr. Len Stilwell in the loss he has experienced by the death of his wife, Sophie Ellen (Tim) at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham, Sussex, on October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell had spent 43 years of happy life together. She did a little ringing at the end of World War I at Windsor and was proud of the fact that she rang the tenor when eight ladies rang a few rounds on the heavy bells at the Castle.

The last time she rang was for Peace at the conclusion of World War II at Pulborough. She was known to a large number of ringers, who were always made welcome at her home.

AIRMAN'S UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—I found Mrs. Lawrence's letter about steepleage very interesting, especially her theory about discouragement to non-members.

I attended a meeting of an Association earlier this year. The total of my ringing activities that day were half a course of Cambridge Major when they had not enough ringers to ring anything else at the 12-bell tower and three leads of Kent at the 10-bell tower. Other pastimes consisted mainly of being turned off bells because of not being a member, and being insulted grossly on the two occasions when I did manage to get a ring. (I won't bore anyone with details.)

I would now hasten to add two things:—

(i) The younger ringers were most friendly and sympathetic; it was only the well-established hierarchy, who should know better, who were offensive.

(ii) Two of these main offenders were most cordial when I met them at another London tower recently on a tour.

From these facts I can only deduce this—that the officers of this Association like their meetings to be for members and members only. —Yours faithfully,

PETER S. ABBOTT.

R.A.F., Brampton.

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Wilfred Williams' North-West Peal Tour

ANY presentation of Lancashire as a place of soot and mills and Coronation Streets is a travesty. Those who came on Wilfred's ten-day tour this year, and who did not already know the area, were able to see for themselves that Lancashire has plenty of delightful, attractive scenery in common with the other counties we touched on (Cheshire, Westmorland and Yorkshire). There are also many other good things as well, not least being the bells, of which Lancashire has a large number of very fine rings.

The main body of the party assembled for "higher service" at Knutsford on August 18th from all parts of England. With us was that entertaining "tenor king" who gives the impression that he cherishes the illusion that he is the "greatest." Whether this week did anything to dispel that illusion or not, at least it dispelled another one, which he maintained to the "bitter" end. So much for the moment for "Worthington E. Cannon."

17 OUT OF 21 ATTEMPTS

On Saturday morning the first peal was scored—Bristol—on the grand eight at Bowdon. This was the first of 17 successful attempts out of a total of 21 during the week. Without undue boasting we can fairly claim that the general standard of ringing throughout the tour was good and on occasions outstandingly so. We were then joined by the South Wales and Gloucester contingent and proceeded to ring a peal of Cambridge Royal on the fine Gillett and Johnston ten at Manchester Cathedral. The Cathedral has recently been cleaned after many years of blackness and the transformation well repays the vast sum that must have been spent. Perhaps a little more might have been spent in reducing the noise of the bells, which rap out like cannon-fire outside. We could not, however, blame the "greatest" for this, although he has made his mark around here—there is a sort of back-end alley opposite the Cathedral called Cannon Court.

During the week we came across a number of rings like that at Manchester Cathedral, where the bells are very noisy indeed immediately outside the tower, and a number of us felt that more education on the subject of noise control (perhaps by the Central Council) is an urgent need.

On Sunday we were made welcome at service ringing by the local band at Burnley Parish Church, which was conveniently situated opposite the Sparrow Hawk Hotel, where we made our headquarters for the greater part of the week. It was extremely pleasant to see such a large congregation at morning service. In the afternoon we broke new ground by ringing a peal of Bristol Royal at Preston. This was a joint birthday peal for Wilfred and Maryl, actually a day early as Maryl could not be with us for a peal on Monday.

THE WOODHOUSE MACHINE

After ringing for evening service at Preston we were all entertained by John and Maryl before descending on Maryl's parents for a demonstration of the Woodhouse ringing machine. Most of the party had never seen this remarkable machine and Cyril demonstrated its full capabilities and also showed us the complete blue line to a peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Major that he has rung on the machine. We soon had it going to Bristol and Double Norwich (the best Pat had ever heard) although in our inexpert hands it produced some remarkable odd variations that will probably never be heard again.

A good peal of London was rung on the glorious eight at Whalley on Monday morning, while the remainder of the party lost a peal of Stedman Triples due to a broken rope on the tuneful eight at Oswaldtwistle. We then made our way to Lancaster, where we were staying for the next two nights. Most of the party made the journey to Lancaster by way of the Trough of Bowland and experienced what delightful countryside there is in this part of the country.

In the afternoon a peal was rung at the Priory at Lancaster, where there is a majestic heavy ring of eight. On arrival at the tower we found that we could have done with the services of Bill Theobold, who was unfortunately not able to be with us this year due to illness. After splicing seven ropes, putting pulley blocks in order and a great deal of oiling we succeeded in ringing a reasonable peal of Rutland.

85 AND STILL GOING STRONG

In the evening we were joined for a few hours by Lester Gray and a number of friends who had made the journey from Liverpool. It was grand to see Lester looking so fit and well and we all wished him well for his 85th birthday, which he was to celebrate a week or so later. We were also joined by John and Maryl, and the joint birthday of Wilfred and Maryl, which has become a feature of recent tours, was again celebrated with due ceremony.

On Tuesday morning we made the long journey to Dalton-in-Furness through the lovely countryside that borders on the Lake District, and a good peal of London Royal was rung on the musical ring of ten. Stan Mason was as usual making recordings of most of the tour and one of the most enjoyable features of the holiday was being able to listen to a bit of the Lancaster peal, a bit of Whalley and a bit of Dalton and so on as we went along in the cars. Another enjoyable journey then followed, when we travelled to Kendal and en route went along the banks of Lake Windermere. Cambridge Royal was the method for Kendal and quite a reasonable peal was rung despite the distraction of the bells being so loud inside the tower. An excellent meal in the Steak House at Kendal, which can be fully recommended, brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

London was rung at Hornby the following morning despite the fact that a number of the band misunderstood the conductor's instructions. Then another most enjoyable journey back through the Trough of Bowland to Blackburn, where our next peal attempt was to be that evening. Whether or not it was due to a late start, Spliced London and Cambridge Royal would not go on the excellent ten at the Cathedral, and due to the late time of starting we were not able o begin again.

CLAPPER BREAKS

Thursday saw us at the seaside at Southport and attempting to ring a peal of Bristol at Emmanuel Church. The bells here go well, sound well and are sufficiently boarded up to cause no annoyance in the residential area in which the church is situated. Everything about them is grand, but after ringing for about three-quarters of an hour the tenor clapper broke off at the yoke and ended what would have been an enjoyable three hours.

In the afternoon we again had two peal attempts. The first at Ormskirk, which has one of the few churches in England with a tower and a spire. A stately peal of Bristol to a delightful composition by Nolan Golden which parts the tenors was rung, with Ruth Border coming out of retirement to show that she has not forgotten what it's all about.

At the same time eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a very good peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Aughton. Leslie Barry took time off from his other activities to join us in this peal. Leslie was not having such a successful tour this year as his number of new towers was far ahead of his new breweries! A short ring on the little six at St. Michael's, Aughton, in the evening, helped to keep trade going in the very popular little "local."

Friday was a day to remember. Ten of us went for Pudsey Royal at Marsden. Giles rang the third, the same bell as he rang three years ago when, having insulted his Yorkshire tail-end, the rope broke with three leads of the peal (Pudsey Royal) to ring and some very unclerical words were uttered. This time we did succeed in ringing the peal, but not without incident. Someone tried to stop us, but being unable to communicate other than by various "noises off" and a skilfully pitched tennis ball through a window, they failed to make us realise that there was a very good reason why the bells should not be ringing at that time. However, the peal was rung and all explained satisfactorily, and we hope that the quality of our ringing on this lovely ten made some amends.

Later in the day we rang Pitman's four all-the-work on the near perfect eight at Heptonstall, while the remainder of the party drank numerous cups of tea in the little cafe and listened to the Test match.

A PEAL THAT WAS EARNED

The second Saturday was a big day. Two peals were scheduled for the morning, London was successfully rung at Hyde, but unfortunately 6-spliced was lost at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, after a couple of hours' ringing. In the afternoon we went to the Town Hall in Manchester for a peal of Stedman Cinques. There is no doubt that the majestic bells make a wonderful sound, but there is also no doubt that some of the back bells require a lot of ringing. We "earned" the peal, but we were not entirely satisfied that we could not have done better. However, when we listened to the tape recording of the peal from outside it was quite reasonable Stedman Cinques indeed, and the comments from the outside listeners were quite favourable.

In the evening we relaxed in the City Arms next to the Town Hall. By prior arrangement we had all decided that this was to be "Let's be nice to Cannon day," a very laudable aim which ended in an unrehearsed comedy. Those who are interested should apply to Stan Mason, who has a tape which records the conversation. It was very entertaining the next morning when Pat heard what he had said.

On Sunday morning we again rang for service at Burnley Parish Church and in the afternoon we rang a peal of 6-spliced on the fine Gillett and Johnston eight at Heywood. In the evening we went to Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church, where we joined the local band, and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung prior to the service. The local ringers were, as usual, extremely friendly.

BANK HOLIDAY REFLECTION

Bank Holiday Monday was our last day. Wigan Parish Church possesses a beautiful ring of ten, and we rang a very good peal of Cambridge Royal at a lovely, steady pace. Peals at Wigan are usually only allowed on Bank Holidays as the bells are extremely loud outside. By contrast St. Helens ten bells are not so beautiful, certainly not inside, where they seem to bang rather than ring. Yorkshire Royal was rung in brisk time to an unusual composition by Peter Border.

Following the peal one of our writers departed for the North-East so rapidly that he forgot to do his slow work in Bury. Police radar traps are designed to suppress ringers who go in quick when they shouldn't. That certainly was the case this time.

We have left until last the most important thing we want to say, which is a thank you to Maryl, who did most of the organising of the bells for us. We presented her with a small token of our appreciation in Manchester. Many others could be mentioned—clergy, local ringers, vergers and others who helped to make the tour both possible and enjoyable but we will only mention Wilfred himself. Thank you, Wilfred, for yet another masterly piece of organisation and planning. We really enjoyed this tour as well as any in the past.

Finally we would like to mention an incident that occurred while we were ringing at Southport. While the ringing was going on, a lady living nearby wrote a letter expressing her thanks to the Rector for the ringing of the bells. She handed the letter to us for delivery to the Rector. There was no Rector (the letter was given to the church authorities) and we lost the peal, but this little incident meant a lot to us. It meant our pleasure was being shared, and this is one of the rewards of good ringing and good companionship. You can't have too much of it!

G. C. G., T. P. E.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS

Very few ringers bother to take any notice of towers with one, two or three bells and only recently the fours. Yet these are in the main where our oldest bells can be found. The reason of course being that they have not had the amount of use of the higher numbers; they have not been subjected to tower-grabbing activities and peals.

Visits to these towers do commend themselves, always of course seeking the necessary permission beforehand. I remember calling at Orton Longueville; the Rector was in the church and readily welcomed the suggestion to go up to the tower to flash-photo the very old bell of circa 1420 by John Walgrave, whose trade stamp I found was still in good condition. It is a 7 cwt. bell.

On another occasion, at Hardwick, near Wellingborough, I found a bell did not bear the stamp "William Founder" (ascribed to William Dawe, as some had previously thought it belonged), but was more likely to be a little later—by John Bird, 1408–1418. And y this visit I was able to learn a lot about one of Britain's oldest manor houses alongside the church.

If we go to Cold Ashby we can see a bell of 1317 (with the date in Roman figures), believed to be by William de Flint. It is the second of four. Of the same, or a little later, period is one of three at Winwick close by, as well as one of three at Teigh, in Rutland—the only bell saved after a disastrous fire (1745–46) and considered to be the oldest bell in Rutland.

The tenor of four at Stowe IX churches dates from the time of Edward III, as does also the tenor of three at Great Billing, by Simon-de-Hazfelde and Johannes-de-Yorke respectively.

Henry Jordon (1442 to 1470) still has several bells in Northants, among them a complete four at Fawsley, the fourth of five at Old, and one of four in the towers at Bainton and Pilton.

A pre-Reformation bell at Hardwick, near Wellingborough. It measures 36 inches and is approximately 8 cwt. in weight. In 1926 it became cracked and was welded.

Just prior to the Reformation is a bell (one of three) at Tansor, by Robert Crouch. And a little after that is one of four at Stanion bearing the figure of the Madonna and Child by one of the Newcombe family of bell-founders. Sanders of Reading (1539–1559) also has one of three at Horton, but it is badly cracked.

P. AMOS

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

On Oct. 7th the Ilchester Branch held a monthly practice at St. Mary's, Mudford.

Ringing on the pleasant five (tenor 17 cwt.) was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner, and varied from rounds to Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman and St. Simon's Bob, etc.

There was a good attendance of about 30 ringers and the Ilchester Branch was pleased to welcome the newly-affiliated tower of St. Mary's, Mudford, together with its six new ringing members and associate member, the Rev. E. D White.

A pleasant and very welcome surprise came at the end of ringing, when all were invited to the Vicarage, where sumptuous refreshments and coffee awaited them.

Members would like to record their appreciation of Mr. White's generosity and also to thank Mr. Hunt and Mr. Goverd. J.L.

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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Autumn Meeting at Brighton

Wind and rain was the unfortunate welcome for the early arrivals on the Friday prior to the autumn meeting of the Guild at Brighton on September 30th. It was, however, a great relief when the weather improved on the Saturday and throughout the week-end. The attendance was again very good, and the Regions represented were London, Midland, Western, North Eastern, Southern and Eastern.

The ringing programme did mean a little extra travelling, but the excellent train service made all towers easy of access.

After tea, the business opened with the Master (Mr. F. Hodgson) in the chair. The guest, Mr. Reginald I. Johnson (Master, Sussex County Association) welcomed the Guild to Brighton and hoped that members would enjoy their visit and make full use of the bells available.

At this stage of the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. George Jennings to the incumbents of the churches for the use of the bells, Mr. Charles Bassett for the splendid programme arranged, and Messrs. Shepherd and Bond for kindly meeting the members at their respective churches.

A proposal to hold future meetings of the Southern Region in London only was lost on a vote being taken. The amendment—"to hold future meetings anywhere in the Southern Region"—was carried.

Mr. Jack Brown gave a very full and detailed account of the proposed programme for the Guild's visit to Liverpool (the annual general meeting in 1968)

The day ended with further ringing at St. Peter's, Brighton. J.A.H.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We were sorry to hear that Mr. Anthony P. Smith, of Lelant, Cornwall, was delayed in entering King's College, London, through a road accident. He has now arrived in London.

Leicester Diocesan Guild have sold out tickets (180) for their 21st anniversary dinner at Leicester cricket ground pavilion on October 28th.

Rainham, Kent, ringers had a half-day's outing on July 29th, ringing at Selling, Wye, Little Chart and Egerton. There was a surprise for one ringer at Selling who tried to set a stayless bell.

Two towers were available for the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association on September 30th—Hoddesdon in the afternoon and Ware in the evening, where Cambridge Major was rung with the 22 cwt. tenor.

"Everyone, from expert to novice, reads 'The Ringing World,'" writes a correspondent from Christchurch, New Zealand. "It is one way of keeping them from talking during touches." Perhaps a second copy in the belfry would be justified. (By air £5 per annum.)

Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent, is suffering from a lack of male ringers and recruits. Of the regular band of 16, 14 are ladies and girls. Is this a general trend or merely a localised peculiarity? Miss Mira Ford (11), of this tower, put up a very creditable performance for her first quarter.

Beginning of term blues were lightened somewhat for members of the Durham University Society by the announcement of the engagement of last year's secretary, Miss Pat Armitage, to last year's treasurer, Mr. David Swann. We wish them well, and from the look of things so far, are not going to be disappointed this year either!

The Rev. M. F. Gibbs, chairman of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is shortly leaving for Cardiff.

There was a literal in the peal at Aldermaston on page 741. The ringer of the fifth should have read Perceval Robert Blond.

Over 200 tickets have been sold for the College Youths' dinner on November 4th at Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklebury House, E.C.4.

The recent quarter peal at Fyfield, Essex, was the first in the method (Plain Bob) in living memory. Nine-year-old Martin Woodford is to be congratulated on his confident handling of the treble in his first quarter.

Miss Hazel Giddins, the captain of Merrow, Guildford, ringers, was married on October 7th to Mr. R. A. Keith Glue, another member of the band. After the wedding a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by Mr. D. A. R. May.

For examples of common faults in handling we advise ringers to buy the current issue of "Borchester Echo" produced for Archer fans. Portrayed are Dan Archer, Doughy Hood and Tom Forrest trying to ring Bob Major on a Sunday morning. It warrants a protest to the "Radio Times."

Nailsea ringers were delighted to welcome their old tower captain, Mr. E. J. (Ted) Baker, who joined them for Harvest Festival Evensong on October 1st. Ted is a sprightly 92, but he wears his years well and rang a creditable treble to a touch of Grandsire Doubles. All hope to see him again next year and indeed at any time when he can visit the tower.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

TEN YEARS AFTER

In the ringers' story "Ten Years After," published in our issue of September 22nd a Birmingham ringer has written through his solicitors claiming to have identified himself as "Old Bill." We wish to assure him that the character in "Ten Years After" was purely fictitious and in no sense was associated with any living person.

HONOUR FOR MISS IRIS LEMARE

Miss Iris Lemare, of York Minster, was a guest of honour at the Women of the Year luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London, given in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind and attended by nearly 700 women. Guests were invited only on the basis of their personal achievements or services to the community.

On October 6th Miss Lemare conducted the Lemare Orchestra in York Minster in aid of the Minster Appeal. The programme included Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Five Mystical Songs by R. Vaughan Williams and Pelham Humfrey's setting of a "Hymne to God the Father." Of the last-named the "Yorkshire Evening Press" speaks of "Iris Lemare's magical control of the accompaniment and the arched splendours of the Minster." The report concludes: "Miss Lemare deserves the highest praise for her leadership, especially as her right arm was practically out of action owing to a recent injury to her shoulder."

SCENE OF VANDALISM

Akenham, Suffolk, which has figured in the news as the scene of a shocking case of vandalism where a figure of Christ was torn from an altar and pages ripped from the Bible, is a very scattered parish on the northern outskirts of Ipswich. The church was threatened with closure (as redundant) a few years ago and possible demolition, but the Friends of Friendless Churches and certain individuals rescued it.

The two youths were were convicted of the offences were stated to have entered the church by climbing a drainpipe on the 14th century tower and entering through the belfry window. They then clambered down a bell rope into the church itself.

C. R. informs us that according to Raven's "Church Bells of Suffolk," Akenham has one bell—45 inches—by John Darbie, 1678.

A VISIT AFTER THE PEAL

The peal at Aldwinckle, Northants, on October 7th, was followed by ringing at the nearby steeple of Achurch, where the bells have not been rung for some time and are thought to be (erroneously) by some as "unringable." This was the beginning of their Harvest Festival.

Achurch is noted for its former Rector in the reign of Elizabeth I (the Rev. Robert Browne), who broke away from the Church of England to sow the first seeds of what is today the Congregational movement. At the age of 81 he was imprisoned in Northampton gaol as a rates defaulter, where he died, and was buried in St. Giles' Churchyard.

For Mr. S. Ruddlesden, who has been a ringer for some 20 or so years, it was his first four-bell tower. P.A.

UNWRITTEN RULES FOR PEALS

In an editorial in the current issue of the "Irish Bell News" the editor gives the following unwritten rules for those contemplating peal attempts:—

(a) Is there a justification for the attempt, e.g. a peal in a church where one has not previously been rung in the method, or do we wish to honour some personality?

(b) Am I a fanatic for attempting peals and am I selfish enough to attempt peals in places where complaints are likely to occur?

(c) What will the effect be on the church authorities? The ropes wear out with excessive ringing bearings require to be lubricated if there are plain bearings, clock hammers may become damaged and chiming hammers may catch bells due to carelessness.

(d) Do we go to churches and ring peals and not say "thank you," but feel we have a perfect right to ring the peal there? Do we contribute towards the cost of ropes and other repairs? After all, ropes now cost about £5 or £6 each and with excessive ringing may not last more than five to ten years.

MAKING SUNDAY INTO SABBATH

Kirkland Bridge in his announcement on "Pillars of the Church" has something kind to say about the bellringers. Here is an extract:—

"Old Granfer Higgs, eighty last birthday, trudges up the churchyard path with the great iron key of the tower door; and in ones and twos, the bellringers gather in the cool, dim tower, after 'ringing up,' stand by their ropes for the words 'Treble's going—GONE, when, one by one, the great bells speak."

Their tumultuous tumbling overture echoes across our fair and green England, making Sunday into Sabbath, inviting the faithful to worship; entering homes, hospitals and even prisons, and, perchance, rebuking some who no longer pray.

A PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE TO PAINSWICK

On Sunday, September 24th, for the eighth successive year, the Hinton-on-the-Green band paid their annual visit to Painswick to ring for Evensong and "in memoriam" John Thomas.

In place of the usual quarter peal, ringing was made general this year to give everyone more chance, and ranged from rounds to Grandsire Cinques and a good service touch of Caters. As always, a very cordial welcome was forthcoming from the Rector, the local ringers and the parishioners.

PROCLAIMING THE CHURCH'S FELLOWSHIP

Fareham (Hants) ringers recently had their annual outing. They went to East Sussex and rang at Lindfield Fletching, Mayfield, Lewes and Ditchling. The ringing was not of the highest standard but like most outings this was a happy and successful day. The hospitality of the parish priests and the ringers awaiting the visiting band was excellent, and the tea was pretty good as well.

And so, as this outing becomes a memory for all those concerned—ringers, friends and listeners—let us hope that in this and in all ringing outings the fellowship of the Church may be proclaimed and strengthened.

R.K.H.

VISITING VANCOUVER

The first quarter on the bells of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, was rung on October 12th in honour of Canada's Centennial Year. Unfortunately the Ringing Master, Mr. Ted Lee, was unable to take part through an injury to his shoulder. Miss Pamela Sturdy, who is on holiday from England, writes that the Vancouver Society of Change Ringers practises on Tuesdays, 8–9.30 p.m. and rings on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. They give a warm welcome to any visiting ringer.

WAS IT A COINCIDENCE)?

The bells of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, were rung on October 9th for the annual synod of the diocese. On the same evening New Zealand's hitherto restrictive licensing laws were altered to allow bars to remain open until ten o'clock. The band, which included two ringers, David and Nelson Sloan, who could recall the days before the infamous "six o'clock swill," rang touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles and Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters before proceeding, some to the service and some to a nearby hostelry!

WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

Watford and district ringers and friends took a trip to East Anglia for their annual outing on October 1st, when a most successful day was enjoyed.

In the church high above the town, Downham Market bells went well to a variety of methods, but were strangely difficult to hear in the tower, possibly because of restoration work in progress. At King's Lynn, where Cambridge Royal was essayed, albeit if not successfully brought round, the majestic bells were enjoyed by ringers and listeners alike.

After lunch at the Victoria Cafe, Wisbech, the very good six at Walpole St. Andrew were rung to the apparent great interest of the oldest (?) inhabitant. Nearby Walpole St. Peter, famed for its large and beautiful church, the Flower Festival was of course a must, and after a good ring here steps were retraced to the Victoria Cafe for tea. The Fen country proved very interesting, and in the coach snatches of conversation about Bedford levels, thirty foot drains, etc., could be heard. In the gathering darkness the last call was at Ickleton where, ringing from the chancel, the first Gillett and Johnston eight brought a very satisfactory conclusion to a good day out. Many thanks to all incumbents, to all who met the party and to Geoff Seaman for his able organisation.

R. G. B.

A DEVON OUTING

The first outing arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welch, of Ilton, Somerset, on September 30th into Devon proved very enjoyable, even the lumpy six at St. Michael's, Honiton, which started the bell programme.

All were impressed by the bells at Ottery St. Mary and the beautiful church. Some more good ringing followed at Talaton, and also lunch and a visit to a most attractive village inn. The afternoon's programme was Clyst Honiton, Stoke Canon and the heavy eight at Crediton, where unfortunately justice was not done to the bells. Tea was at Crediton and there were two more towers—Cadbury and Silverton—to be visited before the usual convivial half hour at Taunton. We arrived home with many happy memories of a good day, spent in very good company.

J. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary & All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

John Hill	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	6
David P. Hilling	2	John M. Jelley	7
Frank E. Darby	3	Brian D. Threlfall	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
Thomas J. Southam	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Wells Amateur Bellringing Society)
LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Richard C. Taylor	Treble	John Sheppard	4
Gwyllm Salmon	2	Christopher Jenkins	5
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.
Believed to be the first peal by an all-Wells band.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Sept. 29 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Trevor Newlands	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
*Stephen Bateman	2	James R. Taylor	6
Bruce Martin	3	David Rennolds	7
Paul Rigby	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal First of Major as conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	Treble	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
G. H. Jones (St. John's)	2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	4	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Richard Youdale.
First peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 6, 1967 in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Geoffrey A. Edwards	Treble	David J. Midgley	5
†Norman Sherratt	2	‡Frank Moreton	6
T. Felicity Ashford	3	Roy Worrall	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Surprise. † 150th peal. ‡ First of Lincolnshire "inside." Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Lewis as Rector.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., Sept. 14. 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Roger O. Fry	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Vivian Nutton	6
*Hilary Muirhead	3	*Stuart Brown	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of nine Spliced Surprise Major.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RUARDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Oct. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Geoffrey J. Clarke	Treble	Patrick H. Allen	5
Ralph T. Hazell	2	David E. L. Pobjoy	6
Austin T. Wingate	3	George T. Cousins	7
Leslie Barry	4	Harold Meek	Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Oct. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Gee	Treble	Martin J. Kirk	5
Jill M. May	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
E. John Wells	3	David J. Tubbs	7
Douglas A. R. May	4	John A. Collyer	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker Conducted by E. John Wells.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME-LACY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Hughes	Treble	Peter D. Sell	5
Gillian Sims	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Peter Wycherley	3	John F. I. Turney	7
*William P. Nash	4	†E. Charles Biggs	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight bells.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is commencing studies at the University of Swansea.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Jacqueline S. King	Treble	David Pike	5
George T. Cousins	2	David J. Hughes	6
David L. Philips	3	James L. Fitzgerald	7
Peter J. Wycherley	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by David J. King.
* 200th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gillian Fanshaw, of Hereford. Also as a compliment to George Cousins on his election as president of the National Guild of Police Ringers.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., Oct. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Katherine S. Hardy	Treble	Francis Kirk	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Michael D. Frost	7
A Stephen Taylor	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. D. G. D. Harpur, Vicar of St. Michael's, as an Honorary Canon at St. Albans Cathedral.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

QUEX PARK, Birchington, Kent.—At The Waterloo Tower.
On Sat., Oct. 7 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 15¼ cwt in F.

Herbert E. A. Audsley	Treble	Martin L. Howe	7
*Judith M. Corby	2	†Richard Hayes	8
Olive D. Tester	3	*Andrew J. Corby	9
*Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Colin A. Tester	10
Frank J. Matthews	5	Christopher T. Osenton	11
Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus "inside."

WOOLWICH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Roger D. Bailey	6
Robin R. Churchill	3	*Timothy G Pett	7
John R. Ketteringham	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* 150th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Oct. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*R. Keith Lister	Treble	Albert Greenhalgh	5
*John Illingworth	2	Harold Worrall	6
*Roy Jolley	3	*James E. Andrews	7
*James Cunliffe	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding of Barbara Green and John Shallcross at this church the previous day.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Anthony J. Helliwell	Treble	Roger Leigh	4
*Linda M. Parker	2	Michael Bell	5
†Douglas Deakin	3	Raymond D. Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Helliwell.
* First peal. † First "inside" for Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RATBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., April 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	R Brian Mills	6
Roland Wakefield	3	William A. Lacey	7
Martin Green	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

AYLESTONE. Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*Andrew S. Hayden	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	2	John Bramley	6
Tony Natt	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
John M. Jelley	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by Nathan Pitstow. Conducted by Russell S. Morris.
* First peal.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the wedding of Mr. A. James Poyner (Ringing Master, Aylestone) to Miss Sandra E. Chesterton (ringer, Aylestone), whose marriage was solemnised earlier this day in this church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Roland Newson	Treble	A. Stephen Taylor	5
Eric Edmonson	2	Norman V. Harding	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	*Andrew W. R. Wilby	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Harvest Festival.

SUTTERTON. Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Humphrey's. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Harold F. Gibson	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	David E. Rothera	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey
Rung as a compliment to Alan G. Payne and Joan Gilbert, who were married at Fishtoft, Lincs, the same afternoon.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Old Church.
On Sun., Oct. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Julia A Fellows	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
David E. Rothera	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. (C.C.C. 7). Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Gerry Evans and Jane Mannoch, which took place at Boston the previous day.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COWBRIDGE. Glamorgan.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Thomas T. Yeomans	Treble	*Paul S. Reading	5
Susan Harber	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Rev. Geoffrey Strickland	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, two of April Day, four 240's and 30 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

D. Walford Davies	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	William T. Petty	5
Raymond J. Mayle	3	H. Donald Bryant	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. John, Deptford. S.E.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Graham W Elmes	5
*Audrey R. Alexander	2	*Michael W. Coleman	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Edward F. Bryant	7
*Robin R. Churchill	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Rachel Jane, to Alan and Diana Frost.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
J. W. Washbrook's variation Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Alan Flood	5
Monica Blagrove	2	William Birmingham	6
David C. Brown	3	Robert Wiggins	7
Olive L. Rogers	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung as a compliment to Marguerite and John Mayne on the birth of a son, and for the wedding anniversary of Harold and Olive Rogers.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Christopher H. Rogers	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	David E. Rothera	7
Colin G. Wright	4	Martyn L. J. Jordan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb. in F sharp.

Barbara G. Dale	Treble	T. Felicity Ashford	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Harold Dowler	6
Caroline Stewart	3	David J. Midgley	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford St. Clement's and Plain Bob Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Thomas Bush	Treble	Claude Cousins	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Norman V. Harding	5
Wallace Cousins	3	Tony Price	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Price.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

David J. Marshall ..	.. Treble	James R. White	5
*Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	*Christopher I. Rowson ..	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Michael C. E. Hodge ..	4	Graham C. Paul ..	.. Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

John C Baldwin ..	.. Treble	James R. White	5
Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Graham C. Paul	3	David J. Marshall	7
Christopher I. Rowson ..	4	Alan A. Paul	.. Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, Berks.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Glenda E. Emmett ..	Treble	†Christopher F. Freeman	4
*Alastair T. P. Pearce ..	2	Angela M. Ayres	5
Andrew R. D. Cope ..	3	Gerald McIlhone ..	.. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew R. D. Cope.
* First peal † First in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. M. Gibbs, who has left the parish to continue his work in Cardiff.

BINFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Raymond K. Rivers ..	Treble	*Violet N. Castle	4
Joan A. Rance	2	Bernard C. Castle	5
Frank C. Price	3	Arthur J. N. Rance ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal of Minor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Oct. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Graham C. Paul	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Barry E. Saunders	7
David J. Marshall	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Barrie Hendry	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	5	Patrick I. Chapman ..	.. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 16 methods, being 640 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire and 160 each of Uxbridge and Watford, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb. in E flat.

Christopher C. Stokes ..	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Alan A. Paul	2	Richard F. B. Speed ..	6
Roger W. Smith	3	David J. Marshall	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman ..	.. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Most Surprise methods rung to a peal by all the band except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. St. Clement's, Single Oxford and three of Plain. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Geoffrey Davis ..	.. Treble	Frank Sismey	4
*Mrs. P. Ann Smith	2	Roy W. Spencer	5
Alf Waller	3	Gilbert F. Cowlin ..	.. Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard Branston and Jennifer Eve.

ALDWINCKLE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations, being two extents of Old and eight each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Percy Amos	3
Richard J. Danby	2	Brian R. Danby	4

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Tenor
Conducted by Richard J. Danby.
Rung as a Harvest Thanksgiving peal.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of St. Botolph, Old, St. Columb, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Plain Bob, Kennington and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Ronald S. Russell ..	.. Treble	J. Charles Hudson	3
J. Martin Thorley	2	Stephen B. Bell	4

Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
Rung in memoriam Gibson Jackson, of Doncaster.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 19, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Rodney H. French ..	.. Treble	Frank W. Rivett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
J. Michael Lakin	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Dennis Beresford ..	.. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
Rung in memoriam H. Douglas Harris, who was a ringer at this tower and a member of this Society.

TOTTENHAM Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 each of Bristol and Lincolnshire, 672 Cambridge, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 224 London, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F. sharp.

John R. Pratchett ..	.. Treble	*Simon Humphrey	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford ..	.. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELKSHAM, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Aug. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*M. Cecelia Evans ..	.. Treble	Philip J. Evans	5
Reginald H. Newton ..	2	Edward R. Fairbrother ..	6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother ..	3	Ernest F. Willcox	7
Jennifer M. Beech	4	Frank Beech	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal on eight bells.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Church	Treble	Ian V. J. Smith	5
Anne Harris	2	David Stainsby	6
David R. McLean	3	Owen Holmewood	7
Robert Preston	4	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a 65th wedding anniversary compliment to Stephen Loach, of Radcliffe. Also as a compliment to Simon Humphrey and Jacqueline Sewell upon their engagement; to Roy and Jane Blacklet on the birth of a son, Jeremy Neil; and to Robert and Margaret Preston on the christening of their son, Philip Ian.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb.

Harold Dowler	Treble	T. Felicity Ashford	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Madeleine McCallion ..	3	David J. Midgley	7
Gerald Parsons	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
Rung as birthday compliments to Caroline Stewart and Madeleine McCallion.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Keith Daniels	Treble	Jennifer M. Beech	4
†Frank Beech	2	Neville Holland	5
Richard J. Warrilow ..	3	†Edward R. Fairbrother ..	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Fairbrother.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
WIMBLEDON, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

*Caroline F Madge ..	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Rev. Michael Hart	6
†Elizabeth Bangham	3	Michael Bangham	7
Christopher F. Mew ..	4	*Michael Burn	Tenor

Composed by A J. Corrigan. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire. First of Grandsire on the bells.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.
BALCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 30 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Richard Hayes	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Simon A. B Wigg	3	Herbert W. Woolven ..	7
Malcolm Barden	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by C. Middeton. Conducted by John A. Howard.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. M. James, B.D., on leaving the parish.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHEDFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John H. Hunt	Treble	*John A. G. Ball	5
*Rosemary J. Kemp ..	2	‡Richard H. Green	6
†Betty J. Daysh	3	Patrick Page	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by John H .Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

James Attwood, jun. ..	Treble	Ian Lloyd	6
Sidney T. Holt	2	Peter Robertson	7
Joseph D. Johnson	3	Thomas W. Lewis	8
Ivor Goulter	4	Peter D. Warren	9
*Laurence J. Haines	5	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Arranged by M. D Fellows. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Oct. 7. 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Anne P. Leigh	2	Neil Donovan	6
Steven Barton	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Ernest Padgett	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Gibson Jackson. ringer at this church, who died on October 3rd, 1967. Tenor 30½ cwt.

(The Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Oct. 7. 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B.. (4) Double Oxford. (5) Kent T.B.. (6) St. Clement's. (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb in A.

Mrs. D. S. Johnson ..	Treble	A. Benjamin Cooper ..	4
*Iris Piper	2	Roderick R. Horton	5
Michael. Wilson	3	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by David S. Johnson.
* First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding anniversary of the treble and tenor, also Mr and Mrs. Benjamin Cooper. Also to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Norman Chaddock into the East Riding.

DORE near Sheffield, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of seven extents, viz.: (1) Kingston T.B., (2) London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B.. (6 and 7) Plain Bob Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Sidney Hough	4
*G. Richard King	2	Denis Mottershead	5
Kenneth Davenport ..	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* First peal in six methods.

QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): W. Smith 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, G. Cowlin 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Lavers 1, Mrs. R. Green 2, Mrs. R E. Lester 3, St. J. Perry 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to Dr. and Mrs. S. G. C. Harrison, members of the local band, on the birth of a second daughter, Rebecca Ruth.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, Miss S. Bird 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Harvest Festival.

BERKSWELL, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: Lynda Deebank 1, D. Main 2, Rev. D Sansum 3, A. H. Fitter 4, J. W Belshaw (cond.) 5, M. F. Edwards 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lucas 1, J. E. Spree 2, Violet Relf 3, R. Lucas 4, E. Clifton 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Lester, P.C.C. treasurer.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 2, Christine Boyce 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. A. Hutchings 5, W. C. Shute 6, J. Seager 7, G. P. A. Pearce 8. For Harvest Festival.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Jones 1, I. Morgan 2, D. Robinson 3, R. Henman 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Morgan 6. First attempt 1, 2, 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Warne 1, Josephine A. Quilter 2, Susan Chapman 3, Queenie Cresswell 4, P. G. Brown 5, C. Barker 6, R. J. Lindsell 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major for 3 and 4. A farewell to Susan Chapman on reparture to York University.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 1, Miss P. J. Hillson 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, C. M. Payne 4, R. Chapman 5, D. A. Hammond 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. F. W. Rivett, a member of the Bromham band, whose marriage to Miss C. M. Brown took place in Bedford on September 2nd.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, R. W Bridges 2, J. Saxton 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, R. Greenaway 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. Rumming, a ringer for 30 years.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Collins 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, Mrs. L. Martin 4, R. S. Wilson 5, D. Houghton 6, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 7, P. Miller 8.

EDINBURGH.—On Oct. 4th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jean Smith 1, June Peterson 2, Kate Branson (cond.) 3, P. Jenkinson 4, M. Peterson 5, I. Laing 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung before the farewell party for the Bishop of Penrith (former Provost of the Cathedral) and Mrs. Foskett.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Catherine A. Salter 1, D. C. Henderson (first in the method) 2, A. K. P. Poole 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Woodall 1, H. Shilvock 2, P Darby 3, M. Lashford 4, L. Clissett 5, A. B. Elsmore 6, M. Irene Elsmore (cond.) 7, I. Shilvock 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to Michael Lashford and Margaret Horocks, on their engagement.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Oct 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Fuller 1, B. E. Whiting (first "inside") 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, T. Spurling 4, R. H Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Smith 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods, 1-3 leading): K. Harvey 1, T. Jones (first on a working bell) 2, Miss F. Craig (first quarter) 3, Miss H. Jones 4, A. Palmer 5, G. Newman 6, A. Keen (cond.) 7, J. Cuss 8. For Harvest Festival.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. R. A. Cross (first of Minor) 1, J. E. Brewer 2, A. H. Reed 3, C. G. Barnes 4, F. J. Morris 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 6. For the marriage the previous Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris at Salcombe Regis, Dorset, son of ringer of 5th.

BATH, SOMERSET. — At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss H. M. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell (first as cond.) 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, A. Swatton 5, B. Sarll 6.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Hulme (cond.) 1, Jane E. Towell (first quarter) 2, S. Bell 3, J. Cooper (first quarter) 4, L. A. Dunmore 5. A farewell compliment to Jane Towell, who is going to college.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA.—On Sept. 5th, 1,400 Plain Bob Triples: T. Wilson 1, Helen Henderson 2, Monica Martin 3, R. Stanton 4, W. Robertson 5, R. Bampton 6, J. Martin (cond.) 7, C. Rayner 8. First of Triples 1, 5 and 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Ewan (first on ten) 1, C. L. D. Munday 2, R. Ducker 3, R. D. Gibson 4, R. Hawtrey 5, J. I. Booth 6, J. Chaddock 7, C. C. Brown 8, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 9, I. Campbell 10.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 St. Clement's: Mrs. G. Collinge 1, Janet Hooper 2, Julia Collinge 3, R. G. Kift 4, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. First in method for all except 5. For Harvest Festival.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Vande Crabbe (first quarter) 1, D. B. Browne (cond.) 2, S. R. Smith 3, Heather Hinton 4, Deborah Maggs 5, Ann Carlton (first quarter) 6, R. V. Smith 7, G. Kemish (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Colleypriest 1, G. Wilkinson 2, R. J. Hall 3, P. Williams 4, J. Prytherch (first as cond.) 5, D. Phillips 6. In memoriam Sir Malcolm Sargent.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Kathleen E. Fletcher 1, D. T. Matkin 2, R. A. Hutchings 3, F. Price 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, E. J. Booth 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: (4-6-8 covering): T. E. Hiddins 1, R. J. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, S. Henson 6, D. W. Davies 7, H. D. Bryant 8. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. S. Merry 1, W. Noon 2, W. Johnson 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 24th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, D. Gagen (first quarter) 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, H. Clarke 6, C. Cousins 7, P. Everitt 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. For Harvest Festival, and the installation at the Cathedral of Canon Churchill.

CAERLEON, MON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Colleypriest 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, Rev. R. Hallett 3, P. Williams 4, I. Cooper 5, G. Wilkinson 6, D. Phillips 7, P. Mason 8.

CASTOR, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (five methods): Margaret Hill 1, W. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, J. Cooper 4, R. Spencer 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Margaret Hill.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Renee L. Armstrong 1, D. Ralls 2, Janet A. Pullen 3, Valerie Copleston 4, D. Potter 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6, R. Copleston 7, G. King 8. First of Grandsire for all except 1 and 8. Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Horace James Bloomfield, father of a member of the local band, who was interred earlier in the day.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. R. J. Berry 1, C. C. Clarke 2, P. Davies 3, O. J. Hemmings (first "inside") 4, A. W. Irving (cond.) 5, J. F. Butlin 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet E. Hubbard 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, K. R. Davey 4, C. J. Groome 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan G. Payne.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Jackman 1, D. C. Brown 2, Doreen Hague 3, C. Finch 4, E. E. Gosling 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of affection and esteem for Sir Malcolm Sargent, interred this day at Stamford, Lincs; also for Earl Attlee, died October 7th.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods). Miss M. Bird 1, D. Floyd 2, A. Hicks 3, B. Coggins 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Harvest Festival.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Beryl Simpson 1, S. A. Reed (first "inside") 2, Hilary Kippin 3, Margaret Lewis 4, R. Kinch 5, P. Murgatroyd (first on eight) 6, M. J. Church 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, D. M. Hughes (first of Grandsire Caters and 150th quarter) 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. Goodall 7, M. J. Uphill 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. H. Gaze 10. For Harvest Festival.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Woodford (first quarter, aged 9) 1, J. Smith 2, Anne Simkins (first quarter) 3, J. Woodford (first quarter away from treble) 4, S. Clark (first as cond. in the method) 5, J. Godfrey (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to ring of 2.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Kent, Single Oxford and Plain): R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, F. Sismey 3, M. Parker 4, G. Cowlin 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Bernard Branston and Jennifer Eve, both bell ringers.

GORING, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. N. J. Tull 1, Carol N. J. Tull 2, N. H. F. Tull 3, Miss M. G. Trent 4, M. Hodgkinson 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving (first in method as cond.) 7, F. J. Hiscock 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. First in method on the bells by an all local band. For Dedication Festival.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Foster 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, J. M. C. Lysons (first quarter) 3, H. Carter 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, B. J. Howard 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, Miss P. Hibbert 2, Miss J. Pike 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. F. Cox 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, B. Wheller 8. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wells (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Miss J. Pike 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS. — On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Barnes 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, W. J. Newman 4, M. E. Newman (first "inside") 5, R. Harris 6, J. E. Newman 7, R. Newman 8. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Barnes, mother of treble ringer, grandmother of ringers of 4, 5 and 8 and mother-in-law of 7th ringer.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: S. Penfold 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Fowler 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. For Matins.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Ayres (first of Major) 1, R. Biggs 2, Judith Loten 3, R. Barton (first Major "inside") 4, Joyce Cornwall 5, D. A. Cornwall 6, A. Newton 7, R. H. Newton (first Major as cond.) 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs (first quarter) 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Harvest Festival.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Bowcutt 1, W. Allport 2, N. Stowe (cond.) 3, C. Stowe 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gail Bowcutt 1, W. Allport 2, C. Stowe 3, N. Stowe (cond.) 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5.

KIMBOLTON, HUNTS. — On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. P. Sawford 1, P. S. George 2, C. D. Corby 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Edward John Blackman and Delia Boyfield.

KINGSBURY, MIDDX. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Tucker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Ellis 2, R. Parnall 3, C. Pike (first "inside") 4, G. Ellis (cond.) 5, G. Plank 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to the Rev. Michael Shields.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on Sept. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. W. Houghton 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, Shelagh R. Collins 3, E. Edmonson 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, A. E. Taylor 6, R. S. Hohl 7, A. W. R. Wilby 8, N. V. Harding 9, J. S. Dear 10. First of Surprise Royal 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. K. Griffiths (first on a working bell) 1, Susan A. Moore 2, Janine Blanche (first "inside") 3, R. J. Moore 4, D. P. Treble (cond.) 5, F. T. Lansdown 6. A welcome to Elizabeth Treble, born September 23rd.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Johnstone (first in method) 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, A. F. Turner 3, C. Curtis 4, F. Hunt 5, L. G. Pryke 6, C. Poulson 7, R. Chambers 8. For Evensong.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Susan M. Tonks (first Stedman) 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 4, M. Peters 5, Marion Jones 6. For Harvest Festival, and with best wishes to Anthony P. Smith (a Lelant ringer), who is leaving for London University.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: Lucy Smith 1—2, C. M. Smith 3—4, E. E. Speake (cond.) 5—6. First in method "in hand" for 1—2 and 3—4.

LISS, HANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Gillian Read 1, D. M. Hughes 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, T. S. Bowles 5, R. J. Lintott 6. For Harvest Festival.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles: D. Morgan 1, P. Jones 2, D. Robinson 3, L. Battison 4, R. Henman (cond.) 5, For Harvest Festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Felicity Cooke 1, Mary E. Pryor 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. James 5, N. Simon 6, D. Bishop (cond.) 7, M. Pilgrim 8. For Harvest Festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Oct. 8th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Felicity Cooke 1, D. S. Bishor (first of Caters as cond.) 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, J. B. Plumb 5, F. W. Corney 6, P. S. Reading 7, N. W. H. Simon 8, S. Fenwick 9, C. P. Quartley 10. For Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Jane Markham (first of Stedman) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, R. Jones 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss M. A. Shoesmith and Mr. R. C. Stimson.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Lewis 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, T. Aldridge 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. E. Laker 5, Miss J. Pearce 6, R. Cadamy 7, J. Marks 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10. For Matins.

LONGDON, STAFFS. — On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Elson 1, Margaret L. Ellwood 2, B. J. Townsend 3, L. E. Monk 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John A. Townsend, father of the third ringer.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, R. Venn 2, E. Venn 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. Warr 5, R. J. Hunt 6. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his birthday. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, R. Parker 5, N. E. Hunt (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, D. Gagen 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Baker (first quarter) 1, Sally Baker (first quarter "inside") 2, Eunice Overend 3 D. Massey 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mundy 1, D Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Poore 6. A wedding compliment to Margaret Linda, daughter of the second ringer, to Mr. Denis Peter Noyce.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne B. Lewin (first quarter) 1, Jill M. May 2, M. Cattell 3, S. G. Ponting 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, F. Lewin (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Hazel J. Giddins (captain) and R. A. Keith Glue, ringers at this church.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Denise Wyngrave 1, Susan Rayner (first "inside") 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Hunt 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Denise Wyngrave 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, Mira Ford 6. For Matins, Bellringers' Sunday and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. G. Ingleton, on their 37th wedding anniversary.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: (two methods): Christine Stone 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, H. Hardwidge 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Conducted by 2 and 4. A compliment to Mrs. Horler, on her 90th birthday.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Oct. 4th 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Jane Holden (first of Major) 1, R. Yeates 2, J. Pardoe 3, Christine Telfer 4, G. White 5, A. Craddock (cond.) 6, S. Pardoe 7, P. Bruce 8.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, A. Miles 2, A. Cantwell 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, D. Osmond 6. A compliment to V. Clifton, tower captain, on his birthday.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Elizabeth J. Cranfield (first quarter) 1, Brenda J. Harris 2, J. S. Dear 3, A. C. Harris 4, A. R. Ayr 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canter 1, Sara Cornock (first "inside") 2, R. T. Watts 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Ashby 6, R. Cornock 7, A. Howell 8. By the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 8, and for Harvest services.

PEMBROKE.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 2, Mrs. B M. Rogers 3, G. Norris 4, P. C. Rogers 5, D. Cooper 6. For Evensong.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: W. H. Wright (first of Surprise) 1, Susan Chew 2, M. G. Ingram 3, A. S. Burbridge (cond.) 4, R. J. Tibbetts 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Wright 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, M. Burston 4, R. J. Tibbetts 5, M. Elson 6, M. Androulla 7, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,440 Double Court Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, F. Sismey 3, R. W. Smith 4, R. W. Spencer 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to the 5th ringer.

PRESTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B.: Betty Faunch 1, C. Crosthwaite 2, Margaret Crosthwaite 3, R. Palmer 4, C. Watson 5, K. Martin 6, A. Gardner 7, P. Crosthwaite (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. Eric and Mrs. Townson, who are leaving to take up missionary work.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norfolk and Cunecastre): R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, A. P. Beck 2, E. T. Lee 3, J. Brain 4, M J. Horseman 5, D. Mackay 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Furminger 1, P. Sadler 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, P. Bedford 4, T. Sharp (first in method) 5, R. Tomlin 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miranda Hughes (first quarter) 1, K. G. Game 2, Joan Hanning 3, Carol Martin (first "inside") 4, A. T. Shelton 5, T. T. Jones (cond.) 6, W. H. Inwood 7, J. Knipe 8. For Harvest Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Wood 1, Ruth Gordon 2, Tessa Hollis 3, R. Harper 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols (cond.) 7, S. Armeson 8. First of Spliced Plain and Little for 2 and 4.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Whitworth 1, Brenda Dixon 2, G. Muncey 3, S. Hodgkins 4, R. Coley 5, L. Priestley 6, L. Hall 7. For the Patronal Festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Sept. 24th, 1,360 Kent Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, R. W. Darvill 2, F. Dodds 3, J. Duggan 4, Thelma Willis (first in method) 5, C. Forster (cond.) 6, H. V. Frost 7, C. E. Slade 8, J. E. Ewer 9, B. C. Johnson 10. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. K. M. Darvill 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, F. Dodds 3, K. J. Darvill 4, Thelma Willis (first in method) 5, C. Forster 6, R. W. Darvill 7, C E. Slade 8, G. W. Debenham 9, J. E. Ewer 10. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to J. Duggan.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles: W. Evans 1, L. Hulbert 2, Gillian Addis 3, G. Ashford 4, R. Addis (cond.) 5, J. Sherwood 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to G. Ashford, who is leaving for Waltham, Essex.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant (first of Major) 1, J. S. Walker 2, T. W. Griffiths 3, Margaret Roden 4, P. S. George 5, C. D. Corby 6, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 7, R. D. Bellamy 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Tarrant 1, I. P. Sawford 2, J. W. Griffiths 3, P. S. George 4, C. D. Corby 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6, J. S. Walker 7, R. D. Bellamy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and April Day): N. Brazier (11 years, first quarter) 1, Julie Horne 2, C. Catlin 3, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 4, P. Keen 5, D. Brazier 6. A farewell to the Rev. R. de A. Byrn.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cockrill 1, G. A. Naylor 2, Wendy Austin 3, G. Kenward 4, J. Clark 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. For Patronal Festival.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Mayell 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Grandsire "inside") 2, Mrs. D. M. Crocker 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, W. A. Prescott 6. For Harvest Festival.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, R. Spencer 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. First in the method for all. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,284 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, M. Tyler 3, J. R. Nichols 4, E. Tyers 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled for the funeral of Sir Malcolm Sargent, buried in Stamford Cemetery.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Turner 1, N. Chamberlain 2, A. Cantwell (cond.) 3, M. Turner 4, B. D. Costar 5, E. Elms 6. For Harvest Festival.

STUDHAM, BEDS.—On May 13th, 1,260 Minimus (five methods): R. J. Stokes (first quarter) 1, A. T. Hawkins 2, A. W. R. Wilby (cond.) 3, J. E. Ewer 4. First of Minimus by all the band and on the bell. A birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Carpenter.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Single Oxford and Oxford T.B.): J. Fox (cond.) 1, R. Newson 2, W. Cousins 3, H. Follen 4, W. R. Wiskin 5, C. Cousins 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Canon A. Lee Warner.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Cooper 1, Annette Cook 2, T. J. Marriott 3, Susan Cooper 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, H. Soar 6, First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Jean Warboys 1, H. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, K. Westwood 6. For Harvest Festival, also the 30th anniversary of the bells.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Fox 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, H Follen 4, W. R. Wiskin 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. M. E. Hughes 1, Miss J. Sturrock 2, J. S. Eastwood 3, D. J. Wilkes 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, S. Kirby (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Evensong, and for the visit of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: Susan F. Thomas 1, Liz C. Duncan (first "inside" on twelve) 2, R. J. Dennis 3, June Whitcher 4, R. Durrant 5, D. Hawkins 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, D. E. Cobb 8, M. C. Austin 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, J. E. Murfitt (first on twelve) 12. For Matins.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Cooper (first quarter) 1, Christine Wilkins 2, R. E. Gerhardy 3, Leah D. Floyd 4, A. J. Wenden (first as cond.) 5, S. Mallett 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and for the birthday of Pat Ramage.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Tessa Hollis 1, N. Donovan 2, R. Harper (first in method) 3, Ann P. Leigh 4, D. Nichols 5, G. S. Lee 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, F. Jackson 8.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Andrews 1, J. M. Besant 2, H. F. Pike 3, J. M. Andrews 4, E. Sparling 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Edward Gould, many years a ringer at this church.

WORCESTER.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Doubles (12 methods/variations): D. G. Franklin 1—2, L. J. Haines (cond.) 3—4, Rosemary Tailby 5—6. Most methods/variations "in hand" by all.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: V. Roberts 1, G. Salmon 2, G. Rendall 3, D. Beaufoy 4, T. Marks 5, F. Sandy (cond.) 6, G. Gaylard 7, H. Gaylard 8, T. Setter 9, R. Fox 10.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Saturday, October 14th, proved wet and windy but, despite this discouraging weather, an attendance of some 50 ringers gathered at Caldicot for the last quarterly meeting of the year.

The ringing Vicar, the Rev. Roy Hallett, was early in the tower, bells oiled and up, all ready to greet the visitors! Ringing continued until service time under the able direction of the Branch Master, Mr. Richard Stewart.

The choral service of Solemn Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, and it was good to see that all members of the choir and the eight serving boys had all previously been ringing in the tower. Mr. Ian Cooper read the lesson and Mrs. Dorothy Jones played the organ.

An excellent tea was waiting in the Church School, and the Caldicot ladies and bellringers, who had given and prepared this, were thanked by Mr. Gordon Wilkinson. Mr. Paul Williams thanked Mrs. Dorothy Jones for so kindly playing the organ.

At a short business meeting, new ringing members elected were six little boys from Chepstow, one young lady from Penhow, two members from St. Woolos and two from Caldicot; also eight life members from Bath. Progress of various kinds was mentioned from Newport, Penhow, Usk and Chepstow. Mr. Lionel Jones paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Edgar Luff, who had been a ringer and tower leader at Usk for 30 years.

Mention was made of the rehanging in a new frame of the six bells at Grosmont and of the need for over £2,000. A fete during the summer had raised £133 and all agreed that this was indeed a wonderful effort for such a tiny village.

Finally came a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and the meeting was brought to a close with a prayer by the Rev. Ivor Richards.

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"Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes and prudent in their own sight." — Isaiah v, 21.

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330th Anniversary Dinner

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3.45– 4.45	St. Botolph's Aldgate (8) and St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting Crayford, Saturday, October 28th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. E. A. Barnett, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford. 2517

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Autumn meeting at Sudbury on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. 2546

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), LADIES' GUILD (Central District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, and a social evening at 7.45. St. John's bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8) (opposite the Underground Station), 2.45 to 4 p.m. No. 207 bus connects towers.—C. H. Rogers, D. Hague, J. Hooton and V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs. 2488

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, October 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 2557

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Practice meeting at Allensmore (6), October 28th, 6.30 p.m. (Please note—no afternoon ringing.) Business meeting during the evening. All welcome.—G. Simms, Ringing Master, T. Wood, Dis. Sec. 2568

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, October 28th. Ringing at St. John's, Alloa 2–4 and Dunblane 4.30–5.30. No meals provided.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec., 15, Durham Road, Edinburgh 15. 2564

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Bulwell (8), October 28th. Bells 6–9 p.m. Methods for atteention: Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2530

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M., Palgrave (8), Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5, followed immediately by business meeting. Thrandeston bells also available from 6.30. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge. 2552

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Dallington, Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. Brett, Mount Pleasant, The Street, Dallington.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Dis. Sec 2551

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Meeting at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath (6), Saturday, October 28th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing at Aberavon (8), 7–8.30 p.m. 2573

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Barnabas', Swanmore. October 28th. Service at 6 p.m. Ringing 6.30 till 8.30. Business meeting follows in the church. 2542

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Six-bell practice at Huish Champflower on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7 p.m. 2579

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Wednesday, November 1st, 7.45–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2549

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. — Meeting at Huddersfield Parish Church, Saturday, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to I. Roberts, 22, Bull Green Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, not later than October 31st. 2581

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Norton-sub-Hamdon (6, 18 cwt.), Saturday, November 4th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec. 2534

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Renhold (5), Saturday, November 4th, 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea Goldington, 5 p.m Goldington (6) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—C. M. Payne 2556

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Salford Priors (8), November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road Southam (Tel. 2510) by previous Wednesday. 2584

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Totnes on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. F. Shepperd, 26, Southdown Avenue, Brixham, by October 31st. 2569

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, November 4th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 2498

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, November 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Ringing at the Abbey (12) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Newtown Tewkesbury, Glos, by October 31st. 2575

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Oxhey (8), November 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2588

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, St. Mary's Swansea, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Williams, 4, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea, by October 30th. 2540

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Padiham on Saturday, November 4th (please note reversion to normal date), 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Holy Trinity, Burnley, approx. 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cups of tea at Padiham at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 2578

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, Blackpool, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 2604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Whetstone, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, please, to Mr. H. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leicester, by November 1st. Everyone very welcome.—Ron. Hughes. 2560

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, All Saints', Pontefract, November 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea Wordsworth Cafe Names to Dr. D. Atkins, 1, Acacia Close, Townville, Castleford, by 2nd. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon Sec. 2611

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Handsworth on November 4th. Cup Contest draw at 3 p.m. New rules now available—call change teams can enter. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield 13, by previous Wednesday.—Andrew King., Hon. Sec. 2572

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford, Saturday, November 4th. at 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2580

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Cuckfield, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Telephone E.G. 23815) as early as possible. 2606

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting Ryde, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — Anne Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. Afton Road, Freshwater, I.W. 2602

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Bishop's Cleeve (8), November 8th, 7.30 p.m. A.G.M., Cheltenham, December 2nd. 2591

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Monthly practice, Northmoor, Wednesday, November 8th, 7 to 9 p.m. 2582

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Blofield on Thursday, November 9th. Bells (6) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 2570

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Thetford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Fuller, 29, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 2596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, November 11th. Names for tea to Mr. S. Berry, Braunston, Rugby, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 2595

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Annual District meeting at Leiston on November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Guild executive committee meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. H. Bryant, The Vicarage, Leiston, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—T. N. J. B. 2601

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 11th, at Oxted. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Limpsfield bells available 3–4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea to A. Newnham, 56, Westlands Way, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 5092

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

ROVING RINGERS.—Would members interested in joining the 21st annual reunion on Saturday, February 24th, and are not on the regular mailing list, please contact: Roy D. Mills, Nonsuch, Grays Lane, Ashtead, Surrey. 2599

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice on November 1st at St. Martin's is **cancelled.**—D. E. Sibson, Hon. Sec. 2612

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —The annual dinner will be held on December 2nd. Tickets 25s. Ringing arrangements to be announced later.—Susan E. M. Davis, c/o J.C.R., University of Southampton. 2600

WANTED. — Gramophone Record CLP 1441. Must be in good condition. 30s. offered. Write: C. W Woolley, 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts. 2610

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hoole, Chester, Saturday November 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester, not later than November 1st. 2609

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Double Norwich and Little Bob. 2608

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Hersham on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after for those who notify Mrs. G. Webb, 29, Netley Drive, Walton-on-Thames, by previous Wednesday. 2593

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting. Bromfield, Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 2598

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Saturday November 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 2594

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting at Pirton (5) on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2607

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Skipton (8) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott. 2576

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bletchingley, Saturday, November 11th, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Godstone, with service at 6.30 and evening ringing at Godstone from 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, by Thursday, November 9th. Names for the annual dinner on January 13th, 1968, to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, please. 2597

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J L. Garner-Hayward,, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick.

LATE NEWS

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I hereby give notice of a hand-bell peal record attempt

The peal attempt will consist of 20,160 changes of Plain Bob Minor consisting of 28 different extents. (The extents are Nos. 1, 2, 22, 21, 23, 25. C.C. Collection and several as printed in "The Ringers' Diary" and variations and combinations thereof, all with 5–6's only at backstrokes.)

The attempt will take place at Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire, on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, commencing at 10 a.m. approximately.

The ringers taking part will be: Mrs. S. Sargeant 1–2, Frank C. Price (conductor) 3–4, Kenneth R. Davenport 5–6. Three referees will be present during the peal.

It is specially requested that ringers will make no attempt to inquire, either by telephone or personal call, about the progress of the ringing until after 5.30 p.m. in the interests of the success of the attempt.—Yours sincerely, FRANK C. PRICE.

Crowthorne, Berks.

The first of three epilogues by Canon Gilbert Thurlow entitled "Cathedrals and Ringing" will be transmitted by Tyne-Tees Television on November 4th.

Mr. John Willis, a vice-president of the Kent County Association, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill, last Saturday (October 21st)

OSWY STREET CONTEST, 1967

Six teams entered on a wet and windy day at Ordsall on October 14th. The striking of most reflected the weather.

Warsop won again (27 faults). Derby Cathedral "A." Barnsley and East Retford rang moderately in comparison and came very close (64, 66 and 67 respectively). Stow were placed next never really settling down (114 faults). Derby "B" rang out aften nine minutes, the bells being set on account of a miscall.

Roughtown and Friezland had hoped to enter but were prevented

Thanks were expressed to the judge, Mr. H. Chant, and his marker, Mr. P. Mounsey, to the Rector for the bells and to the ladies for the tea

Ringing also took place at Babworth and East Retford.

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A Notable Composition

A Review of Stephen Wood's 5,009 Stedman Caters

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

IT is a matter for regret that the Central Council Collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, published six years ago, failed to include Stephen Wood's fine 5,009 of Caters. I am conscious of a measure of guilt in this matter, because Mr. Critchley was kind enough to ask me for suggestions as to material for the collection, and in recommending certain matter I overlooked this important and striking contribution to the Stedman repertoire. It may not be inopportune, therefore, to reproduce the figures of the peal, to look at its structure, and to draw attention to its excellent qualities, and in doing so to pay some small tribute to the memory of a gallant gentleman who laid down his life in the cause of humanity.

First let us look at the construction of the peal and how it is built.

If a course of Stedman Caters is called 4.5. 8.9. 14.15. 18.19 and this is repeated four times a round block or section of five courses will be obtained, having the 5ths place bell retained in fifths place. If the first course of this section is called 2. 14.15. 18.19. and the other four courses as above the result will be a section of five courses that may be repeated once, thus giving a round block of 10 courses. But in the second section the bells in 7ths and 9ths will be reversed. This means—and this is the important point—that if the first section is in the Tittums the second section will be in the Handstroke Home; or, if the first section is in the Handstroke Home the second will be in the Tittums. On this fact rests the construction of Mr. Wood's peal.

Now if each time the bells turn from Tittums to Handstroke Home the first course is called 2. 5s. 14.15. 18.19. two more sections will be spliced in and we shall have a round block of four sections (20 courses), half the sections Tittums and half Handstroke Home.

Lastly, if every fourth Turning Course is called 2. 5s. 8s. 14.15. 18.19. the number of sections will be doubled, and we shall have eight sections (40 courses) half Tittums and half Handstroke Home. And this is precisely what Mr. Wood has done. Look now at the figures of the peal and observe the very last course end, 134265879. If this is followed by the standard calling 4.5. 8.9. 14.15. 18.19. the next course end will be 321564879, which, you will observe, occurs as the third course end of the peal.

Apart from the first two courses, therefore, the whole peal consists of the round block of eight sections (forty courses). Mr. Wood has very cleverly exploited this great block, breaking into it at a convenient point by the use of two Opening Courses, and has so used his sections that only 5 and 6 appear in fifths place throughout. What this means to the qualities of the peal we shall see shortly.

At first sight it appears odd that the peal should end in the middle of a section, but an examination of the rotation of the 5th and 6th in alternate sections soon provides the reason why the peal cannot come round at handstroke at the end of a section. In the Tittum sections only the 5th is in fifths place (i.e. behind the 9th), and in the Handstroke Home sections only the 6th is in fifths place (i.e. behind the 8th). In order to maintain this quality it is necessary for either 5 or 6 to be Trebles-place bell at the end of each section, and this will inevitably result in . . . . 56978 appearing as the second course of a Tittum section and . . . . 65879 appearing as the second course of a Handstroke Home section. In no other position in the sections can 5 and 6 occupy these respective positions.

The number of changes, 5,009, is arrived at as follows.

The standard course contains 20 sixes, and there are 40 such courses, which gives us 800 sixes, 4,800 changes. The first course has 16 sixes and the second one 18 sixes; this provides 204 changes, bringing the peal to 5,004. Two odd rows at the beginning and three odd rows at the end bring the total to 5,009, a nice convenient number for a peal!

5,009 STEDMAN CATERS

By STEPHEN H. WOOD

231456789		4.5		8.9	14.15	18.19
431592876	2 3		6S	9	15	
134295		5			16	
321564879	2S	x		x	x	x
253461		x		x	x	x
542163		x		x	x	x
416352978	2	5S		8S	x	x
134256		x		x	x	x
321654		x		x	x	x
263451		x		x	x	x
642153		x		x	x	x
145263879	2				x	x
513462				A		
416253978	2	5S			x	x
643152				A		
145362879	2				x	x
512463				A		
146352978	2	5S		8S	x	x
612453				A		
415263879	2				x	x
543162				A		
146253978	2	5S			x	x
613452				A		
415362879	2				x	x
134265		x		x	x	x

Round in three rows.

For the conductor, one or two points may be noted.

(1) In every course of the main blocks there are bobs at 14.15 18.19. This is invariable.

(2) The end of each Tittum section is marked by the 6th as Trebles-place bell.

(3) The end of each Handstroke Home section is marked by the 5th as Trebles-place bell.

(4) Every Turning Course from Handstroke Home to Tittums includes the single at 5.

MUSICAL QUALITIES

We may now look at some of the musical qualities of this very interesting peal, and these are best revealed by an examination of the construction of one of the standard courses. I have chosen to set out in full a Handstroke Home course; a Tittum course is precisely the same but with 8 and 9 reversed, and the 5th behind the 9th.

It will be noted that all the bobs are in in pairs and that each pair occurs when the fixed bells are behind. The fixed bells in this Handstroke course are 6, 9, 8 and 7, and the plan of calling is: 6th twice Wrong, 9th twice Right, 8th twice Wrong, 7th twice Right. In a Tittum course 9 and 8 would be reversed and 5 would take the place of 6.

There is, of course, a serious limitation imposed by the use of this plan. An examination of the structure shows that it is not possible to add any more calls to the course without upsetting the fixed bells. The course itself will repeat four times to give a block of five courses and there are altogether four such blocks, all independent of one another. But there seems to be no way of shunting from one block to another by the use of bobs or singles without destroying the relative positions of 6, 7, 8 and 9; and to destroy this relationship would be to lose all the advantages of the plan. The only way Mr. Wood found to exploit his four blocks was to interleave them with the corresponding Tittum blocks. If a way could be found to run the four Tittum blocks (20 courses) in succession, with the 6th in fifths, and the four Handstroke Home blocks (20 courses) in succession in the same way, we should then have another notable composition, and one well worthy to be put alongside Mr. Wood's masterpiece.

	321564879
	253417698
	254739186
	572948361
—	579823461
—	785394261
	783456912
	847631529
—	846175329
—	418563729
	415382697
	134259876
	132947568
	391726485
—	397614285
—	963472185
	964238751
	629845317
—	628593417
—	256384917
	253461879

After this short digression (indulged in chiefly to stir some of our composers!) let us look at the musical fare Mr. Wood offers, for here we shall find one or two novel features. One unusual experience is to find no 7689 at the Tittum course-end, and this might perhaps be counted a defect in an otherwise splendid peal were it not compensated by musical manifestations not often found in Stedman Caters. The very nature of the construction of the composition prevents the fixing of the sixth in fifths place in the Tittum blocks, and we must content ourselves with the 7589 terminations, the next best, perhaps, to 7689. In the middle of the course we have an 8975 termination, and the second course of each block produces a course-end 56978. In addition, the third course of each Tittum block provides two bobs on 96. So it will be seen there is a variety of music to make up for the missing 7689.

It is, however, in the Handstroke Home that we find the feature of outstanding merit. In most ordinary peals of Stedman Caters the beauty of the course-end is followed by a sharply contrasted bareness in the middle of the course; in this peal the composer has found a way to fill this gap and fill it very effectively. The eleventh six of each course brings up the termination 9876, and this is followed immediately by 9.7.68, an impressive and satisfying sequence. Thus we have the best of two worlds—the loveliness of the course-end with its 7698 and 7.9.86, and in the middle of the course the two lively inversions.

The two opening courses of the peal serve to introduce the main blocks and to raise the number of changes above 5,000. They merit a short note, for they produce two course-ends in the 7968 position. This is an attractive musical effect, often used in Grandsire Caters but rarely in Stedman. Composers might keep it in mind, for it may readily be resolved into the Handstroke Home position, as Mr. Wood shows in the third course.

On December 17th, 1932, Mr. Ernest Morris conducted this peal at Loughborough, when the band declared that it was the most musical peal they had ever rung; Stephen Wood rang the tenor. Eight years later he met his death while on duty in an air raid in Bristol. Among his several enterprises in the field of composition he has left us this remarkable peal, to provide ringing of unusual interest and a challenge to the conductor. I cannot recall that it has been rung on handbells, but that, clearly, is something well worth doing.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob; 6 covering): S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, Miss B. Fisher 6. First quarter in three methods 3 and 4. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Wraight 1 Mrs. Hazel V. Mitchell 2, E. A. Gilbert 3, F. J. Dadson 4, W. A. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. Peter W Poole, prior to his institution and induction as Vicar.

COMPOSITIONS

By RICHARD A. G. INGLIS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

No. 3

2314567890E	6	19
21345678E90	1.4S.17.	
314256	—	2
312456	S	2
214356	—	2
312465	5.7.8.10.11.13 15S.	
214365	—	2
213465	S	2
314265	—	2
2143658790E	9.19.13S.15.16 18S.22.	
413265	—	2
412365	S	2
213465	—	2
31256487E90	1.6.19.	
314265		—
312465	S	2
214365	—	2
2134658709E	2.9S.15S.18.	
314265	—	2
412365	—	2
413265	S	2
312465	—	2
214365	—	2

First rung on Thursday, July 27th, 1967, at Lincoln Cathedral.

5,004 STEDMAN CINQUES

No. 6

(2143658709E)	6	19
215364		S
214563		—
213465		—
314265	—	2
315264		S
31426578E90	2.13S.15S.19S.	
412365	—	2
213465	—	2
214365	S	2
413265	—	2
4132657890E	12.14.15.16.17.18.19.	
312465	—	2
214365	—	2
2143658790E	2S.13S.15S.	
413265	—	2
312465	—	2
21356487E90	1.6.19.	
214365		—
413265	—	2
412365	S	2
4123658709E	2.15S.	
413265	S	2
312465	—	2
214365	—	2

Start at backstroke the second change of a slow six.

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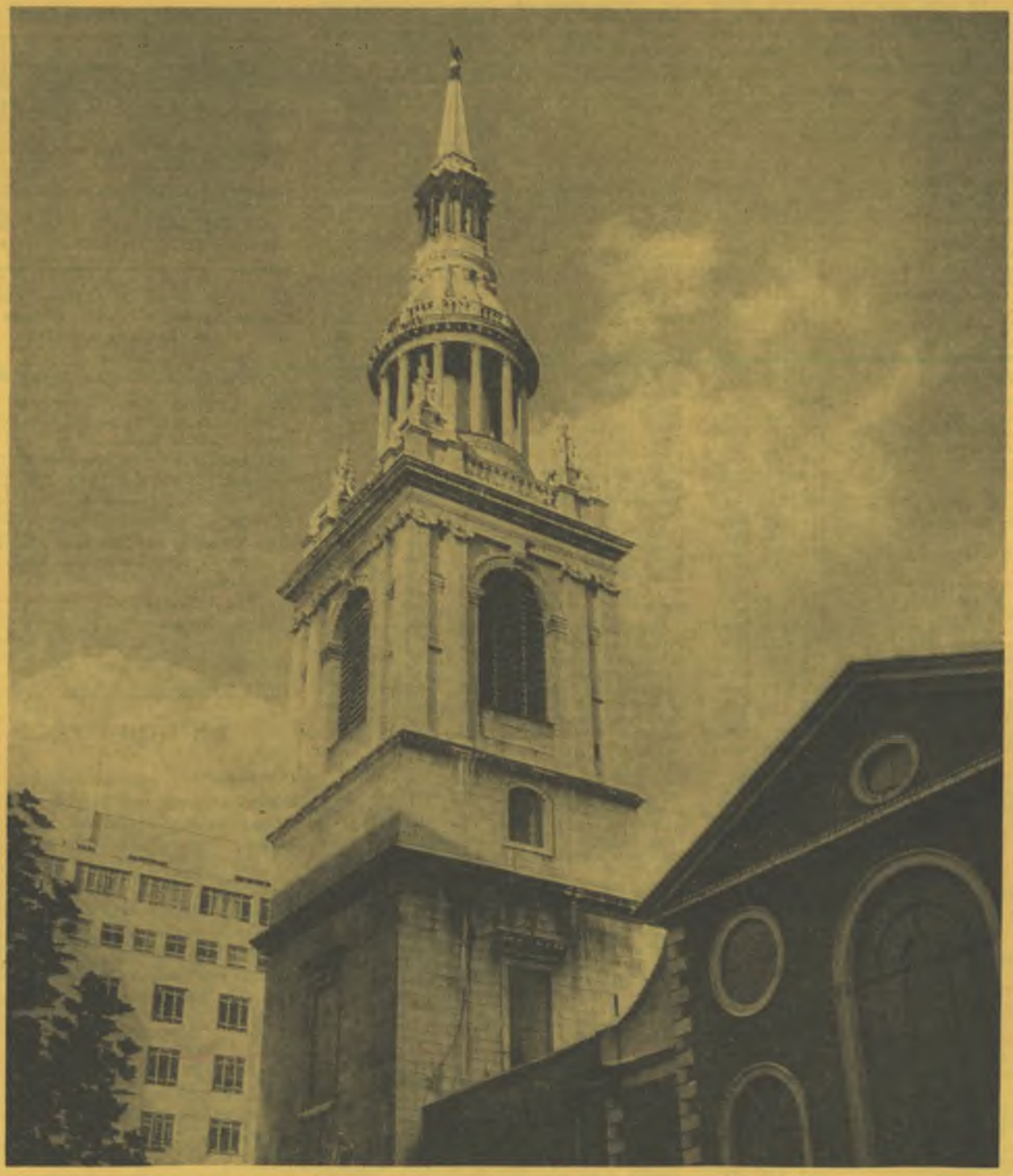

The Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C.

FAMOUS PEAL RINGING TOWERS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ON page 236 of "The Ringing World" of 1956 appeared an article with the above title which gave a list of the towers where more than 150 peals had been rung. A correspondent has recently asked for the number of peals rung in his tower and for the names of the towers where more peals had been rung. This has led me to think that ringers might be interested to see the present position of the League Table (as it were). Before giving the list, a few brief comments may be pertinent. In 1956 there were three towers above the 500 mark, now there are five. There were none in the 400's, now there is one. Between 300 and 400 there were 10, now there are 17. Over 250, there were 21 (including the above), now there are 36.

Because numbers have increased, the list below gives all the towers with more than 250 peals (and not, as last time, more than 150). In brackets, I have put the 1956 totals and also the position they then held in the "league." The figures include the peals which have been published up to "The Ringing World" of September 22nd.

Loughborough Bell Foundry	1,236	(625,	1st)
Erith	672	(507,	3rd)
Birmingham Cathedral	605	(257,	19th)
Crayford	535	(514,	2nd)
Willesden	523	(323,	7th)
Birmingham, St. Martin	421	(354,	4th)
Beddington	374	(308,	10th)
Hazel Grove	373	(232,	28th)
Brighton, St. Peter	370	(330,	5th)
Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul	365	(326,	6th)
Hughenden	363	(298,	14th)
Bushey	351	(265,	17th)
Debenham	342	(293,	16th)
Warnham	336	(320,	8th)
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter	334	(164,	66th)
Guildford, Holy Trinity	333	(301,	12th)
Crawley	328	(316,	9th)
Ashtead	324	(293,	15th)
Appleton	323	(257,	18th)
Ipswich, St. Mary le Tower	319	(306,	11th)
Leicester Cathedral	318	(190,	49th)
Leiston	316	(301,	13th)
North Stoneham	311	(249,	22nd)
Duffield	297	(245,	24th)
Aston-juxta-Birmingham	293	(235,	26th)
Bristol, St. Stephen	288	(226,	31st)
Framsden	287	(255,	20th)
Worsley	275	(207,	39th)
Ashton-u-Lyne, St. Michael	274	(166,	65th)
Southwark Cathedral	271	(228,	30th)
Lewes	268	(248,	23rd)
Walsall	267	(215,	34th)
Hethersett	266	(202,	43rd)
Chesterfield	261	(253,	21st)
Helmingham	254	(239,	25th)
Isleworth	250	(194,	46th)

I suppose the most noticeable feature is the change in position of certain towers, especially Ashton-under-Lyne. Also in the list are one or two towers which don't often appear at all these days, e.g. Leiston—a reminder that the hey-day of some are in the past.

SIX- AND FIVE-BELL TOWERS

As in the article 11 years ago, 6- and 5-bell ringers might like to see the position of their towers. Eleven years ago, only one 6-bell tower had passed the 100 mark—Thornham Magna. Now there are 11 and one of them was not even mentioned last time in the list of towers with more than 50 peals—North Muskham. Here then is the present position of towers which have passed their century:

Silk Willoughby	149	(67,	18th)
Thornham Magna	139	(136,	1st)
Croft	136	(97,	2nd)
Stisted	136	(69,	13th)
Gamston	131	(63,	22nd)
Apsley End	121	(72,	11th)
Wistaston	113	(81,	7th)
Darlington, Holy Trinity	107	(86,	6th)
North Muskham	103	(39,	?)
Deeping St. Nicholas	103	(61,	23rd)
Bunwell	101	(67,	17th)

This list shows that I missed the change of leadership amongst the 6-bell towers. It took place on January 16th, 1965, when Silk Willoughby passed Thornham's total. The latter had held the lead for I don't know how long. It reached the 50 mark in 1907 and the 100 in 1922! The second tower to do so was Croft in 1956 soon after the last article on this subject appeared. So it had a long time at the head of the division. Now others are creeping up on it, for peals are few these days (only three in the past 11 years). In the list 11 years ago there were two other towers in the 90's, and I fear they still remain there—Wickham Skeith, now 96 (then 93, 3rd), and Lamberhurst, now 94 (then 92, 4th). Of the other towers I mentioned last time with totals between 50 and 100, none have made very much progress and their totals are little altered.

As for 5-bell towers, I listed, in 1956, those which had reached double figures—17 of them. Warkton then led the way with 32 peals. I noted in an article in 1959 that Marston had passed Warkton's total, and this tower became the first 5-bell tower to reach the 50 mark in 1963. In this category, I think, my list this time must be of towers which have reached 15 and not 10 (for there are many that now total double figures). Here, then, is the table:

Marston	65	(15,	5th)
Warkton	35	(32,	1st)
Barton Segrave	31	(29,	2nd)
Whitney	28	(17,	4th)
Pytchley	25	(22,	3rd)
Stockbury	23	(9,	?)
Hutton	22	(13,	8th)
Weston Favell	21	(15,	5th)
Roade	21	(12,	13th)
Forncett St. Peter	20	(8,	?)
Dalby Magna	19	(13,	8th)
Kirby Muxloe	19	(13,	8th)
Grafton Underwood	18	(13,	8th)
Kirby Bellars	17	(9,	?)
Hammerwood	16	(9,	?)
Oakley	15	(14,	7th)
Orlingbury	15	(12,	13th)
Rumburgh	15	(11,	16th)
Long Buckby	15	(7,	?)
Little Houghton	15	(8,	?)
Raveningham	15	(4,	?)
Itchingfield	15	(3,	?)

One final point—I have, of course, confined myself to peals on towers with 6 and 5 bells in the last two categories. One or two have been augmented since 1956 (e.g. Horsmonden) and are now omitted even though their totals of peals of Minor or Doubles may be more than those mentioned above. Accrington, for instance, which was a former 6-bell tower, has now 135 peals of Minor amongst its total of peals. This is an obvious and outstanding case. It would be too long a job to divide up the peals rung in eight and over bell towers into Minor, Major, etc., and to see where the most of any category have been rung in towers which have been augmented (and it is surprising how many have been this century).

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The September meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Selston on the 23rd and was much enjoyed by all. Conforming to the usual pattern, the bells were available from 3 p.m. with a service at 4.30. The Rev. H. V. Simmons joined the company at tea and afterwards accepted an invitation to chair the meeting.

The points which emerged were the confirmation of the annual District meeting as being at Mansfield on January 27th and appreciation of the work of the respective secretaries in organising the recent highly successful joint outing.

Ringing continued until 8.30 in methods ranging from Grandsire to Norwich Surprise.

Next meeting: November 25th, Eastwood.

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OUR PICTURE

The Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C.

BY WILLIAM T. COOK

AMONG the pealable rings of England it is almost certain that none is more famous throughout the world than "Bow Bells," the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London. They play their part in the legend of Dick Whittington, "thrice Lord Mayor of London," who is said to have heard them from Highgate in 1375, and to have been inspired by their sound to return to London; and there is the old tradition that to be a true "Cockney" one must have been born within the sound of Bow Bells. In more recent years, the sound of Bow Bells, or at any rate of the back ten as they existed before 1933, became extremely well known through the recording made by a band of the College Youths, which was for so long used as the "interval signal" on the Home Service of the B.B.C.

A church has certainly been in existence on this site since early Norman times. The great historian of London, Stow, who wrote in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, records that "in the year 1100 . . . the roof was blown off in a mighty tempest, in which several people were killed." Part of the original crypt of the 11th century, built of Roman bricks, still survives to form one of the oldest parochial buildings in London. The name of the church is probably derived from the arches of this crypt, which also gave their name to the Ecclesiastical Court of Arches, which was first held in Bow Church in 1172.

THREE TOWERS

Ever since the Middle Ages, St. Mary-le-Bow has been one of the largest and finest of City churches The present tower is the third belonging to the church. The first, the Norman tower, collapsed in 1271. As Stow says: "A great part of the steeple fell down and slew many people, men and women." It was replaced by what appears from old illustrations to have been a very fine tower, which was not completed until 1512. This tower had at the corners four stone lanterns, with a fifth held aloft between them on flying buttresses built of Caen stone. These lanterns were intended to be glazed and lighted at night for the convenience of travellers.

The earliest record of a bell at Bow is in a regulation of 1362, in which Bow Church was appointed as one of the City churches where the Curfew should be rung. There is some evidence that the bell used for this purpose was cast in 1334. The Curfew was originally rung at 8 o'clock, but in 1496 the time was changed to 9 o'clock. In addition to the evening Curfew there was a morning bell rung at 5.45 a.m. each day in accordance with the will of John Downe or Donne, who died in 1472. He also left two tenements in Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane) "for the maintenance of the great bell."

A KNELL FOR DONOR

At the time of Edward VI Bow Church possessed "ffyve greate belles and two Sanctus Bells." One of these bells, the great bell, was given by William Copland, a tailor and king's merchant, who was churchwarden in 1515, with the direction that it should be used as the Curfew. This bell was first rung as a knell for the death of its donor. These bells were added to from time to time until by 1652 or 1653, we find one Peter Mundy, in an essay of "Change Ringing," referring to "the 12 bells of Bow whereof 10 bee rung and 2 tolled."

These bells were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. The tower was not badly damaged, and over £500 was spent on an attempt to restore it. But when rebuilding was seen to be inevitable, it was decided to emphasise the importance of the church by building the present magnificent steeple to the design of Sir Christopher Wren and bringing it forward to Cheapside (the old tower apparently stood back from the street) with a vestibule between it and the church. Wren intended the new tower, which cost nearly £7,400, to carry twelve bells, but only eight were placed there at first. These were ordered in 1677 from John and Christopher Hodson Christopher Hodson was the son of John, the famous London bellfounder, and in 1677 he set up in business at St. Mary Cray, Kent. In 1680 he cast Great Tom of Oxford. Part of the inscription on the present tenor of Bow bells reads: "Recast 1669," repeating the inscription on the 1933 tenor, but this is evidently incorrect. The tenor of the 1677 ring weighed "upwards of 52 Hundred Weight."

FIRST PEAL 1731

The first peal on these bells was one of Bob Triples, rung by the College Youths on Tuesday, January 12th, 1731. Eleven men were needed, three on the tenor and two on the seventh; it was called from the seventh bell by John Cundell. On Monday, February 11th, 1734, the College Youths rang 5,040 Bob Major in four hours and three minutes, again with eleven men. This peal was called by Benjamin Annable from the sixth, and was the heaviest peal of Major that had been rung. Indeed, if the tenor weight of 52 cwt. is correct, it was unbeaten until the peal in 1911 mentioned below.

In 1738 the tenor was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester. This fine bell, which lasted until 1933, when it was found to be cracked, weighed 53¼ cwt. The other seven bells were recast in 1762 by Lester and Pack, and two trebles were added to make a ring of ten. The new bells were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, the 25th birthday of George III. The first peal on the ten bells was 5,363 Grandsire Caters rung by the College Youths on April 14th, 1765, in 3 hours and 51 minutes, and called from the treble by William Underwood. For this peal three men were needed on the tenor and two on the ninth.

Other noteworthy peals rung in the 18th century are the first of Royal on the bells—5,040 Oxford Treble Bob, rung on December 23rd, 1782, in 4 hours and 15 minutes, with Samuel Muggeridge and William Lyford on the tenor, conducted by John Povey from the fourth; and the first on the bells rung by ten men only—5,111 Grandsire Caters on February 19th, 1787, in 3 hours and 52 minutes. Povey was again the conductor, on the fourth, and Phillip Pilgrim rang the tenor. Both these peals were rung by College Youths.

TWELVE BELLS SINCE 1881

In September, 1819, the steeple was repaired and strengthened with iron ties. In October, 1881, two trebles were added to make a ring of twelve and the first peal on the twelve bells, 5,004 Stedman Cinques, was rung by the College Youths on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1890, in 4 hours and 5 minutes, conducted by James Pettit. The bells were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1901. The first peal of Maximus in the tower was 5,088 Kent Treble Bob, rung on Saturday, January 9th, 1907, in four hours and one minute, in which W. T. Cockerill rang the tenor and conducted. This peal was commemorated by a dinner, and a marble tablet was erected in the belfry. On Saturday, January 14th, 1911, 5,088 London Surprise Major was rung on the back eight bells in four hours; H. R. Newton called the peal from the tenor. The longest peal on the bells was 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung on December 12th, 1925, by a band of the Middlesex County Association, with William Pye on the tenor.

In 1933 all the bells except the fourth, fifth, ninth and eleventh were recast by Gillett and Johnston Ltd., and the bells were hung in a new frame, the cost of this restoration being defrayed by Mr. Gordon Selfridge. The new tenor weighed 54 cwt. On May 11th, 1941, these bells were destroyed as a result of enemy action, and the church and tower were severely damaged. Some of the original bell metal was, however, salvaged, and the present bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1956. The recasting and ceremony of naming the present tenor ("Bow") and second ("Fabian") were carried out in the presence of the then Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cuthbert Ackroyd, and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, John S. Mason.

PRINCE PHILIP AT OPENING

Unfortunately, it was discovered shortly afterwards that the steeple was unsafe as a result of war damage, and it had to be partly taken down and rebuilt. It was several years before the funds necessary for this operation could be raised and the work completed, so that it was not until December 20th, 1961, that the new bells, having at last been hung in the tower, were dedicated by the Bishop of London in the presence of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The tenor of the present ring weighs 41 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. The bells are named (from treble to tenor): Katherine, Fabian, Christopher, Margaret, Mildred, Faith, Augustine, John, Timothy, Pancras, Cuthbert and Bow, and each bell has inscribed on it a text from the Psalms, the initial letters of which form an acrostic spelling "D. Whittington." The first peal on the present bells, 5,007 Stedman Cinques, was rung on November 9th, 1963.

Cover picture by Christopher Dalton.

AMBRIDGE RINGERS' BAD EXAMPLE

Strong Protest to "Radio Times"

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, has written to the Editor of the "Radio Times" protesting about the picture of Ambridge bellringers in "The Borchester Echo." His letter reads:—

> Dear Sir.—I write to draw attention to the absurd and misleading depiction of the Ambridge bellringers in the issue of "The Borchester Echo" of October 13th. No ringers of ability would adopt such postures or handle bell ropes in the manner shown; and to conceive that Bob Major can be rung on four bells is as ridiculous as to imagine that Schubert's celebrated Octet can be played by a string quartette.
>
> The ringing of bells forms an important part of our church work and is therefore entitled to be treated, if not always too solemnly, at least with accuracy. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has a committee of experts ready and willing to advise the B.B.C. (or anyone else) on all aspects of the art of ringing.

Another protest comes from Mr. E. J. Holloway, of Crewe:—

> Dear Sir —I would suggest that some competent ringing instructors be sent to "Ambridge" to instruct their local ringers how to handle bell ropes properly and safely.
>
> We ringers know, of course, that "Ambridge" and the somewhat queer characters found therein are really non-existent but the general public might think all ringers are slovenly and careless.

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Truro Guild Celebrates 70th Anniversary of Foundation

THE Truro Diocesan Guild was founded at a meeting held in the crypt of the Cathedral on October 8th, 1897, and was presided over by the then Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Gott. In order to celebrate the 70th anniversary a dinner was held at the Brookdale Hotel, Truro, on October 14th, when a company of 70, representing the Diocese from east to west, was presided over by the president, Mr. Alan Carveth, who, on calling the assembly to silence by ringing the Guild bell, invited the Rev. A. S. Roberts (vice-chairman) to say Grace. The gathering was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop (the Rt. Rev. J M. Key) and Mrs. Key.

Mr. H. Lander (a vice-president), in proposing "The Church," referred to the smallest church in the Diocese, at Cornelly, and the Cathedral Church, but these, he said, were only the buildings, the life of the Church depended upon the people, and despite what had happened so often in the past, today the ringers were also the Church Council, the choir, the servers, indeed holding every office.

A LIVE CHURCH

In his reply, the Bishop congratulated the Guild on the fact that it had now reached three score years and ten, but he had been talking to several that evening who had passed that age and who were still ringing. Long might they continue. The Bishop referred to the fact that the Church in Cornwall was very much alive despite the suggestions from time to time that it was dying.

Mr. E. H. Langley was entrusted with the toast "The Truro Diocesan Guild," and said he could speak, as it were, as one who could see the activities of the Guild from the touch-line, having come to live in Cornwall three years ago. He had learned his ringing in the Oxford Diocese, where the Diocesan Guild had been founded only 16 years before the Truro Guild.

Mr. Langley referred to the two types of ringing that could be found in Cornwall and how, on his first visit to the county ten years ago he stayed with his daughter at Tintagel, and on the Sunday morning at the Parish Church he joined in the local ringing, where they rang the bells up and down and up and down with a few rounds in between. In the evening he had the pleasure of ringing in a fine quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Stratton. Since that time he had rung on 95 of the 147 rings in Cornwall in so many churches of great historical interest.

Mr. Langley said he did not know enough about the Call Change Ringing Association to pass comment, but he asked, "Are all the bells being rung regularly and are there plenty of learners coming on?"

POINTS OF PROGRESS

In looking at the reports he could see that progress had been made over the years and he congratulated the officers on this. In 1936 there were 66 affiliated towers and in 1967 there were 87. Some had fallen by the wayside but others had taken their places.

In 1936 there were seven peals rung, mainly by the same people, and all Grandsire, and no mention of quarter peals. In 1966 there were 12 peals in various methods, including one in five methods and 46 quarter peals in a variety of methods. There were 12 towers regularly ringing methods, which was an improvement he had seen during his time of living in Cornwall.

The Rev. J. R. Jose, Vicar of Perranarworthal and Stithians, replied and referred to the fact of the great drain upon their ringers in Cornwall and especially in the rural parishes where, as soon as the best brains reached the age of 18, they left for university or college, and others left to find work in the towns. He had two fine rings of six bells and knew the difficulties of maintaining local bands, but he always welcomed visiting bands at any time. He did, however, stress the fact that every ringer should be attached to a local tower if this was at all possible.

During the evening a course of Grandsire Triples was well rung by Mary Carveth 1–2, V. Mary Matthews 3–4, A. J. Davidson 5–6, and A. F. Burley 7–8. This brought applause.

A pleasing fact that the East Cornwall Ringing Association is interested in and willing to co-operate with its bigger sister, the Diocesan Guild, was seen by the presence as guests of Mr. E. C. Facey (the chairman) and Mr. J. Summerfield (the treasurer). They were accorded a special welcome by the president. Grateful thanks were accorded to Mr. A. J. Davidson (secretary), who had undertaken all the arrangements for the dinner and which had been done with all his usual precision.

THE COMPANY

At the top table, the Lord Bishop of Truro (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key, D.D.) and Mrs. Key, Mr. A. Carveth (president) and Mrs. Carveth the Rev and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. A. J. Davidson (hon. secretary).

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Cycling Vicar Completes 1,000 Mile Ride

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CONGRATULATIONS to the Rev. the Hon. M. R. Morrison, Vicar of Randwick, Stroud, Glos, on completing his 1,000-mile sponsored cycle ride from Land's End to John o' Groats to enable the bells of his parish church to be augmented from four to six.

Notifying "The Ringing World" of his fine achievement, accomplished not without hardships, the Vicar states that the fund is now nearing £500 given or promised; only about another £100 is needed for a first-class job. Those desirous of being associated with this achievement should send donations to Mr. A. J. B. Haines, Hon. Treasurer, The Randwick Bell Fund, Ashleigh, Randwick, Stroud, Glos.

The diary of the ride, which was accomplished with 18 hours to spare, is as follows:

October 2.—Left Truro Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. after service of Blessing by the Priest-Vicar, the Rev. L. M. Coulson. Stops at Helston, Land's End Hotel. Left Land's End about 8.45 p.m., arrived Penzance Youth Hostel 9.50 p.m.

October 3rd.—Left Penzance Youth Hostel 9.15 a.m. Stops at Bodmin (lunch), Launceston, and outskirts of Exeter. Arrived Exeter Youth Hostel 8 p.m.

October 4th.—Left Exeter Youth Hostel 9.35 a.m. Stops at outskirts of Taunton (lunch), East Lyng, Wells (to see Cathedral clock striking 4 p.m.). Mr. Morrison delayed at Wells by cone trouble. A representative of the Stroud C.T.C. met Mr. Pegler between Bath and Nailsworth and travelled home with him. Arrived home at Randwick 9.30 p.m.

October 5th.—Left Randwick 7.20 a.m. (the earliest start managed on the tour). Stop at Warwick 11.30 a.m. for lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Gardiner, of 41, Green Lane. Dep. 12.45. Arrived at Loughborough Bell Foundry about 4.10 p.m. Here Mr. Paul Taylor, managing director of John Taylor and Co., the bellfounders for the Randwick improvements, kindly entertained Mr. Morrison for the evening, as well as presenting a donation for four guineas. Dep. Loughborough 9.30 p.m., arr. Nottingham Commercial Hotel 10.30 p.m.

October 6th.—Dep. Nottingham 8.25 a.m. Stop at York to see Minster. Stop at Scorton; delay by taking wrong road in the dark for Scotch Corner. Arrived at Barnard Castle 10.05 p.m. after being guided in by Mr. Michael Wheeler to his home at 38, Bede Road, where he and Mrs. Wheeler kindly offered hospitality.

October 7th.—Left Barnard Castle 8.25 a.m. Arrived Corbridge, after severe hills and more cone trouble, at 12.45 p.m. Arr. Jedburgh (stop) 6.10 p.m. Arr. Edinburgh 11.05 p.m. to stay two nights with aunt, Mrs. E. Cowley, of 35, Telford Road.

October 8th (Sunday).—No progress made with the journey, as planned. Preaching appointment at old school, Fettes College, in morning. Spent rest of day seeing friends and relations.

October 9th.—Dep. Edinburgh 7.55 a.m. St. Andrew's 11.55 a.m. Stop at Dundee (puncture in the rain, and lunch). Stop Braemar (telephone). Arr. near Crathie 8.20 p.m. to spend night (not booked) with Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Pine Cottage, near Crathie.

October 10th.—Dep. Crathie 9 a.m. Severe hills and head-winds. Stop at Tomintoul for lunch. Stop at Grantown-on-Spey to repair broken spokes in front wheel at garage. Dep. Grantown 4.30 p.m. approx. Stop for tea. Arr. Inverness 6.55 p.m. Arr. Evanton c. 9.30 p.m. to spend night at the Munros' Guest House (not booked).

October 11th.—Dep. Evanton 8.10 a.m. Stop at Helmsdale. Stop at Berriedale to see the Duke and Duchess of Portland. Stop for lunch-tea. Stop at John o' Groats Post Office and Hotel (arr. 7.20 p.m.) after visiting Duncansby Head Lighthouse. Dep. John o' Groats 7.50, arr. Thurso, St. Peter's Church, 9.20 p.m. (c. 18 hours to spare) Stayed night with Mr. and Mrs. Corsie, of 50, Pennyland Drive.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN HAVE 150 AT ANNUAL DINNER

THE annual dinner and dance of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bowdon Assembly Rooms on October 14th. Over 150 people were present at the gathering, including visitors from as far afield as Cornwall and Cardiff. An excellent turkey dinner was enjoyed by all in surroundings befitting the occasion.

The speech by Mr. John Freeman (vice-president of the Council), in proposing the health and continued prosperity of the Guild, was preceded by a touch of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. Mr. Freeman commented on the long association between the Chester and Lincoln Diocesan Guilds, particularly in the peals of Spliced Treble Bob Minor rung in the 1930's. He referred to the fact that he had rung his first peal of London Royal with the Cheshire band.

In his capacity as vice-president of the Central Council he referred to recent criticisms there had been of the Central Council meetings, pointing out that it was the responsibility of individual Guilds to send their best representatives; they were not delegates. Expressing a personal opinion, he said that he was not sure that the method of selection employed by the Chester Guild was the most desirable one. [It is hoped to change the method of selection at the next annual festival, notice having already been given at this year's meeting.]

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP

In his reply to the toast of "The Guild," the Master, Mr. A. R. Elkins, said that 1966 had been a record year in many respects; membership stood at about 800, the highest figure in the history of the Guild; peals, too, had reached an all-time record of 183. Early in 1967, however, they had lost the Master of the Guild Mr. John Worth, who was mainly responsible for the prosperity the Guild was now enjoying. Mr. Elkins then took up some of the points on which he thought the Central Council gathering could be improved. Briefly they are as follows:

(1) Reports of various committees should appear in "The Ringing World" before the meeting so that members would be better informed than at present, and reports could be taken as read, or amendments added if required.

(2) Instead of tower-grabbing coach trips, members might be better employed giving instruction to learners at certain towers in the area being visited by the Council.

The "formal" proceedings were rounded off with three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.

Dancing commenced at 8.15 p.m. and continued until 11.45 p.m., the tastes of all being catered for. It was noticeable that pints of mild and bitter had changed to pints of shandy, it being the first Saturday of the "breathaliser." R. B. S.

Next Sunday at 6 p.m. "Barnaby's Bell" will be dedicated at Wansford Parish Church, Northants. Our picture shows the original sign of the Haycock Hotel with Barnaby, who went to sleep on a haycock, being awakened by the sound of the bell of St. Mary's Church and from the middle of the River Nen crying out: "Where am I?" With Barnaby's Bell as tenor Wansford will have a ring of six.
[Picture by courtesy of "The Peterborough Citizen Advertiser."

HIGH STANDARD AT BATH STRIKING CONTEST

The second striking competition of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Priston. The six bells are easy to ring, and are very pleasant to listen to inside and out of the tower, in fact ideal for such a venture.

Eight teams entered and Corston again excelled themselves; they entered three teams and the result of the competition was: 1st Corston A (ringing Cambridge); 2nd Corston B (Double Court); 3rd Corston C (Grandsire Doubles).

The result was a very close thing between 1st and 2nd, as the "A" team had 18 faults and "B" team 20 faults. So the rest of the towers in the Branch will have to work very hard to try to compete with Corston.

We thank Mr. Ronald Beck and his son, Robert, for judging the ringing, and the Corston ladies for inviting the ringing bands back for an excellent tea in the Village Hall.

Ringing then continued on the octave at Twerton in methods up to London. A. F. L.

OBITUARY

HARRY PARKER

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. W. Frank Stenson writes the following tribute of Mr. Harry Parker, of Northwich, Cheshire.

"I am sure everyone who knew Harry—and they were many—will be sorry to learn of his passing on after a long and trying time.

"Harry was much loved by all who knew him: he was so unassuming, yet very efficient, whether in the peal band or up in the tower 'amongst the bells.' I am sure I speak for the Chester Guild and the Railwaymen's Guild.

"God give him rest and peace, and his wife and family comfort and courage."

MRS. D. SOUTHWOOD

The ringers of Horsham, Sussex, were shocked to hear of the death of one of their members, Mrs. Dorothy Southwood, who was killed in a car crash during her holidays.

Mrs. Southwood was introduced to ringing by her three children, Judy, Andrew and Jane, who are all ringers at Horsham Parish Church. She was making good progress and was ringing the treble to Grandsire Triples.

The bells were rung half-muffled at the funeral service at the Parish Church. The sympathy of the ringers goes to her husband and their three children. T. G.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH VISIT BATH

The Bridgwater Branch held its annual outing on September 23rd. Forty-one members and friends set off from Bridgwater under cloudy skies but by the time we reached our first tower, at Dinder, the weather was set fair for the rest of the day. The belfry here is small but those who were not ringing enjoyed the lovely setting of the church, with manor house and park adjoining.

Radstock was our next stop, and we enjoyed the nice six very much. At 12.30 we were let loose in Bath for lunch and shopping. Some members, spurning such a frivolous waste of time, made a desperate and unsuccessful attempt to "grab" the Abbey.

The afternoon was spent at the American Museum at Claverton, where there was much of interest, including hot gingerbread straight from the oven. Fortified by this and afternoon tea, we proceeded to Norton St. Philip for a short ring, then on to Bruton, the highlight of the day.

In a county well endowed with fine churches, Bruton Church is outstandingly beautiful, particularly the chancel, which has been newly decorated and is superb. The heavy six is such a magnificent ring that it would be a proud boast indeed to say that we did justice to it. But with Michael Stone on the 26 cwt. tenor at least there was nothing much wrong with the "rise."

After suitable refreshment we arrived back at Bridgwater at 10 p.m. having had a very happy day Our thanks are due to Michael and Valerie Stone for their organisation and to the incumbents and tower captains. J. L. A.

"RATHER CHEAP"

Dear Sir,—What a pity Brian Woodruffe had to add such an unfortunate footnote to his handbell peal of Maximus (page 742). He must have lived in Wales long enough to know that this is a subject that many Welshmen are extraordinarily sensitive about. They see the English claim on Monmouthshire as entirely unjust and this is hardly surprising since the present Archbishop of Wales is also Bishop of Monmouth, since no Newport Rugby player will represent England, and since almost all Monmouthshire place names are either Welsh or Welsh in origin.

No doubt he added the footnote as something of a joke, but to me at least this is not at all funny but rather cheap.—Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON.

Letters to the Editor

AMERICA'S WARM WELCOME

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago my wife and I made a trip to the U.S.A. Before going, I wrote to Mr. Jack Fanfani, asking him if I might ring at Washington Cathedral, and pointing out that I was not an experienced ringer but could manage Doubles and a touch of Minor, and on the treble only. Imagine my delight on arrival at my friend's house to find an invitation already waiting—no ifs or but or supposings attached to it.

On Sunday, September 30th, my friend and his family took my wife and me down country 100 miles or so (distance no barrier in U.S.A.), where Mr. Fanfani and Miss Fanfani met us on top of the steps of the Cathedral. Its magnificance must be seen to be appreciated We were taken to the ringing chamber by elevator and arrived at what looked like a magnificent drawing room. We rang from 2 until 3.40 p.m. on lashed clappers with striking hammers attached and at 3.40 clappers were freed and we rang for Evensong. After snaps, greetings and farewells we all left feeling very gratified indeed.

The point I wish to make is this: one goes to another country unsung and is received at face value and made welcome, whereas here at home one can meet bare-faced rudeness. My District chairman, a well known peal ringer, was flatly ignored in one well known London tower; another well known peal ringer was told, in no uncertain manner, "To prevent any embarrassment please don't turn up." Can you beat it? A friend of mine has obtained some Cathedral bells here at home (Liverpool, the latest), but the flat refusals far outweigh the "Yes, of course." A pity these bands consider their towers and themselves above the ordinaries. Were they born as pealers or did they stoop to learn the elementaries?—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover, Hants.

THAT SIXPENCE

Dear Sir,—That sixpence steepleage. I have had the pleasure of ringing with the London County Association on numerous occasions. When in Rome I try to do as Rome does and pay my dues, but never have I been accosted in any way. I well remember one meeting when Miss Dupré was counting the coins on the table and the look on her face when she appeared to have too much. "Have you sixpence too much?" I asked. "Yes," she replied. I told her how it had come about and "Thank you so much," was the reply.

Either I am privileged or your correspondents singularly unlucky. Such a small sum for a half-day's enjoyment.—Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND BATH.

Camberley, Surrey.

LOWEST FAULTS IN A COMPETITION

Dear Sir,—In answer to the inquiry from Accrington, the lowest number of faults made by a Sunday service band that I have in my records is Friezland with 17 faults, with our own band, Silkstone, with 18 faults in the same competition.

The competition was held at Penistone (tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp) on July 6th, 1963. The test was 600 changes.

Both Friezland and Silkstone rang Oxford T.B.

I hope that this will be of interest to our friends in Accrington.—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MANN.

Silkstone, Barnsley.

"COMPLETE NONSENSE"

Dear Sir,—I hope the band who rang a peal of Plain Bob Maximus "in hand" at Cardiff on August 31st ("R.W." page 763) will not think me pharisaical if I ask what the footnote means; I quote "First peal on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire)." Downton Road is, in fact, in Monmouthshire, where both handbell and tower-bell peals on 12 bells have been already rung.

If, as the footnote suggests, Wales excludes Monmouthshire, then there still hasn't been a 12 bell peal in Wales. Before ringers claim a multitude of records for a peal, they should ensure that the records are meaningful; the footnote in question is complete nonsense, as it has no actual meaning. However, I would still like to congratulate the band on their achievement.—Yours sincerely,

G STICKLAND (Rev.).

Port Talbot, Glam.

WHAT ABOUT THE RECRUITING LEAFLET?

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter by G. F. Roome that appeared in "The Ringing World" on October 13th. He seems to suggest that there is no publication by the Central Council which will give information to the public about church bells and why they ring. I wonder if he has ever taken steps to obtain the recruiting leaflet from the Council. There he will find a photograph of a bell and also information on bells and why ringers ring them. Also there is a form at the base in which times and dates can be placed together with the address of the tower captain, and I quote: "... The Head Ringer (and here the name is inserted together with his address) will be pleased to show you the bells, either at these times, or at other times by arrangement.'

This criticism I feel is unfounded as there is a publication for the public which can be obtained by the ringer for distributon to the public if necessary.—Yours faithfully,

M. H. HILLER.

Abingdon, Berks.

CATHEDRAL RINGER'S VIEWS ON THE OTHER MUSIC

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to reply to Mr. J. A. Burton? He seems to forget that one of the main functions of a Cathedral Church is the daily singing of the Offices of Matins and Evensong, and that it has been the tradition of these places that the music should be of the highest standard.

As a ringer at a Cathedral famed for its choir no less than for its bells, I count it a privilege to be able to attend the regular Sung Evensong where a near perfect offering of music is made. The size of the congregations at Saturday and Sunday Evensong shows that many people are able to take their part without feeling upset that they are not intended to sing.

No one would attempt to criticise those who find the Cathedral music difficult to understand but it is a sobering thought that our own peculiar musical offering in the belfry on a Sunday is probably even more difficult for most people to understand, and by its sheer noise value can be infinitely more annoying.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Diglis, Worcester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of September 8th W. Stote, in his "Peterborough Guild Memories," states that he was proposed as a non-resident member of the Guild at Dodford on November 7th, 1925, and the possibility that he has held such membership longer than any other living ringer. He also says he would be pleased to learn of any other living ringer who was elected to non-resident membership prior to this date.

I cannot fulfil all the conditions he asks as I was elected a **resident** member in 1923 or early 1924, ringing a peal at Titchmarsh in November, 1924, but I left the diocese in April, 1915 and have lived in Hertfordshire since that date. Thus I became automatically a non-resident member 42½ years ago, and I still ring Sunday by Sunday.

Without being certain, I would say at a guess that Stephen H. Hoare, of Watford, late of Woodston, Peterborough, probably holds non-resident membership longer than either Mr. Stote or myself, but it is an interesting thought on the part of Mr. Stote, and I thank him for raising it.—Yours faithfully,

F. KIRK.

Leverstock Green, Herts.

LONG SERVICE AT EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested to read the report that Miss May S. Taylor has now completed 50 years' service as a ringer, and I offer her my congratulations on this happy event. In 1925 I was working some time in Edinburgh and as soon as possible on arrival I made my way to the tower of St. Cuthbert's, where I received a very warm welcome, and I had the pleasure of joining in the service ringing and practices for the whole time I was there. Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote was then tower master, and Miss Taylor and Miss Whitson were lady members of the band I found Mr. Heathcote a good companion and friend; this applies to all members of the band. The ringing chamber was kept spotlessly clean, also the bells and frame were well attended to, which was chiefly due to Mr. Heathcote's care and attention.

Miss Taylor and myself now have something in common as I started ringing in the tower of the Parish Church, Trowbridge, in September, 1907, and have therefore completed 60 years as a ringer.

I rang my first peal on May 31st, 1909.

I left Trowbridge some years before the first world war, but wherever I was I continued service ringing and practices, and returned to Trowbridge just before the last war.

The ravages of time have taken away many well known ringers and friends with whom I have rung many peals, and I am now the sole survivor of the Trowbridge band with whom I started ringing.

Fortunately we now have some younger ringing members of the Trowbridge band who will undoubtedly make their names well known in the ringing fraternity in the future. —Yours sincerely,

GILBERT H. HARDING.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the first extent of the peal of 5,040 Minor in twelve methods rung on December 11th, 1966, at Copdock, Suffolk, is false.

I must, therefore, withdraw this peal and tender my apologies to the rest of the band, and all others concerned.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. PICKUP.

Lowestoft.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Bishop's Flock Return to Cornwall for Second Week

BY popular request, Tintagel was chosen for this year's base, a very enjoyable time having been spent there in 1964. Nine of the party arrived at the hotel early on Saturday evening, August 5th, but what happened to Alan Bagworth's car? Eventually he did arrive safely, having broken down twice on the way. A visit was paid to the Parish Church that evening to lend a hand with the local ringers, struggling to get a band together.

On Sunday morning some of the party attended 8 a.m. Holy Communion and obtained permission for a quarter peal attempt before our scheduled time of arrival. Cambridge Minor was attempted but was unsuccessful after about 800 changes. The rest of the party then arrived and some good ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant bells, including a course of Wells. After lunch at the hotel we got down to the real start of the week with a full afternoon of ringing. The pleasant six at St. Kew came first, followed by St. Mabyn, where an excellent view is to be had from the top of the tower. Thence to Bodmin (an excellent octave), where unfortunately the ringing did not do justice to the bells. However, several of the band found the courage to enter and leave the ringing room by the vertical ladder at the side of the tower instead of the more orthodox stairs. The Napoleon at Boscastle was visited that evening, and Mr. Doubleday's "ploughman's lunch" with an excellent portion of Stilton cheese proved to be a worthwhile investment in "Boney's Bar."

CLIMB OF BRENT TOR

The first tower on Monday was at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston (a very pleasant octave), where the Stedman and Double Norwich went remarkably well considering that the ground-floor ringing room was 100 feet from the bells! Milton Abbot and Lamerton (both sixes) were visited before lunch, which was taken by some on a large stone in the River Tavy. Afterwards the ringing of Durham at Peter Tavy exceeded our expectations on the rough six. An enjoyable climb up Brent Tor to ring on the five bells at St. Michael's followed and the rain kindly stopped for a short time and enabled us to complete the ascent without getting wet. St. Petrock's, Lydford, was the tea-time tower, but an initial search of the village did not reveal anywhere where we could have a cream tea. The unmelodious six at Lewtrenchard and the pleasant octave at Lifton were later visited.

We set out on Tuesday without Paul Brand, who was unwell. York and Primrose were well rung at St. Breward, but at the beautiful church at Blisland the ringing was very hard work and not very rewarding. Unruffled by our hectic experience on these bells we moved on to the pleasant light six at St. Neot, where some of the best ringing of the day took place, including Norfolk, Berwick and five-spliced Surprise Minor.

A HEAD WOUND

Bristol Major was enjoyed on the octave at Liskeard, but the ringing at Lostwithiel was disappointing, though we did have the pleasure of a call change touch called by a gentleman now 83 years old. Alan Bagworth unfortunately banged his head on the low beam as we left the tower. It was still bleeding when we arrived at Lanlivery. The ringing was curtailed here through a broken rope, not the first of the week; Tony Bishop had to go and push the bell over, as it had set up.

THE FLOCK.—Back row, left to right: David Hughes, Poul Brand Lesley Read and Michael Uphill. Middle row: Keith Sansom, Alan Bagworth, Caroline Madge Jill Sims and Tony Bishop. Front row: Jim Cooke, Vanessa Rodrigues, Deborah Bishop, Prisca Hornby (obscured). Missing: Bill Shanks, who took the photograph.

On Wednesday it poured with rain, but we had very good towers all day. York and Surfleet started the day at St. Teath, followed by five-spliced and Hexham at St. Minver. The octave at Egloshayle was the last tower before lunch, after which we rang the two sixes at St. Wenn and Withiel where we discovered what we took to be an old timekeeper's clock! Lanivet closed the day, but we could only ring the back six as there was no rope on the treble. Here we met our only opposition of the week from some workmen on the nearby school roof ringing the school bell in reply.

London Minor at Poundstock (an unimpressive six) opened the day on Thursday. However, the six at Marhamchurch, where Bourne was rung, and the excellent bells at Kilkampton were enjoyed before lunch was taken. We had hoped for some good ringing at Hartland, in the highest tower in Devon and Cornwall, and the heaviest six of the week (17½ cwt.). However, we seemed a little nervous of these excellent bells and could not reach the standard that was achieved at Queen Camel, with a tenor over twice as heavy, two years ago. We did no better at Woolfardisworthy, but a good course of Chester was rung at Parkham and a ladies' touch of Bob Minor. After tea some good ringing on the light six at Sutcombe preceded ringing on the excellent Gillett octave (1949) at Holsworthy, where the best touch of the day, six-spliced Surprise Major, was rung.

BRATTON BELLS' 200th YEAR

All too soon, the the last full day of the week was upon us and started well with Bristol and Yorkshire Major at Werrington. We were shorthanded at Broadwoodwidger as Keith succeeded in getting lost on the way. However, he found us at Bratton Clovelly where the six bells were much enjoyed. They were cast in 1767 by Pennington's, so this is their 200th year. Local records show "One shilling and sixpence paid to Barkwill for tolling at Nelson's burial in 1805." St. John's, Stowford, where a good course of Coldstream was rung, preceded lunch and a free afternoon. In the evening we started at Okehampton and rang some Little Grandsire Triples and Yorkshire Major. The last two towers were Bridestowe and Thrushelton (a disappointing ring).

The final gathering was held in the hotel that evening and a small quantity of alcoholic liquor was presented to Tony and Deborah as a token of appreciation for the hard work they had put in to make another very successful tour.

An hour's ringing at Stratton marked the end of the tour on Saturday morning. Here we were met by Brian Vince, whose daughter speaks very fluently but not particularly "Queen's" English. Harry Stacey also looked in, complete with butcher's apron.

Finally, our grateful thanks to all incumbents and tower captains, to our drivers and navigators and to the many local ringers who gave up their time to come and meet us at many of the towers

M. J. U., D. M. H., K. S.

MARLOW RINGERS' WEDDING

On most Saturdays the bells of All Saints', Great Marlow, are rung for weddings, but Saturday, October 7th, was special—they were ringing for the wedding of two members of the local band, John Young and Bridget Hillsdon. The marriage service was conducted by the Vicar Dr. S. R. Day, and the organist was David Boarder.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung for Evensong on the following Sunday by the local band, conducted by John's father, the tower captain. It was the eve of Joe and Kathleen Young's 30th wedding anniversary.

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Kent's 1967 Dinner a Memorable Occasion

MR. JOHN WILLIS WANTS A PENNY A WEEK FOR NEW BELLS

THE Kent banqueting suite of the Odeon Cinema, Ashford, proved a very good choice for this year's dinner of the Association on September 30th and a company of over 100 sat down to an excellent meal. A pleasing touch was the presentation of bouquets to ladies on the top table and this set the ball rolling for a memorable and happy evening.

The chairman, Canon N. M. G. Sharpe, Vicar of Ashford and a vice-president of the Association, as is customary, proposed the loyal toast.

VICAR'S PRANK

The usual procedure of the toast of "The Church" being proposed by a layman and responded to by a priest was reversed. Proposing the toast, Canon J. Frank, Rector of Aldington, recalled, with amusement when, as a junior curate at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, he was passing through the ringing chamber with the Vicar (his father-in-law). As the clock struck three the Vicar could not resist pulling the rope and causing the clock to strike four to the confusion of the crowds in Trafalgar Square.

The Canon said it was not until he came to Aldington five years ago that he finally became initiated into the art of ringing. All his reminiscences of ringing were happy ones. When he heard radio communications being received "loud and clear" he was reminded of the bells, whose message always came across loud and clear. There was nothing woolly about their message—the notes were always sharp and clear. Canon Frank wished everyone continued joy and blessing in continuing to proclaim the message of the Church.

The response was by Mr. E. A. Barnett, a vice-president of the Association, who said, as a layman, he was uncertain as to how he should respond, but he recalled that once he was listed at a Cumberland dinner as the Rev. E. A. Barnett. This had evidently fooled the general secretary as he had been sent the "helpful notes for non-ringing speakers" prior to this dinner.

Before the next speech a good course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by T. Cross, E. Beer, E. A. Barnett, C. Osenton and W. Dobbie.

KENT'S PROUD RECORD

The toast of "The Kent County Association" was proposed by Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who brought cordial greetings from his Society. He believed the Kent Association was one to be proud of, with a notable record in the realms of peal ringing and with its membership and finances both strong. It had also given, through residential members, great service to the Central Council, the Ancient Society and the Cumberlands. He went on to mention just a few names. The late E. H. Lewis stood out for his brilliant chairmanship of the Central Council and his Mastership at the 300th anniversary of the College Youths. Mr. Prior also mentioned the services rendered by E. A. Young, E. A. Barnett, G. Cross, D. Beresford, F. Mitchell, F. Cullen, H. Audsley, P. Bond, F. Mathews and others.

Mr. Prior recalled that he had been a non-resident life member since 1935, when he came to Crayford for a peal for the Middlesex Association. Tom Groombridge asked for it to be rung for the Kent Association. As only four Kent members were present two handbell peals were attempted each with two Middlesex men in them. Strangely, each was lost in the first lead! Eventually when all eight were Kent members they rang the youngest peal of spliced ever rung at that time.

The response was to have been given by Mr. J. Willis, a vice-president, but unfortunately he had been taken ill. His speech was read by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, who began by voicing the opinions of all when he said how very much regret was caused by the absence of Mr. Willis, and hoped that he would very soon be restored to health.

After mentioning the family connections that have been evident in Kent ringing in the past and present, Mr. Willis believed that the Association had now risen to its highest peak of efficiency and sociability. This was due largely to the hard work put in by the officers.

Mr. Willis went on to say that we must not let our fine art die out because of criticism by the public and press, and lack of support from some of the clergy. As we bellringers derived more pleasure than anyone else from the ringing of bells it was our duty to help provide bells where needed. He made the suggestion that every Association, through its tower captains, should collect one penny per week from each of its members; this amount to be used solely for recasting, rehanging and the provision of new bells. This would help far more than in the past.

"The Visitors" were welcomed by Mr. N. J. Davies, Ringing Master of the Ashford District. He mentioned the three clerical guests—Canons Sharpe and Frank and the Rev. P. T. Robbins—and thought it would be hard to find more co-operative incumbents.

The Cumberlands and the Ancient Society, he said, had both been very active in Kent ringing, even before the K.C.A. was formed. In 1770 at the opening of Sevenoaks bells the main attraction was the College Youths' peal attempt. Several other bands were present, including a band from Leeds, Kent. The latter scored their peal of Oxford Treble Bob and a footnote in James Barham's peal book said. "N.B. The College Youths was down and they rang over 5,000 changes, but they turned six bells out of course, which is not allowed!"

The Cumberlands have also been closely connected with Kent ringing, many being resident members. He extended congratulations to them for their performances in non-conducted peals. Mr Davies also welcomed Mr. Bert Luck, now recovered from his serious illness, and Mr. W. Hughes from the Whitechapel Foundry.

The reply was given by Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who mentioned that although the Kent cricket team had been pipped into second place by Yorkshire, in the peal records the positions last year were reversed. He also thanked the Association on behalf of the ladies for the flowers.

Canon Sharpe was thanked for chairing the dinner by Mr. P. A. Corby, general secretary. He also thanked Mr. Alan Berry, Ashford District secretary, for all the work he had done in organising the event and making it such a success. The formal proceedings of the evening ended with the national anthem, played by Miss Ann Barber. The company then separated into various groups in the adjoining lounge and dining rooms to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The entire proceedings were a credit to the organiser, and this dinner will surely be remembered as one of the most enjoyable held in the county.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, October 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Green (assistant curate at St. Mary's, Ashford).

The business meeting, following the tea, was conducted with Mr. A. S. Phelips in the chair. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. S. Phelips; honorary secretary, Alan P. S. Berry; Ringing Master, P. Charles Sinden; District representatives, Rev. P. T. Robbins and David Manger. The offertory was donated to the Association Belfry Repair Fund, and a raffle in aid of Newchurch Bell Fund realised £5.

Thanks were expressed by Dr. L. Garraway to all who had helped at the meeting, especially the ladies who had prepared the tea.

Ringing continued on the splendid eight until nine o'clock and ranged from rounds to Surprise to suit all tastes. A. P. S. B.

200th BIRTHDAY OF CORNISH BELLS

THE inscription on the fourth bell at Gwinear, near Hayle, Cornwall, is "Penningtons cast us all, 1767." The reference was to the complete ring of six. In 1903 the fifth was recast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., of London, and for some years before 1956 this ring had fallen into complete disrepair and was unringable. In that year Messrs. John Taylor and Co. carried out a complete restoration and recast the tenor, which weighs 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. Nearly two years ago there was an unfortunate accident with the chiming hammers, which resulted in the third bell being badly cracked and the fifth being jammed halfway down in its pit. The Vicar and Church Council made immediate praiseworthy efforts to get matters put right and the cracked bell has been recast.

The rededication took place on Thursday, October 5th, which was also observed as the Harvest Thanksgiving. The Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Croft, asked the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Vicar of Carbis Bay, to rededicate the bell, and after prayers the latter handed the rope to the Vicar, thus giving this bell again into his care.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, in his sermon, took as his text "A bell and a pomegranate," which, he said, he had often heard used at ringers' festivals, but it was most appropriate on that dual occasion when they were rededicating a bell and giving thanks for the harvest.

The preacher remarked that of all Church workers ringers were amongst the most travelled, and Cornwall received many visitors during the summer, and as they travelled they followed up their art here and there. Ringing called for teamwork and through it lifelong friendships were made.

Once again in Gwinear the full ring of bells was ready to ring to remind the parishioners that the Church in that place is alive. It was significant that this year was the 200th birthday of Penningtons' three remaining bells in that tower and this was a reminder that through all that time and before, people had been rejoicing and giving thanks in that church. They had been coming to church, being baptised, receiving Holy Communion and, as the old churchyard reminded them, laid to rest also.

Despite the forward march of science the round of life was much the same now as 200 years ago and they had to quite literally come down to earth. Man had to go out into the field and garden to find God's gifts which were so necessary, and he had to dig into the earth to find the copper and tin with which the bells were cast. How thankful man should be, and how grateful they should be that the obstacle of a cracked bell had been overcome and put right.

After the service local ringers were assisted by the preacher, Mr. E. H. Langley and Mr. Arthur Fidler, who had rehung the bell and who was congratulated on what Messrs. Taylor and Co. had done When the ringers got to the Church Hall they found it crowded to the doors for the concert and pasty supper.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: I. Sheffield (first of T.B.) 1, J. Wellings 2, P. Johnson 3, G. Pick 4, J. D. Holden 5, P. Davies (cond.) 6.

Three Counties Festival — 250 Attend

THE long-awaited Three Counties Festival, to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Derby Diocesan Association, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Guild and the Southwell Diocesan Guild from the old Midland Counties Association, was held at Derby on September 16th, and proved to be a most successful and happy occasion.

From quite early morning ringers began to approach Derby, along four routes, on which a wide selection of towers was kindly made available for ringing The buffet lunches arranged en route by local ringers and their wives at Heanor and Sawley were much appreciated Gradually the ringers from the three counties, with visitors from further afield, assembled at Derby, and good use was made of the four local towers during the afternoon and early evening.

The centre of the festival was the service of Evensong in the Cathedral Church of All Saints at 5 p.m. With a congregation of some 250 present, the singing was led by a choir of over 50 ringer-choristers, drawn from the three counties, and directed by Mr. R. Carlisle, choirmaster of St. Leodegarius' Parish Church, Basford, Nottingham. The office of Evensong was sung by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale, and the address was given by the Provost of Derby, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, who is president of the Derby Diocesan Association. During the service a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and the service concluded with the Blessing given by the Lord Bishop of Derby.

The evening activities, dinner and social evening, were held at the Albion Restaurant. A party of 175 including the Lord Bishops of Derby and Southwell, sat down to the dinner. with the Provost presiding. After an excellent repast, the Provost proposed the loyal toast.

This was followed by the toast of the evening, "The Church and the Exercise," which was proposed by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith. In proposing the toast, Mr. Smith recalled the old days of the M.C.A., and many of the leading members and officers of that Association. He went on to congratulate those concerned on the rapid progress made by the Societies which were the "offspring" of the M.C.A., and in which the spirit of the old M.C.A. still lived. In concluding, he pointed out that progress was not to be measured only by the undoubted rise in membership figures, but also by the increasingly active part being played by ringers in all aspects of the life and work of the Church.

Speakers who responded to the toast were the Lord Bishop of Derby and Mr. Paul L. Taylor of Loughborough.

The final event of a memorable, interesting and happy day was the social evening; when a programme of dancing and games filled in the time remaining until 11.45 p.m. This programme was, naturally, enlivened by much conversation amongst ringing friends, old and new, which underlined the family spirit, always so noticeable throughout the day.

The sincere thanks of all concerned will be extended to Mr. Denis Carlisle and his colleagues who were responsible for the arrangements, and to the Provost of Derby for his ready co-operation.

COVER FOR LECTURERS AT LINCOLNSHIRE RINGING COURSE

Approximately 70 people attended the half-day bell ringing course at Ruskington County Secondary School on October 14th.

The students, who were welcomed to the course by Dr. Golby, director of education, Kesteven, were allocated to beginners or advanced groups and received class room lectures on the theoretical side of bell ringing. Practical sessions were carried out using the six bell towers of Ruskington and nearby Blankney.

A short term insurance cover was arranged to protect lecturers against possible claims which could have arisen due to student injuries in the tower practice periods. We are pleased to report no mishaps occurred, but considered the insurance an essential safeguard.

The classroom lecturers were Messrs. Evans, Heppenstall and Radley, and the lecturers in the towers were Messrs. Bluff, Bray, Haw, Millhouse and Parker.

During the evaluation period the assembly confirmed that they had improved their knowledge of bell ringing and expressed the wish that further courses be organised in the future.

Thanks are due to the Kesteven authority for sponsoring the course and the provision of excellent school facilities, the incumbents of Ruskington and Blankney who allowed the use of the bells and the ladies who prepared the tea. H. J. R.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Bath and Frome Branches

Sunshine, sunshine all the way—that was the theme, but not the weather, unfortunately, when Bath and Frome Branches made history at Beckington (8) on October 14th, by holding their autumn quarterly meetings together in place of the usual annual "get together." The success of the venture was evidenced by the high attendance of members of both Branches and the idea will be repeated next year.

Coincidentally, both Branches were without their chairman, but George Hawkins steered Bath ably and quickly through their business, determined not to hold up the Frome Branch. After a shuffle round in the hall the Frome Branch held its meeting under a quiet and efficient John Beck. Frome Branch members were equally determined not to raise controversial issues and thus delay Bath members from getting back to the tower. All in all it was most unusual, and one or two Bath members who were looking forward to the usual Frome fireworks were distinctly disappointed. Bath, Chew and Frome Branches have all agreed to a "play-off" of the winning and second teams in each of their striking competitions and this event should be one well worth attending.

Both Branch secretaries had extra copies of "The Ringing World" for sale, which features Long Sutton tower—it is hoped that all these will be sold.

Best remark of the day: "Bristol? Good heavens, I thought it was bad rounds by learners!" M. H.

LISS PIGEON MENACE

The pigeon menace at Liss reminds Mr. E. M. Langdon, of Sutton, Gloucester, of when he was stationed at Longmore Camp, 20 years ago, and spent many happy hours with Liss ringers on their practice nights and in service ringing. The pigeon problem then occurred and it was dealt with very effectively by a ringer named "Alan." If he is still living, Mr. Langdon is sure he would help if approached.

BARKINGSIDE RINGERS IN KENT

Barkingside ringers took five cars on their outing into Kent, visiting Brenchley, Goudhurst and Cranbrook. A picnic lunch by a haystack included hot dogs cooked over a primus stove and washed down with cider. The rain did not spoil the spirit of the occasion.

Cuxton (the last tower) was difficult to locate and some of the party succeeded in ringing at the wrong tower. There was a very warm welcome from the Rector, who is a ringer. Evening prayers were said by the Rector and included the collect for the 18th Sunday after Trinity — "to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil"—a thought for the homeward journey

BELFRY GOSSIP

East Farleigh, Kent, has had its ringing limited to Sunday and practice night. Movement of the frame is the suggested cause.

Ingham, Suffolk, has no ringers. The North West District has arranged for the bells to be rung on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Mr S. Smith, on holiday from New Zealand, rang his first quarter of Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on October 15th. This is his first holiday home since emigrating in 1912.

Correct prices for bellringers' ties supplied by the Aldershot Stores, 35, Grosvenor Road, Aldershot, appear on page 803. Please ignore details in last week's issue.

Mr. Alick Cutler has now rung 350 peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden. Has this record been surpassed? Canon Felstead, in his article in this issue, gives the 12 towers where this is possible

"Having taken 'The Ringing World' regularly since the very first issue, I find it more interesting now than it has ever been." —Gilbert H. Harding. A sincere "thank you" from the Editor.

In the peal at Ruardean, published on page 779, Geoffrey J. Clarke was ringing his first peal.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal at Great Tey (page 739) was Ian R. Panton and not James L. Towler as submitted.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Brenchley (page 760) was Simon A. B. Wigg and not Malcolm Barden as submitted.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 900th peal on October 14th on the same bell at Barton-on-Humber as he rang his first peal. It was also his 200th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In a quarter peal at Blunsdon, Wilts, on October 22nd, J. Vincent, a chorister and ringer at this church for more than 60 years, was ten times the age of the treble ringer (Anne Ford, aged 8)!

The band who rang the quarter of Stedman Triples at New Alresford wish to associate Miss Prisca Hornby with the attempt. It had been arranged specially for her but owing to a last-minute indisposition she was unable to ring. They hope that she will soon be well again, when perhaps another attempt may be arranged.

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EPILOGUES ON TYNE-TEES TELEVISION

In September last in the course of his week-end in Durham and Newcastle for the 90th anniversary celebrations of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Canon Gilbert Thurlow not only preached in the two Cathedrals but he also recorded three epilogues for Tyne-Tees Television describing some of the work of cathedrals. Several different cathedrals were mentioned in his illustrations.

"Cathedrals and Ringing" is to be transmitted on Saturday, November 4th, by Tyne-Tees Television. This epilogue begins with the bells of Durham Cathedral and ends with those of Newcastle Cathedral. The former were recorded between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd. and the latter before Evensong the following day. In his talk Canon Thurlow outlines the development of ringing.

Transmission dates have yet to be arranged for "Cathedrals and Pilgrimages" and "Cathedrals and Education." Transmission dates are awaited also for three epilogues recorded earlier in September by Denis Bayles as part of the Tyne-Tees series "My Job in the Church."

Unfortunately not very many ringers are likely to see these six epilogues as they are unlikely to be transmitted by other programme companies, and stamina is needed for the "locals" as transmission takes place about midnight! D. A. B.

DEDICATION OF THE LATE MAURICE ATKINS' HANDBELLS

At a simple but moving ceremony in the belfry of St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on September 12th the Rev. Mr. Folland, of Teignmouth, dedicated the handbells of the late Maurice Atkins to the use of the local ringers. Mr. Brian Shingler, a former captain of the tower, read a message from Capt. A. R. Poyntz, who was unable to attend owing to indisposition. Among the company of friends from Babbacombe and Torquay were Mrs. Maurice Atkins and a nephew of the late Mr. Atkins. Following the dedication a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. J. Roberts 1—2, P. A. Lock 3—4, W. Simmonds 5—6, D. J. Roberts 7—8.

BEAMINSTER BELLS

While the correct weight of Beaminster tenor bell was disclosed at the Harvest Supper on October 7th the competition of guessing the weight was well supported outside the locality. The weight was delivered by Messrs. Taylor in a sealed envelope and was 22 cwt. 1 qr. 27½ lb. The £10 prize was won by Mrs. M. Fordham, of Thornley Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk, who was ½lb. out.

The bells will be brought back to Beaminster on November 13th and will be rehallowed by the Bishop of Salisbury the Rt. Rev. Joseph Fison, at Evensong on December 17th. The fund has £357 to go to reach the target. The Barron Bell Trust have generously donated £250.

SURPRISE AT HENLEY

At Henley practice night on October 12th we had an unusual experience. During the evening a course of Plain Bob Minor was about to be started. As our conductor, Howard Egglestone, pulled his bell down from his first backstroke, a mouse landed at his feet, causing a certain amount of excitement! In nearly forty years of ringing I have not seen it happen before, and I hate to think what would have happened if this had occurred during a peal. S. B.

FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT COMBE MARTIN

In September, 1907, Challis F. Winney called a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans') at Holy Trinity, Ilfracombe. It is interesting to note that the footnote to that peal reads: "The first peal of Stedman on the bells." Also in the tower was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who conducted Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples in 1905, that peal also being recorded as "the first of Stedman on the bells." One wonders of the tale behind the ringing of these two peals.

Anyhow, Derek Jewell thought it would be appropriate to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Mr. Winney's peal, but owing to the duration of the ringing at the Devon Association's six-bell final in June, permission was withdrawn. (Why the public of Ilfracombe complained of such such splendid ringing is beyond the comprehension of the writer.)

However permission was readily given at Combe Martin, where a peal of Stedman had not been rung, in spite of previous attempts. So we arrived at the "Top George" at 9 p.m. on Friday evening, September 8th, and there to welcome us was Les Walters and Derek. Les having had a most successful season, we drank to the strawberries, raspberries, peas, beans, "teddies" and the pigeons, and went to bed very mellow and brimful of confidence for the morrow.

Quite a good peal was rung on the Saturday, conducted by young John Hibbert, and Derek was most delighted to ring in the first of Stedman on his own bells. Our thanks to Roy Bould, Bob Southwood and Frank Mack for making the long drag from South Devon in the holiday traffic.

We had our annual attempt for Stedman at Pilton and, as usual, our annual failure. This year "Dear Old Dad's" son, having completed his slow work, made thirds then went back and pushed everyone out of his way.

Again we thank North Devon and Cornwall for a most happy holiday. Who knews, next year we may ring our Stedman at Pilton, but "Dear Old Dad's" son is adamant that he will be outside, listening. D. J.

A LOSS TO KENT RINGING

His many ringing friends in Kent will regret to learn that Mr. Bernard Groves intends to leave Kent and return to his native Cheshire in the New Year. He is continuing his duties as co-Ringing Master of the Maidstone District until his departure. Bernard's seven and a half years in Kent has greatly enhanced the standard of ringing, particularly in the Maidstone area.

SIXTY AND SEVENTY YEARS AFTER

It must have been quite by coincidence that the Truro Diocesan Guild, having been founded on October 8th, 1897, for the first peal for the Guild to be rung in Cornwall exactly ten years afterwards, on October 8th, 1907, at Kenwyn, being a peal of Superlative conducted by George Williams. This was only the second peal for the Guild; the first was at Emmanuel, Plymouth, in August, 1907.

As these 60th and 70th anniversaries fell on a Sunday a peal was not possible, but a quarter peal (recorded in the appropriate place) was rung at Kenwyn and was one of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major conducted by the president, Alan Carveth. It is interesting to note that apart from the treble ringer all those taking part have learned their ringing at the three towers associated with Truro—the Cathedral, Kenwyn and Kea.

STRANGE BELLS AROUND CIRENCESTER

One result of the recent course at Cheltenham was more immediate—an organisers' and lecturers' ringing afternoon and evening in the Cirencester area, the main purpose being to convince Fred Sharpe that Ampney Crucis bells really do sound 1, 3, 3, 4, 5.

According to Ellacombe, Daglingworth's tower contains a Rudhall four, but we discovered a Warner treble, 1877 (listed as 1787 in the ringing chamber), the 3rd by Mears, 1887 and new tackle by Llewellin and James in 1912. As only three of our party as had yet assembled, Fred Sharpe promptly turned his back on the ladies and raised both tenors simultaneously. Our efforts brought two local ringers hastening up the staircase and we were then able to ring "properly."

After joining the Watermoor ringers in Stedman Triples for a wedding, promptly losing first Marie Cross and then Fred Sharpe and his family in Cirencester's one-way streets, we journeyed to Coln St. Denys, where the Wrattens awaited us. A frantic search for the oil can was of no avail, but the five went surprisingly well when rung "at full sally." The Rector, who joined us with his wife and family, promised to oil the bells before our next visit.

Ampney Crucis at last, and Fred's first words as he set the treble were, "They do. I didn't believe him (W. F. S.)." Unfortunately the key to the bell chamber was not available and so we were unable to verify the Sharpe theory as to why the 2nd and 3rd are virtually the same note. The effect of these two bells behind is worth hearing. Dismissing Marie's suggestion that we rang "Cagmag," we settled for St. Faith's. A return visit is imperative.

Then to Down Ampney, the birthplace of Vaughan Williams, where the 2nd proclaims: "Abraham Rudhall cast us all 1097," nearly 700 years before he cast the others! We found these the hardest going of the day; hardly surprising since they have tackle of 1843 and even older rope rollers.

We rounded off the day with a meal at the Crown at Ampney, and a determination to organise a similar outing in the near future.

MAIDSTONE'S "REVIEW"

The Maidstone District of the Kent County Association has produced an attractive annual report and review full of interesting reading. A useful article is "Some thoughts on ropes" by M. W. G., and this is a matter that well repays time and care. "Faversham Bells 500 years old" has historical appeal. In 1441 Joan Hille, of London, widow of the founder Richard Hille, delivered the bells and signed an indenture guaranteeing their quality. This document is preserved in the archives office at Maidstone.

Her first husband's foundry was in St. Botolph's-without-Aldgate. The symbol he used on his bells was a shield, diagonally bisected by a bend, with a ring in the left hand half and a cross in the right. After his death Joan used the same sign but surmounted it with a lozenge. Her second husband used the initials I. S. on his bells and again, after his death, she surmounted this with a lozenge.

Another feature deals with Stuart Taylor's, of Maidstone Grammar School, proposal to provide a hand-made ring in an old stable behind the vicarage in West Malling. An article tells of East Bergholt bells, together with the changes employed, and some budding conductors will find the calling of Stedman Triples by "L. H." 'of practical value.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Derrick J. Withers	Treble	David G. Massey	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	George W. Massey	7
Norman G. N. Knee	3	*Raymond E. J. Baker	8
David J Orledge	4	Frederick S. Slatford	9
David A. Burt	5	*Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.) Conducted by G. W. Massey.
* First peal on more than eight bells.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Michael J. Stone	Treble	Richard W. Sweet	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	3	D John Hunt	7
*David Rennolds	4	A Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 25th peal.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Richard C. Taylor	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Michael G. Bartlett	2	David G. Massey	6
Peter J. England	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Roy W. Rice	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal of Bristol by all except the conductor.

ASHCOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 17 methods, being two extents each of Stedman, St. Bartholomew, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union and New, and three extents each of Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, Grandsire, Antelope, Plain Bob, St Simon and St. Martin.
Tenor 12 cwt 21 lb. in F.

*Brian Mills	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
*Raymond Jones	2	John Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*John Chaplin	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal in 17 methods. First as conductor in 17 methods.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Oct. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Carol M. E. Johnson	Treble	†Christopher S. Nokes	5
Rupert A. Clarke	2	†James R. White	6
†Robert M. Chambers	3	‡Richard J. Parker	7
‡John R. Insley	4	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.
Rung to mark the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. in D

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	7
*Gillian M. Brearley	2	John C. Baldwin	8
Patrick J. Bird	3	Antony R. Kench	9
*Edward G. Mould	4	Ian C. Maycock	10
David J. Marshall	5	Brian J. Wylde	11
John T. Parsons	6	Ivor H. Trueman	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*David Allman	Treble	George A. Packer	6
*Rosemary White	2	John E. Brough	7
Frank R. Morton	3	*Geoffrey A. Edwards	8
Doreen A. Edwards	4	†John R. Scott	9
William F. Gibbons	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Parker. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAPWORTH, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob, (2) Thelwall Bob, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Childwall Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Raymond D. Hart	Treble	Shirley E. Jones	4
Alan J. Boyd	2	Peter C. Randall	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	†Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* 50th peal. † 75th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund
On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in E.

David J. Marshall	Treble	Burley P. Morris	6
Alec Humphrey	2	Gordon A. Halls	7
Felicity T. Ashford	3	Harold Taylor	8
Brian Tomlinson	4	David W. Friend	9
Clive Thrower	5	Michael Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BRADBOURNE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Oxford T.B and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. in G sharp.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4
George H. Paulson	2	F Martin Stanway	5
Susan E. Davis	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one block of 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Doris M. Killingley	Treble	†Ian A. Eggleton	4
*Irene Park	2	*Philip M. Park	5
†George A. Barker	3	Roland Park	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The conductor has now completed the cycle of peals from Minor to Maximus in the method.
Rung in honour of the visit to Darlington this day of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt. in B.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Ian Foster	4
*Raymond J. Sayer	2	James L. Towler	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	†Dennis A. S. Symonds	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal. † 450th peal.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Chester, (2) London, (3) York, (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Dennis A. S. Symonds	Treble	James L. Towler	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

*Judy Harrison	Treble	Richard J. Harrison	4
Margaret E. Egglestone	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Conducted by Ian R. Panton.
* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CIRENCESTER, Glos.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LYDNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

William A. Godwin .. .. Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
D. Kay Adkins 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
Michael R. Rose 4	Frank Reed .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTNOR, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Single Oxford and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Barnaby S. Bell .. .. Treble	*Roy K. Williams 4
Leonard J. Walters 2	James Ward 5
C. William Nutt 3	E. Charles Biggs .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal in three Minor methods. First of Minor as conductor.
First peal on the bells since the second was recast.
Rung as birthday compliments to Ron Collins and Angela Collins.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Oct. 23, 1967 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 448 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 224 each of Ashtead, Cornwall, Lindum, Pudsey and Superlative, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
David E. Rothera 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	Gerald Penney 7
Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 4	Roger Baldwin .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967 in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Christopher T. Osenton Treble	*Monty W. Gilbert .. 5
Richard Hayes 2	Trevor A. Cross 6
*Derek Slater 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
John A. Howard 4	Martin L. Howe .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat. Oct. 21. 1967 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 4 lb. in G.

*Philip J. Simmonds .. Treble	Harold Evans 5
Paul J. Dye 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Stanley Jenner 7
John W Smith 4	Philip A. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal.

SEVENOAKS. Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 21. 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol, with 56 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Ralph Bird .. .. Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Ann Jenner 3	Tony Lewis 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
The band thank Mr. Philip Corby, local tower captain, for his most generous hospitality after the peal.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct 12. 1967 in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods and one extent each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice .. .. .. Treble	D. Paul Smith 4
Richard Hayes 2	*Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
Margaret E. Fort 3	†Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael H. O'Callaghan.
* 100th peal. † 25th peal on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	David F. Moore 4
Susan D. Cowan 2	Richard S Starkie 5
Elizabeth Timmins 3	Anthony R. Carter .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E J. Dennis.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Oct 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Howard C. Palmer .. .. Treble	Alan E. Hartley 5
Christine L. J. Mills 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
R Brian Mills 3	Denis A. Frith 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal of Rutland on the bells.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Castro.
On Sat. Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Alfred Ballard .. .. .. Treble	Alan Evans 5
*Shirley E. Jones 2	Peter C. Randall 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	Russell S. Morris 7
J Edward Cawser 4	E Alan Jacques .. .. Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hayward, of Hinckley.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Robert T. Harrison .. .. Treble	Septimus Neave 4
William Bains 2	Maurice Lings 5
Harold Judd 3	Walter Ayre .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
The conductor's 900th peal and his 200th for the Guild; he rang the same bell for his first peal.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
POPLAR, E.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 21, 1967 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D

*Christopher J. Easton .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Maureen J. Carruthers .. 2	Timothy G. Pett 6
Audrey R. Alexander .. 3	Martin C. Press 7
Christopher P. Starbuck 4	John Pladdys .. .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal on eight bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KEW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* 350th peal on the bells First peal in the method. 500th peal for the Association on the bells.

KEW SURPRISE MAJOR
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GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Herts—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Oct 21. 1967 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, and 384 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 5
*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 2	†David E. Rothera 6
Andrew J. Slade 3	*Andrew J. Corby 7
Roger Baldwin 4	Robert E. J. Dennis .. Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of 11-spliced. † 100th peal of Maior.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Jane Fransella.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 10 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Joseph William Cotton ..	6
Martin Green	2	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Gordon H. Lane	8
John K. Smith	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	5	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Tues, Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*Henry Tooke	Treble	†Thomas E. Spight	5
Martin Cubitt	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin ..	6
J. Barry Pickup	3	H. William Barrett ..	7
Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4	*†Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 75th peal together. † 50th peal together.
Rung to welcome the Village Evangelists to the Redenhall Deanery.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Wells, London, Surfleet, Ipswich, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge Tenor 4¼ cwt.

Jack Mowle	Treble	Martin Cubitt	4
David Cubitt	2	Robin R. Churchill	5
Leslie F. Bailey	3	H William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

RANWORTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., Oct. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Frank C. J. Arnold	Treble	Martin Cubitt	4
David Cubitt	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESASN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey	Treble	Ernest E. Gosling	5
David C. Brown	2	Arthur Newton	6
Joyce I. Cornwall	3	Michael J. Best	7
David A. Cornwall	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung as a wedding compliment to John Young and Bridget Hillsdon, married this day at All Saints', Marlow.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 23 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	William Birmingham ..	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Christopher C. Clarke ..	7
*David C. Brown	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

STANDLAKE Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Peter Pearce	2	Frank Reed	5
*Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band.

LEAFIELD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Oct. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Frank Reed	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
Terence J. Hester	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge,, (2) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (3) Oxford, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Kent, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Stephen B. Bell	4
J. Charles Hudson	2	John G. Mitchell	5
J Martin Thorley	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
50th peal as conductor for the Guild.
Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Peterborough Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Geoffrey R. Parker ..	Treble	*Paul Raithby	4
Margaret E. Chilton ..	2	*Percy Holmes	5
*Derek J. Tysoe	3	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.
On Sat., Sept. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. '34 lb. in E.

Richard J. Tibbetts ..	Treble	James W. Belshaw	6
James Insley	2	David J. Purnell	7
*Maurice F. Edwards ..	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
John R. Insley	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Maurice G. Ingram ..	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe. (No. 6.)
* First peal of Surprise Royal on an "inside" bell.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.

Diana J. Handley	Treble	John R. Insley	6
Muriel Reay	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Maurice F. Edwards ..	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
James W. Belshaw	4	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
James Insley	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Hunt's variation of Dexter's. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	Treble	Paul Burgdahl	5
Brynley A. Shackleton ..	2	Gordon W. Land	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Richard J. Bowden	7
Robert J. Purnell	4	Philip S. Gaisford	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*†Donald L. Mills	Treble	Mrs. Leslie Mills	5
David J. Reeve	2	Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	6
‡Leslie D. Mills	3	§David W. Brooks	7
§Brian G. C. Clampin ..	4	Alan R. Elliott	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.
* Has now "circled the tower." † 25th peal for the Guild.
‡ 50th peal. § First peal in method.
Rung in honour of the birth of Tracey Karen, daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of the ringers of 3 and 5.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

Ronald G. Bugg	Treble	Harry D. Lister	4
Keith W. Whittell	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	Norman Summerhayes ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Raymond J. Talbot	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
Nigel Thomson	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. L. Stilwell.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Durham, York, Wells, London, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Anthony J. Mason	Treble	Keith Sansom	4
Katharine Maundrell ..	2	David M. Hughes	5
Lesley J. Read	3	Michael J. Uphill ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First of seven Surprise methods by all the band and on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Stella G. Rice, of Portslade, on her engagement to Anthony J. Capo-Bianco.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Oct. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Neil Donovan	6
Esse Chaddock	2	David Nichols	7
M Susan Jackson	3	John N. D. Chaddock ..	8
Malcolm P. Phipps	4	Norman Chaddock	9
J Henry Fielden	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil Donovan.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. in C sharp.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Neil Donovan	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Cyril Rusby	6
Anne P. Leigh	3	David Nichols	7
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. A. Jobson and Miss P. Smith Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At 1611 High Hall.
On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In 35 methods, including Plain, Double, Reverse, Little, Crayford Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Hudson, Leigh, Scholfield, Fishwick, Lesser Wapping, Goldhanger, Fielden, Blackley, Loughborough College, Nelson, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Ogden, Wavertree, Childwall, Rosehill, Briercliffe, Cliviger, Barkby, Hendred, Abingdon, Lockinge, Ardington, Harlesyke, Wanlip, Hanney, Cassington, with 276 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in G.

*Christopher I. Rowson ..	1–2	*Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	*James R. White	7–8

Composed by J. R. White.
Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* Most methods to a peal. Most methods rung to a handbell peal of Major.
METHODS
—1458—38.12.38—38 2nds l.e. Harlesyke. 8ths Wanlip.
—1458—38—38.12.38. 2nds l.e. Hanney. 8ths Cassington.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Mon., Oct 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard A. J. Bower	1–2	Simon Humphrey	5–6
Christopher P. Starbuck ..	3–4	Timothy G. Pett	7–8

Composed by J. Carter Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Jacqueline Sewell and Simon Humphrey. Tenor size 15 in C.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 cover): Elizabeth Gibbs 1, J. Laver 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. Bromley 4, R. Mills (cond.) 5, G. Laver 6, V. Stedman 7, D. Barnes 8. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Kathleen Chilcott 1, M. Louise Slater 2, P. J. Munday 3, A. Elsmore 4, A. Foster (cond.) 5, R. D. Mills 6, G. Evenden 7, J. C. Slater 8. Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers following the wedding of Janet and Roger Ashmore.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Smith 1, A. J. Garbett 2, P. A Lock 3, K. Fursdon 4, W. Simmonds 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stoneman.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Ford (aged 8) 1, J. Vincent 2, W. H. Trueman 3, Miss A. O'Brien 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, H. Ball 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM. — On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Jean Berriman 1, Charlotte Bennett 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, C. Holmes 4, M. Johnson 5, S. C. Wells (cond.) 6. Rung for Michael Harris, lately deceased and one time member of D.U.S.C.R., and for the victims of the Comet disaster.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynn Gibson (first quarter) 1, A. G. Stevens 2, Helen Hughes (first "inside") 3, Stella M. Knight 4, K. C. Knight 5, E. Winifred Keys 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, W. G. Challen 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to David W. Struckett and Elizabeth W. Smith, who were married this day at Felpham, Sussex.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND. — On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck (first quarter) 1, J. E. Brown 2, Miss V. C. Bell 3, Mrs. M. Dodd 4, G. Tembey (first as cond.) 5, J. Robinson (first quarter) 6. A welcome to the Rev. C. Hedley and family, to the neighbouring parish of Hensingham.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. C. Taylor 1, Susan Walker (first touch of Surprise) 2, Brenda H. Boyce 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, J. C. Sheppard 5, D. G. Massey 6, E. T. Skipsey 7, G. W. Massey (cond.) 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. M. Jones (first Royal) 1, A. P. Beck 2, E. Naylor 3, D. McKay 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, R. G. Beck 6, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 7, J. Brain 8, G. Salmon 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Munday (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, C. W. Munday (cond.) 3, A. Sawyer 4, M. Morris 5, J. E. Beams 6, R. C. Spittle 7, P. J. Munday 8. For Harvest Festival.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. Heyman 1, R. Perry (13 years, cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombs 6. Rung for the christening of Gary Hiscocks, the conductor's nephew and godchild.

FYFIELD, ESSEX. —On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Wood 1, Miss E. Ottaway 2, Miss J. Darby 3, Miss G. Perry 4, Miss C. Neville 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for all the band.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Lufkin 1, Gillian Wildney 2, M. Downs 3, R. Isgar 4, E. Furbank 5, E. Smith 6, S. Smith (first of Major) 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8.

LONG EATON, DERBYS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Little Bob Minor: R. G. Newsum 1, D. J. Marshall 2, F. Ward (first in method) 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Hartland 5, A. Humphrey (cond.) 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Corney 1, Miss E. Ottaway 2, Miss G. Perry 3, Miss J. Darby 4, Miss C. Neville 5, F. Tomlin 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Riley, mother of the conductor.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Batten 1, B. Miles 2, A. Cantwell (cond.) 3, F. Trinder 4, V. Clifton 5, D. Osman 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Susan L. Dove (first quarter) 1, Susan E. Davis 2, D. Riley 3, D. H. Stone 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, H. J. Payne 6. By S.U.G.C.R.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Primrose, Norfolk, Berwick and Hexham Surprise Minor: D. A. Burt 1, J. E. Newman 2, D. G. Massey 3, D. J. Oriedge 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Janet E. Cleeve 2, D. Lodge 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5.

POTTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): R. D. Brain (first T.B.) 1, J. G. Flint 2, C. R. Hardy (first T.B. "inside") 3, P. Clarke (cond.) 4, O. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith 6. First in four methods by all.

HALF PEAL

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS. — On Oct. 4th, 2,520 Doubles (21 different methods or variations): A. Johns 1, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, Rev R. Thomas 4, P. C. Rogers 5, P. F. S. Kraus 6. First half peal 1, 3 and 6 Rung as a compliment to Richard L. Underwood, on the eve of his departure for Cambridge University.

ADLINGTON, LANCS. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Pauline Moss 1 Gladys Sidebottom 2, D. Moss 3, T. Turner 4, M Arrowsmith 5, B. Moss (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the birth of twin sons to Audrey and Alan McNutt, both ringers at this church.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, E. Hedger 3, G. Noakes 4, L. Noakes 5, R. Corke 6 C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7 A. Bone 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Rosemary Jessup (first quarter) 1, Christine M. Wright (first of Minor "inside") 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, H. Poyner (cond.) 4, K. Hilton 5, S. G Pick 6. With the best wishes to the tenor ringer on departure for Wolverhampton Technical College.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Morton 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, Jane Fransella 6, C. G. Wright 7, M. Hollis 8. For Harvest Festival.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, D G. Mayell (cond.) 2, L. A. England 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6. First in the method 1, 3, 5 and 6 Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Rev. W. H. Williams, 1881-1967.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major. Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, A. Swatton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. E. Newman 5, G. J Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. J. Orledge 7, P. J. Devrell 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal Sharon Page (first on ten) 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, F. Gunton 4, I. Margetts 5, G. Walpole 6, T. Brock 7, R. W Bickers 8, R. Peckham 9, J. B. Pickup 10. For Civic Harvest Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, Cecil Corderoy 6. Conducting shared by Peter and Claude Corderoy. Rung on the front six for Harvest Festival, at which the preacher was the Rev. M. F. Gibbs, chairman of the North Berks Branch, who is shortly leaving for Cardiff.

BODICOTE, OXON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Miller 1, A. Brown 2, P. J. Davis 3, B. J. Davis (cond.) 4, R. Thorne 5. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. For the dedication of a new youth centre by the Bishop of Oxford.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS. — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (11 methods): Sue Heyworth 1, A. T. Pearce 2, Angela Ayres 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, A. R. D. Cope 5, C. F. Freeman 6 Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Glenda E. Emmett 1, Sue Heyworth 2, A. T. Pearce 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, C. F. Freeman 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rector, Rev. M. Gibbs, on leaving the parish for Cardiff.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bryant (first quarter attempt) 1, T. Padbury 2, Yvonne Turrell 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Birthday compliments to Yvonne Turrell (21) and Leslie Penfold (captain, 67).

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor C. J. Harpley (first of Minor) 1, W. J. Atkins 2, E. C. Picton 3, D. J. Goodman 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5, F. H. Walters (first Minor "inside") 6 For Harvest Festival.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, H. Baber 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell (100th quarter) 3, C. Cortwright 4, L. Derrick 5, F. J. White 6, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 7, W. J. Lott 8. First of Bob Triples 1, 2, 3 and 7.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. James 1, G. Hurd 2, M. Feltham 3, F. James 4, W. Tinkling 5, S. James 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, N. James 8. Rung on the retirement through ill-health of the Vicar, Rev. T. P. Nicholls.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Smith 1, R. H. Bullen 2, Miss D Boyce 3, J. H. Pailing 4, N. Abbott 5, A. Laughton 6, B. P. Morris (cond.) 7, G. H. Paulson 8. For Evensong.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Blagrove 1, C. Finch (first in the method) 2, D. C. Brown 3, A. Wenban 4, W. Birmingham 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDX. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton 1, A. H Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Jennifer Pearce 4, P. M. Felton (cond.) 5, M. T. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FARNSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, Miss S. Anthony 2, H. Hanson 3, A. King 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Woodford (9, first quarter) 1, J. H. B. Smith 2, Anne Simkins (first quarter) 3, J. F. Woodford (first "inside") 4, S. Clark (first in method as cond.) 5, J. S. Godfrey (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. D. Clark 1, Miss A. R. Munslow 2, A. G. Clark 3, B. W. Rhodes (first as cond.) 4, H. T. Bonshor 5, G. M Hall 6. A welcome to the Rev. R. B. Capron as Vicar of Gaddesby and Rector of South Croxton-with-Beeby.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent): B. C. Mann (cond.) 1, C. Southgate 2, Barry Mann 3, T. White 4, W. White 5, H R Appleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. J. Mann, founder member of the band.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Boarder (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. E D. Poole 2, R. E. Dean 3, P. Dean 4, Mrs. E. Mead 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to John Young and Bridget Hillsdon, ringers at this church. Also a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Young.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J Dafters 1, Jennifer Brown 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, J. Machell 4, Freda Cannon (cond.) 5, G. Clarke 6, D. J. H. Hollis 7, D. Gebbett 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Freda Cannon 1, J. Dafters 2, A. R. Ling 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, Jennifer Brown 5, P. Royd-Jones 6, S. Nicholls 7, D. J. Hollis 8, P. W. Caye (cond.) 9 J. Machell 10. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. S. Gibson, a former curate and Southwark Industrial chaplain who is leaving to take charge of the Port Harcourt project.

GRITTLETON, WILTS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mace 1, B. Evans 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, J. E. Billings 4, H E. Blacker (cond.) 5, P. W. Holroyd 6. For the Thanksgiving service for the 700th anniversary of the church.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Felicity T. Hamilton 1, Jill M. May 2, Adrienne Gibson (first of Yorkshire) 3, P. J. Munday 4, R. Mills 5, D. A. R. May 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, P. T. Hurcombe 8. First of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells. Rung by members of the Leatherhead District for Evensong.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Irene Ellsmore 1, A. B. Ellsmore 2, L. Clissett 3, B. E. Woodall (cond.) 4, T Greenhall 5, Molly Tromens 6, M. L. Lashford 7 H. Shilvock 8. At Evensong, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Woodall, for their silver wedding anniversary, and also for their daughter, Wendy's 21st birthday.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: J. A. Ainsworth 1, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 2 P. M. Evans 3, E. Spence 4, J. N. Lindon 5, D. B. Flint (first "inside") 6, C. A. Barton 7, S. W Barton (cond.) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Angela J. Chapman 1, E. Edmondson 2, S. Huckle 3, G. Austin 4, M. D. Frost 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. W Debenham 7, D. C. Price 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, R. A. Cochrane 10. A 21st birthday compliment to the Hon. Robert Cecil, eldest grandson of the Marquis of Salisbury.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Wills 1, W. A. Yates 2, W. J Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, J. G. Shellard 6. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Batchelor.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Miles 1, J. Sawyer 2, A. Cantwell 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, C. Timms 6. For Harvest Festival.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Welch 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Miss L. Leggat 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (first in method as cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. First in the method 1, 2 and 3. Rung after Evensong for Harvest Festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL. — On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. H. Langley 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, A. Locke 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, A. F. Burley 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, A. J. Davidson 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard 1, A. Palmer 2, R. Lee 3, M. Goakes (first "inside") 4, P. H. Langton 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Rung at the commencement of Mission Week at March.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's, Jesmond, on Oct. 11th, 1,320 London S. Minor: Helen Dracup (first of T.B.) 1, Joy Askew (first of Surprise "inside") 2, G. White 3, R. Yeates 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6. First of London 1, 2, 3, 6, and by local band.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Saggers 1, D. D. Atfield 2, Mrs. M Dallison 3, I. Goacher 4, G. A. West 5, K. Dallison 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. For Hospital Sunday. Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Julie Dallison.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Julia A. Fellows 1, B. J. Woodruffe 2, G. Dodds 3, M. D. Frost 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. R. Carter 6, W. Little 7, A. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, G. Ridgeway 10. To commemorate St. Albans Flower Festival held at the Cathedral.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: T. Senior 1, J. Seager 2, D. Armstrong 3, A. Frisney 4, R. Birch 5, R. S. Long 6, S. Scattergood 7, J. Guest 8, L. Smith 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stephen R. Pentecost, former head verger of Cathedral for 41 years, who died on October 6th, aged 84 years. A very good friend to the ringers.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Mills and A. Lazzerini 1, A. Lazzerini and D. Bradley 2, D. Bradley and D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, R. B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Davis 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, G. W. Powell (cond.) 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. T. Barrett 5, F. Knight 6, H. Bonfield 7, A. Case 8. Rung to the glory of God, on the eve of the centenary of the church.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Bennett 1, S. T. Yates (first of Surprise) 2, C. T. Collins 3, G. G. Pick 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Cameron (first quarter) 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, A. Vere-Hodge 3, W. F. Judge 4, M. Journeaux 5, P. Franklin 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7. F Sampson 8. For Harvest Festival.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, Miss L. Leggat (first quarter) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, T. Hill 6. For Harvest Festival.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. E. Reed 1, Carol Thompson 2, Lesley Moore 3, A. C. Walker 4, Ann H. Whaley (first as cond., has now "circled" tower to quarter peals) 5, J. Tonks 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, on Oct. 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Easton 1, Miss M. Carruthers 2, Miss S. Thexton 3, Miss R. Cotton 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, W. Shanks 8. R. Overington 9, D. Randall 10. To welcome to Evensong the Bishop of Woolwich, and a birthday compliment to Inspector Oakley, churchwarden and tower keeper at this church.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Williams (first "inside") 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, R. Coverley 5, B. Ellis 6.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Mundy 1, R. Huxley 2, D. Lee 3, J. Fuller 4, A. W. Johnson 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. To welcome Stephen Francis Keeley, born October 3rd.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Locke 1, A. Best 2, H. Turner 3, R. Dean 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled after the memorial service for Mr. H. C. Oliver, layreader and secretary to P.C.C.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Shallcross (first on treble) 1, Jean Griffiths (first in three methods) 2, D. A. Bedford 3, P. Smith 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the ringer of the treble, on his departure to Christ Church, Oxford.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, R. Taylor 2, M. Soper 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong Service.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Cambridge and Norwich): J. W. Forder 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, F. C. Gunton 3, T. J. Brock 4, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 5, A. E. Long 6. For Harvest Festival.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Aug. 11th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: H. Tooke 1, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 2, D. Cubitt 3, M. Cubitt 4, F. C. J. Arnold 5, G. H. Pullin 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): G. A. Duke (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, G. H. Pullin 3, D. Cubitt 4, D. E. House (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Radley 1, Julie Radley 2, Gillian Radley 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, B. Wakefield 5, P. J. Heritage 6. First in method 1, 2 and 3. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Georgina Grey 1, B. Benstead (first "inside" two methods) 2, R. Benstead 3, R. G Allsworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Benstead 1, Norma M. Jennings 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, R. G. Allsworth 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Burbidge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, L. Duguid 4, A. Burbidge 5, G. Gammon 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, M. Siddorn 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss H. M. Carter (first "inside") 2, N. Humphries (first "inside") 3, F. J. Cheal 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, K. Williamson 6. A welcome to Rev. R. Allington Smith, prior to his induction.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, Angela Brunskill (first in method) 2, Jean Dale 3, P T Dale (cond.) 4, D. O. Fellows 5, P. J. Fells 6. For Matins, as a farewell to Miss A. Brunskill on the eve of her departure for Canada.

QUARTER PEALS

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's (R.C.), on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Cooper (first Major) 1, Carole Patey 2, Patricia Rogers 3, J. Hartley 4, S. Cole 5, J. Eborall 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for Evening Mass

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Fred Hodgson (cond.) 1, Patricia Dowse 2, Rohilla M. Cooke 3, Janet Warwick 4, T. M. Cox 5, E. Pannell 6, T. Cooke 7, P. H. Tocock 8. To commemorate the diamond jubilee of the Boy Scout Movement.

SILEBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. L. Lovett 1, R. M. Wilson 2, I. Preston 3, M. White 4, F. W. Faulkner 5, R. I. Kendrick 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, M. D. Barsby 8. Rung at the Vicar's request on Gift Day.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, D. Boast 3, H. Fuller 4, A. W. Foreman 5, R. Filby 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Beevers, son of the Rector and Mrs. Beevers.

SPALDING, LINCS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Waters 1, Mrs. R. C. Noon 2, Miss J. Hubbard 3, C. Perkins 4, M. Hare 5, J. Porter (first quarter) 6, B. B. Tyrrell 7, R. C. Noon (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of Timothy Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs J. Porter.

TAFFORD. — On Oct 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Wiggin 1, E. R. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. R. A. E. Fairbrother 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, Mrs. D. Bradley 5, F. Bradley 6, T. J. Williams 7, R. J. Warrilow 8, N Holland 9, F. Beech (cond.) 10. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Daniels 1, Mrs. R. A. E. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. J. M. Beech 3, T. J. Williams 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, N. Holland 8. For Evensong.

STOW, LINCS. — On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Patricia Denton (first quarter) 1, Janet Bull 2, J F. Underwood 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, Christine Cobb 6. To mark the christening of David John Underwood.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Newman 1, J. Attwood sen. 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, I. Lloyd 4, R. G. Bateman 5, R. Newman 6, P. Robertson 7, J. Attwood, jun. 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Oct 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hawkins (first Triples on treble) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Kay Whittaker (first on eight) 3, I. P. Cox 4, J. H. Thompson (first Triples "inside") 5, R. L. Coles 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, k. Mitchell (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Barkworth 1, Mrs. Sally Luttrell 2, B. Crook 3, E. "Jeff" White 4, Pamela Sturdy (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Barkworth 1, Margaret Izard 2, E. J. White 3, Margaret Wheat 4, B. Crook 5, Pamela Sturdy (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells for over 30 years. Rung on the front six to celebrate Canada's centennial year

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WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Ivey 1, Sandra Pearce (first "inside") 2, K. G. Waller 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. C. Palmer, father of Sally Palmer, a local ringer.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Kingdom 1, Miss R. Bristow 2, Mrs. R Murrell 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, K. R. Davenport 5, G. Shepherd 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas', on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penelope Adams 1, Mrs. D. M. Randall 2, P. C. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, W. Hibbert (cond.) 5, E. J. Gower 6, P. Border 7, R. H. Randall 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of 1, also for the 21st wedding anniversary of 2 and 8.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. D. Grainger 1, E. J. Adams (first of Minor) 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, A. J Hampton 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7 A. J. Taylor 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and the 86th birthday of the grandmother of the conductor.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J M. Thorley 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, Patsy M. Barnes 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Jayne (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Jones 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, J. Hunt (cond.) 4, E. Treagus 5, L Duguid 6, M. Marshall 7, N. Vollar (first quarter) 8. For opening recital on restored organ.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter (first quarter) 1, Anne Oakley 2, D. Parks 3, S. Taylor 4, P. Carter 5, P. K. King (comp. and cond.) 6. First of Minor 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss D. Hutt, died October 1st, aged 83.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, Sylvia P. Sims 3, J. P. Sims 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. For Harvest Festival.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Medway 1, Miss S. Udell 2, Mrs. M. Wenban 3, Mrs. M. Blagrove 4, F. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 6, A. Wenban 7, S. Blythe 8. For Evensong, and the christening of grandson of A. J. Glass. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Wenban 1, K. Rawson 2, Mrs. M. Blagrove 3, F. Blagrove 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, A. Wenban (cond.) 7, S. Blythe 8. For Harvest Festival.

WINGERWORTH, DERBYS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Heeley 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, C. Greenhough 3, Alan Shore 4, M. Phipps (cond.) 5. First attempt 1, 3 and 4. Rung for Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to Mr. H. C. James, on retirement after almost 25 years as organist and choirmaster. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Dexter (first attempt) 1, Marjorie Yarnold (cond.) 2, C. Greenhough 3, A. Shore 4, M. Phipps 5. A compliment to Steven Clark, of the local band, on departure to Guildford Agricultural College.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quick (first quarter) 1, H. Purchase 2, V. Gunter (first quarter) 3, G. Maben 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Casley 6, W. Nurcombe 7, H. Gale 8 An engagement compliment to the conductor's daughter, Rosemary, to Mr. K. Hayball.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, M. Journeaux 2, P. J. Heritage 3, C. C. Clarke 4, B. J. Davis 5, P. Davis 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, W. W. Franklin 8.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS. — On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Gregory (cond.) 1, J. Ewers 2, T. G. Rossiter (first quarter) 3, H. G. Rand 4, C. East 5, W. H. Ayris 6. A compliment to J. Ewers and his wife, Barbara, on the birth of a son, Roger John.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Sept. 24th, 720 Bob Doubles: Susan Heeley (longest length) 1, Christine Nevins (longest length "inside") 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, M. Phipps (cond.) 4, J. Arkwell 5, P. Attwood 6. In honour of the first ordination service at Chesterfield since 1931.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

330th Anniversary Dinner

Please note that Cannon Street Station is not open on Saturday afternoons. Nearest stations to Walbrook are Bank and Mansion House.

Towers available for those attending the dinner:

10.30–12.00	St. Dunstan's, Stepney High Street (10).
1.30– 2.30	Southwark Cathedral (12).
2.15 3.15	St. Clement Danes', Strand (10).
3.00– 4.00	St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, City (6) and St. Giles', Cripplegate, City (12).
3.45– 4.45	St. Botolph's Aldgate (8) and St. Michael's, Cornhill, City (12).
4.30– 5.30	St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (12) and St. Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, City (8). 2562

BETHERSDEN, KENT. — The Bethersden Players will be performing Kenneth Horne's play "And This Was Odd" in the Village Hall on the evenings of November 9th, 10th and 11th. As is customary, therefore, bell-ringing practice on Friday, November 10th, has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 2628

BRINKLOW CHURCH BELL FUND. — Prize Draw.—Winning numbers were: 7952, 3028, 4088, 4209, 8520, 2591, 2099, 5559, 3094, 3589, 9319, 6343, 3602, 8597, 3895, 3059. All supporters are thanked for a most successful event. 2618

SECOND STRATTON RINGING FESTIVAL.—Saturday, December 2nd. All local towers open. Eight-bell Striking Competition. Details later. 2625

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —The annual dinner will be held on December 2nd. Tickets 25s. Ringing arrangements to be announced later.—Susan E. M. Davis, c/o J.C.R., University of Southampton. 2600

ST MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER
(The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild)

Box seats for the ringing room "In Memoriam" to J. Davis and W. Hewett are to be dedicated by the Rector, Canon M. Stancliffe, prior to Evensong (5.30 p.m.) on Sunday, December 3rd. A Ringers' Day will be arranged on December 16th. Three towers in the morning, if required, followed by ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell (10) 2–3.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) in St. Giles' Church Hall 4 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 6 to 8 p.m. It is anticipated all the Association will combine to honour the memory of these two well-known men.

Please notify for teas, soon, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 2574

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hoole, Chester. Saturday November 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 2609

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Salford Priors (8), November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam (Tel. 2510). 2584

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 4th, at St. George's, Jesmond—not Whitley Bay. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pardoe, 22, Bayswater Road, Jesmond, Newcastle 2.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over, Saturday, November 4th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and ringing until 8 30. Special methods: Double Norwich and Little Bob. 2608

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, November 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Ringing at the Abbey (12) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Leach, 3, Tretawn Gardens, Newtown, Tewkesbury, Glos. 2575

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting to be held at Hersham on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after for those who notify Mrs. G. Webb, 29, Netley Drive, Walton-on-Thames. 2593

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Watford District.—Practice meeting, Oxhey (8), November 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2588

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Northern District.—Evening meeting at Pirton (5) on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2607

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Handsworth on November 4th. Cup Contest draw at 3 p.m. New rules now available—call change teams can enter. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 41, Ravenscroft Crescent, Sheffield 13. —Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 2572

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford, Saturday November 4th, at 5 p.m.—S. Adams. 2580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's (6), Bramford on Saturday, November 4th, 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 2635

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Cuckfield, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Telephone E.G. 23815) as early as possible. 2606

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting Ryde, November 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — Anne Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. Afton Road, Freshwater, I.W. 2602

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 6th, at 7 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including election of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on November 7th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: November 7th, St. Paul's Cathedral; November 14th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; November 21st, St. Lawrence Jewry; November 28th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.— Practice meeting at the Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, on Tuesday evening, November 7th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Please note change of date. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2631

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Blofield on Thursday, November 9th. Bells (6) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 2570

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull (6), Saturday, November 11th, 2 p.m. until service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing Holy Trinity, Hull, 6 p.m.–9.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull, by previous Thursday. 2630

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bletchingley, Saturday, November 11th, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Godstone, with service at 6.30 and evening ringing at Godstone from 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, by Thursday, November 9th. Names for the annual dinner on January 13th, 1968, to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, please. 2597

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. W. Gilbert, 2, Herne Cottages, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth.—M. L. H. 2624

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch. — Meeting, Plympton St. Maurice (8), Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea (3s. 6d. per head, 2s. small children) to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. Ringing Plympton St. Mary (8) 7–8 p.m. 2626

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, November 11th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hodgson, Council Houses, Durton Lane, Grimsargh, Preston, by Wednesday, 8th.—L. Walmsley. 2619

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Members note: It is proposed to make a grant from the Branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Milnthorpe on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, at 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 2632

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurcaston (8), Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. F. T. Bindley, Mill Road, Thurcaston, by Wednesday, November 8th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2615

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch. — Meeting at Branston, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 2613

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, November 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food. 2620

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Thetford on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Fuller, 29, Nelson Crescent, Thetford, Norfolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Welshpool (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P J. Evans, Ryton, 5, Marton Drive, Mount Pleasant, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, November 8th. 2621

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting at Gedling (6) on November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts, by previous Wednesday. 2634

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Annual District meeting at Leiston on November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Guild executive committee meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. H. Bryant, The Vicarage, Leiston, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 8th.—T. N. J. B. 2601

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, November 11tn, at Oxted. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Limpsfield bells available 3–4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea to A. Newnham, 56, Westlands Way, by previous Wednesday.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Lyminster (not Steyning) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Business meeting after tea. Essential to notify numbers for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex, by Wednesday previous. 2633

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Skipton (8) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott. 2576

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J L. Garner-Hayward,, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 2603

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W District.—Evening practice meeting at Isleworth, Wednesday, November 15th, 8–9.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2550

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting, November 18th, at Wonersh. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea, please, to Mr W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Wonersh Common, near Guildford, by previous Tuesday.

EARLIER PRESS TIMES

"The Ringing World" now goes to press at 10.30 a.m. on Mondays. Only Notices received by the first post on Mondays can be inserted in the same issue.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, on Saturday, November 18th. Committee meeting 2.30. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. Marlow, 20, Phillip Road, Bescot, Walsall, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2585

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

COBB.—On October 29th, 1967, to Don and Sally Cobb, of Waltham Abbey, a son, Andrew John, brother for Richard and Lucy. 2656

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LOCK.—The address of Martin F. Lock is now: Flat A, 6, Regents Park, Exeter, Devon.

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MISCELLANEOUS

JOINT PRACTICE.—Until further notice there will be a joint practice by Ormesby and Stockton Parish Churches. The first, third and fifth Thursdays at Ormesby, and the second and fourth Fridays at Stockton. 2640

WEEK-END RINGING COURSE, Grantley Hall College, Ripon, Yorkshire. Lecturers: J. Hy. Fielden, W. F. Moreton, N. Chaddock. Activities for new and experienced ringers and tutors. Apply immediately to College Warden. 2642

CANCELLED

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Meeting for November 11th cancelled. Further arrangements later.—D. Llewellyn. 2655

MEETINGS

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss D. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 2629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hingley on Saturday, November 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Halsall. H.Q., Lord Street, Hingley.—K. F. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 2657

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Marston Trussell, Saturday, November 4th. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 2652

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Barlborough, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield. **without fail, please.** 2651

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Foxton and Orwell, November 11th. Bells, Foxton (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Foxton Vicarage. 5 p.m Orwell (5) approx. 6.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2641

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting on November 11th at Great Barford (5)) 3–4.45 and Northill (6) 6–8.30. Tea and service at the latter — K. Fleming, Dis Sec. 2647

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Highworth, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques. 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Wednesday, please. 2646

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and social evening in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome. Names for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot, Hants (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2637

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 2639

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday November 11th. Demonstration of Carter Ringing Machine, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, S.W.7, 2.30 p.m. St. Luke's, Chelsea Sydney Street, S.W.3, 4–5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, W.8, 7.30–8.30. Cooked tea. Names essential to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 2636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tilehurst on Saturday, November 11th. Bells are available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetiing. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Everett, 108, St. Michael's Road, Tilehurst, Reading, by November 7th. No names, no tea. 2644

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells: All Saints' 2.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Martin's 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Stamford. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Chamberlain, 30, Tinwell Road, Stamford (Tel. Stamford 3433), by Wednesday, November 15th—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2648

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Seaford (8), November 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Connor Cafe for those who send names to me by November 14th. We are asked to ring for a wedding being held at the church at 3 p.m. Could we please have eight ringers in the belfry by 3.20 p.m.?—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec., Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (3442). 2650

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Roos (5), November 18th, 2.30–4.15. Withernsea (6) 3.30–4.15, Patrington (8) after business meeting. Service Patrington 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 2643

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered for the first striking contest held by the Forest Branch at Newland on October 7th. Mr A. Paton organised the event and Messrs. A. and M. Chandler were the stewards. The test was a rise, 120 in a Doubles method, and lower. Messrs. J. and B. Schofield were the judges and the winning team consisted of J. Webb, Miss A. Butcher, C. R. Cor, L. Meadows, R. Williams and W. Meek.

The Rev. Mr. Ainsworth, from Mitcheldean, donated a cup for the competition, and this was presented by Mr. Schofield to Mr. Meadows. Tea was provided by the ladies of the parish.

TECHNICAL

A SURVEY OF DOUBLE MAJOR METHODS

By W. J. COOPER BAILEY

THE object of this survey is to give complete collections of Plain and Surprise Double Major methods which obey the standard conditions, and to provide notes on these collections where appropriate. The standard conditions for the methods included are, unless otherwise mentioned,

(a) All methods have double symmetry, i.e. symmetry about the quarter lead in addition to the normal symmetry about the half-lead.

(b) No method has more than one double change per quarter lead, no double change having four adjacent places.

(c) No bell remains for more than two blows in the same place.

(d) The path of the treble is that prescribed for the methods under consideration, e.g. for Surprise it has a Treble Bob path.

(e) The sevenths place is never made except at the half-lead.

(f) Plain Bob lead-heads are produced.

A computer was then used to examine all possible Major methods, and those which satisfied these conditions were then printed out, and in particular the collection of Plain Major methods shown in Table (a) was produced.

Several interesting facts are immediately apparent, for example there are only six such methods, and these have all in fact been rung before. It is found, however, from a simple statistical examination of such methods that the expected number in such a collection is only about 5—10 methods, and hence only six methods in the collection is not so anomalous as might at first sight appear. The absence of any double change methods may be similarly predicted.

Table (b) shows the complete collection of Double Surprise Major methods. Here, however, more care is needed in producing the methods, since every method must be intrinsically true, that is, no change must be repeated in the plain course. The theory of methods may be used to show that intrinsic falseness occurs in only two cases. (i) where an operator such as 38, for example, is used twice in succession, thus 38.38, or (ii) when a given bell ("a" in Table (c)) is dodging with the treble, and the effect of the places being made is to cross over the pairs of bells as shown in Table (c). This is liable to occur when three adjacent pairs of places are made in two changes, e.g. 1256.34 with the treble in 7–8. In particular all the methods shown are true since no operator is used twice in succession and there are no 12's or 78's except at the lead-end and half-lead respectively; elsewhere a 12 would imply a 78 not at the half-lead.

Here again the number of methods obtained is small, although perhaps the most interesting feature is the absence of methods with certain types and placings of double changes, for example of the type beginning x 3458 . . ., as compared with the comparatively large numbers of those containing 3458 . . . and . . . 1458 . . .; this may in fact be similarly explained.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I should like to thank the Cambridge University Mathematical Laboratory for the use of computer time.

TABLE (a)

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF DOUBLE PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

1. — 14 — 36 — 58 — 78	f	Double Oxford
2. — 14 — 36 — 58 — 18	k	Double Norwich Court Bob
3. — 14 . 58 . 36 . 14 . 58 — 78	a	Double Mancroft Bob
4. — 14 . 58 . 36 . 14 . 58 — 18	m	Double Coslany Court
5. — 18 — 18 — 18 — 78	b	Double Bob
6. 58 . 14 — 36 — 58 . 14 . 78	a	Double Sandringham Bob

TABLE (c)

Bell "a"	Bells in Crossed Pairs		
2	34	56	78
3	25	47	68
4	26	38	57
5	28	37	46
6	27	35	48
7	24	36	58
8	23	45	67

TABLE (b)

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF DOUBLE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

1. — 36 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 78	b	Superlative
2. — 36 . 58 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 14 . 36 — 78	b	
3. — 56 — 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 — 34 — 78	f	Derwent
4. — 56 — 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 — 34 — 18	k	Norfolk
5. — 56 — 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 — 34 — 78	a	
6. — 56 — 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 — 34 — 18	mx	Double Dublin
7. — 58 — 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 — 14 — 78	a	Premier
8. — 58 — 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 — 14 — 18	mx	Bristol
9. — 58 — 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 — 14 — 78	d	Ashtead
10. — 58 — 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 — 14 — 18	h	Brighton
11. 34 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 56 . 78	f	
12. 34 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 56 . 18	k	
13. 34 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 . 16 — 56 . 78	f	
14. 34 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 . 16 — 56 . 18	k	
15. 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 . 78	a	
16. 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 16 — 56 . 18	mx	Yeading
17. 34 . 56 . 38 . 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 . 16 . 34 . 56 . 78	d	
18. 34 . 56 . 38 . 14 . 56 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 34 . 58 . 16 . 34 . 56 . 18	h	
19. 34 . 58 . 34 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 56 . 14 . 56 . 78	d	
20. 34 . 58 . 34 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 56 . 14 . 56 . 18	h	
21. 36 . 58 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 — 14 . 36 . 78	e	
22. 36 . 58 — 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 — 14 . 36 . 18	jx	
23. 38 — 36 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 36 — 16 . 78	b	
24. 38 . 56 . 38 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 16 . 34 . 16 . 78	c	
25. 56 . 38 — 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 — 16 . 34 . 78	c	
26. 56 . 38 — 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 — 16 . 34 . 18	gx	
27. 58 — 56 . 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 . 34 — 14 . 78	a	Windsor
28. 58 — 58 . 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 . 14 — 14 . 78	a	Lancashire
29. 58 — 58 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 14 — 14 . 78	f	Peterborough
30. 58 . 36 — 16 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 38 — 36 . 14 . 78	b	
31. 58 . 36 . 58 . 16 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 38 . 14 . 36 . 14 . 78	c	
32. 3458 — 36 . 14 — 56 — 36 — 34 — 58 . 36 — 1456 . 78	a	
33. 3458 — 36 . 14 . 58 — 58 . 36 . 14 — 14 . 58 . 36 — 1458 . 78	b	
34. 3458 — 38 . 14 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 58 . 16 — 1456 . 78	a	
35. — 58 — 1458 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 1458 — 14 — 78	a	Stanton
36. — 58 — 1458 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 1458 — 14 — 18	mx	Ditchling
37. 38 — 36 . 1458 — 58 — 36 — 14 — 1458 . 36 — 16 . 78	b	

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

The Branch held its autumn meeting at Bampton on August 14th. Through the lack of experienced ringers the afternoon ringing was restricted to rounds and Grandsire Triples. The Vicar conducted the service and in his address compared the weather with the Christian atmosphere and said that the sound of bells helped to create this atmosphere. In bad weather one felt depressed, whereas on a fine, sunny day one felt on top of the world. The same could be applied to Christianity; if people could trust one another and forgive, the spiritual atmosphere would be bright and good. After the service an excellent tea was enjoyed at a nearby cafe.

The business meeting took place in the Grammar School. The secretary, in his report, mentioned the circulation of census forms to provide an up-to-the-minute picture of the Branch. He asked peal ringers not to arrange peals on official Branch ringing days and for the support of more experienced ringers at Branch practices.

The programme for 1968 was more or less accepted as that on the agenda—the spring meeting at Witney on April 20th, the Branch outing on July 13th, and the autumn meeting to be re-arranged, as this year there were six Oxford Guild meetings on the same day. The Branch was lucky to have Miss Cross with them, as it was discovered that she had been to two other meetings beforehand.

A motion to increase subscriptions by 1s. 6d. to 5s. created an interesting discussion. Miss Cross pointed out that at least half of the subscriptions had to be given to the Guild. As the motion was intended to boost the Branch funds it was felt that the Branch could not afford to give the Guild any more money, as would be the case if the subscriptions were raised to 5s. The solution was to leave the subscriptions as they were and impose a levy of 1s. 6d. on each member. This was carried, but an amendment to impose a levy on towers and not members was left to the committee to discuss.

The election of three new members followed, after which the chairman (the Rev. P. Wilkins) presented certificates to the new members elected at the annual general meeting, and certificates to the five teams who took part in the striking contest.

Proceedings concluded with the vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. E. Patching and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. F. R. V.

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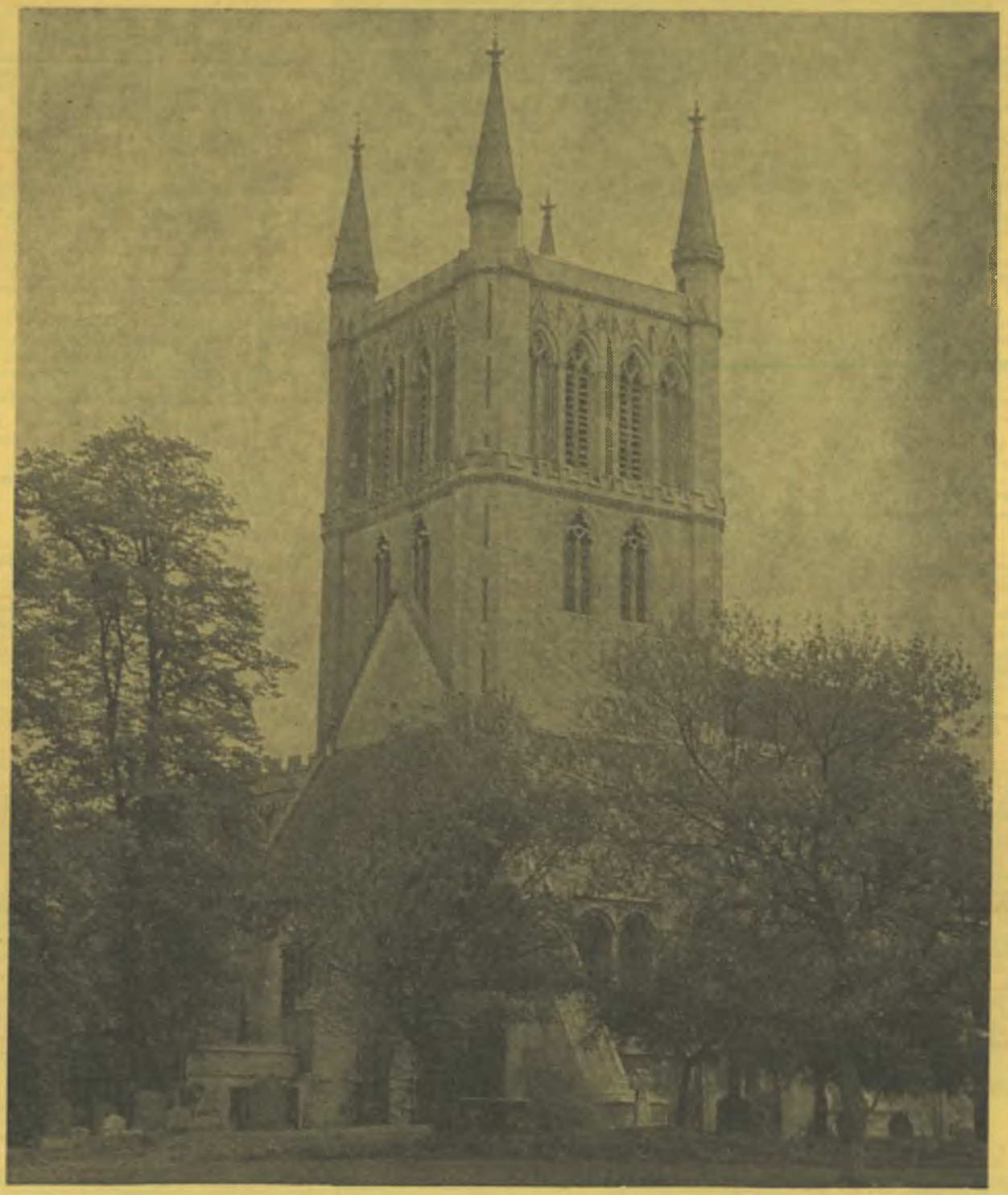

Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha, Pershore

Broken Stay Accident in Worcestershire

A broken stay accident at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Worcestershire, on Sunday, October 29th, had serious consequences for Mr. Raymond Dunn (38), an experienced ringer, who had been ringing since the age of 15.

The accident happened after ringing had finished for morning service. One of the bells got stuck—it might have been that the rope had slipped wheel—when Mr. Dunn tried to pull it back into position. The stay broke and he was carried to the ceiling, receiving head injuries and being rendered unconscious. He fell heavily some 17 feet to the floor.

Prompt action was taken to try to find a doctor and the Warley Fire Brigade stood by. When a doctor considered that it was safe to move him the unconscious ringer was carried by firemen down the spiral staircase to the Dudley Guest Hospital. The report that evening by the hospital authorities was that his condition was "fairly satisfactory."

According to a Press report his brother-in-law, Mr. Stanley Cornock, who is verger at the church, said: "After the stay broke, Ray tried to control it, but the bell cartwheeled right round."

Mr. Dunn, who lives at Wright's Lane, Old Hill, is a television engineer. He has been ringing at Holy Trinity Church for the past 18 months. The best wishes of all ringers are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

Holy Trinity Church has a ring of eight bells with a tenor of 23½ cwt. in F. The bell Mr. Dunn was ringing is said to be about 15 cwt.

RINGING NOT A DANGEROUS PASTIME

The following letter has been sent to the Editor of "The Birmingham Post" by Mr. G. F. Green, of 46, Cherry Street, Birmingham:—

Dear Sir, — Today (October 30th), in the Press and by radio, there have been reports of an accident to a ringer in a Black Country church yesterday.

It has been indicated that such an accident is extremely rare. Nevertheless, at a time when many young people are enjoying this typically English form of bellringing, and there is a constant requirement for recruits, it would be most unfortunate if the reports created among parents the impression that it is a dangerous pastime.

One does not know the exact circumstances under which the accident occurred, and it would be quite improper to suggest that the unfortunate ringer suffered as the result of his own action or that of another.

With respect, I suggest that you would be doing a service to the Exercise if you would make it known that in all belfries ringers are taught by experts to handle the ropes only in a way which avoids accidents and to abide by very stringent, but common sense, rules to the same end.

All ringers are taught to hold a bell rope only in a particular manner which, intentionally, provides for it to be released by merely opening the hands; if a back stay goes, the ringer loosens the rope and steps back, all in a fraction of a second. Any other manner of holding a rope is incorrect, unsafe and strictly not allowed by any Ringing Master.

Very many ringers have not experienced a broken back stay over long years of ringing. Your correspondent, in 15 years, experienced two with nothing worse than the noise of the free-swinging bell and the subsequent trouble of replacing the back stay.

One should not overlook the million-to-one chance of some unforeseeable circumstance which might lead to an accident, and one may conjecture that such was the occurrence on Sunday. However, it is undeniably true that it is infinitely safer to allow a child to be taught bellringing by an expert than to present a child with an airgun, bicycle or a handful of fireworks.

APPLETON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT FAILS

The long peal attempt for Grandsire Caters on October 21st failed after nine hours' ringing through one of the band having a bad attack of cramp.

Our correspondent writes:—

The day started on a happy note with the Rector sitting in the tower awaiting the arrival of the band and the umpire, and when all had assembled we were heartened by the prayer and sincerity of the Rector before he left the band in the capable hands of Brian White.

At 7.15 a.m. precisely the bells went into rounds, and at 7.17 a.m. they were off and at 7.33 a.m. they had stopped. Tension and nerves had to be quietened as the pace was terrific. It was the best thing that could have happened. They chatted a few moments; some, sensing 14 hours was a long time, stripped off their shirts, and at 7.38 a.m. they were off again, this time to a regular Appleton beat.

The ringing was consistent for hour after hour, the first 5,000 coming up in 2 hours and 55 minutes, the second 5,000 in 2 hours and 56 minutes, and the third 5,000 in 2 hours and 56 minutes, and it was not until 2.14 that the first trip occurred, which we afterwards found was not so much of a trip as one of the band missing his sally and not gaining full control of his bell for a couple of whole pulls. (It always sounds worse outside than it does inside.) Then at 4.38 p.m. came the shock. The bells were set up, and for a few minutes there was a deathly silence outside. Then the umpire unlocked the tower door and the first out was Brian White. When asked what was the matter he gave us his reason, with which the umpire was entirely in agreement.

One of the band had a bad attack of cramp (unfortunately in his hands), which necessitated ringing the bell with one hand. This was not conducive to good striking, and when the conductor asked the ringer how he felt, the reply was typically English—"Carry on and I will do my best."

But over four hours to complete a peal is a long time, so the conductor kept on half an hour and when the attack did not get better he called "Stand," the ringing not being up to standard, and Brian also reasoned that, with the ringing steadily deteriorating, it was senseless even to carry on for a further half-hour and having to call "Stand" before the finish.

With true Appleton hospitality, half the band went to Brian's home for tea and the other half to Frank's, and when everyone had refreshed themselves a move was made to the Plough, where several "listeners" had gathered. As the wine began to flow through the veins disappointment was soon forgotten and the ringers and listeners enjoyed themselves as only ringers can. Even at midnight we realised the correct decision had been taken and the day had been happy for all in spite of an honest failure. W. H.

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PERSHORE ABBEY

By ARTHUR C. BERRY

THE present Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha, Pershore, is all that remains of a vast Benedictine monastery. Founded A.D. 689, this monastery grew in size and wealth up until the Dissolution, when all the monastic buildings were destroyed. The church itself was offered for sale to the parishioners. Curiously enough they did not seem able to buy the whole church but bought the monastic portion rather than the nave, which had been their place of worship. This was pulled down and the remainder, the monastic portion, is what is left today.

The central tower was begun about 1335 upon earlier Norman arches. The interior of the lantern tower is richly traceried and moulded. It was because of this that in 1864, during a major restoration under Sir Gilbert Scott, the old ringing room floor was removed and in its place a platform was constructed in the centre of the tower.

This platform is built diagonally on two solid oak beams running from the centre of each wall at right angles to each other. It is twelve feet square and the sides consist of iron railings six feet in height. Because of these railings and the skeleton iron staircase by which one reaches this platform, it is known locally as the "cage" or "birdcage."

The gap from the top of the railings to the underside of the belfry floor is made up of substantial wire netting said to have been put up after a local ringer got caught in his rope, was taken up and almost fell over the top of the railings to the church floor 80 feet below.

RUDHALL BELLS

The bells, which form a very fine ring, were cast by Abraham Rudhall II in 1729; originally there had been five bells. The treble was recast in 1814 by T. Mears and the fourth in 1897 by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. The tenor is approximately 27 cwt. in the note of D.

Up to the present time there have been 35 peals rung on these bells. The first was by the Youths of All Saints', Worcester, in 1814. They rang 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 13 minutes. The first peal rung from the "new" ringing platform was 5040 Stedman Triples on December 27th, 1890, conducted by F. E. Dawe. There is a carillon put up in 1879 by Gillett and Bland, which plays a fortnightly cycle of tunes.

Having a fine ring of bells and a rather unique ringing chamber, Pershore Abbey attracts many visiting ringers. Most of them soon get used to the "cage" but there are a few who do not really like it. Fortunately these are in the minority, for most ringers are soon back to ring again on these bells, probably some of the best that ever came out of the Rudhall Foundry.

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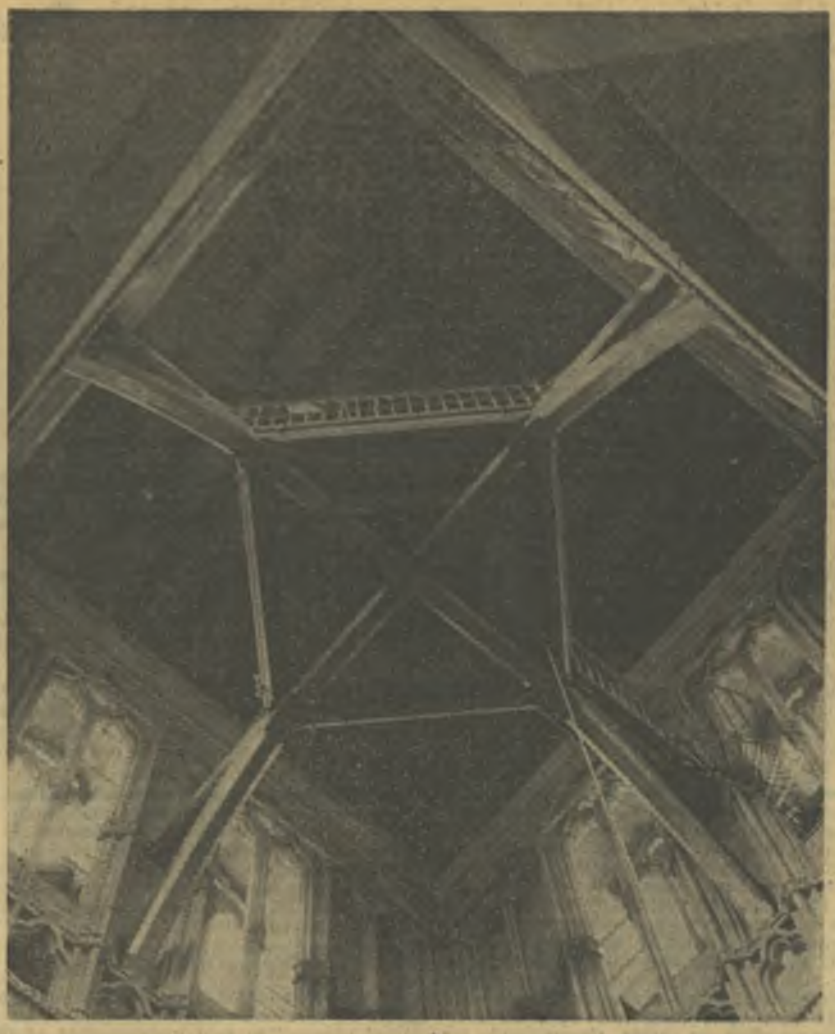

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn festival of the Penzance District was held at Carbis Bay on October 28th, and was attended by over 70 ringers.

A touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells during the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Roberts. Following this, an excellent tea was provided by the ladies, to whom we extend our thanks.

At the meeting it was proposed that proficiency ringing tests be introduced into the Branch, and arrangements in this direction are in hand. Eight long-service certificates were presented, and the next festival was provisionally arranged to take place at Paul on April 20th.

Towers open for ringing were Zennor, Towednack, Lelant and St. Hilary. M.C.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT WORCESTERSHIRE'S DINNER

THE Worcestershire and Districts Association held its 30th annual dinner at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 21st. The company numbered 145 and was the largest attendance since 1960.

Guest of honour was the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, D.D., who proposed the toast of "The Association." The Bishop observed that the Association had now reached 85 years of age and that its members had rung for Church and State occasions through the reigns of four monarchs. But many of the bells themselves, he continued, were, of course, several hundred years older than that. What stories they could tell if only they could speak.

The Bishop then said how pleased he was when, on his visitations, the bells were rung to mark his presence in the parish. He particularly remembered on his recent river pilgrimage on the River Avon being awakened by the bells of Great Comberton ringing at 7 a.m. for Holy Communion which he was to celebrate. He concluded by saying: "Our churches are monuments of a great and eternal truth, and it is through the bells that they tell of that truth."

Responding, the Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Evesham, described bells as "the Church's chief publicity agent. Ringers find great satisfaction in the practice of the art and derive inspiration from the knowledge that bishops and clergy recognise this involves considerably more than merely heaving on ropes." Mr. Webb spoke both as an incumbent and a ringer and thanked the members of the Association for all the help and encouragement he had received.

CATHEDRAL BELLS FOUND IN NORFOLK

In response to a toast by Mr. C. Skidmore, the chairman, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester, stated that having recovered, last year, one of the old Cathedral bells from the original ring of eight, he was now in touch with the incumbent of Didlington, Norfolk, where four more of these bells had gone. The possibility of retrieving these pre-Reformation bells was being explored. "Campanology is one of the great arts and crafts we must strive to foster in this electronic age," he declared, emphasising the need of preserving skills and practices of the human brain and hand.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by M. J. Fellows 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. D. Fellows 5-6, and D. Beacham 7-8. The Offenham handbell ringers were warmly applauded for a skilful demonstration of tune playing, and Miss Joyce Cunningham, accompanied by Anthony Hayward (piano), sang delightfully. The evening concluded with a showing of the Washington Film.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Aston 1, Susan Chew 2, M. Burston 3, R. J. Tibbitts (cond.) 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

Leicester Diocesan Guild's Dual Celebration

FOUNDER'S DAUGHTER PRESIDES

Mrs. Jill Staniforth, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the Guild a motto at its 21st anniversary dinner held at The Meet, Leicester County Cricket Ground, on October 28th. It was the words of the Guild's first patron, the Bishop of Leicester, addressed at its own foundation, "Only the best is good enough."

By a coincidence the celebration took place on the president's birthday and she was duly toasted. "A Happy Birthday" was sung and President Jill cut a birthday cake honouring the two events. The Immediate Past President (Mr. B. Stedman Payne) said that when he approved the date he had no idea that he would not be president. He had in the interim left the Diocese for a year's course at Nottingham University and felt it was unwise to continue in office.

The esteem in which the Guild is held was marked by the capacity attendance at the dinner. The president and vice-president of the Central Council were there; the Diocese was represented by the two Archdeacons; the two national Societies, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, by the Master-elect, Mr. P. A. Corby, and the Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, respectively. Parties of ringers from Lancashire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby and the Midlands attended. It was a great birthday, which the Guild and its president could well be proud of.

Sprays of carnations were presented to the wives of the two Archdeacons, the Ven. R. B. Cole and the Ven. D. H. Lockley. President Jill, who was acompanied by her husband, Peter, had a spray of delicate rosebuds. She presided with a dignity of one born to office, and on her right sat Canon Gilbert Thurlow. Also on the top table were the Guild secretary, Mr. A. J. Poynor, and his bride of seven days, Sandra, and the Guild treasurer, Mr. J. M. Jelley, and Mrs. Jelley. Mr. Paul L Taylor, a vice-president, sat next to Archdeacon Lockley. The toastmaster was Mr. J. P. Fidler, who contributed to the happiness of the gathering with his stories. The toast of "The Queen" was proposed from the chair.

Proposing the toast of "The Church," Mr. J. E. Adams said they were proud to be a Diocesan Guild, as their main purpose was to provide a link between the various parishes and churches. Although there might still be individual criticisms, unquestionably over the past 100 years and particularly in the last 25 there had been a very great change in outlook by ringers generally in their responsibility to the Church, and probably at no time had there been such a high proportion of ringers who undertook other duties for their church. In the past years there had been an ever-conscious effort to bring ringers and the Church together. Of course, they never should be apart. Ringers enjoyed their ringing but it was no less a service to the Church because they enjoyed it, though there seemed to be one school of thought that held that service to the Church was the greater if there was less enjoyment with it. This was perhaps why the writer of "Pilgrim's Progress," the Puritan John Bunyan, ceased to be a bellringer when Puritan instincts became uppermost.

A JOYFUL NOISE

He always recalled certain comments of the late Ernest Morris when the band was depleted so that there were not sufficient to undertake proper change ringing. His comment was always: "Well, let's go up and make a joyful noise," and surely that was the whole essence of ringing bells so far as the Church of England was concerned. The message of the bells to the outside world should surely be the message of a "joyful noise."

To the non-churchgoer they were often almost the only outward sign of Church activity and it was surprising even in this modern age of noise and canned music how great was the proportion of chapelgoers and even those of no denomination who would support appeals for funds for church bells. Their ringing was an aspect of church activity which could not readily be ignored and the majority of them thought, although they derived pleasure from ringing, it was to give a service to the Church.

The Archdeacon of Leicester, the Rev. R. B'. Cole, in his reply, brought to the company the good wishes of Derek and Susan Sawyer, who he understood at one time rang at the Cathedral and at Birstall. He married them at the Cathedral last September and they then went to Toronto, where they worked and where he met them. They told him in Canada that they had been to Washington and had rung on the famous bells at the Cathedral.

The president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) prefaced his submission of the toast of "The Leicester Diocesan Guild" by commenting that that night he must drink it in bitter lemon or something like it as he must drive 140 miles to Norwich afterwards. It reminded him that toast in that sense came from the custom of putting toast (in breakfast sense) into some wine so that one could drink it without getting drunk.

He congratulated the Leicester Guild on its annual report—a magnificent production. It was also managed cleverly financially, as in 1964 the report cost £163 to produce; in 1956 £156; and in 1966 £143. It was only a matter of time at this rate before the printer was paying them for the privilege of printing it. (Laughter.)

CHURCH'S PUBLIC IMAGE

The objects of the Guild, printed on page 2, were all excellent. He was so glad about the third object, "to gain understanding of their art amongst the public." "It is wholly right," said the Canon, "that the Church should have a good public image, not to gain advantage like a successful advertiser, but because it is useless to have something good to offer people unless it is also something which attracts them. Christ was attractive, worthy church buildings are attractive, the social work the Church does in and for the community must appear attractive to all people of goodwill. Ringing must be attractive. Never let it get needlessly unpopular because church authorities can't bother to control sound and prevent bells being unpleasantly loud."

How right they were to want to continue in close contact with all clergy and other church leaders. Too many ringers seemed content to be in their little shell, almost proud of being unnoticed and their work undervalued. Individual parish reports were so good in many cases, especially Barwell. "So much depends on the influence of just one person. You may be that person. With gratitude for the invitation to this wonderful day, the toast is 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.'"

The president in reply said it was with feelings of honour and pride that she responded to the toast. Honour for having been chosen to lead the ringers of the Diocese in this their celebration year, and pride for having had the privilege of taking part in the life of the 21 years of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Exactly 22 years ago that day the provisional committee formed by members of the Midland Counties Association residing in the Diocese met under the chairmanship of their toastmaster, Mr. Jack Fidler, to decide the formation of the Districts for the new Guild, which was now their Diocesan Guild.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER

"As Canon Thurlow said, my father was the prime mover in suggesting the splitting of the Midland Counties Association, and as our founder president, it really goes without saying that the foundations on which we now operate are due in no small measure to his efforts. But having said that—campanology is definitely not a one-man-band, and without hard-working officers, and indeed all the members which my father and his successors have had around them, the Guild would not be flourishing to the extent is it today.

"To quote from Oscar Wilde, 'Memory is the diary we all carry about with us.' I feel the majority of people here tonght have good memories and I have no intention of looking back over the past 21 years—in fact a précis has already been printed in 'The Ringing World' in conjunction with the celebrations in Derby last September."

In asking the Guild to turn their eyes to the future, the president said: "Sunday service ringing and worship must continue to be uppermost in our minds. I am quite sure that in the majority of cases our members compare very favourably with those of other Guilds; but I would like to quote the words of our first patron, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese: 'If we are to have a separate Guild for the Leicester Diocese only the best is good enough.' If all our members take these words as their motto I am sure the Guild will be a medium for bringing into closer relationship the clergy, churchwardens and ringers, and it will be realised that our efforts are the witness of the Church of God which is one of the few which stretches into many homes that may not otherwise be reminded of the Church's existence."

The president concluded with an appeal to good ringers to do all they could to help learners. To the beginners she suggested that they should move around the Diocese to practices and meetings where experience could be gained and in turn they would be one of those steady, loyal church men or women who undertake to ring the bells on Sundays and regard this as a foremost duty to the Church and, as Canon Thurlow said, give the Church a good public image.

Mr. P. L. Taylor, vice-president, proposed the concluding toast of 'The Visitors." He mentioned by name the president of the Central Council, the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Mr. Dennis Beresford and his party of Cumberlands, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price, Mr. and Mrs. Morris and parties from Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, coupling the name of Mr. Philip A. Corby with the toast, mentioning that he rang in a peal at Loughborough that afternoon, which prevented him having 40 winks to put himself right for that evening.

Mr. P. A. Corby replied.

A dance followed and during the evening the birthday cake was cut and "Happy Birthday" was sung to honour the president.

THE COMPANY

Besides those on the top table the company included: Mr. and Mrs. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bent, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bramley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. B Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B. Buswell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. D. Clarke, Mr. J. H. Cook (vice-president) and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Day, Mr. and Mrs. W. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Faulkner, Mr. and Miss Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Geary, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. L. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacques, Mr. and

Leicester Guild—continued

Mrs. J. Kinchin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kirk, Mr. J. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Manship, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. Olliffe, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. W E. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. J Rickaby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ridding, Mr and Mrs. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Stimson, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Younger.

Mesdames A Beresford, J. Granger, B. M. Johnson, W. Smalley, M. Wellington.

Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, M. D. Barsby, N. Bennett, D. and P. Beresford, T. G. Briggs, B. Burrows, R. H. Cook, A. Corby, N. R. Ellway, T O. Greasley, K. Gilliver, R. Gilliver, A. Hayden, R. Hayes, F. H. Hicks, J. A. Howard, M. L. Howe, R. J. Kendrick, R. C. Kippin, D. F. Moore, T. Nott, C. T. Osenton J. Preston, E. R. Rapley, W. A. Riddington, R. Sharp, D. E. Sibson, D. Slater, T. W. White, R. Wilson and W. A. Wood.

The Misses C. Andrew, J. Beresford, G. Bidgood, P. Chidwick, J. Corby, A. Day, B. M Garratt, A. C. Hardman, R. Middimer, S. Preston, B. Soars, R. Staniforth, V. Walls, H. Walters, A. Warnes and W. Wright.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Saturday, October 21st, turned out wet and cold, but this did not deter many members and visitors from supporting the St. Albans District meeting at Barnet. The 23 cwt. eight were rung during the afternoon, methods up to Watford and London being enjoyed until the service at 4.30 p.m.

Tea has always presented a problem at Barnet, and this meeting was no exception. Those who had sent names in went to the local cafe, the others dispersed in various directions, to join us again at 6.30 p.m. at Monken Hadley belfry for the business meeting. The chair was taken by Mr. Frank Haynes. Under matters arising from the minutes, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds reported that the District car outing to Berkshire was reasonably successful. Mr. A. Steven Taylor was elected a member, having moved into the District from Devon.

The District social, on December 2nd, is to take the place of a formal dinner, due to the number of younger members now in the District. It will start at 7 p.m. and will cost 7s. 6d. per head. Ideas for entertainment are welcome; please give them to John Ewer, who will be M.C. for the evening.

After votes of thanks, ringing took place at Monken Hadley, with methods up to Bristol and Spliced Surprise being rung.

Next meeting: St. Peter's, St. Albans, on November 18th. Special method: London Surprise Royal. J. A. F.

Eastern District

Mr. E Newman, the president of the Herts County Association, and his wife kindly provided tea for the meeting of the Eastern District at Cheshunt. The wet afternoon did not prevent a good attendance. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and after the business meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: Hunsdon (8), November 11th.

5,002 KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL
By R. F. B. SPEED

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RINGING SECRETARIES MARRY

The thoughts, with good wishes, of many ringers in the Leicester Diocese turned to Aylestone, Leics, on October 3rd, for the wedding, in glorious sunshine, at St. Andrew's Church of Mr. A. James Poynor, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Poynor, and Miss Sandra Chesterton, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Chesterton, both families being members of the Parish Church. A large congregation witnessed the ceremony performed by the Rector, the Rev. Stephen Jackson, assisted by the curate, the Rev. T. C. Wiles.

As the bride approached the church the bells pealed forth their welcome—the bridegroom having already joined his fellow ringers for a course of London Surprise Major. Escorted by her father, the bride was attended by Mrs. S. M. Hall, the matron of honour, who, prior to her marriage and consequent move to London, was a member of the Aylestone band, and two smaller bridesmaids, Miss J. Heircock and Miss L. Bonnington.

The bridal procession, following a full choir, moved slowly to the chancel as the organist, Mr. T. C. Moulds, played a voluntary on the "Old 100th" by Purcell. The hymn "Lead Us, Heavenly Father" preceded the marriage service and this was followed by the 23rd Psalm set to the tune of Brother James' Air. After prayers the hymn "O Father, All Creating" brought the ceremony to a close. The happy couple left the church during the playing of Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary" and the firing and ringing of the bells.

The bride was attired in a heavy white satin dress with a long train edged with pure lace. She wore a short veil kept in place by a coronet, and carried a bouquet of red and white roses interspersed with lilies of the valley. The matron of honour was dressed in red satin, and the bridesmaids in long dresses of red velvet and satin. The best man was Mr. Peter J. Challoner (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) and the ushers were Messrs R. J. Bell and A. S. Hayden. The reception was held at The Meet, at the Leicestershire County Cricket Ground and was attended by 105 guests.

The bride is the honorary secretary of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild. The bridegroom is the general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and also an active member of both the Aylestone P.C.C. and the local Dramatic Society.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was successfully brought round later in the day at Aylestone Parish Church, conducted by Mr. Russell S. Morris, who taught the bride to ring. M. J. S.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Yardley on October 14th. The chief attraction was undoubtedly the striking competition, which caused a great amount of interest. Many ringers came to listen to a high standard of ringing on a very fine octave, and as many as 80 enjoyed a bountiful tea. At the commencement of the meeting the Master welcomed Mr. Frank E. Haynes, vice-president, of Cambridge, and invited him to take the chair.

The judges of the striking competition reported that the standard of ringing was higher, and the number of entries greater than in the two previous competitions held by the Guild. It was difficult to decide the positions of the first three, as all were rung with good rhythm. A general criticism was the variations at lead. The competing bands were placed in the following order of merit: 1 St. Martin's, 2 Erdington Abbey, 3 King's Norton, 4 Yardley, 5 Aston, 6 Perry Barr.

The rules of the competition were the subject of much discussion, several members expressing the opinion that they were too flexible in places. Useful suggestions for their improvement are to be considered by the Striking Committee.

The following were elected resident members of the Guild: Mrs. Jennifer Green and Vernon Green (Solihull), Derek Walters (Shirley), Paul Evans (Harborne) and Miss Sheila Insley and John McEvilly (Erdington Abbey).

The tower elections as life members of the following ringers were duly ratified: Howard W. Eggleston (Claydon, Ipswich), Albert E. Ellsmore (Halesowen), Peter A. Sharp (Lincoln) and Stewart Armeson (Rotherham).

A grant was made to two young ringers towards their expenses of attending a course on ringing at Cheltenham, this being considered an excellent use of the Guild's funds.

Two notices of motion to be brought before the annual meeting were received, which promises to add interest to that meeting, which will be held at St. Martin's on the first Saturday in January, 1968.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared tea was accorded, also to the Vicar, the Rev. David Edwards, for the use of the bells.

STRIKING COMPETITION BIGGLESWADE'S FIRST

There was a slight air of excitement on October 21st, when three teams, Biggleswade, Potton and Maulden, met at Old Warden for the District's first striking competition. The bands practised between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m prior to the competition. Mr. M. Orme and Mr. J. Dew were the judges, and after a simple tea in the Women's Institute Hall, gave their verdicts, placing the teams in the same order as they rang: 1 Maulden, 2 Potton, 3 Biggleswade. The first two teams now qualify to enter in the Association competition at Tempsford on November 25th.

The company then had another chance of seeing the home production based on a famous ringing saga, made by some local Potton ringers.

There was ringing again in the evening, when more of the District members who could not enter, due to a lack of local ringers, came to support this first venture, which we hope next year will be more embracing and competitive.

Our thanks go to the Vicar and Mrs. Shuttleworth, O.B.E., for their help and co-operation. L. E.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Rogers 1, L. Toseland 2, R F. Turner 3, D. Bowen 4, A. Gibbs 5, J. G. Mitchell 6, B. Austin (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8.

Letters to the Editor

BEWILDERED OVER VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to the peal of Doubles rung at Bronllys, which appears in "The Ringing World" on page 558, and to a letter from Mr. Roy H. Jones on page 634.

In his letter, Mr. Jones acknowledged the names of three variations in the peal. I am afraid that I am a little bewildered by these particular variations. The three methods which constitute the plain courses are New Bob, Huntspiil and St. Vedast, all of which have the work of New Bob above the treble. The call which Mr. Colin A. Lewis coupled with them in the peal is a Grandsire Extreme. I was of the opinion that a Grandsire Extreme is, in fact, merely a plain lead of New Bob, in which case the three variations are non-existent. Perhaps someone would be good enough to enlighten me on this point. Are there by any chance two Grandsire Extremes? —Yours faithfully,

DAVID R. McLEAN.

Lincoln Hall, Nottingham.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER

Dear Sir,—May I join Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Symonds and Mr. Barnett as a survivor of the old St. Margaret's Society, Westminster? I rang several peals for the Society, and what I think must have been the Society's last peal was on June 22nd, 1912, when Jim Davis conducted a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, in which I took part. We also rang a peal of Double Norwich at Cheshunt, Herts, on May 4th, 1912. I appear to be the only surviving member of these two bands.—Yours faithfully,

F. I. HAIRS.

Groombridge.

A HOAX?

Dear Sir,—I have recently visited St. Peter's, Tilton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire (a four-bell tower), and in the ringing room I found the following peal card:—

ST. PETER'S, TILTON-ON-THE-HILL.
On Saturday, July 11th, 1897.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS
1 George James, of Birmingham.
2 William Pye, of London.
3 George R. Pye, of London.
4 Edward Pitman, of London.

This is the first peal of Minimus ever rung.

I wonder if any of your older ringers could verify this notice, or was it just another "hoax peal"?

I think it is worth noting that the peal card was fairly recently typed.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. COLLIS.

Whitton, Twickenham.

FIRST WAR MEMORY RECALLED

Dear Sir,—Mr. Edgar Shepherd's letter in the issue of October 20th brought back to me memories of the very pleasant time I had with the College Youths and their handbell band, especially when Dr. J. B. Williamson umpired Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples, which Challis Winney conducted from 5–6, Bert Langdon ringing 1–2, Charles Norton 7–8, and myself 3–4.

I also would like to send greetings to Dr. Williamson, and I wonder if he recalls the very enjoyable times we had around the Buckinghamshire area during the first world war?—Yours sincerely,

ELSIE L. HAIRS.

Groombridge, Sussex.

THE OLD HILL ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—You will no doubt be sorry to learn of a serious accident which took place in the belfry of Old Hill Parish Church on Sunday morning, October 29th. There are eight bells but, owing to a shortage of ringers, the front six bells only were rung for morning service There had been a wedding on Saturday, 28th. and the bells were left "up" at backstroke.

At the conclusion of ringing on the Sunday morning it was found impossible to pull off the seventh bell, set at backstroke. However, Ray Dunn reached up and gripped the rope. Without any warning the rope immediately went up, taking Ray a distance of 20 feet.

Questions one asks oneself: Why didn't he let the rope go. Had he got his hand looped through the tail-end? I have known Ray personally for many years. He is one of the steadiest ringers I know, with a good style of ringing, and I have never seen his hand through the loop of the tail-end. This could have happened to me. Rather a terrifying thought.

I do feel there is definitely a lesson to be learned by us all. It is dangerous to leave the bells up at backstroke. When the stay breaks there is no warning. Window sash-cords give out in just the same sudden way. Not quite so much metal on the end though.

Lots of experienced ringers will no doubt say, "Of course it is a dangerous practice," but how many voice our opinions when requested to leave them set at backstroke?

I have only once seen a bell set at backstroke suddenly vanish. Fortunately no one had possession of it at the time.

Just a personal note to say that during the 18 months he has been at Old Hill, Ray has taught three teenage girls to ring an "inside" bell to touches of Grandsire on very difficult bells.

He has also carried out decorating the belfry and looking after the bells generally. He has put in hours of hard work and I sincerely hope he will soon be able to return.

His many friends may be interested to know that he is at present in Princess Mary Ward of Dudley Guest Hospital.—Yours sincerely,

MOLLY TROMANS.

Cradley Heath, Warley.

COACHES NOT WANTED

C. A. B. submits a plea for coach parties at hostelries. "All the houses at which we pulled up displayed the 'No Coaches' sign and although our driver went in and pleaded on our behalf they did not want our custom, so in the end we had to park the coach in Horsham and pretend that we were on foot."

This was the experience of the 21st outing of the East Grinstead and District Guild on October 14th. Ringing took place at Guildford Cathedral, on the heavy eight at Bray, Sonning, All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and finally at Pirbright, where the party arrived an hour late through having missed the road.

ANOTHER DEVON TOUR

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, another successful tour of East Devon took place on October 21st, when despite the inclement weather a most enjoyable time was spent. Those accompanying him were Messrs. H. F. Myers, D. R. Bould, G. E. Mudge, E. J. Cann, J. C. Mitchelmore, B. Knight, S. Pierce and D. Pearse.

Towers visited were at Honiton (St. Paul's), Axminster, Uplyme, Seaton, Colyton, Sidbury, Sidmouth and Otterton. The lunch interval was spent at Seaton and the tea interval at Sidmouth. A. L. B.

FIVE-DAY RINGING COURSE AT HEREFORD

Dear Sir,—At the last week-end course on ringing at Hereford a considerable number of people expressed an interest in a course lasting a week. I inquired about the possibilities and the College of Education has offered us the last five days in Easter Week next year—Tuesday evening, April 16th, to Sunday afternoon, April 21st. I have to accept or reject this offer by the end of November.

We hope there will be a demand big enough to have two groups, one elementary (ability to handle a bell the minimum standard), the other rather more advanced for those who can ring one or two methods but who wish to learn others and do some elementary conducting.

There would be plenty of opportunity for handbell ringing and for practical work in different towers.

The College has excellent facilities and is very comfortable. The cost of the course, except for transport, would be £10 10s.

Will anyone who is interested please write to me before the end of November?—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

6, Bar Lane,
Wakefield, Yorks.

ROPE EXPERIMENT AT EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It is some time now since the possibility of using man-made fibres for bell ropes instead of more traditional materials was discussed in your columns. The only conclusion reached then was that nylon was useless because of its elasticity, although it was perhaps a possibility for tail-ends.

At St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, we have been using for over a year now a rope made of pre-stretched terylene. This is stocked by all shops which cater for small dinghy sailors as it has been developed principally for use as halliards on these boats. We spliced the rope on fairly close above the sally to replace a top section which was badly worn near the wheel. It splices fairly easily although the ends of the strands must be taped or melted with a match at the start to prevent fraying.

The chief thing one notices on ringing with this rope is that there is absolutely no stretch in it at all, even when it is new. It also appears to be very hard-wearing. Even at the garter hole it is still completely unmarked at the present time. Its cost is about 1s. a foot, depending on thickness.

We have now replaced another top section in the same way, and St. Mary's, Edinburgh, have also started to use it.

Two disadvantages only have appeared so far. It is completely unsuitable for use as a tail-end since it is both hard on the hands and slippery. Also, since putting it on to our second bell we have found this rope has on a few occasions jumped wheel.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Loanhead, Midlothian.

ALDERMASTON MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Reading Mr. G. K. Dodd's letter on "Aldermaston Major" is almost like hearing nuclear weapons being blamed for bad weather! It seems the fashion to blame anything bad on "hoaxers," and one hoaxer in particular. Without the necessary evidence it is extremely childish.

Whoever "E. Steele" was, may I heartily endorse at least the main thesis of his letter—that Aldermaston Major should be classed with Grandsire Major, etc.—a novelty to ring, but with inferior music, and just a gimmick, really. —Yours faithfully, FRANK HUNTER.

Edmonton, Middlesex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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The 35th Jasper Snowdon Dinner

THIRTY-FOUR Snowdon Dinners had passed into history before it was appreciated that this annual event of the Yorkshire Association had never been held in the East Riding. This very serious omission was rectified on October 21st, when the venue was the Civic Hall in Cottingham, which claims to be the largest village in England.

One hundred and sixty-three ringers and friends attended and had the opportunity during the morning and afternoon to ring at 14 East Riding Churches, ranging from the four bells at Bubwith to the glorious ten-bell rings at the Minster and St. Mary's Church, Beverley. In addition, three eights and eight sixes were available, whilst three further towers were finally unavailable due to conflicting wedding or funeral services. All tastes were therefore catered for, but unfortunately there was a very uneven response, with reports varying from few, if any, visitors to crowded belfries.

The president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley, was in the chair and reported an apology for absence from Mrs. Marshall, the widow of Canon C. C. Marshall, a former president. The further opening remarks from the chair were in a light-hearted vein, which was maintained throughout the evening.

The toast of "Church and State" was proposed by Mr. A. C. Cooper (Kirk Ella, secretary of the Beverley and District Society). He suggested a closer link between the ringing associations and the diocesan authorities on restoration schemes and other matters affecting towers and belfries. He was able to draw on his seemingly inexhaustible store of anecdotes, which included a quite outrageous ecclesiastical play of words on "Metropolitan Vickers."

The response was by the Archdeacon of the East Riding, Canon F. E. Ford, whose present living at Cherry Burton does not have a ring of bells. As the Vicar of Scarborough for many years, however, he is no stranger to bellringing and one of his treasured memories was the dedication of a peal of Bob Major to himself and his wife on their marriage. He emphasised the importance of our art as a regular reminder of the presence of the Church and a summons to worship in these days of widespread indifference and genuine doubt.

TRADITIONS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

A very apt choice for the proposition of the toast of "Jasper Snowdon and Past Masters of the Association" was Mr. William Barton, himself an officer for more than 50 years, and the present vice-president of the Association's Western District. The founder of the Association, he said, had excelled in all branches of the art but had not specialised in composing. It was an enigma of bellringing that lesser-known ringers in their lifetime were now better known by virtue of their compositions. He was confident that the youthful ringers of today, the future administrators of the Association, would remember Jasper Snowdon and uphold the traditions firmly established by him.

He made reference to the sterling work done by several past officers, including the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison; Mr. Leslie Morris, Association secretary for 26 years; Mr. Harold Walker, until recently vice-president of the Eastern District; Mr. John Gilbert, secretary of the Southern District for 27 years: Mr. Horace Morley, Eastern District secretary for 33 years; Mr. Norman Chaddock, vice-pesident of the Southern District until his recent removal to the East Riding; and Mr. Gordon Benfield, a past treasurer and Ringing Master.

The traditional response of a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by K. Lawson 1–2, W. E. Critchley 3–4, W. F. Moreton 5–6, F. C. Hobson 7–8, and N. Chaddock 9–10.

Mr. J. S. Rank (Beverley) proposed the toast of "Visitors and Guests" and offered a warm welcome to Canon Ford and his wife, and Mr. John Freeman, secretary and treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Visitors were welcomed from Walsall, Blackburn and Warwickshire.

A racy response was made by Mr. Freeman, who offered a rather improbable explanation of the origin of the chairman's (lack of) hairstyle and explained what happened to overzealous red-haired Canons. He recalled attending a week-end school at Grantley Hall in 1963, which resulted in a similar school being held very successfully for the Lincoln Guild, whilst a half-day course on the previous Saturday was attended by 90 ringers.

"A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT"

The chairman congratulated Mr. Wilfrid Moreton on completing 1,000 peals. He felt, however, that even this great achievement was overshadowed by Mr. Moreton's outstanding record as a lecturer and teacher on all aspects of ringing.

The thanks of the Associations were expressed by the president to the incumbents of the several churches for the use of the bells during the day and to the members of the local companies who had met the visiting ringers. Mr Ron Ducker and Mr. David Johnson were especially thanked for the wonderful job they had done in organising the day's events, and the warmth of the applause given was a unanimous vote of general approval and thanks.

The issue of "The Ringing World" coincident with the Dinner had a distinct Yorkshire "flavour." Additional copies had been obtained and were on sale at towers during the day and in the evening. It is hoped that those who bought copies will become regular subscribers. K.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At the autumn meeting of the Eastern Branch held at Kessingland, members were asked by the chairman (Miss D. Lidbetter) to support the Loddon Bell Fund by purchasing Christmas cards which would be on sale at the next meeting. The chairman also reported that the five bells at South Walsham were rededicated and the new six-bell frame blessed by the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. W. A. Aitken) on September 24th.

The Rev. J. Gilchrist (Aldeby) was elected an honorary member, and the following belfry elections were ratified prior to peal attempts: Messrs J. R. White (Wantage), J. T. Clay (Marlow) and C. W. Longden (Chesterfield).

The chairman thanked the Rector (the Rev. B. S. T. Morgan) for conducting the service, the organist, and the ladies who provided the splendid tea.

Next meeting: Branch annual, Gorleston-on-Sea, December 9th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held on October 14th at All Saints', Maidstone. Over 60 members attended, including visitors from the Tonbridge District. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. G. Tufton. Tea was provided in the college rooms.

The Rev. C. J. G. Tufton was elected chairman for the business meeting. The secretary presented the District report, noting that there had been a slight decline of 14 members compared with the previous year's total, even though 53 new members had been elected during the year. The resolution proposed by the Ashford District recommending that the Association should have a chairman was rejected by the meeting

The officers who were elected for the coming year were: Mr. M. L. Howe, District secretary; Mr. C. A. Tester and Mr. B. Groves, Ringing Masters; Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. P. Carter, District representatives; and Mr. P. S. Muchlinski "Ringing World" representative. The business meeting finished with a vote of thanks given by Mr. A. Waddington, and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Canterbury District Has a Lady Secretary

Owing to the pressure of his studies, Mr. Keith Davis has resigned the secretaryship of the Canterbury District. For the first time the District has a lady secretary, Miss B. Lancaster, of Dover, who was elected at the recent annual meeting at Canterbury.

Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected chairman, Messrs. Eades and Chatfield representatives of the Kent County Association Committee, and Dr. D. Niblett Ringing Master.

A letter from the general secretary asking for members' views on a rearrangement of Districts in the county provided the biggest talking point for many a meeting, but the general view was "stay as we are." A resolution from the Ashford District that the Association has a recognised chairman was supported.

The Rev. A. L. Lawler was thanked for conducting the service in St. Dunstan's Church and the ladies for providing tea for the 70 members present from 17 towers. Several new members were elected and the retiring secretary was thanked for his report on the workings of the District during the past year.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

When the Marlborough Branch met at Burbage (5) on October 21st they were the guests at tea of the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Woodford and the local ringers. In appreciation of the hospitality a collection was taken for church funds.

Mr. G. Newman (chairman) thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting and congratulated the Rev. Roger Keeley on the birth of a second son. A welcome visitor was Mr. Hussey, a former Branch secretary, who now lives at Wootton Bassett.

The evening ringing was at Milton Lilbourne under the direction of Mr. Alan Keene. Some good method ringing was enjoyed and several made a first attempt at Kent Treble Bob. Useful progress was made.

November meeting (annual) at Marlborough.

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WELSH BORDER TOUR PROVIDES STAMINA TEST FOR ROVING RINGERS

AUGUST is the month when all good Roving Ringers remove dust sheets from their bicycles, tighten up the frames, screw up loose headstocks, oil bearings and generally pronounce their bells ringable for the tour during the last week in August.

The Society celebrated its "21st" this year, and completed some 200 miles in the Welsh Border counties, retreating a safe distance to spend the Bank Holiday week-end at Malvern.

Those whom the railway system permitted duly arrived at Wellington (Salop) and ringing got off to a brisk start under the direction of this year's Master, Alan Elsmore. Wrockwardine was next on the list but, sad to relate, the choir outing had taken all and sundry, leaving us only with a locked door and no means of entry However, things improved at Atcham, where the tower is set on the banks of the Severn, and Orpheus and Cambridge were successfully brought round before we made for Shrewsbury Youth Hostel our home for the next two nights. The party was completed on Sunday when Ian Dear and Andrew Slade finally arrived (more rail trouble !), having spent a luxurious night's rest at the local police station, and we set off to join the local bands for service ringing, first on the ten at St. Mary's and afterwards at St. Chad's.

Afternoon ringing was at Condover, and a ground-floor ring tempted everyone to spend more time than usual basking in the bright sunshine in the churchyard. Eight of us had been invited to join in a quarter peal at St. Chad's for Evensong, and whilst the strains of Plain Bob Maximus rang out from the tower the rest returned to St. Mary's to complete the day.

TEST OF FITNESS

Monday started with indifferent ringing at Berrington on a rather odd-struck eight, but London went better, and in due course we set off for Coalbrookdale, exchanging the harvest fields for the ugly cooling towers and grime of industry. The tower has a commanding view over the valley, and Caters and Royal were well rung. The steep road up to Madeley was not at all bikeworthy, but we got there eventually, blessing the close proximity of the Six Bells to the church and its attitude to closing time. The bells were a pleasure to ring, and put us in good heart for the long ride to Much Wenlock. The route took us down to the famous iron bridge in the town of that name, but the diabolical gradient up the other side was a test of fitness to young and old alike. Here again was another fine eight and London and Stedman sounded well. From here it was hills again, and a long haul along Wenlock Edge brought us thankfully to Wilderhope Hostel, a fine old Elizabethan manor house restored by the National Trust with original engraved plaster ceilings and Spartan meals in Spartan surroundings.

Tuesday started well on the pleasant six at Hope Bowdler before an enjoyable run down to Church Stretton. With muscular men on 7–8 the special method for the tour, Worcestershire, was attempted, but towards the end of the course it suddenly flew to bits, and Pudsey was hurriedly substituted to make amends. A welcome and rare piece of flat road brought most of us to Wistanstow, but fate had decreed that two of the food carriers should have punctures, and some of us nearly starved as a result ! The bells produced what can only be described as "foundry touches." There was just no time to go wrong, and if the music was not sweet the rhythm was excellent.

"FOUR-STAR" COOKING

We departed for Stokesay, with its historic castle nearby, and after an enjoyable ring and a group photograph the girls set off with some trepidation to climb the 1,100 feet to Wheathill Hostel, high up in the Clee hills. "Self-Cooking," said the handbook, but even the optimists were not prepared for the meals that followed, the supper and breakfast being voted "four-star."

Wednesday's first tower, at Eye was 17 miles distant, but only the stalwart few arrived to be welcomed by the Vicar and ring London and Cambridge Minor; the rest made straight for Leominster Priory, a fine Norman building containing amongst other relics an excellent ducking stool. Methods up to Yorkshire Royal were rung or attempted. Lunch followed, but not before we found our first choice, the Bakers Arms, shut at 1 p.m.; a disturbing sign in an otherwise enlightened market town. The post-lunch tower was at Eardisland (an excellent eight), in a lovely village setting. At Weobley (a heavy six in a finely spired tower) the bells require plenty of muscle and skill to strike properly. We did our best, and then it was away to Staunton-on-Wye Hostel, where a party of equally fit looking pony trekkers were installed.

Thursday was foggy, and the sound of the bells at Burghill guided later members to the tower to enjoy the very good eight. For once, the sundial over the porch was not of much use The party arrived at Hereford Cathedral to find preparations in hand for the Three Choirs Festival, and commenced the long trek to the belfry. A further attempt for London Royal was made, but after seven well-struck leads a fault developed and our chance was gone. Caters and Cambridge completed the ringing and we left, quite satisfied with our efforts, to enjoy the eight at Lugwardine, where George Morris joined the company. The last tower was at Stoke Edith (a very good six), where the ladies rang their "secret" touch of Oswald. It was a pity to leave, but the road to Rushall Hostel was tortuous and supper called. With the nearest hotel two miles distant the bikes were pressed into service, and those without lights hoped that the local constabulary were otherwise engaged that evening.

STAMINA DAY

Friday could be described as stamina day. The warden allowed us to admire her fine collection of horse brasses and then left us to ride and walk the ups and downs to Fownhope to ring on a pleasant six with a stayless third. Those who hoped for an easier ride alongside the river Wye to Ross were doomed to disappointment, and a quick poll on arrival there showed a marked swing against the secretary and a crying need for liquid refreshment. In consequence our time on the bells was restricted.

A welcome lunch was taken at Weston-under-Penyard, and whilst the darts school showed their improved skill after a week's practice, an interesting and furious argument ensued on the merits of 6–5's at course-ends on higher numbers. Both sides were unconvinced, and we left to ring on another excellent six which were rehung in 1955 and gave Frank Lewis his 1,700th tower. The route to the Forest of Dean was viewed with misgiving by some members, and whilst a splinter group decided on an unscheduled visit to Aston Ingham, the stoics pedalled uphill yet again to Ruardean, and much to their surprise rang up to five-spliced on a long-draughted but fair-going eight.

The eight at Mitcheldean and John Slater's 1,000th tower were a fitting ring to end the day; the bells and sound control are excellent, and a clinking course of Worcestershire was a pleasure to listen to. Little but the hostel and the pub stand in the main street, but happily they face one another, and we were thus able to start our traditional singsong earlier. The choir was in fine voice, and an imported pianist who challenged us retired a beaten man.

21st BIRTHDAY CAKE

The fine weather continued over the week-end, and we turned north again to welcome the week-enders and their families and ring at Newent and Dymock before moving on to Ledbury, where spliced was rung on bells much in need of a spanner up aloft. A visit to the eight at Colwall marked the end of the tour proper before the cyclists thankfully climbed the last and steepest hill to Malvern, to exchange their week's rigours for the luxury of the Abbey Hotel, our week-end H.Q. A highlight of the dinner which followed was a 21st birthday cake, decorated with the Society's crest, which was specially made for the occasion by Gill Richards, from Claines. The cake was cut by the president, John Brain, who paid tribute to all the officers who had served the Society from its inception under Mark White in 1946 and were still doing so today. We owed them all a very sincere vote of thanks.

Sunday service ringing took place at Worcester Cathedral and All Saints' and in the afternoon at St. Swithin's (a ring said to be the oldest complete ring in existence, whose tone and go appear to confirm this). The Cathedral bells were again rung for Evensong, and a pleasing feature was an excellent half-course of Cambridge 12 by a band of all ages, a good cross-section of the Society, ably led by Jim Diserens on the tenor.

Time was now running out and Monday's ringing at Malvern Link, St. John's, Worcester, and Claines soon came and went. The sun still shone as the Society dispersed, and with our thanks to Alan Elsmore, Sally Parrott and Roy Mills for organising our towers and our ringing we departed, thinking of the next reunion, at Chelmsford, and wondering what the next 21 years will have in store for us.

J. B.

St. Woolos' Cathedral Outing

There were many amusing incidents during the outing of the ringers of St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, into Somerset on October 21st.

At Meare (6) the laugh of the day was provided by the remark that the front six were doing Stedman slow work instead of ringing up in peal ! Later a father and son were seen to be clinging frantically to the sally of the fourth, which was believed to have no stay, only to find that when they let the bell go up the bell was already set !

On the eight at Yalton the Stedman sounded superb. The tenor was very deep set and this proved too much for a young lady ringer and a Branch' Ringing Master.

Other towers visited were at Marshfield. Radstock, Cheddar, Clevedon, Nailsea and Backwell. Thanks were accorded to the conductors of the day, Leslie F. G. Bainham and Peter S. Bennett, who called some very musical touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and to R. Gordon Wilkinson, without whose organisation the tour would not have been possible. The visitors would also like to say "thank you" to incumbents and local ringers.

Midhurst Bells Rededicated

The bells of Midhurst Parish Church were rededicated by the Bishop of Chichester last Sunday morning after having been away at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for four months for overhaul and refitting. A small Bell Fund Committee was well supported by church friends, and in just over a year raised a total of £1,200, which more than covered the cost.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD DINNER

OUTSPOKEN SPEECHES

The 1967 annual dinner of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at the Town Hall, Towcester, on October 21st, was marked by outspoken speeches:

Suggestions were made of extending the scope of the Bell Restoration Fund to include sound control.

Advice from Mr. G. W. Pipe on how the Peterborough Guild should put its house in order by following the example of the Suffolk Guild.

A threat to 'The Ringing World" Committee to dispense with their services if they continued to ignore the wishes of the Central Council

The chair was taken by the Guild's president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland, A hearty welcome was extended to the assembled company by the Vicar of Towcester, who even offered rooms for the night to any who felt they had imbibed just that little drop too much to pass the breath test!

After the loyal toast had been proposed by the president the real business of speechifying was embarked upon. Mr. J. H. Bluff (Guild Master) proposed the toast of "The Church" and during the course of his speech questioned the premise that the great amount of church building and restoration carried out since the war indicated a religious revival in this country. It was due to the devastation caused by war and the consequent rebuilding, followed by the clearing of old and dilapidated areas in our towns and cities and the establishment of new towns. He went on to compare some of the modern concrete churches with the old, but revered, buildings which have stood as witnesses to the faith of our forbears for centuries.

Two kinds of people are necessary where bells are concerned, bellfounders and bell-ringers, and from each we learn a similar lesson. In the bellfounder's craft a chip or a crack or a tiny error in the composition or quantity or quality of metal used can ruin the tone of a bell, so he must be most meticulous and thorough, dedicated to the discipline of his craft. This also applies to the bell-ringers, who with their skill and concentration are able to handle these wonderful, heavy instruments.

In conclusion, Mr. Bluff said that the prevalent idea of the two-part church—chancel and nave—ought to be amended to include the third part—tower—for the bells and ringers had an important place in the work of the Church.

In reply, the Ven. Bazil R. Marsh (Archdeacon of Northampton) said that he agreed in the main with the Master's remarks, but pointed out that the majority of the church restoration carried out recently in the Peterborough Diocese was a sign of the religious fervour of the present generation and not merely the erection of monuments to previous generations and their faith. He hoped that the bells would continue to call an increasing number of the faithful to worship but did not wish to see, in the future, any dilution of the Church of England. It was to be the task of the Guild, concluded the Archdeacon, to provide a continuing supply of ringers.

THE RURAL CRAFT OF RINGING

The toast of "The Peterborough Diocesan Guild" was proposed by Mr. George W. Pipe, the Master of the Suffolk Guild. He began by saying how honoured he felt to be asked to propose this toast, and that both he and his wife thought that it was well worth the long and miserable journey they had had from Suffolk. He said that he did not wish to trace the history of the Guild, as was customary with proposers of this toast, but rather to examine the present and future of it, although still acknowledging the debt owed to the past.

Briefly mentioning the 1966 Central Council meeting at Bath and his reasons for wishing to put forward his idea of a national recruitment campaign (the preservation of the rural craft of ringing), he outlined some suggestions based on the reorganisation of the Suffolk Guild to help the Peterborough Guild in its own recruitment drive — to have four or five fairly large Districts rather than numerous small Branches, and to run its own ringing courses.

The president of the Peterborough Guild replied and stated how pleased he was that the Guild was still organised on a diocesan basis, even though it was shaped "like a pear with Peterborough balanced on the stalk." He went on to say that the Guild was already examining its present structure in at least one of its 11 Branches.

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, a former Guild Master, proposed the toast of "Our Guests." Foremost he mentioned the Archdeacon, who also had charge of one of the most beautiful and historic churches—St. Peter's, Northampton. His bells, too, were of great interest to the ringing fraternity, historically and in quality. Unfortunately his church was surrounded by an unusually high proportion of "anti-bell" residents, and nowadays ringing was of necessity restricted. St. Peter's was a good example of a case where correct sound control would be well worthwhile. Perhaps the Guild should consider extending the scope of its Bell Restoration Fund to assist in such cases.

THREAT TO "RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

"When your committee drew up the guest list early this year," continued Mr. Chapman, "they thought you would like to entertain, together with his charming wife, Mr. George Pipe as a new member of 'The Ringing World' Committee, elected together with Dennis Beresford in the hope that their energy and drive would be welcomed and used in the efforts to improve the appeal of 'The Ringing World. During their membership of the committee we did see considerable improvements at long last, and we congratulate them on their part in it. But many of their suggestions were greeted with abuse and ridicule, and eventually, to the regret of all but the old men of 'The Ringing World,' they felt bound to resign.

"I had not intended raising this unfortunate affair this evening, but, as we read in the report of the Durham and Newcastle dinner, the convener does not regard the matter as closed. This is a pity, and if he and his remaining colleagues persist in what amounts to ignoring the wishes of the Central Council, and in the suppression of letters of criticism, they cannot complain if, in 1969, the Council decides to dispense with their services."

DICK SPEED'S TUTOR

Referring to Miss Marie Cross, he said she came as near as anyone to justify the admission of women into the belfry! Her ringing ability was well known and had been recognised by her inclusion in record peals of Spliced Surprise and many other outstanding peals. They knew of her untiring and successful work as an instructor (she even taught Dick Speed to ring!), but her greatest work, he thought, was in her secretaryship of their giant neighbour, the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It said much for her ability and for her personal qualities that, in an area so rich in personalities, tradition and achievement, she should command such respect and loyalty from so large a membership.

Miss Marie R. Cross, the secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, replied. She spoke of the large area covered by her own Guild and the debt owed by it to those members of the Peterborough Guild who had done such good work in those outlying Branches of the Oxford Guild which bordered on the Peterborough Diocese. She also mentioned some of the problems that could face a Guild if it came within the sphere of diocesan reorganisation.

The rest of the evening was given over to entertainment—songs from a Towcester friend, handbells and conversation.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. B. Stedman took part in a quarter of Grandsire at Wyke Regis, Dorset, in honour of his 93rd birthday.

In the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal rung at Solihull on October 21st, Maurice F. Edwards and James W. Belshaw rang their first in the method.

The quarter peal rung at Gillingham Parish Church on October 1st must have given great pleasure to the conductor, Mr. L. Harmer. The remainder of the band were ringing their first quarter peal.

Mr R. T. (Tom) Newman is now under treatment in Namaan Ward, Guy's New Block, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1. His long-standing complaint has kept him from ringing for the past 12 months. A letter or visit from an old friend would be welcome.

A pupil at St. Giles' Church, Stony Stratford, under the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme, after being taught to ring a bell up and down commented: "Oh, was that raising and lowering a bell? I thought it meant raising it up up and down the tower."

An in memoriam quarter peal for Mr. Frank Perkins, the founder of the well-known firm of Diesel engine manufacturers at Peterborough, was rung at St. Mary's Church on October 21st. Two employees took part in the ringing. Frank Perkins enjoyed the sound of church bells and was always pleased when Peterborough ringers rang at Alwalton, where he lived.

Mr. Roy Spencer, of Peterborough, conducted his 12-year-old son, Michael, through his first quarter (Plain Bob Minor) at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on October 22nd.

We have had a number of letters sent for publication without the name and address of the sender. These cannot be entertained. The sender's name must be submitted, even if it is not for publication.

Eight-year-old Kevin Lucas started ringing at Orsett, Essex, along with his mother, who scored her first quarter a month ago. Kevin had his first on tower bells on October 29th, but he had already scored several quarters of Minimus "in hand" with his father.

In Stephen Wood's composition of Stedman Caters, reviewed on page 787, there should be an "A" against the bracket. This was in the final proof but was apparently drawn out in the course of printing and not in all the copies printed. Will readers who keep compositions make the necessary correction to their copies.

Possibly the oldest active ringer in Essex is Mr. Arthur Reeves, of Fobbing, who is a very young 95. A complimentary birthday quarter was rung for him at Orsett, in which Harry Smith, the Fobbing captain, took part. Harry is no youngster, as 70 years separates his age from that of the treble ringer, Kevin Lucas (8). Many would like to emulate Arthur Reeves at 95; besides ringing he still tends his own garden and does the "Daily Telegraph" crossword.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR 50 YEARS

Congratulations to Mrs. F. I. Hairs on her 75th birthday, on October 22nd. Over 50 years ago she became well known for her great skill as a handbell ringer and took part in many outstanding performances with most of the leading handbell ringers of that time. She and her husband, Frank, celebrated their golden wedding last year, when both took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters.

This year they both celebrate 50 years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths of which Mrs. Hairs is the sole surviving lady member, being one of a very few lady members to be elected before the rules were altered to restrict membership to male members. She and her husband hope to be present at this year's College Youths' dinner on November 4th.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Withyham as a birthday compliment, and the members of the band and their supporters were royally entertained to tea afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs. The peal also provided the opportunity for Frank Hairs to ring his first tower bell peal with his daughter, Olive Barnett, who had rung only one tower bell peal previously. Jean Woolford, Frank's granddaughter, and Teddy Barnett, his son-in-law, also took part.

Mr. and Mrs. Hairs are the mainstay of the ringers at Withyham, where they have gathered together a keen and competent local band. Until recently Mrs. Hairs was Northern District secretary of the Sussex County Association, to which body both she and her husband have devoted a lifetime of loyal service.

SHOULD KENT HAVE MORE DISTRICTS?

The Districts of the Kent County Association have been asked to consider a plan, made some 15 years ago, to increase the number of Districts to nine. Commenting on it in the Maidstone District annual report, the secretary states that the plan has some inaccuracies but is still basically a feasible proposition.

"However, this or any other plan to rearrange the Association's territory is doomed to failure unless individual members are willing to sink their personal and local connections for the ultimate good of the Association as a whole. Some points in favour:

(1) A better coverage of towers. It now takes three to six years to 'get round' the towers with meetings in a District.

(2) More compact areas would shorten some of the extreme distances across Districts and make for better contacts between the towers

(3) More ringers in the county as a whole would bear responsibilities as Ringing Masters, chairmen, secretaries and assistants and representatives.

"Obviously in present arrangements the General Committee is unwieldy. The secretary and chairman would suffice to represent a District Naturally, any such changes would take two or three years to bring about, owing to the alteration of rules and the inauguration of new Districts."

AN ORDINATION CANDIDATE

Mr. W. T. Godfrey, headmaster of Milford-on-Sea C. of E. Primary School for the past 12 years, has been recommended for training for the ministry. He will study at St. Boniface College, Warminster, after Easter, 1968. A keen bellringer, he has held the offices of secretary and vice-chairman of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

FELPHAM TWIN RINGER MARRIED

There was a true ringers' wedding at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, Felpham, Sussex, on October 21st, between Mr. David William Struckett, of Steep, Petersfield, and Miss Elizabeth Wilson Smith, of Felpham. The bells were rung before the service by the bridegroom and friends and afterwards by the Felpham band. In the evening a quarter peal was rung at Chichester Cathedral, where the bride frequently rings. A quarter peal was attempted at Felpham on October 22nd and a peal at Felpham on October 26th.

The bride's twin sister, Mrs. Anne Stevens, of Crockerhill, Chichester, was matron of honour, and Miss Cindy Trott was bridesmaid. Mr. Anthony Tyers, of Sunbury, was best man. At the reception a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the bridegroom and his friends.

The many lovely presents included a dozen sherry glasses and a dozen tumblers from Felpham and Pagham ringers, a Kenwood mixer and accessories from the Steep ringers, a Prestige kitchen tool set from the Hackney ringers and a cheque from Chichester Cathedral ringers.

[Photo by C. E. and W. T. Stevens, Bognor Regis.

REAL NEIGHBOURLINESS

The Hereford Diocesan Guild has no ring of 12 bells within the Diocese, and no 12-bell peal had been recorded for the Guild in the 80 years of its existence until October 21st, when a peal of Plain Bob Maximus was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. The peal was made possible by the kindness of members of the Shropshire Association when late in 1966 they invited six members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to join six members of the Shropshire Association to attempt a peal early in 1967. This attempt was not successful, but at the second meeting, on October 21st, the peal was rung.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild thanks the Shropshire Association for their co-operation in making this first 12-bell peal possible, and desires to thank the Vicar of St. Chad's for allowing the peal to be rung on the bells of his church.

THE WALK OF THE TEN TOWERS

When the Hertford County Association made its appeal to its six Districts to provide funds to meet the expenses of the Central Council's visit to Hertfordshire in 1969. the Western District decided to concentrate on one event in an effort to raise sufficient money to cover its share. It was considered that this could best be achieved by running a sponsored walk to visit all the towers in the District, i.e. Tring, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Great Gaddesden, Flamstead. Redbourne, Hemel Hempstead, Apsley, King's Langley and Sarratt.

The date chosen was Saturday, October 7th, and although rain threatened early on the rest of the day was fine and ideal for walking. The course mapped out was from Tring to Sarratt and covered 30 miles. This was not an easy route because soon after the start the walkers took to the canal towpath between Tring Station and Northchurch and this has many hazards A little further on, after leaving Berkhamsted, there was a fairly stiff climb to the common and from Nettleden to Flamstead it was up and down hill all the way. The final lap between King's Langley and Sarratt was the most trying as it was mostly uphill and had to be attempted when any walker reaching King's Langley was already feeling the effects of being on the road for some hours.

The route was well marshalled by members of the District, who also acted as checkers in and provided refreshments at Great Gaddesden, Redbourn and King's Langley. Mrs. J. Rees, of Sarratt, was on duty all day to render first aid where it was needed. Eighteen walkers all ringers except one, started from Tring at 9.15 a.m. and eight finished at Sarratt Church between 5 and 7 p.m. Terry Tricker deserves special mention; he is only 12 years old. Not only did he finish the course but was sponsored for the greatest amount, and his effort alone has brought in £18.

Having totalled up all the sponsor sheets it was found that the proceeds of this walk, together with donations, would be well over £100, and the organiser would like to express his appreciation to all who took part for this united and successful achievement. P. B.

BIGGLESWADE RINGERS AT STOTFOLD

Ringers of the Biggleswade District paid their annual visit to Stotfold on October 14th but unfortunately, for the first time in many years. attendances were low and only 21 people sat down to tea prepared by local ladies in the school. After a very short business meeting the party returned to the church for further ringing under the guidance of Mr. C. Mann and Mr. A. H. Smith. During the evening the numbers increased.

Our thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking a short service. As a District and an Association we would like to wish him every happiness in his retirement.

L. E.

THE EXIT JAM

What was the reason for the traffic jam on the A.6 out of St. Albans on Saturday, October 28th? Could it have been the notice in the local paper warning of a peal attempt at the Cathedral that evening, which began:

"Those who dislike the sound of bells will have to leave the city on Saturday . . ."?

The town was very quiet on Sunday morning —perhaps someone ought to give them the "all clear to come back now" signal!!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 4 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

Susan Rothera	Treble	John G. Gipson	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Maryl R. Fielden	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	4	John H. Fielden	9
Geoffrey Pearson	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No 2 variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
James R. Taylor	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
*John W. Collard	3	D John Hunt	7
*Frederick J. Sampson	4	Trevor Newlands	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Stedman.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 3 hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 STEDMAN CINQUES

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's.)	Treble	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	7
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	8
*V. J. Nutton (Selwyn)	3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's.)	4	C M P. Johnson (Selwyn)	10
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	5	P A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)	11
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
* 100th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.
Rung on the 80th birthday of Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 1 lb in G.

*R. L. Underwood (P'h'se)	Treble	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	5
*C. M Tuckett (Queens')	2	D J. H. Salter (Jesus)	6
M Hutchings (Newnham)	3	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7
†R. S. Bradley (Clare)	4	R A. G Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal "inside."
Rung for the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITTON, Northwich, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB
Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 of Little Bob, with 95 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

Christopher J. Jones	Treble	*John Scott	5
*David A. Godfrey	2	*Ashley C. P. Pugh	6
*A. Gordon Lawrence	3	Geoffrey Green	7
*Reginald W. Worrall	4	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Parker, tower captain at Witton, who died in hospital on Monday, October 9th, 1967.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
John Moore	2	Reginald W. Worrall	5
Harold Worrall	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Geoffrey Gardner and Miss Joyce Grainger, who were married at St. Mary's, Stockport, on October 14th.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

David Allman	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
John R. Scott	2	*Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Frank R. Morton	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 725th peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.
Rung in memory of the Rector, the Rev E. H. Christopher, who had been the incumbent at this church since 1955.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Oct. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb. in F.

John K. Foot	Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Peter C. Randall	2	David J. Marshall	6
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Richard J Danby	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock
Rung in memoriam Canon D. M Jones, M.A., 1878–1967, Rector of St. James', Southam, 1917–1948, Rural Dean of Southam 1922–1948, Hon. Canon of Coventry 1937–1948.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*Penny C. Adams	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	4
*Elizabeth B Mackey	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Clare F. Dolphin	3	Ian C Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
* First peal.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Oct 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich, (2) Chester and Munden, (3) Carlisle, (4) Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet, (5) London and Wells, (6) Berwick and Hexham, (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb in A flat.

*Peter W. Archer	Treble	Derek J. Carr	4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Richard J. Danby	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal Most Surprise Minor methods to a peal for the Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Catherine M. Bew	Treble	Frank G. Lufkin	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Harry J. Millatt	6
Edward P. Duffield	3	Neville F Whittell	7
Peter G. Pitt	4	Michael J. Bew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
First in the method by all and on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

Ronald W. Steward	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	John W. Blythe	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Alan R. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 39 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Leslie Barry	Treble	Arthur Pritchard	7
*Frank Beech	2	Frederick A H. Cattell	8
Philip J Evans	3	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	9
*Peter D. Sell	4	Reginald H. Newton	10
*Rev. Michael Hart	5	*George T. Cousins	11
*Austin J. Wingate	6	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Maximus. First 12-bell peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5[illegible] MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	*Michael D. Frost	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Dennis Knox	8
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Roger Baldwin	9
*Eric Edmondson	4	John R. Mayne	10
†Julia A. Fellows	5	Gerald Penney	11
Thomas J. Lock	6	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Frederick J. Cullum	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Richard Hayes	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

SANDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Leslie W. Jarvis	Treble	Albert H. Kemp	4
David R. Reed	2	Philip D. Harrison	5
Herbert J. Pope	3	S Geoffrey Waters	Tenor

Conducted by S. Geoffrey Waters.
Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pope, parents of the ringer of the third, and as a birthday compliment to Leslie W Jarvis.

APPLEDORE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Malcolm M. Hitchcock	Treble	Simon A. B. Wigg	5
Malcolm Bardon	2	David W. Grimwood	6
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Nicholas J. Chesson	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Peter M. Wilkinson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Nicholas J. Chesson.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Neil Bennett	Treble	John Hartless	7
Michael J. Best	2	Gwilym Salmon	8
Rev. Giles C. Galley	3	John R. Pratchett	9
Philip M. Tubbs	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Christine Andrew	5	Robert E. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Alan Sharples	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Sidney Hough	2	John Robinson	7
*Judith Butterworth	3	Denis Mottershead	8
*G. Richard King	4	Richard S. Starkie	9
Derek Butterworth	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey Gardner and Joyce Grainger, who were married the previous Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Stockport.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation Tenor 12 cwt.

*Dianne M. Hatfield	Treble	§John Elliott	5
†Elizabeth Timmins	2	Dennis E. Jones	6
‡H. Lyndon Hatfield	3	Joseph Ridyard	7
Martin E. Snape	4	Frederick Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Pearson.
* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge "inside." ‡ First of Surprise § First of Cambridge.
Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding of Eric Cook, of Parbold and Miss Nancy Hudson at Standish the previous week.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., Oct 28 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb.

Frederick Pearson	Treble	John Elliott	5
Keith J. Walpole	2	Martin E. Snape	6
Celia D'aeth	3	Joseph Ridyard	7
Dennis R. Jones	4	Ronald Kenrick	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.
Rung to welcome the Rev. M. D. Whyte, who was inducted to the benefice of Emmanuel, Southport, on Wednesday, October 25th, 1967.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb in F.

J Edward Cawser	Treble	Norman W. Attaway	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Alan Evans	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Peter C. Randall	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by G H. Cross. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
Rung in memoriam Gibson Jackson, of Doncaster.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's eight-part variation of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb in E.

Katherine Burchnall	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Grace Burchnall	2	John Walden	6
Margaret E. Chilton	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
David Vincent	4	C Victor Waite	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal of Triples on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

David L. Phillips	Treble	Thomas T. Yeomans	5
John Prytherch	2	Michael Pilgrim	6
*Andrew W. E. Bainham	3	*†Charles P. Quartley	7
*Paul A. Williams	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † 25th peal.
Rung to welcome Matthew Aldridge, son of Christopher and Jennifer Aldridge. Also as a farewell to the curate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Joan Hooton	Treble	*H. George Hart	5
*Elsie K. Hart	2	Alf Cutler	6
G. William Critchley	3	*Dennis Knox	7
*Claudia A. Critchley	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Remigius.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb.

Geoffrey H Pullin	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock	5
Thomas E. Spight	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	6
Peter Adcock	3	H. William Barrett	7
Henry Tooke	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by T B. Worsley Conducted by Peter Adcock.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Buxton, of Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 9 lb. in C.

Susanne Sargeant	Treble	Frank C. Price	5
Joan A. Rance	2	Jeffrey L. Claughton	6
Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Arthur J. N. Rance	7
*Alan H. Long	4	Stanley G. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Richard E. Price. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal First peal on the bells since recasting and augmentation by an all-local band.
Rung in memoriam and as a tribute to the life of Mrs. A. Churchill, interred at this church on October 19th.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 28 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Elizabeth M Barber	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
Harold W. Dunsden	2	M Jack Pryor	6
Harry E. Wells	3	Robert B. Blond	7
Roy H. Jones	4	William L. Gilks	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal on eight bells.
Arranged for the visit of Mr. Jack Pryor, of Cardiff and rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Blewbury, the Rev. H. J. Pickles.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEDDINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KEYNSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Christine Baker	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Barry J. Davies	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Frank Reed	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by D. N. Layton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method (rung "spliced" at Yatton on January 21st, 1967) and rung on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude. With this peal Christopher C. Clarke completes the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	Roger M. Heyworth ..	5
Anthony D. Sansom ..	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Michael Hatchett	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Michael J. Church	4	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

J. Martin Thorley ..	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
*Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	J. Charles Hudson	5
†Roger D. Bailey	3	†Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal (aged 11). † 100th peal together.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Wilfred Rhodes, the great Yorkshire and England cricket all-rounder. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth A. Webb ..	Treble	Robert M. Ashman ..	5
†Laura Grindrod	2	*Ronald E. Stillwell ..	6
Margaret A. Wilson ..	3	Graham J. N. Colborne	7
Helen Diserens	4	Bernard E. Matthews ..	Tenor

Composed by D. J. Hunt. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHISLEDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 14¾ cwt.

William A. Farmer ..	Treble	*Colin D. Wilkins	4
T Arthur Palmer	2	*Frederick G Cook ..	5
Allan G. Keen	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor by the Marlborough Branch.

Rung to mark the tercentenary of the casting of the tenor bell by John Wallis, of Salisbury (1667).

COMPTON BASSETT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 30 methods/variations: (1–2) Stedman, (3–4) Winchendon Place, (5) St. Miles, (6) St. Luke, (7) St. John, (8–9) St. Nicholas, (10) St. Giles, (11) St. Thomas, (12) St. Andrew, (13–14) St. Martin, 15) St. Paul, (16) St. Peter, (17) St. Leonard, (18–19) St. Simon, (20) St. Alban, (21) Cassington, (22) Eynsham, (23–24) Reverse Canterbury, (25) Southrepps, (26) St. Columb, (27) Clifford's Pleasure, (28–29) Plain Bob, (30) Kennington, (31) Old, (32) Norfolk, (33) April Day, (34) Dedworth, (35–36) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (37) Fortune, (38–42) Grandsire Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*Ian P. Cox	Treble	*Julian E. Newman	3
*Peter J. Devrell	2	*‡Alan F. Lee	4
††‡David A. Burt	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* Most methods to a peal. † Most methods to a peal on a working bell. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells in 1966.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, viz.: Three extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 lb. in G

Joyce M. Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
H. Geoffrey Wells	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
W. Gordon Marsh	3	Albert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. G. Turner, curate of Holme Pierrepont, on his ordination at Southwell Minster on September 24th, 1967.

ELSTON, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 29 methods: (1) Abbeyville, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh's, Crowland and Combermere Delight, (2) Braintree, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (3) Marple, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (4) Morning Star, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (5) Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Norwich Surprise, with 53 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*Peter A. Slight	Treble	†William L. Exton	4
Christine L. J. Mills ..	2	†Dennis A. Frith	5
Brian M. Buswell	3	R. Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First in 29 Minor methods. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings, Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Charles J Copp	Treble	*Frederick G. Hooper ..	4
F William Midwinter ..	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Derek J. Tysoe	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* 200th peal on tower bells; rung in the same tower that Mr. Hooper rang his first peal in 1930.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Oct. 7 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Eric Edmundson	Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Roger Baldwin	6
*John C. Davidge	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Ruth M. Foreman	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal, Mr. G. Penney kindly standing out.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Frank I. Hairs	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Olive D. Barnett	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
Jean F. Woolford	3	Robert N. Harris	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Joseph Warr	Treble	Paul L. McEvilley	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	James Insley	6
M. Irene Ellsmore	3	Robert Edwards	7
John R. Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SELBY, W. Yorks.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

George S. Deas	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	Michael W. Crowder	7
James Crowther	3	C. Barrie Dove	8
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	9
Ronald Ducker	5	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Arranegd and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Sept. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Alan Newbold	Treble	Robin Brown	5
James S. Webb	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Kenneth B. Sissons	3	H. David Holland	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sixes.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*Gail Cater	Treble	Rev. Nicholas Webb	5
*Robert Cater	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
R Ann Johnson	3	R. Gordon Corby	7
George E. Hancock	4	†John Wackett	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,824 Rutland, 1,632 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Ann P. Leigh	2	Fred Jackson	6
Cyril Rusby	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Ian L. Dear	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by P. G K. Davies. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Carol Patey	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
*David Nichols	2	*Ian L. Dear	6
Cyril Rusby	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Richard E. Price	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Richard J Tibbetts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Bristol.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, West Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Alan Newbould	Treble	James Crowther	5
C Barrie Dove	2	George S. Deas	6
Ronald Ducker	3	Michael Maughan	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

TICKHILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Carol Patey	Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts	5
Clive Longden	2	Ian L. Dear	6
Neil Donovan	3	David Nichols	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Tibbetts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM COMMON, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Stuart Warren	Treble	David J. Herschell	4
Rev. N. D. J. Webb	2	*George A. Cockman	5
William Parrott	3	William J. Munton	Tenor

Conducted by William J. Munton.
* First peal. 150th peal on the bells and first peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Cheryl Webb, daughter of Councillor J. G. A. Webb, J.P. (Mayor of Epsom and Ewell) and Branco Marusic, who were married the previous day.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—In Y22, Christ's College.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

D. S. Pont (Christ's)	1–2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5–6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3–4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	7–8

Composed by C. Kenne'h Lewis. Conducted by Alan F. Scholfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, containing 3,392 Rutland and 1,696 Yorkshire, with 106 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	*Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 320 each of Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Radlett, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in A.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley	3–4	John R. Mayne	7–8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Wed., Oct. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher T. Osenton	1–2	Frank J. Matthews	7–8
*Trevor A. Cross	3–4	Edward J. Beer	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus "in hand."

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sun., Oct 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	Frank J. Matthews	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	*Thomas H. Francis	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Caters "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being six methods in the following seven extents: (1) Spliced Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Windsor Single Bob (II) and Plain Bob (2) Single Oxford Bob. (3) Plain Bob, (4) Spliced Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Single Court Bob, (6) College Little Bob, (7) Plain Bob, with 26 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Tues., Oct. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob "in hand."

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by W H Inglesant. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON Berkshire.—At Northcourt Lodge, Oxford Road.
On Sun., Oct. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Catherine A. Salter	1–2	James R. White	5–6
Christopher I. Rowson	3–4	Rupert A. Clarke	7–8

Arranged by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal on handbells, first of Major.

HALF PEAL

LUBENHAM, LEICS.—On Oct. 25th, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): Judy Morris 1, S. J. Haines 2, S. B. Bell 3, R. Russell 4, R. H. Martin (cond.) 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,368 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Rayfield 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Minor: A. Noton 1, G. W. Hawksworth 2, S. E. Davis 3, G. Newman 4, A. M. Smith 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Noton 1, G. W. Hawksworth 2, M. E. Hearnshaw 3, L. Udall 4, S. E. Davis (first as cond.) 5, T. Wylie 6. For Harvest Evensong.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Dafters 1, D. Brown 2, Freda Cannon 3, P. W. Cave 4, P. J. Spice 5, A. R. King (cond.) 6, Christine Shiers 7, D. E. Beach (first quarter "inside") 8, J. W. Smith 9, J. Powell 10

BRADING, I.W.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Brook's): C. E. Guy 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. Taylor 4, L. Bailey 5, A. Harman 6, T. F. East (cond.) 7, S. Moody 8. For Evensong, arranged for two Hornchurch friends, ringers of 2 and 3.

BRAUGHING, HERTS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,680 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Hayden 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Glazebrook 3, P. Warboys 4, P. Chapell 5, A. Richardson (first in method) 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Land 1, Miss J. J. Murrell 2, D. Powney 3, R. J. Bowden 4, D. Jewell 5, G. King (first in method "inside") 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, J. Hillman 8.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Pocock 1, Miss E. Whittome 2, A. Reeves 3, Rev. P. Gallup (first "inside") 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, L. Pocock (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Pickett 1, E. Newnham 2, D. King 3, J. Burberry 4, R. Durrant (cond.) 5, A. Slade 6. For Evensong.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the best seven, tenor covering): Barbara K. Fyle 2, R. D. Hayne 3, D. Langton 4, A. K. Putnam 5, J. Lockner 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, R. D. Hart 8. For Harvest Festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Read 1, J. Weeks 2, M. Jennings 3, T. Fox 4, G. Charlton 5, E. Knapp 6, S. Arnold (cond.) 7, G. Jennings 8. For the Arts Festival.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Scott 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Susanne Sargeant 3, C. W. Bailey 4, F. C. Price (cond.) 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, J. L. Claughton 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. A. Churchill, wife of Mr. W. R. Churchill, member of this band.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Dunbar 1, Kate Branson 2, June Peterson 3, W. Walker 4, M. Peterson (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung before the service of installation of the Very Rev. Patrick C. Rodger as Provost of the Cathedral.

EXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sheila Woodward 1, Miss M. A. Thow 2, A. Dempster 3, B. Palmer 4, D. Martin 5, C. W. Ottaway 6, M. O. Edwards 7, P. J. Bruce (cond.) 8. Rung at the Hexham Music Festival.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Talbot-Ponsonby 1, Mary G. Gage 2, Jeanie Porteous (first "inside") 3, A. C. Martin 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, H. G. Corpe (first attempt) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Patricia A. Copas 1, G. W. Critchley 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, R. A. Fardon 4, Ruby M. Mylius 5, M. C. Seymour 6, J. M. Britchford 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, P. F. Prime 9, J. Hill (cond.) 10. First of Royal 5, 6, 7. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Peacock (first quarter) 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, A. J. Munnings 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Judith Loten 2, Mrs. J. Cornwall 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. Barton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8. For Harvest Festival.

LANGLEY MARSH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. C. Allgrove (first quarter) 1, S. R. Hare 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, R. W. Hare 4, D. C. Brown (cond.) 5, F. E. A. Sams 6. For the wedding this day of Norman J. Tarrant.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. W. Cousins 3, W. Jarvis 4, R. Newson 5, E. A. Cracknell 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to W. W. Cousins.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Stella J. Soper (first "inside") 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First quarter since restoration of the treble. To mark Trafalgar Day.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Oct. 15th, 1,250 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): Maureen Carruthers and Muriel Pashley 1, Audrey Alexander 2, R. R. Churchill 3, J. Pladdys 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,128 Spliced Surprise Minor (four methods): Maureen Carruthers 1, Audrey Alexander 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, Unknown 4, C. P. Starbuck 5, R. R. Churchill 6

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: R. P. Brotherston 1, K. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch 5, W. Beeching 6.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Poore 1, D. Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Poore 6. Rung, with the tower floodlit, for the dedication of the memorial clock to Sir Winston Churchill by the Bishop of Sherborne and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Hon. Mrs. C. Soames.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Rayner (first in more than one method) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, W. Wood 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Joan Exeter 1, Jane Bryant 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. F. Hunt 6. For morning service, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin, on their golden wedding anniversary.

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NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Sansom 1, A. P. Reeves 2, T. S. Bowles 3, D. M. Hughes 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, B. S. Gambrill 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. Joyce 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. P. Mabbott (first away from tenor) 1, J. J. Laverack 2, P. Raithby 3, M. E. Chilton 4, A. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, P. Wakefield (first as cond.) 7, K. W. Mayer 8. For first Sunday of Gopher, to welcome the Bishop of Worcester, and for 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Briggs. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. J. Laverack 1, M. E. Chilton 2, P. Raithby 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, C. F. Briggs 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, J. W. Raithby 8, P. Wakefield 9, H. P. Mabbott 10.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Reeves 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando 3, A. Mason 4, J. Huggins 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6.

PATSHULL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Fletcher 1, C. J. Bennett (first of Surprise) 2, R. B. Dorrington 3, P. R. Johnson 4, S. G. Pick 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Lingard 1, S. P. Rogers 2, G. P. Norris 3, P. R. Huntbach 4, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 5, Miss N. M. Rosen 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. For Harvest Festival.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. J. Tibbetts 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, M. Androlia 4, M. Elson 5, D. J. Purnell 6, J. Insley (cond.) 7, M. Burston 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1, G. Cowlin 2, M. Parker 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Perkins, founder of the principal company of this city. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Spencer (first quarter) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Davis 3, "Bill" Smith 4, B. Branston 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Ann Smith and Rosemary Foster.

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. T. Perrins 3, S. C. Walker (first in the method) 4, L. F. Cobb 5, F. E. Collins 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, L. G. Perrins 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS. — On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. W. Whitfield 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, W. T. Perrins 3, A. W. Fry 4, D. Wilson 5, F. E. Collins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. For Matins by the local band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Shelley (first quarter) 1, D. Walsh 2, F. Kirk 3, G. Foster (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. Bedford 5, J. Rooney 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Hutson (first quarter) 1, H. Rumens 2, Ann Abrahams (first as cond.) 3, G. A. Trimby 4, R. T. Jones 5, F. E. Manns 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,240 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. C. Mills and Miss K. Froggatt 1, Mrs. D. Bradley and A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hadfield 1, R. W. G. Fenton 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. Before the christening of Roger James Wakefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wakefield, of Balderton, Notts.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Laidman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, J. Weaver 3, E. J. Rowe 4, M. J. Medley (cond.) 5, S. Rowe 6. A compliment to Matthew Aldridge and his parents.

WARE, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Bagguley 1, F. Ellis (cond.) 2, E. Pickett 3, D. Digby 4, R. Durrant 5, C. Hayter 6, B. Foley 7, V. Tubby 8.

WARMINGTON NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Fitton 1, G. Davis 2, Susan Kemp 3, R. Newby 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kershaw 1, R. Cadamy 2, D. W. Manton 3, P. Neill (first quarter) 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. A. Ward 6.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilcox 1, G. A. Edwards 2, K. W. Eaton 3, F. R. Morton 4, Leon A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Cyril William Hubank, member of the P.C.C. and treasurer of the Church Restoration Fund.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Paul, on Oct 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine J. Mitchell 1, A. Swatton 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, J. E. Newman 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. J. Oriedge 7, P. J. Deverell 8. First Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Daniel 1, S. K. Thompson 2, V. C. A. Rodrigues 3, R. E. Burbery 4, S. F. Royal 5, P. H. Mackie (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. Rung by O.U.S. on outing.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,952 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Chantler 1, W. P. Haskins 2, Belinda M. Gilbert 3, M. Susan Jackson 4, I. Campbell 5, C. B. Dove (comp and cond.) 6, G. W. Randall 7, R. Ducker 8. Peal attempt called round.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Fletcher 1, Joan Pike 2, E. J. Booth 3, R. Philpott 4, R. Price 5, R. Peckham 6, D. Grinwood (cond.) 7, J. Price 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar and Mrs. Colin James, on October 18th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): S. Moore 1, A. Riddle 2, Miss C. M. Box 3, P. Beaven 4, G. B. Davis 5, G. Parsons 6, P. S. Galsford (cond.) 7, F. W. Box 8. For Harvest Festival.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Chapman (first quarter) 1, A. Wiffen 2, Miss J. Millbank 3, Mrs. Q. Cresswell 4, C. Gillingham (first "inside") 5, S. Warne 6, C. Barker 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For Morning Prayer, and in honour of the "Twinning" on October 28th of Braintree and Bocking with Pierrefitte, France.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, J. M. Corby 2, M. W. Thompson 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. P. Sherlock 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marylyn Heath 1, Vivienne Withers (first quarter) 2, Jennifer Lee Qualfe (first of P.B.D.) 3, A. F. Howard (cond.) 4, W. Williams 5, E. Herrington 6.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Josephine M. Haskins 1, Belinda M. Gilbert 2, M. Susan Jackson (cond.) 3, A. Cole 4, C. B. Dove 5, A. P. Haskins 6. Rung by Leeds Parish Church ringers for High Mass at the Vicar's request.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Oakshott 1, D. Oakshott 2, Adrienne Gibson 3, Jill Oakshott 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, J. Munton 6, D. Herschell (cond.) 7, G. Cockman 8. For the Dedication Festival.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Margaret Rowland 1, Elizabeth A. Gilliam 2, R. D. Chapman 3, G. M. Chapman 4, L. Harmer (cond.) 5, P. Butler 6, C. T. Gilliam 7, D. Williams 8. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung to commemorate Mr. E. W. Chaney's 60 years of service to St. Mary's Church as organist and choirmaster.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Ballam (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Ivings 2, R. Rogers 3, K. Brown 4, H. Ivings 5.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, J. E. Spree (first of Major) 3, E. Clifton 4, G. Stewart 5, W. W. Ring (cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, M. W. Marshall 8. Rung on the back eight.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, R. Hart (first in method) 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, R. Rice 2, P. Bridle (cond.) 3, P. England 4, Miss D. Chapman 5, W. Rice 6, E. Lee 7, J. Brain 8. First of Ealing by all except conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,320 Doubles: Mrs. Dorothy Wood 1, B. Burton 2, R. G. Seymour 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, J. Blake 5, R. Holness 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. B. Sleap, one time treasurer of this church.

NETHERBURY, DORSET. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Tither (first quarter) 1, G. Hawkins 2, Mrs. J. Davis 3, John Davis 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, B. Tither 6. For Evensong. Also as a compliment to Vincent George Ashwin, made deacon in Durham Cathedral on September 24th.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas the Martyr, on Oct. 29th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: V. C. A. Rodrigues 1, P. H. Mackie 2, J. K. Walton (first of T.B.) 3, R. Johnston 4, J. R. Leary (cond.) 5, P. J. Daniel 6. First of Kent 2, 4 and 5. Rung by O.U.S. for morning service.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkey (first quarter) 1, Ann Butcher 2, W. Reece 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Joy Butler 1, Mrs. M. Francis 2, J. Croft (first of Surprise) 3, C. J. Butler 4, K. S. Croft 5, A. Jackson 6, M. J. Butler 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Canon R. B. Jolly, former Rector.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Keene (first Treble Bob) 1, I. N. Pett 2, R. A. Ward 3, T. R. Harris 4, D. W. Manton 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 3 and 4.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (back eight): T. Culver 1, K. Small 2, J. Rae 3, E. J. Coode 4, P. Clarke 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, G. Clarke (cond.) 7, P. Shonk 8. For Evensong.

STANDISH, LANCS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. O. Farrimond 1, F. Bentham 2, L. Briers 3, F. Cook 4, H. Grounds 5, J. W. Horner (cond.) 6, K. Heaton 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss A. Underhill 1, J. Davey 2, Miss P. Tomsett (cond.) 3, R. Bushell 4, M. Lacey 5. For Harvest Festival.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. V. Cranham 1, Carol Andrews 2, Patricia Rogers 3, D. Brock 4, D. Boniface 5, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 6. Rung prior to the farewell Evensong for the Vicar, Rev. D. Savill, on his departure for Heston, Middlesex.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Iris Piper 1, Gwynneth C. Ducker 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, Maris C. Stephenson (first as cond.) 4, Linda Sherwood 5, R. Ducker 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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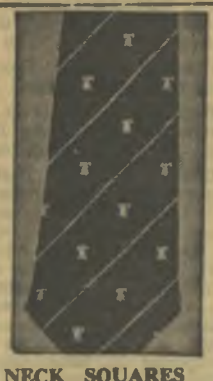

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WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Ivey 1, Sandra Pearce 2, Maureen White 3, Mary White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Sandra Pearce.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, N. Hadley 2, M. Turner 3, Christine Turner 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, C. Williams 6, J. R. Cotterill (cond.) 7, F. Pickering 8. For Mission Week.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. T. Slack (first quarter) 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, H. R. Jacobs (first away from cover) 3, Katherine Maundrell 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, J. R. N. Lebon 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,329 Double Oxford Bob Minor: P. Richardson 1, B. Johnson 2, P. R. Staples 3, R. J. Carlton 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for the 45th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 5th.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kersey 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 2, R. Tipper 3, Lesley Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, R. Corke 6, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8. 100th quarter together 7 and 8.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Hodges 1, J. Clutton 2, Mrs. G. A. Randles 3, F. R. Evans 4, P. Goodhew 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, G. H. Randles 7, J. Capper 8, J. Walden 9, E. Edwards 10. Rung for the opening of the St Giles' Week Festival.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 8th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. M. Herbert 1, Miss V. D. Howell 2, R. F. Symonds 3, F. B. Stedman 4, P. Herbert 5, B. S. B. Kear (first as cond.) 6, J. Rose 7, M. Harris 8. A wedding compliment to M. Harris and Miss E. Abbott (ringers at this tower), and a 93rd birthday compliment to ringer of 4. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. B. Stedman 1, Miss V. D. Howell (first in method) 2, P. Herbert 3, J. Rose 4, R. F. Symonds (first in method as cond.) 5, B. S. B. Kear 6. A farewell compliment to Miss Howell, leaving for Welshpool.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The autumn meeting of the South West Branch was held at Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, on October 14th. Ringing on the six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) was enjoyed during the afternoon under the direction of Mr. D. R. Bould (Ringing Master) and included call changes, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge. This was followed by a service taken by the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Luckraft), who spoke about the word "remember" in his address. The organist was Mr. C. A. Phillips, and the lesson was read by Mr. H. H. Thomas, chairman of the Branch.

Tea was then enjoyed in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. H. H. Thomas, who moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the enjoyment. Reports were given by the secretary on the social evening and on the T. G. Myers Memorial Fund.

New members elected were Messrs. J. and G. Boucher (unattached), J. Drewer (Emmanuel) and A. Frost (Stoke Damerel). The date of the next annual meeting, to be held at Plympton St. Mary, was changed to February 3rd.

Evening ringing was enjoyed at Stoke Damerel and later at St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

S. P. S.

OBITUARY

MRS. TURNER

St. Mary's, Twickenham, has lost a very valued friend by the death of Mrs. Turner on October 27th. A correspondent writes: "Her welcome was always warm and her patience, when teaching at St. Mary's, wonderful. She was a terrific background worker who seldom received the thanks due. Her experience in ringers' teas was very wide."

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RINGERS' DIARY

Dear Sir,—In an effort to produce next year's Diary in good time, we sent it to the printer eight weeks earlier than usual. We regret to announce that the attempt has failed. Although printing is finished, subsequent operations have been repeatdly delayed. with the result that delivery cannot now be expected until the end of November.

We hope that intending purchasers will wait until our advertisements appear before sending orders.

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Barlborough, Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield, **without fail, please.** 2651

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Foxton and Orwell, November 11th. Bells, Foxton (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Foxton Vicarage, 5 p.m Orwell (5) approx. 6.30 p.m.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 2641

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and social evening in St. Michael's Church Hall. All welcome. Names for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121, Roberts Road, Aldershot, Hants (Aldershot 21009).—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 2637

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley End (6), November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road. Hemel Hempstead. 2639

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, November 11th, 5.30–8.30. All welcome.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2677

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Mereworth on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M W Gilbert, 2, Herne Cottages, Butcher's Lane. Mereworth.—M. L. H. 2624

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Hugglescote (8). Saturay, November 11th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Cups of tea provided in schoolroom 5 p.m.; please bring own food.—R. M. W. 2660

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Saturday November 11th. Demonstration of Carter Ringing Machine, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, S.W.7, 2.30 p.m. St. Luke's, Chelsea Sydney Street, S.W.3, 4–5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, W.8, 7.30–8.30. Cooked tea. Names essential to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 2636

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, November 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Moore, 54, Enderley Street, Newcastle, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2659

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Honingham, Saturday, November 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.; bring own food. 2620

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tilehurst on Saturday, November 11th. Bells are available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meetiing. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Everett, 108, St. Michael's Road, Tilehurst, Reading. No names, no tea. 2644

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting at Gedling (6) on November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 2634

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-East District.—Annual District meeting at Leiston on November 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Guild executive committee meeting 7 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. H. Bryant, The Vicarage, Leiston, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 2601

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Lyminster (not Steyning) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage. Business meeting after tea. Essential to notify numbers for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2633

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch method ringing practice will be held at Constantine Church (6) on Saturday, November 11th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided. Numbers, please, to Mrs. Mossop, Constantine Vicarage, Falmouth. 2667

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Isleworth, Wednesday, November 15th, 8–9.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. Rogers. 2550

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Ringing contest, Silsoe, Saturday, November 18th, Bells 3 p.m. Contest 4 p.m. Tea and judges' remarks 4.45. Bells after tea. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. T. Harris, 10, The Grove, Silsoe, by the 16th. 2673

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 2672

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday. November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2676

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A learners' meeting will be held at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The help of a few experienced ringers would be appreciated.—G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting, November 18th, at Wonersh. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea, please, to Mr W. Enucknap, Ockleigh, Wonersh Common, near Guildford, by previous Tuesday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Braughing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham.—Dis. Sec. 2662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Abbey Institute, Romeland. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to me by 16th at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2668

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Swinton (8) on Saturday, November 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wells, 58, Clovelly Road, Sindsley, Swinton, Manchester, by previous Wednesday, and please note it is definitely "no names, no tea." — Christine Andrew, Branch Sec. 2669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Stamford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells: All Saints' 2.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Martin's 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Stamford. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Chamberlain, 30, Tinwell Road, Stamford (Tel. Stamford 3433), by Wednesday, November 15th—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 2648

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Baglan, November 18th **(not November 11th).** Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.–4 o'clock. Service and tea, then ringing until approx. 8 p.m Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam. CF6. 9ED. Tel. Rhoose 494. 2675

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 2699

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me, please, by previous Wednesday. —Mrs. C. W. Reed, 2, Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark. 2664

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, near Wednesbury, on Saturday, November 18th. Committee meeting 2.30. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. F. Marlow. 20. Phillip Road, Bescot, Walsall, Staffs —C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 2585

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Seaford (8). November 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Connor Cafe for those who send names to me by November 14th. We are asked to ring for a wedding being held at the church at 3 p.m. Could we please have eight ringers in the belfry by 3.20 p.m ?— D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec., Studley, Folders Lane. Burgess Hill (3442). 2650

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District —Quarterly meeting. Roos (5), November 18th. 2.30–4.15. Withernsea (6) 3.30–4.15, Patrington (8) after business meeting. Service Patrington 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to Mr. T Robinson. Enholmes Farm. Patrington by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 2643

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — The November quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing will be at Thrybergh (6) 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and Whiston (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. Both are ground-floor rings. Tea at Whiston. Names as soon as possible to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, near Rotherham.—M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2658

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward,, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 2603

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Vicar and ringers of Great Dunmow (8), the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, November 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All members welcome. —G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2679

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting at Bures, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by November 22nd. 2663

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Ringing at Heavitree 6.30–8. —G. Skinner. 2553

LATE NOTICES

BIRTHS

ALDRIDGE.—Chris and Jenifer announce the safe arrival of Matthew Nigel, born October 17th, 1967. 2691

HALLETT.—To John and Jean (née Allen), a daughter, Gillian, born in New Westminster, B.C., Canada, on October 28th, 1967. Present address: 1.031, Nanaimo Street, New Westminster, B.C. 2696

MORRIS.—To Pat and Russ, of 25, Rosamund Avenue, Leicester, on November 1st, 1967, a daughter, Penelope Lisa, a sister for Michelle. 2706

ENGAGEMENTS

COLLIER—BLIGH-CHEESMAN.—Between Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collier, of Haydock, Lancs, and Pauline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bligh-Cheesman, of Wheathampstead, Herts. 2688

FURSDON—MITCHELL. — The engagement is announced on November 11th between Keith Fursdon, of Torquay, and Alaine Mitchell, of Saltash. God bless you both.—Mum. 2698

IN MEMORIAM

JOAN TURNER, who was called to higher service on Thursday, October 26th, 1967, was an active and loyal member of St. Mary's, Twickenham, for over 40 years. Joan will be remembered by many ringers for her cheerful disposition and the ready help and encouragement she gave to all beginners. 2685

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MASSEY.—The address of Mrs. D. E. Massey, formerly of Claygate, Surrey, is now: Claremont, East Ride, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, Somerset. 2705

MISCELLANEOUS

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.—Will tower secretaries and outing arrangers please note that these bells will not be rung again. The church is to be closed in the near future.—C. E. Bassett, Sec., Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. 2686

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Any reader having old copies of G. and B. Reports which they no longer need are asked to send them to the Hon. Secretary; an attempt is being made to complete a set for use of officers, and any sent will be acnowledged. Those most needed are for years 1888 to 1939.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 2707

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Fivehead (6), Saturday, November 11th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. — R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley, November 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 2681

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern District.—A District practice will be held at Great Baddow on November 15th, 7.30–9. All welcome.—I. R. Panton, Dis. Sec. 2697

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Practice at Wiveliscombe (8 bells) on Thursday, November 16th, at 7 p.m. 2708

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Backwell (8) on November 18th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 2693

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, Northwich. Look up Woodbine Treble Bob. 2702

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halwill, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce by Monday, November 13th.—R. Pearce, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—Meeting, Whickham, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m.–7 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Election of officers. Names for tea to Mr. J. Crowther, 54, The Drive, Whickham, Newcastle. Sorry—no name, no tea. 2690

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting to be held at Brampton on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2682

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Redmarley, Glos, on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Notify Mrs. Prout, Inn Farm House, Redmarley, Gloucester, for tea before November 15th. 2692

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Kirby Bellars on November 18th. Ringing 6.30 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 2709

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on November 18th at 6 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Addington (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 7–9 p.m. Special methods: London and Superlative.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2689

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Lea, Saturday, November 25th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Stedman Doubles. 2695

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Business meeting to follow. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, November 22nd.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 2701

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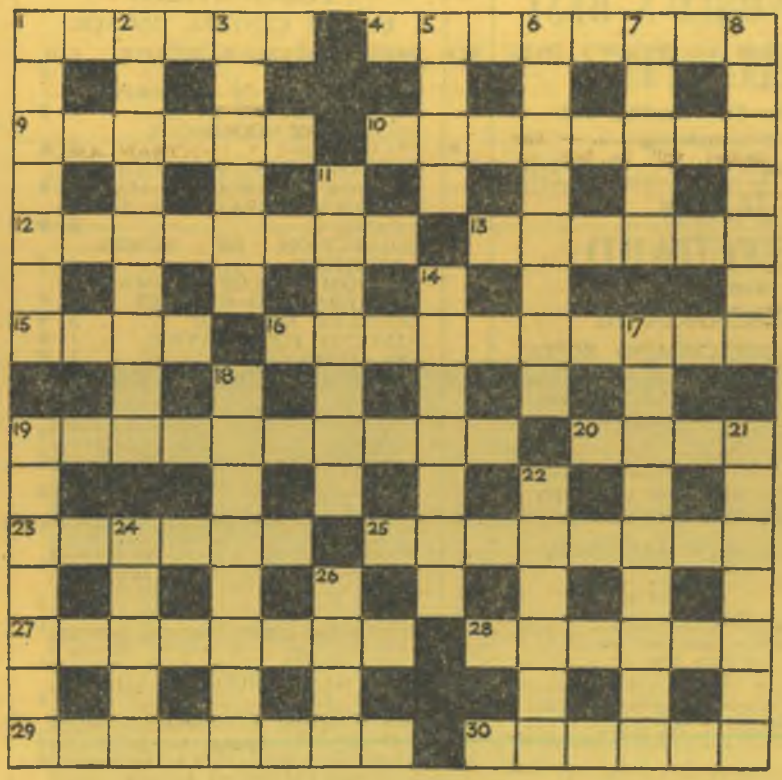

CLUES

ACROSS

1. A matter of this is not unusual. It's often plain to ringers (6)
4. These are needed to see this clue (8).
9. This is intended to keep one on 1 across (6)
10. Doctor or tenor can be (6, 2)
12. I can roll (anag.) (8)
13. He should be capable of ringing Royal (6)
15. Pull up without me or take ages (4)
16. An able conductor does this (10)
19. Heavy weight follows mattress for a Surrey ten (10)
20. Animal up with the morning (4)
23. Spoken after the morning it's not very good (6)
25. You may not feel like taking one when the Police ask you to! (8)
27. Heywood came from it and it came from Heywood (8)
28. Heaviest rain reveals a stress (6)
29. One of the family is Valerie to a "t" (8)
30. Ask awkward questions (6)

DOWN

1. Cockney expression with Norfolk tower produces an ancient boat (7)
2. A hundred can become deceitful without a hundred! (9)
3. Put a smiling to the heaviest ten and the whole expands (6)
5. Interval between birthdays (4)
6. Sally has a part in this production (8)
7. Len swallows a bit of propaganda (5)
8. Les rings but gets upset after losing a pound (7)
11. Dutch version is obtainable from a bottle (7)
14. Where one would be after being called in (7)
17. O what rusk makes a cathedral (9)
18. He stays until the last round (8)
19. Sounds like a tenor man but stays at school (7)
21. For example a Scottish island will make it orderly (7)
22. This could be a ding dong affair (6)
24. Rubbish whether you accept singles in surprise or not (5)
26. One of an Eastern European race (4)

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A READER'S QUERIES

LT.-COL. JERRAM (Helford, Cornwall) writes to ask two questions—one on the subject of method structure and one on the field of composition. Neither of these comes within the scope and purpose of the current fortnightly feature "Tuition Teasers," which feature, as announced at its inception, is concerned with tuition and practice in "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing." By "elements" is meant, of course, the fundamentals of change production, i.e. hunting, place-making and the consequential dodging; and not any specific method as such. So the questions are being dealt with separately from that feature, and only the first of Col. Jerram's questions is considered in this article.

In this question he asks: "What is the reason for 'regular' lead-ends, and what are they? To the uninitiated any lead-ends to which one is tied seem to prevent anything new."

The latter part of this question is logically to be answered first, i.e. "What are 'regular' lead-ends?" Here we are right back on the question of what is a "lead-end" anyway? In the issue of "The Ringing World" dated October 13th, two contributions appear on this subject, but seem inconclusive. The plain fact is that while the ordinary ringer in practice, can get along by use of a loosely-held concept of "lead-end" (which concept, dating from the beginnings of change production, is nevertheless unfortunately illogical), yet the ringer whose interest lies in the technology of the matter—i.e. in method structure and in composition—must, and indeed does, recognise the precise meaning and function of lead-head and lead-end. This was once again demonstrated in "The Ringing World" issue of September 8th, 1967, page 637, with figure diagrams. Neither of these diagrams nor the accompanying terminology differs in any way from the Central Council's dicta on the matter. In the recently-published work—"Method Structure in Change Ringing"—the subject is treated at considerable length, and the conclusions reached concur with those of the Central Council's findings.

So we may say that by "regular lead-ends" is meant those rows at the parting of divisions (or "index" rows—see "The Ringing World," page 637), in which rows the bells appear in N.C.O. ("natural coursing order"). In other words, alternate bells are placed as "increasing evens then decreasing odds," or vice versa, according to the mode of hunting. For example, take the Double Norwich index row 13527486 occurring at the parting of the 2nd and 3rd divisions (leads) of its plain course. The first bell coming to lead after the treble is 3, then 2-4-6-8-7-5, giving the cyclic order shown in the diagram. This "regular" order of coursing of the bells is often referred to as producing "Bob Major lead-ends"—a too-restricted title, obviously, since this cyclic order of the bells is found in the index rows of stages **other than** the Major, and indeed in methods **other than** Plain Bob. So much for "What are they?"

Coming now to the second part of the original question—"What is the reason for them?" This is, indeed, rather a long story, and, although only a few ringers are aware of this, yet the story is told in detail in a 24-page pamphlet published in 1918 entitled "Lead Ends" by the (late) Rev. C. D. P. Davies, one of the best-known ringers and writers on ringing matters of the earlier part of the present century. In fact the pamphlet satisfies both parts of our present inquiry. He tackles that bugbear of ringing terminology, ambiguity, explaining the meanings of "lead," showing the derivations. He goes on to say:—

"I can fancy that a scientific student approaching the theory of change ringing for the first time would complain of the inexact and puzzling nature of (—our—) terminology, and of its total want of scientific clearness and accuracy. He would be quite justified. The inexact and slipshod application of the terms 'lead" and 'plain lead' is only one instance out of many."

Then he comes to the work of the "Committee on Legitimate Methods," as appointed by the Central Council, and he maintains that they did not formulate their Report (1904) in full and proper manner. Taking the two methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and considering the order in which bells come down to lead (the natural coursing order in plain hunting), he points out that the Report is framed in such a way as to infer that all accepted methods should exhibit this coursing order in their plain courses; and that, to quote his italicised words, this inference "is left to slip in" (i.e. into the Report) "unawares." He describes this assumption as "This worthless fad as to the retention of the same coursing order," and as being (wrongly) considered "as not merely a principle of vital importance, but an all-pervading necessity; whereas the real truth is that it matters not one jot or tittle whether we regard it or not."

He continues his conclusions by saying: "There is no special value of any sort or kind in the Plain Bob and Grandsire lead-ends. There are others which are quite and it may be in some respects even more efficient. We need only instance the lead-ends of Union Triples. Certainly Holt had no qualms or hesitation as to their orthodoxy or efficiency."

As to the reason for the (alleged insidious) convention as to "Plain Bob lead-ends" the author says: "The reason for which so many method-builders in the past contrived to give Plain Bob lead-ends to their methods is perfectly clear. Plain Bob lead-ends were at the fingers' ends of every composer, and a new method had far greater chance of general adoption with Plain Bob lead-ends than with any others." He suggests: "Further consideration against the exclusive adoption of Plain Bob and Grandsire lead-ends, that we should thereby be debarred from many other methods of beauty and utility if not already in the present, at least for certain in the future."

The pamphlet is, in the opinion of the present writer, a brilliant exposure of anomaly and contradiction. Although believed to be out of print, yet it could no doubt be borrowed from the Central Council's library. A.Y.-B

OUTINGS

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE

8 a.m. Grey rain slanting down the canyon of dark, Satanic mills below St. Mark's and seven of her ringers wondering what was keeping the other three. A quick run over the spine of England, past St. Michael's, Ashton (four genuflected, the rest said "So what?") and out into a sunny Cheshire plain. Despite all attempts by the verger to repulse us with buckets of water we gain Knutsford's six-bell tower. "Where's the clock mechanism?" and then combined O. and K., Cambridge, Little and Norwich. The bells refused London.

11.15. A worried Reverend Doctor at Rostherne complete with dislocated louvre. "Sorry you can't ring" (how true, how true). So on to Ashley for beer. 1 p.m. Sombre Edwardian dignity of the Royal George at Knutsford. Bad choice. Friendly head waiter: first-class food; excellent wine list; reasonable prices.

2.30. Holmes Chapel (6). Friendly welcome. Never ring after such a lunch; but Plain, Oswald, College Exercise and London go well. York—cough—resort to plain course then on to Congleton. Rehung eight rededicated Saturday before. 480 Superlative for a good opener. Then some Treble Bob Major. Bells go well, but did we do them justice?

Final call Gawsworth. Scarlet sun kindling scarlet trees; village pond and slender tower on green mound; ancient hall and harvest potatoes around the font. Ducks quack and bells tinkle merrily to Cambridge Major over the darkening countryside. Idyllic peace; could retire here in another 40 years, and "Brian! Please don't throw young Steve into that pond."

Quick dash back (over 40 miles), into t'Colne Valley—wouldn't have done that 12 months ago, Mrs. Castle. One and a half miles of one in six up narrow cobbled lanes to Cop Mill. Thank you, Edgar, moorland hospitality was always the warmest. Thank you also, incumbents, wardens and tower masters. If your own bands come into the West Riding, don't forget Longwood. I.R.

EASTBOURNE RINGERS IN LONDON

Eastbourne ringers went to London for their outing on October 21st but only one tower was visited for ringing—Ewell—where Mr. Beams once more provided tea. But it was a day to delight ringers, with the morning spent at the Whitechapel Foundry, with Mr. Douglas Hughes explaining the intricacies of bell founding and bell hanging.

After a picnic lunch there was another meeting with Mr. Hughes, when he gave a description and demonstration of the Carter Ringing Machine. A faultless touch of Stedman Triples was rung with the calls being made (at the touch of a button) by Walter Dobbie. Handbells and singing enlivened the journey home, with the last halt at Wadhurst.

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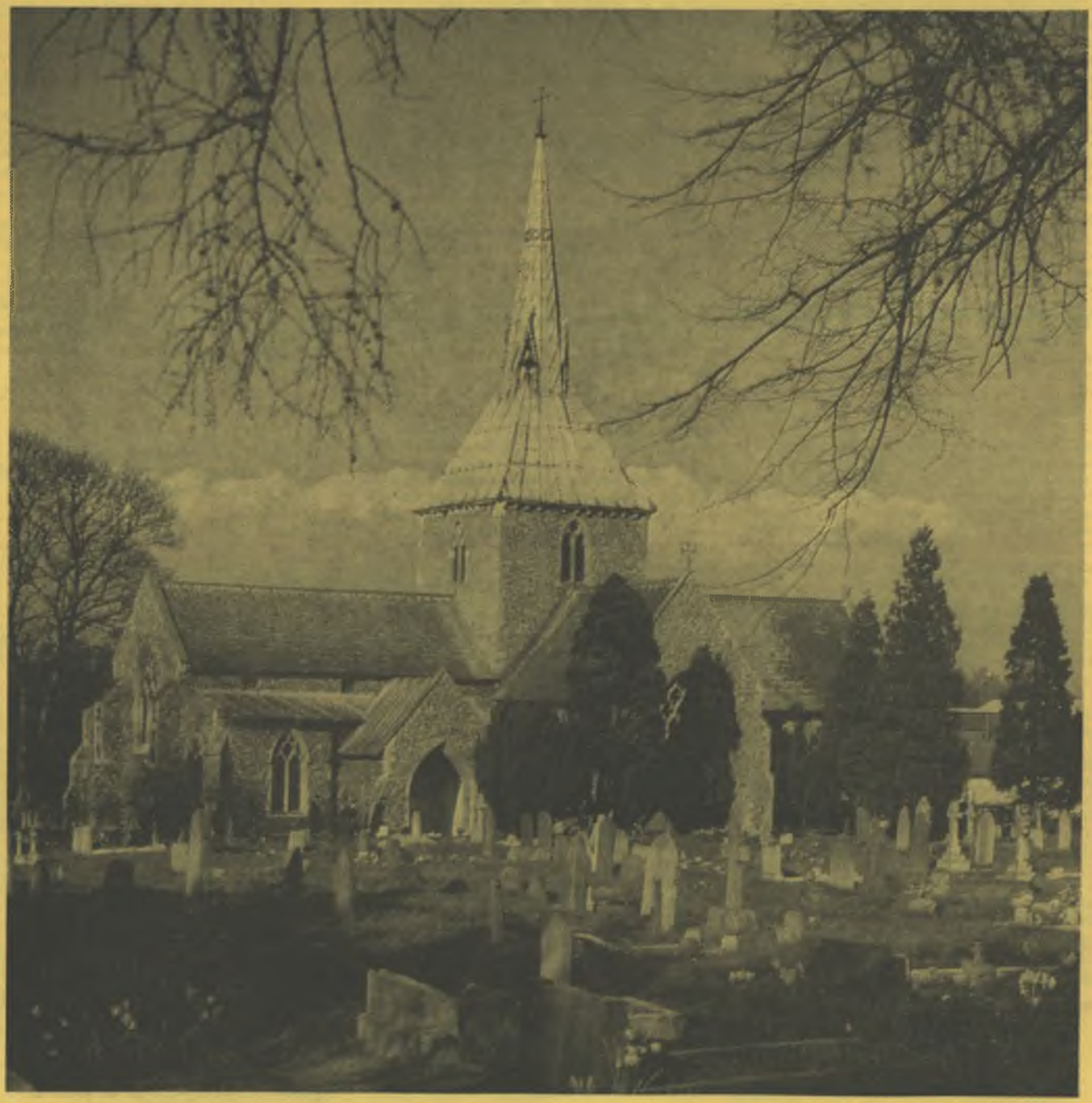

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LEADING OR MISLEADING

BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

THE attitude of the Press to bells and bell ringing is on the whole favourable to the Exercise, and the relations of the newspaper world with ringers are cordial and sympathetic. A survey of the articles on bells appearing in the daily and weekly journals from time to time shows that editors are not unwilling to accept essays on our art provided they are not technical and can present aspects of bell ringing that will interest readers. Because of this we have, for the most part, a high standard of writing and very successful efforts to present to the public even some of the less easily understood features of change ringing. And it is to be remarked that some very interesting informative articles have come from non-ringing journalists, men of acute perception who have clearly exercised great care in observation and caution in presentation. For such work we are grateful, and to such Press activity we can give nothing but high commendation. If we ringers can detach ourselves from our mental environment we may see that the whole subject bristles with difficulties for the layman and surrounds with pitfalls every step he takes into our particular field.

Bell ringing, and particularly change ringing, is cloaked in so much mystery that many a reporter gives up the matter as hopeless, and treats a news item in a brief and uncompromising manner, or else indulges in a levity that suggests that all ringers are freaks, or even plunges in with an inaccuracy amounting to contempt. Most pastimes, it must be admitted, are open to light-hearted treatment. We have all been entertained at times by the gentle fun poked at the golfer, and the tales of fishing and fishermen have long been accepted as legitimate fun. So we, as bell-ringers, cannot hope to escape our share of teasing; indeed, we do enough of it among ourselves, and only the humourless or the self-important among us finds it objectionable. What is undesirable, and to be severely deprecated, is the news item that misleads the public, that is sensational, contemptibly inaccurate, and framed so as to bring the art of ringing into ridicule.

It is in the careless and reckless misuse of bell ringing terms that many reporters offend; and we find trained men who, though never erring in the matter of the technical language of golf or fly-fishing, are quite content to dash off a paragraph or two on the activities of ringers, sometimes in words that are virtually meaningless to the bell ringer and misleading to the general reader. It is a remarkable fact, and one for reflection, that a man who would not for a moment consider reporting a string quartette work played by a cornet will quite gaily and unashamedly talk of Bob Major rung on four tower bells. It is such recklessness that brought about the printing of the ridiculous picture of the four men in the belfry at "Ambridge," a feature that marred the particular issue of that very good joke "The Borchester Echo."

We are all unhappily aware of occasions in the past when a belfry incident, sometimes slight in itself, sometimes of more serious import, has by some means reached the knowledge of an unscrupulous reporter, who has seized on some striking aspect of the matter, has exaggerated its features, and presented the incident in the highly coloured and sensational manner that his particular paper affects. It may be broken braces, it may be a disagreement that has arisen in the tower, it may be some trivality that will soon be forgotten; incautious talk by someone indiscreet has opened the door for the local reporter, and this gentleman's peculiar technique has enabled him to turn the incident to his own profit and bring undesirable notoriety to the church concerned. Oh, how easily we all could fall into the trap!

But many of these matters are, after all, trivial, and may soon be forgotten. What is far more important and more full of menace is the sensational presentation of the belfry mishap. It is undoubtedly right and proper that accidents in the tower should receive full publicity. There are without question dangers attached to the handling of the great machine called a ring of bells, and there is in some places a lack of care both in the work of maintenance and in the introducing of learners to the handling of bells. In consequence there have been accidents, and some of them have been distressingly serious, calling for a full inquiry and complete publicity. But there needs to be discrimination in the use of facts and discretion in reporting, both for the sake of the unfortunate victims of accidents and of the general public.

The recent mishap at Old Hill, when the failure of a stay caused a ringer to be carried up and then swept down unconscious, received in one organ of the sensational press the headline: "Ringer is hurled to the ceiling as Bell Cartwheels." This exaggerated language is of no use to the injured man, nor does it help in any way. A broken stay is a not unknown occurrence, but very rarely does it bring about a serious accident; and it gives no occasion to implant in the minds of incumbents, parents of learners, or the reading public, a belief that such incidents are ever imminent or that the early stages of learning to ring are fraught with grim possibilities. There is no pursuit of any value that is not accompanied by some risk, whether football, cricket, boating, mountaineering, ringing, or, indeed, any activity; and leaders of thought in these matters, first among them the Duke of Edinburgh, urge the value to the development of character in facing certain hazards. But there is no need to shrink from the pursuit of bell ringing because of remote contingencies, no cause for incumbents to move in panic to restrict their bells, and no call to the public to be misled by exuberant, inaccurate, or mischievous reporting.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Katherine S. Hardy 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, G. Dodds 3, A. Carter 4, R. E. Ewer 5, M. D. Frost (cond.) 6, W. Little 7, G. W. Debenham 8, G. Penney 9, R. E. Hardy 10. Rung for the 83rd anniversary of the foundation of the Hertford County Association.

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OUR PICTURE

St. Helen's Church, Wheathampstead, Herts.

By Keith J. Walpole

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, the beautiful little Chiltern Valley village situated five miles north of St. Albans, is surrounded by a wealth of interesting history and is mentioned twice in the Domesday Book of 1086. It was here that a British city was built in the first century B.C. which became the capital of South East England and it was here, in the Devil's Dyke, where Julius Cæsar defeated the British King Cassivellaunus in 54 B.C.

The church, however, is more recent; it was built in the 13th century from the local flint and contains stonework which is recognised as being as good as any in Hertfordshire.

The bells of the church were originally a ring of six bells by Richard Phelps, cast in 1717 with a tenor of 17 cwt. They were recast in 1937 as a glorious six of 14 cwt. by John Taylor of Loughborough, and rehung in a timber frame. One rather unusual feature of the bells is that they are rung from the ground floor in the centre of the church in full view of the congregation. There are no rope guides, at the insistence of the P.C.C. for æsthetic reasons, and in consequence there is an unguided rope draught of 36 feet to the dumb floor. This probably accounts for the very few peals rung on these very fine bells.

Up to 1962 the band was entirely call change, but in 1962 a young band was recruited and they were taught change ringing with considerable success. In 1965 the tower suffered a setback when four Surprise ringers left in the space of a few months. However, four more learners were immediately recruited and are now developing into a useful band with a great interest in District ringing affairs.

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OFFICERS' BADGES

Gifts to Gloucester and Bristol

Two valuable presentations were made at the October committee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The first was for the chairman (Miss E. M. Bliss) and was presented by Mr. P. L. Pearce in gratitude for all the pleasure his father and uncle derived from ringing during their lives, which dated back to 1886, covering a long period of the early years of the Association.

Miss Bliss, who presided, then presented a similar badge for the use of the Ringing Master. Mr. H. Warmington, a Cotswold craftsman of Chipping Campden, was commissioned to produce a design, which was approved, and he executed the work in silver These works of art will be worn by the respective officers during the coming years.

The meeting, which lasted four hours and was the longest on record during the 89 years of the Association, made two grants of £75— to Randwick, where there is to be an augmentation from four to six, and to Winchcombe, where an estimate for £2,000 had been received for work on the bells, which includes recasting the treble and a new frame and fittings.

The Cheltenham course was such a success that it is to be repeated in 1969, if possible at the same venue. During the interim one-day courses on theory are to be held in different parts of the area during 1968, the first, if possible, before Easter. Other matters which found favour were a striking competition and dinner during 1968. For the striking competition there will be Branch contests first. It was noted with pleasure that for the Cheltenham course a number of P.C.C.'s paid all or part of the cost to enable a ringer from their towers to attend. This was the outcome of advertising the course to all P.C.C.'s in the Association's area.

Alterations to the annual report were discussed and it is hoped in future to publish all compositions of general interest. Old reports between the years 1888 to 1939 are needed by the hon. secretary to complete a set for the use of the officers.

Reference was made in opening to the loss by death of Mr. John Hope, of Siddington, a vice-president who had given many years of service.

150th Peal in Epsom Church

After more than three years of abortive planning, the long-awaited opportunity for a local band to ring the 150th peal on the bells presented itself with little notice on the occasion of the wedding of the daughter of the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell. Unfortunately some of the band were away on a ringing weekend in Somerset so that only six ringers could be mustered and they duly scored the first peal of Minor on the bells, the band including two first pealers.

Not until afterwards was it realised that only five were members of the Surrey Association and only five were members of the Guildford Guild, so the peal has to be recorded as Non-Association. Perhaps this is only fair for a tower which is a keen supporter of both bodies. Another interesting point is that all the ringers except the third learned to ring at the tower.

The first peal was rung on the bells on July 31st, 1890, following their dedication. The 50th came on February 19th, 1912, the 100th on May 5th, 1926, and 41 years elapsed before the third fifty was completed. The tally includes the longest length for the Surrey Association, being 10,400 Double Norwich, composed and conducted by Charles Kippin, and rung on Easter Monday, 1926.

The methods rung are: Grandsire Triples 47, Stedman Triples 21, Plain Bob Major 21, Kent T.B. Major 18, Double Norwich C.B.M. 14, Superlative S. Major 9, Cambridge S. Major 5, Oxford Bob Triples 3, London S. Major 2, Bristol S. Major 2, Yorkshire S. Major 2, Union Triples 1, Darlaston Bob Triples 1, Oxford T.B. Major 1, Ipswich S. Major 1, Spliced Surprise Major 1, Plain Bob Minor 1.

For the following bodies: Surrey Association 111, Guildford Diocesan Guild 10, Middlesex C.A. 8, A.S.C.Y. 5, Winchester D.G. 5, Waterloo Society 3, Universities Association 3, Sussex C.A. 1, London C.A. 1, S.R.C.Y. 1, Non-Association 2.

The tower records were compiled by the late Frank Oakshott, who was enabled to complete them with the co-operation of Canon Felstead's records.

OVERSEAS NEWS

ENGLISH GIRL'S THREE MONTHS IN CANADA

Miss Pamela E. J. Sturdy is now back in Cheltenham after three months in Canada. While there she took part in a quarter peal in Vancouver, the first the 30 years and not the first ever, as stated on page 778.

She was pleased to find active ringing at four Canadian towers. Here are her impressions:—

CALGARY, Christ Church (8) delightful sounding, light, easy-going bells. Shortage of experienced ringers prevents much change ringing, but they practise Mondays at 7.30 and ring at 10.30 a.m. on Sundays.

VANCOUVER, Holy Rosary R.C. Cathedral (8). Bells on 50-year-old plain bearings but very good going and not too bad in sound. Here they have a strong and experienced band (remember the film "Ringers Required"?) and ring several methods, including Minor.

MISSION CITY, Westminster Abbey (10). This is a monastery high among the mountains about 40 miles from Vancouver, and the bells are in a most beautiful tall white tower, which is visible for miles around. The view from the top is stupendous. The Vancouver ringers instructed the monks originally, and the monks ring regularly and teach some of the boys in their seminary.

VICTORIA B.C., Cathedral (8), a replica of the bells in Westminster Abbey, England. The band here has recently been depleted by the departure of three of the Izard family to Vancouver, but more learners are coming along and a variety of methods are rung. They ring at the same times as at Vancouver—10.30 a.m. on Sundays and 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

"It is much to the credit of local ringers that the bells at all these towers are rung regularly. They have no Branch meetings to stimulate enthusiasm or nearby towers to help them out. (Vancouver is, by road, 17 hours' journey from Calgary, three from Victoria and one from Mission City.) Visitors from England are always very welcome and can do much to help and stimulate morale. I wonder how many ex-ringers have emigrated there from England and just do not know there are "English pealing bells" in their city.

"The only other tower reputed to have ringable bells is in Quebec (8). I met someone who had rung there a few years ago with an incomplete band, and I do not know if there is any activity there now."

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Upton 1, Peggy E. Smith 2, Caroline Mackie 3, M. S. Loveday 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, R. H. Newton 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 7.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob), tenor covering: Valerie Gilmour (first quarter) 1, D. G. Adams 2, P. C. Palmer (first of Minor) 3, S. Marshall 4, K. S. Hobl 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6, G. T. Bunning 7.

A LIGHT EIGHT FOR U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—Information reached me from Washington, via Miss Alice Shurcliffe, in August, that Smith's College, Northampton, U.S.A., have ordered a ring of eight bells. The small tower in which they will be hung is already completed and the bells are expected to be in operation by May, 1968. Anticipating that the bells would be "English," this was "hot news," and I thought must surely be in the next issue of "The Ringing World." As the weeks pass with no announcement from our bellfounders, I am wondering if you, sir, have any knowledge of this ring.

Miss Rhoda Miccoci, first president of the Whitechapel Guild, N.C.S., Washington, is now at "Smith's" and there can be little doubt that she has been assisting this project, which all English ringers hoped would follow the interest created at the Cathedral in Washington.—Yours faithfully,

FRED PRICE.

Bournemouth.

Note.—We learn from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank that they are making this ring of eight with a tenor of 8¼ cwt. in A.

50 YEARS IN A LINCOLNSHIRE TOWER

The 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Wilkinson, who has been a service ringer at Folkingham, Lincs, for over 50 years, was not allowed to pass unnoticed. A peal of Minor in seven methods with Mr. Wilkinson on the treble was rung and, after the peal, he entertained the band and a few old friends to a sumptuous tea.

COLLEGE YOUTHS BACK IN THE CITY

Record Post-War Gathering at 330th Anniversary

A MASTERLY address was given by Mr. A. J. Frost at the 330th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths at Wallbrook Restaurant, London, on November 4th, when from the chair he proposed the toast of "The Church." He made an appeal in this age of change for flexibility in outlook, particularly in ringing matters and organisation. He also expressed the hope that with new broadcasting channels better opportunities would be afforded for public education and enjoyment of bell music.

The return of the College Youths to the City of London was marked by a record attendance for post-war years. Waitresses in white gloves served a delicious dinner and there were toasts giving that due respect to veteran members. Mr. George E. Symonds, who joined the Society in 1898, was sole representative of the over 60 years' membership group. But the 50 years' or more were honoured by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs—Mrs. Hairs being the only surviving lady member of the Society. Others present in this category were Messrs. W. J. Rawlings (1914), A. F. York-Bramble (1914) and W. Hibbert (1916).

Behind this mammoth gathering were the hallmarks of perfect organisation. Mr. J. G. A. Prior proved his worth as an efficient secretary to a long line of experienced holders of the office. The treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts, was toastmaster. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, whose name is in a Society's peal book of pre-war vintage, spoke of the thrill of history as applied to the Ancient Society. "A nation which forgets its past or ceases to be grateful to those who have built it up has indeed lost its soul," he said.

The toast of "The Queen" was submitted by the Master.

The Master proposed the toast of "The Church" and in coupling with it the name of the Provost of Southwark commented that between 1955 and 1960 five out of six speakers were from Southwark Cathedral, whereas from 1961 to 1966 five were from the Diocese of London. It was therefore with the greatest of pleasure that they were able to reaffirm their long-standing link with South Bank.

WINDS OF CHANGE

During the last 12 years or so the winds of change had blown, not only through their Society, resulting for instance in a new set of rules, but also through Southwark and through the whole of Christendom. In the nave at Southwark had been introduced rubber kneelers, and the fine craftsmanship of past centuries acknowledged by regilding some of the splendid tombs and monuments. To digress, perhaps the finest work of this kind was at Westminster Abbey, where one obtained some idea of the blaze of colour that shone through their mediæval churches. At Southwark the past had been brought back to life by the presentation of Son et Lumière in recent years.

"But the real changes have been the result of an increasing awareness of the Cathedral as an integral part of the modern community in which it is set. . . Finally there is the face-lift at present being undertaken, stripping off the grime of centuries to enable us to take a fresh look at the Cathedral and what it stands for."

The Master instanced some of the change in the Church from Convocation to the smallest village parish, with services becoming more flexible. In ringing they could adopt a much more flexible approach to utilise their resources to the best effect. "The concept of the local ringer faithful only to his own church has long been cherished, and were all towers fully manned this would be ideal. But we all know of many silent towers, and of neighbouring struggling bands, each making feeble if sincere efforts Sunday by Sunday, whereas more worthy ringing could be achieved possibly by pooling resources and ringing changes, so to speak, on towers as well as on the bells. This system has, of course, been adopted in London for many years and in several other cities, but with increasing mobility of ringers it might well be of benefit also to country areas.

MORE FLEXIBILITY

There is also room for more flexibility in change ringing itself! The use of singles in new contexts has broadened the scope for composers, but wide fields remain to be explored, especially in 10-and 12-bell compositions. It will be interesting to see the results of the competition for a new principle. Will it ever displace Stedman in popularity? If the future is any guide, the chances seem remote.

MR. A. J. FROST

There is a continuing process of drawing together the different parts into which the Church has been divided; similarly we have seen quite recently the acceptance of call change ringers within the Central Council, yet there is still much wasted effort and dilution of purpose by overlapping District Associations. Only two years ago the Master from that chair, recollecting new rings in the City, doubted whether the bells of St. Dunstan-in-the-East would ever be heard, yet since then they have been tested and rung for several Church festivals. One never knows, but a certain "tenor king" may even yet one day manage a ring at a well-known Abbey before he grows too old to climb the stairs.

Ringing to most people remains one of the most mysterious arts in the land—even, in fact, to some ringers. A vast amount remained to be done in the field of communication between ourselves. We read of a peal rung and composed by, say, Charlie Roberts—but what else does that mean to us? It would probably be any one of 100 compositions. Other musical composers have their works precisely classified, either by "opus" numbers or, in the case of Church canticles, by such terms as "Darke in F." We really ought to try to index all compositions accurately, even though it might be difficult to ascribe, say, a peal of Cambridge Maximus to "Border in E flat."

"I am concerned that the public at large, although perhaps by now vaguely aware of ropes and wheels and bells swinging in our towers, knows terribly little about our art. We read absurdities in the national Press, such as the news last week, which stated: '. . . a bellringer was catapulted 20 feet in the air, hitting his head on a 15 cwt. bell when the safety rope snapped.' There is surely a wide gap in our public relations when even the Lord Mayor of London in conversation after a peal we had just rung in honour of his election to office, confessed he thought all the City bells were electronically operated!

BROADCASTING DEFICIENCIES

"We understand that the Broadcasting and Television Committee of the Central Council is pressing for the tower captain's name to be included with the organist when bells are broadcast prior to a service, but it is surely time that campanology was recognised as an art in itself, to the glory of God, and not merely as an adjunct to be squeezed in if possible or as a tuning signal. Why, for instance, should there not be information in the 'Radio Times' of the recordings played every Sunday morning?

"With the advent of a new radio channel many specialist types are now catered for. It should be possible, one would hope, to arrange regular programmes of bellringing perhaps on Radio 3 rather than Radio 1, in which not merely snippets would be broadcast, but such things as, say, four courses of Stedman Cinques or touches of Spliced Surprise Major! No one would dream of presenting ten bars or so out of the middle of a Bach Toccata or Fugue, but this sort of mutilation is often applied to ringing when broadcast.

"A recital was given on Radio 3 last week for Shawn, Crumhorn, Sackbut and Rebec. Now I do not know if there are numerous clandestine meetings for the followers of the Early Spanish secular music of the Early Renaissance, but I am convinced that there are more bellringers in this country than instrumentalists of the Shawn, Crumhorn, Sackbut and Rebec!"

The Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. S. W. Southcott), who said he was born the other side of the Rockies, replied. He asked "What has bellringing to say to the Church and perhaps the world? If I am right, it seems one rings bells primarily so that people not inside the Church can hear them more and more in these days. William Temple once said 'The Church is the only organisation in the world for non-members,' and as long as bells are rung it is proclaiming the Gospel to all men. We are not responsible to see that everyone gets to the Communion rails but to see that everyone gets an invitation, and the bells ringing reminds them that we are not an exclusive lot of cranks but inclusive for the love of God."

THRILL OF HISTORY

The president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) proposed the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths." He said: "Belonging to an ancient society brings one the thrill of history. A nation which forgets its past or ceases to be grateful to those who have built it up has indeed lost its soul. The history of this Society means so much to us all. It has built up such a record of facts discovered as to the possibilities of composing, conducting, ringing, etc., and such a record of great and famous names."

Congratulating Past Master Bill Cook on the production of the recent book, "The Ancient Society of College Youths," Canon Thurlow said he was so modest as apparently to exclude his name. Bill would be the first to say "Well, I got so much of it from Armiger Trollope's tercentenary history, published in 1937." That might be so, but anyhow Bill had done a grand job, as had the others whose work had contributed to the recent publication.

The Canon said he noted from Bill's history that the junior branch of the College Youths came to Norwich in the 1780's and there acquired Stedman Cinques and brought back that blessing to London, where it had been appreciated so much ever since. Armiger Trollope must have felt as proud of that as he did.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER—continued.

A personal memory of the speaker was meeting Edward Duffield when he was Master in St. Paul's ringing chamber on January 8th, 1935. He (the Canon) was then a very new boy and it was a revelation to see what a 62 cwt. tenor could do in the way of Cambridge Maximus under the Master's management. This had a most welcome sequel recently, when Mr. Duffield presided as Mayor of Colchester over their oyster feast and they invited him to propose his health. The menu for the feast was as imposing as the feast itself, incorporating bells and ringing as the central feature of the cover design, whilst the personalities pictured on it included Colchester's patron saint, Helena, by a topical misprint described as the founder (not finder) of the true Cross (Colchester).

Another personal recall by the Canon was "four grand hours" he spent with the secretary in the Bow steeple on April 10th, 1937, ringing the only peal of Maximus on its new 12, whose life was to be so short. Seeing their secretary on the 11th and Jack Waugh on the tenor was a lifetime's memory.

BLENDING YOUNG WITH OLD

"It's splendid having both young and old together in the Society. You'll have learned from reading its history what harm can come when young and old fall out. Of course you are all on your guard against this. It can happen at any time in any Society, for the very good reason that whilst the young have their ideals together with the knowledge that their ideals can put the world to rights, the old also have their ideals together with the knowledge that the world being as stupid as it is, it just won't let the idealists put it right. So long as we all learn this in youth and remember it in age, we are on our guard. It's the same in the Church. The bright young clergy know exactly how to put the world right. They can't think why the old bishops are so square as not to see it also. The bishops have their ideals also, but they face a world as stupid as the world we face.

"They must do their job as intelligent, convinced, sober yet enthusiastic Christians, and in this their great Society had its very particular share, whether it is proclaimed over Parliament Square or the South Bank, or Guildhall, or the City's Mother Church, or from the many other churches so intimately bound up with their corporate life. Long may it continue to make the divine proclamation. Long may it preserve the health which I now ask you all to rise and drink."

The secretary prefaced his reply with a reference to the change of venue and said some of them felt that from now on the anniversary dinners should always be held in the City. Because of the need to make bookings well in advance, a provisional booking had already been made to hold the 331st anniversary dinner here on November 2nd. Their move to the City had been fully justified with an attendance of 237—a post-war record and, the tercentenary dinner apart, it might be an all-time record.

Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan (Dean of St. Paul's), the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham, the Rev. E. L. Rogers, Mr. Vernon Bottomley (secretary of the Central Council), Messrs. R. W. Piron, A. H. Smith, G. H. Harding, William Shepherd, M. C. Faulkes, C. Hervey Bagot, Harry Miles, Frank Hansford, Henry Hodgetts and Bill Coles. All sent their best wishes for a successful evening.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as the deaths of the following 15 members were announced:—George W. Faulkner, Barking (joined 1899); John H. Gartside, Chorley (1947); Alfred J. Bull, Horley (1926); John Worth, Macclesfield (1945); Thomas G. Myers, Plymouth (1938); John W. Price, Clay Cross (1959); Frank Barraclough, Manchester (1950); Harold A Roles, Salisbury (1945); John Hope, Fairford (1930); James W. Chapman, Streatham (1902); Frederick A. Finch, Ealing (1946); Harry Bennett, Bristol (1931); R. O. Street, Bournemouth (1911); A. Percival Knights, Sheffield (1938); Harry Parker, Cheshire (1936).

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last dinner the following 35 members had been elected:— P. S. Woods, Blackburn; J. S. N. Porter, Bangor, N. Ireland; Douglas Hughes, Whitechapel Bell Foundry; P. A. Brand, Sunbury-on-Thames; F. Sandy, Yeovil; Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Long Sutton, Somerset; R. P. Selway, Yeovil; H. D. W. Bishop, Evershot, Dorset; D. Rothera, London; P. Muchlinski, Maidstone; M. Faulkes, London; J. S. Croft, Southampton; R. Peers, Bromborough; A. P. Foster, Oxton; D. Peers, Bromborough; T. M. Fitzgerald, Great Crosby; G. W. Shanks, London; G. W. Randall, Warwick; R. A. Spencer, Church Warsop; K. Warner, London; T. Tarbatt, Skelmansthorpe, Yorks; T. Wylie, Baslow, Derbys; J. G. Mitchell, Kettering; S. Rowe, London; I. Dear, Enfield; E. J. Hutchby, Bulwell, Notts; A. J. Slade, Cheshunt; P. G. Williams, Linslade; R. C. Christopher, Thatcham; J. K. Smith, Burton-on-Trent; E. J. Sterland, Alfreton; J. R. Pratt, London; P. J. Heritage, Wolvercote; N. Thomson, Wallington; R. Mills, Ashtead.

PEALS

Since the last dinner there is recorded a total of 33 peals: Stedman Doubles 1, seven Surprise Minor 1, Stedman Triples 1, Bristol Surprise Major 3, four spliced Surprise Major 1, eight spliced Surprise Major 1, five spliced Surprise Major 1, Stedman Caters 2, Cambridge Royal 3, London Royal 3, Stedman Cinques 8, Grandsire Cinques 1, Yorkshire Maximus 3, Prittlewell Maximus 1, Pudsey Maximus 1, Cambridge Maximus 2.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Cirencester on January 7th by invitation of the Cirencester ringers to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, also Grandsire Cinques, which was rung by the Society on January 17th, 1767, and which was also the first 12-bell peal to be rung outside London. Before the commemorative peal the band were entertained to lunch by the Cirencester ringers. A peal of Stedman Cinques on April 1st at St. Michael's, Cornhill, was rung for the wedding of the daughter of the Rector, their very good friend the Rev. Norman Motley. Another peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung for the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the church. John Chilcott produced a special length of 5,715, which he conducted, and the members of the band were all associated with St. Paul's Cathedral.

On September 23rd a peal of Cambridge Maximus, conducted by the Master, was rung at Newcastle Cathedral to mark the 90th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Association. Most of the band travelled from London for this peal.

"In May we had an enjoyable and highly successful meeting in Northamptonshire, with ringing at Daventry, Northampton and Kettering. To Pat Chapman, who did the work, we would like to say thank you again for arranging such a splendid day. It was probable that their next out-of-town meeting would be in Kent.

PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS

"Older members will remember the distinguished service that Mr. E. P. Duffield rendered the Society in his two years as Master in 1934 and 1935 and it was with the greatest possible pleasure that we learned of his election earlier this year as Mayor of Colchester.

"It is not often that we are able to congratulate a member on his diamond wedding but we had the privilege of doing so earlier this year. I refer, of course, to our senior member, George Symonds, who in February next year will have been a member of the Society for 70 years.

"Last year I mentioned the golden wedding of Frank and Elsie Hairs and reported that they hoped to be present tonight. We are delighted that they have been able to come and so celebrate their 50 years' membership of the Society Only nine ladies were ever elected members of the Society and Mrs. Hairs is now the only one.

A FORMER MASTER AND LORD MAYOR

"Through the vigilance of Douglas Hughes and Teddy Barnett, who brought the matter to notice, we are at present trying to ensure that a memorial to a former Master of the Society is preserved. Sir Henry Tulse was Lord Mayor of London in 1684 and during his Mayoralty he was also Master of the Society. He was buried in a vault in the churchyard of St. Dionis, Backchurch. The church was demolished many years ago but the churchyard remains. In our tercentenary year the memorial tablet over Sir Henry's tomb was restored by the Society and a commemorative plaque was affixed. Now the churchyard is to go because of property development. The human remains are to be interred elsewhere and we now await the outcome of the representations we have made. It would be a great pity if this memorial to a past Master and former Lord Mayor were to be destroyed."

A touch of Stedman Cinques was then rung by W. T. Cook 1–2, W. Williams 3–4, M. V. Chilcott 5–6, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 7–8, P. A. F. Chalk 9–10, M. P. Moreton 11–12.

The junior steward, Mr. Andrew Stubbs, proposed "The Guests," to which the Rev. C. D. Harbord (Rector of St. Botolph's Without, Aldgate) and Mr. Basil Jones, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, replied.

The concluding toast, "The Memory of the Masters of 300, 200, and 100 Years Ago," was submitted by the Master.

Edward Cooke, who was elected in 1667, joined the Society in 1659. The year 1667 saw the publication of "Tintinnalogia," the first book on change ringing, written by the Rev. Richard Duckworth, and seen through the press by Fabian Stedman. They had no record of the Master elected in 1767, but in November, 1867, George Mash was re-elected Master for a second year. He died in 1893, aged 53. Like his father, James, before him, he was steeplekeeper at what was then known as St. Saviour's, Southwark, a job he carried on for 30 years. During his life he rang 85 peals.

THE COMPANY

The Master (Mr. A. J. Frost) was supported at the top table by the Very Rev. E. W. Southcott (Provost of Southwark), Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Prebendary G. B. Timms, the Revs. J. McCulloch, D. Harbord, N. C. S. Motley, R. Simpson, Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary), C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), P. A. Corby (senior steward), A. N. Stubbs (junior steward), J. F. Smallwood (trustee), J. A. Waugh (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), D. Beresford (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), J. D. Rock, B. Jones, W. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, R. H. Bullen.

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D. T. Darby, F. E. Darby, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, R. E. J. Dennis, C. K. Dodd, S. A. Dulton.

R. G. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, B. Eglesfield, W. Fanner, H. H. Fearn, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox.

G. J. Gammon, F. V. Gant, J. L. Garner-Hayward, J. G. Gipson, C. J. Gould, E. Gower, L. L. Gray, W. T. Grice.

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Letters to the Editor

BROKEN STAYS AND SAFETY

Dear Sir,—After hearing accounts of the Worcestershire bellringer's accident in which the stay of his bell broke (he was hauled upwards by the 15 cwt. bell and hit his head on the roof of the ringing chamber), I am amazed that this sort of accident does not occur more often. For in how many towers are there warning notices to the effect that a ringer should "let go of his rope if he/she suspects the slightest danger." or how many tower captains and instructors impress upon beginners not to let go of the rope as this may interfere with the other ringers and cause an accident? Is it not reasonable to say that not even an infinite number of such minor accidents are equivalent to one ringer's life?

Therefore may I suggest two possible solutions to the problem which are based on the idea that, on being pulled upwards, you would release the rope when your hands reach the roof above you. In some towers the draught is so great that to fall from the ceiling of the ringing chamber is equivalent to jumping off the top of a double-decker bus—a height of about 16 feet So, one possible safeguard is to lower the ceiling, i.e. either (1) to create another chamber between the ringers and the bells at a height of, say, eight feet above the floor of the ringing chamber, or (2) to install rope guides at a similar height. Point (1) has the added advantage that the new chamber could be used for storing ropes, etc.

Admittedly the breaking of a stay does not happen very often, thanks to fine craftsmanship, but the possibility does exist and it is no use our saying "It will never happen to me." —Yours sincerely,

IAN A. ROSS.

Headington, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—Having had considerable experience of broken stays, I am beginning to think that to let stays break is a mug's game. Why not arrange for the sliders to break instead? They could be made of very flimsy material and there would be no necessity to have them of a particular size in order for them to fit a socket, as is required with stays. Here in Durban the two rings of bells are unfortunately fitted with Hastings stays, but I am thinking of trying out a slider arrangement which goes round with the bell, against a fixed stop.

Have any readers experimented along these lines?—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL CHAMBERS.

Durban, S.A.

DOUBLE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I express my appreciation of Mr. W. J. Cooper Bailey's survey of the Double Surprise Major methods? I have long been interested in this group and have by the hard way discovered all the methods in his list; no doubt others have done the same. Some of the methods contain features which render them poor for ringing and so were rejected, while others have excessive falseness.

One is never quite confident when doing involved paper work of this sort that no arrangement has been overlooked, and it is therefore satisfying to have this absolute proof, even if the computer thereby leaves nothing more to be discovered.

Is it not strange that such an orthodox method as No. 23 on Mr. Bailey's list has not previously been published or rung?—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster, S.W

PETERBOROUGH GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—In reply to Messrs. W. A. Stote and F. Kirk. When the Guild was formed, in January, 1924, all non-resident members of Associations forming the Guild were incorporated as non-resident members of the Guild. The first annual report of the Guild contains this list of members, of whom about ten are still alive as far as I know, viz.: Miss E. Steel, Messrs. E. P. Duffield, H. W. Gayton, P. Inskip, W. Jacques, A. N. Wood, A. W. Sharman, A. Mason, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. S. W. Hoare.

I would say the oldest membership of these would be Miss Steel, Messrs. A. W. Wood and H. W. Gayton. Miss Steel was ringing peals around here with Mr. Walter Perkins before the 1914–18 war.

I, too, have taken "The Ringing World" from the first issue and I agree with Mr. G. Harding's sentiments in the current issue—"Better than ever."—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT G. BLACK.

Geddington, Kettering.

Dear Sir,—I was elected a non-resident member of the Peterborough and District Association (one of those forming the Guild) on August 13th, 1919, the occasion being a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. H. Pulling.

I support F. Kirk in his surmise regarding Mr. S. H. Hoare's membership.—Yours faithfully,

W. AYRE.

Leverstock Green.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 3rd I see my old friend, F. Kirk, is kind enough to mention me as a candidate for long non-resident membership. I was made a resident member in 1914. I left the District in 1915 and have lived in Watford since 1921. I am not sure whether I was made non-resident in 1915 or whether war service retained me as resident member until 1919.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. HOARE.

Watford, Herts.

KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I expected there might be some correspondence concerning Kegworth Surprise Royal—if the censors allow it—but I must say Mr. Mayne's letter disappoints me. It is offensive and contains no argument.

As far as I can remember, the figures of the method as submitted to "The Ringing World," were preceded by the little letter "f," which will fill one gap in Mr. Mayne's knowledge.

The method we rang as Kegworth has, so far as I know, never been previously published as Leatherhead or anything else, so we cannot be accused of changing an established name—a practice not altogether unknown.

I would argue that Kegworth Surprise Royal is a perfectly good extension of Leatherhead Surprise Major—so what? There is no rule that an extension be named after its parent; if there were we would soon be in a ludicrous situation when there is more than one legitimate extension.

So far as I can see there are two basic rules:—

(1) The band which first rings a method to a peal has the right to name it.

(ii) Methods shall not be named as extensions unless they comply with the 1953 report on the subject.—

Yours sincerely,

Rugby. RICHARD SPEED.

KENT'S PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the feature concerning Kent's 1967 Dinner, but I feel I must make a comment over one issue. Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary of the Ancient Society, was reported to have said that the Kent Association was one to be proud of, with a notable record in the realms of peal ringing, etc.

I am however, right in thinking that a notable record in the realms of peal ringing belongs not to the Kent County Association but to a very small group of dedicated peal ringers whose ringing is completely unrepresentative of the general ringing in the Association

I know that Mr. Prior was praising these achievements but I feel that the praise was a little bit too high and misrepresentative, unless he is too naive to assume that first-class ringing exists all over Kent.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK J. CARR.

Eliot College, Canterbury.

Note.—The 1956 report gives 44 different conductors and 40 people rang their first peal, of whom ten lived in the Canterbury District. Both figures suggest that peal ringing is not confined to the few.—Ed.

BAD RECEPTION TOWERS

Dear Sir,—In my six years as a ringer I have always been made welcome at practices and meetings in other towers. Perhaps I have been lucky in my choice of towers.

The past two issues of "The Ringing World" have contained letters from Messrs. Abbott and Beavis complaining about the bad reception they have received at various towers. Unfortunately they use circumlocutions, such as "one well-known London tower" instead of naming the tower concerned. It would be a help to all of us if the names of such towers were printed in "The Ringing World"—it would save time and money and avoid embarrassing situations.

Publication could also have a deterrent effect on those who fail to practise the hospitality which is usually extended to visiting ringers We should remember that many of the ringers at "exclusive" towers are only too eager to ring peals and attend practices at other towers. Let us bring the subject into the open.—Yours sincerely,

KEITH LEWIN.

Lancaster.

ST. SIMON'S BOB

Dear Sir,—I am surprised that no one has written regarding the name of the method rung at St. John the Baptist's, Windsor, on September 2nd ("Ringing World," September 29th, page 702).

St. Clement's College Bob is usually confined to even numbers; when rung on odd numbers the accepted name for the method is St. Simon's Bob. (Ringers' Diary preface.) —Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BRIDGES.

Ipswich.

THE RECRUITING LITERATURE

Dear Sir,—Oh yes, there is a recruiting leaflet from the glorious Central Council, but what a lot of use it is. We, the Selby Abbey ringers, obtained a number of these leaflets and put them in all the senior schools in places where they could easily be seen. The result, not even one inquiry. Why? Just take one good look at it—it is the most off-putting piece of literature I have ever seen.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. SWANN.

Selby.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Ringers' Views on Cathedral Evensong

Dear Sir,—One cannot really disagree with a word of Canon Thurlow's letter in "The Ringing World" of October 27th, but I think it does reveal a blind spot in the understanding of other people, which is probably common to most of us but which is especially noticeable and especially regrettable among the clergy.

Although not present at Durham, I feel qualified to express an opinion on this subject as a ringer and choral singer of roughly equal ability (Surprise Major in both), but without any special pretensions in either.

No one would deny the beauty of singing in many English cathedrals. It is very fitting that the Choir Offices should be sung as perfectly as can be achieved by human effort, and I am sure many people would derive both pleasure and inspiration from listening to them, just as one does from a performance of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" or Handel's "Messiah."

The trouble is that when one goes to a cathedral service the occupants of the nave, although frequently cut off by a screen from the "Choir," are not expected to behave as an "audience." They are expected to stand and sit just as though they were a congregation in a parish church, and to stand mutely during the singing of psalms and canticles holding books which, with only the words in them, are of very little more use, even to the musicians present, than would be a libretto only to an audience hoping to join in the performance of an opera.

With music, as with ringing and many other pursuits, the greatest pleasure is derived by the participants and they are often loftily uncaring of the effect on casual listeners.

Why are the cathedrals not packed with audiences eager to hear the heights to which music can be raised to the glory of God? Concert halls are frequently full to hear performances inferior to those available any Sunday. If the cathedrals did away with the pretence that the congregation are any more than an audience, so that one was no longer expected to stand up and feel incredibly foolish and frustrated but was allowed to sit back and listen, and meditate at leisure, it would be a pleasure to attend the performance of the "Opus Dei" and would probably do more towards spreading the Gospel. One or two congregational hymns just to keep one warm would do no harm but would no longer be the high spot of one's visit.

I think the analogy with ringing does not altogether hold water. If all present were expected to stand with arms aloft clutching (but not of course pulling) bell ropes while the bells were actually rung by a small select band one could agree with Canon Thurlow's every word.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE FUTERS (Dr.).

West Hallam, Derby.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that Durham Cathedral choir will be duly grateful to Mr. Cattermole for springing so readily to their defence, especially as he was probably not present at the service. ("Letters to the Editor," page 794.)

I do not normally find cathedral singing in any way difficult to follow, indeed when I have attended Bristol, Manchester, York or Ripon Cathedrals, to name a few, I have been delighted to hear the singing. I could hear all the words of the service, including the anthem.

I regularly attend concerts to be entertained, but I do not attend ringers' services to be entertained to a nearly wordless concert performance of Evensong, as was the case at Durham, but to participate.

Perhaps if Mr. Cattermole had read my letter a little more carefully he would have realised that the theme was "participation," not "do away with all cathedral choirs."

The size of congregations at Saturday and Sunday Evensong is in reality no yardstick. Many of these people go with the main intention of hearing the choir, and in fact the greater part of any congregation are unable to sing. This last statement can be verified by attending nearly any parish church service. Anyone taking umbrage at this last statement please note that I said "nearly any." This is clearly the reason for Mr. Cattermole's "many people are able to take their part without feeling upset that they are not intended to sing."

In closing, I would like to say that quite a number of people who did attend the service have told me that they agreed with my first letter but would not like to say so publicly.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES A. BURTON.

Hartlepool.

College Youths—coutinued

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. N. V. Harding, R. N. Harris, D. Heighton, P. J. Heritage, K. J. Hesketh, T. W. Hesketh, R. Heyworth, C. J. Hibbert, J. W. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, M. J. Hiller, D. P. Hilling, R. W. Hinde, A. H. Hinton, S. J. Holgate, J. M. L. Hooton, M. G. Hooton, D. E. House, R. O. Humphries, R. A. Hunt.

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C. P. Quartley.

D. Randall, W. J. Rawlings, J. Rea, A S. Richards, B. A. Richards, W. J. Ridgman, D. T. H. Robertson, C. H. Rogers, W. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, D. Rothera, P. Rothera, E. J. Rowe, S. Rowe, R. K. Russ.

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A. F. Udall, M. J. Uphill.

E. R. Venn, R. A. Vickers.

S. C. Walters, R. Waterhouse, D. Whetton, B. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, T. W. White, F. Wilkins, W. Williams, A. C. Winn, A. H. Warboys, M. R. Wycherley, B. J. Wylde.

W. A. Yates, A. York-Bramble.

WRONG NAMES GIVEN IN DOUBLES PEALS

Dear Sir,—Scanning several recent issues of "The Ringing World," I would say Messrs. Jones, Dodd and several others have created a right old mess with Doubles ringing. What with publishing those which do not produce a true extent and giving others different names, I can well understand how peals like that referred to by Mr. Colin Lewis (October 6th issue) have come about.

But my objection is to those who try to rename methods they know have already been rung and named—unless they do not take "The Ringing World" or do not make note of these; and the case of the peal at St. Peter's, Derby, is but one of several instances.

It used to be said that a band that rings a method for the first time shall have the right to name it, and as far as the rules of the Central Council go that still holds good, and does with me!

Who, then, is David K. Walklate to insist upon renaming St. Crispin "Chelmorton"? St. Mary "Winser"? when he knows that the argument about these (presumably his?) erroneous names was pointed out to him and others some five or six years ago?

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang St. Crispin for the first time at Pytchley, and not to an extent but to a full peal; "Chelmorton" is therefore the wrong name. I was one of the band and the person who named it, by reason of the fact that we rang it on the actual Festival of SS. Crispin and Crispinian, and, if Central Council rules are to mean anything, St Crispin it is, and not Chelmorton. Yes, David, you certainly "walked too late" with your substitute names!

St. Mary (erroneously called "Winser") was also rung for the first time by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and again it was myself who gave it that name by reason of it being rung to a full peal on a Festival of the Purification, at St. Mary's Church, Orlingbury.

We also rang the first peals of St. Guthlac, St. Polycarp, St. Perpetua, St. Sylvester, St. George (which has twice been erroneously renamed "Offington"); there is a peal tablet recording this peal in the Church of St. George, Wootton, Northants, where it was rung on St. George's Day several years ago as St. George. There was an attempt to rename St. Jude "Doveridge" even after it was rung for the first time some years ago at Boughton on a Festival of SS. Simon and Jude. The same applied to St. Laurence, erroneously named "Elton"; this we also rang for the first time to a full peal years ago at Courteenhall

We rang the first peals of St. Matthew and St. Mark, which were thought up 20 or more years ago by Mr. Alan Pink, who also named them. Like St. Sylvester and St. George, there are only two true extents of these by using Old bobs as singles, and half-leads of Original for bobs. All these, and others besides, have been made public and used in peals by a number of other bands under the names I gave them and not Mr. Walklate's substitutes.

What more then? I ask. Do some want these published every few weeks, or are their memories so short? The next thing will be that some will want to change the names of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and so on.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

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CHADDESLEY CORBETT BELLS

BY MARTIN D. FELLOWS

THE village of Chaddesley Corbett, lying just off the main road from Kidderminster to Bromsgrove, is unique in that it contains the only church in England dedicated to St. Cassian St. Cassian was born in Alexandria in the fourth or fifth century. He became Bishop of an African diocese and was noted for his philanthropy.

Facing a splendid half-timbered inn stands the church, with an 18th century tower and spire, young compared with the rest of the building, for much of the work goes back to Norman days and includes some of the finest 14th century remains in the County of Worcester.

In 1552, the Edwardian inventory tells us that there were "in the steple iiij bells." However, in 1701, Abraham Rudhall cast a ring of six for the parish, with a tenor of about 16 cwt. In 1783 Charles and John Rudhall added the two trebles and recast the seventh (old fifth). The bells remained thus until 1856, when Charles and George Mears recast the sixth and seventh.

The year 1905 found the bells in desperate need of a complete restoration. A new oak frame, made in the village, was installed by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, bell hangers of Hereford. The bells were also rehung with new fittings by the same firm. Unfortunately the old tenor of 1701 had become cracked and it was necessary to have this bell recast. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The bells gave good service for over 60 years after rehanging in 1905 but, within the last two or three years, despite careful attention by the towerkeeper, Mr. W. Hemming, it was noticed that the bells were not "going" too well. The Parochial Church Council decided that something must be done and therefore professional advice was taken as to what actually was required to put the bells in good ringing order. It was found that new ball bearings and a general overhaul of the existing fittings was all that was necessary, and accordingly the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The bells were reopened in June, 1967, having been silent for about five months. The first peal on the bells since rehanging was rung on July 8th, 1967, by the St. Thomas' Society of Stourbridge—the method being Grandsire Triples. Full details of this performance were given in "The Ringing World" of August 11th.

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS

Treble: "1783."

Second: "1783."

Third: "When you mee ring I sweetly sing. A (bell) R. 1701."

Fourth: "We all to ring. God save the King. 1701."

Fifth: "God prosper this church and parish. 1701."

Sixth: "C. & G. Mears, Founders, London. May God Bless All Whom I Do Call. W. S. White, Vicar. T. Baugh, J. Nickolls, Churchwardens. V. R. 1856."

Seventh: The same as 6th except second line, which runs: "May Our Sweet Chimes Mark Happy Times."

Tenor: "Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London. Recast A.D. 1905. Cost Defrayed by Mrs. S. A. Green, 'The Nodlands,' Stourbridge. D. H. Francis, Vicar. Edward Corbett, Dennis Fitch, Churchwardens. God Save The King."
"A.D. 1701. A. R. William Broughton, Doctor of Divinity, Vicar. John Kytely, Thomas Hunt, Churchwardens. God Save The King."

The tenor bell weighs 16 cwt. 23 lb. and the ring is in the key of F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A record number of ringers attended the annual District meeting at Rochester Cathedral on October 21st, there being well over 100 present. After Evensong the tea and business meeting were held at the George Inn.

The election of officers resulted in the appointment of Mr. Chris Osenton (Halling) and Mr. Nicholas Chesson (Eastchurch) as Ringing Masters, Mr. Terry Barton re-elected District secretary, Messrs. Trevor Cross and Cyril Jarrett District representatives (after several recounts), and Mr. Laurie Mitchell as "Ringing World" representative. The retiring officers were thanked for their past services.

A motion from the Ashford District that an Association chairman be elected for a triennial period was emphatically rejected but the suggestion for reshaping the Districts of the Association provoked some discussion and it was decided to instruct the representatives to inform the committee that the Rochester District would be able to make a definite decision if and when exact details of the reshaping were available.

After the meeting the bells of All Saints', Frindsbury, were available in addition to those those of the Cathedral. L. M.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

About 60 members attended the autumn festival at North Petherwyn. Ringing was of a very high standard. At 4.15 the Rev. R. B. Sawle, priest-in-charge and Branch chairman, conducted the service and welcomed the ringers and friends to his church. Then came tea, so ably served by Mrs. Sawle and helpers.

The A.G.M. followed, and the spring and autumn festivals will be held at St. Stephen's and St. Thomas', Launceston, respectively. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher, proposed a vote of thanks to all and expressed his pleasure on seeing four young ringers from St Thomas' and one from St. Mary's attending their first meeting. W. F. M.

OUTINGS

PRESTON AREA VISITED

Seven towers in the Preston and Fylde area were visited by ringers from the Furness and Lake District on October 21st, the arrangements being made by Kevin M. Price.

The first tower on the list was at Churchtown, where the Ellacombe apparatus was demonstrated on the light eight at Bilsborrow. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Minor were rung. Chipping bells (6) were rung before lunch, and afterwards for a wedding at Goosnargh came the best ringing of the day.

Ringing at Broughton (very noisy) and Singleton (rough going) was difficult, and finally, at Poulton-le-Fylde, a variety of methods was enjoyed.

We are very grateful to all who met us and allowed us the use of their bells. K. M. P.

CARDIGAN OUTING

The weather was atrocious for the ringers of St. Mary's, Cardigan, for their annual outing on October 14th and everybody had at least two soakings.

A surprise was the arrival of the police during ringing at Machynlleth to make inquiries of the tower captain about a burglary at the church. Previously, there had been ringing at Dolgellau for a wedding, and at Barmouth (8), where the large ringing chamber right underneath the bells made it difficult to hear. The last tower was at Llanbadarn Fawr with the University ringers from Aberystwyth. Finally a stop was made at Aberayron for chips, supplied by Helma Jones, Sarah Thomas and Sally Griffiths.

Mr. Arthur D. Barker, hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is in King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, for an operation to his eye. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Another Stay-Breaking Incident

University of Wales Society Reunion

Despite the dubious weather and the many anti-attractions, including the rugger trials at Aberavon staged on the same day, some 25 people, representing all but Bangor of the colleges within the university, attended the twentieth meeting of the Society held on October 28th at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Glam. On assembling at the Parish Church of St. Catwg we were warmly welcomed by the local Ringing Master, Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis, and his son, Allwyn.

The small ringing chamber was soon cosily crowded and the stage superbly set for chaos to begin. The Master of the Society, Mr. John F. I. Turney, took charge and the first touch went smoothly. Aberystwyth is renowned for the large number of freshers who embark on a ringing career, and it is to be hoped that the ringing future of Pauline Bond will not be marred by her experience in the first set of rounds. It was her misfortune to break the stay of the fourth and subsequently to rise a body above the many bodies massed around that corner of the room and one can only commend her judgment in descending from such a height and with such velocity that she managed to avoid landing on any one below.

In order to get to the fourth, the tenor had to be lowered. When this had been accomplished, Mr. Gwyn Lewis, his son and another local ringer, Mr. Ellis N. Thomas, disappeared into the belfry to return a very few minutes later with the snapped-off portion of the stay. The tenor was once more raised and ringing continued.

Cambridge S Minor was next called for and Mr. Geoff Stevens, being the ground-floor stay of the fourth, had no choice but to ring the fated bell. Just after the first lead the rope of the fourth broke; the tenor was again lowered and Mr. Gwyn Lewis again appeared at the door only to disappear up the ladder muttering about vast sums of money "for services rendered." Ringing continued uneventfully until the parish parson returned from a wedding reception when a short service was held, with Mary G. Trent playing the organ

A very satisfying tea was prepared for us in the Church Hall by Mrs. Lewis and helpers, and at this point Mr. John Wilson arrived. A very lively meeting was chaired by the Rev. John Lloyd, during which the various topics discussed included the inclusion of a striking competition in the University Eisteddfod this session, to be held in Bangor on February 24th. It was eventually decided that the Society's Rag Week tour would take place in North Wales, to coincide with the Eisteddfod weekend. It was also decided to hold a formal dinner in January in Cardiff, which it is hoped will be supported by members and ex-members of the University Society and friends. Two new members from Cardiff were elected, three from Swansea and 14 from Aberystwyth.

After thanks had been expressed to the Rev. J. Lloyd and Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis, members made their way to Aberavon, where we were joined by the Rev. Geoffrey Stickland, Miss Ruth Havard and Mr. Edmund Morris for evening ringing. We lowered the bells at 8.30 p.m. after some very enjoyable ringing of quite a high standard. S. H.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wright (first quarter) 1, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 2, Angela McBride 3, J. Stimson 4, A. J. Moy 5, W. B. Duncan 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, P. G. W. Newstead 8. For Evensong and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret McBride, a member of the company and sister of the ringer of 2nd.

University of London Society Sample Irish Humour

NINE o'clock on a Wednesday morning, and at the Holyhead Ferry terminal traffic is already beginning to queue. In the back of a large green Volvo two unkempt persons may be seen eating cornflakes; another summer tour has begun. Later in the day the same car glides to a halt by a "No Parking" sign in a Dublin street. Edward: "Is it all right if we park here, officer?" "Well now, I wouldn't like to tell you that you couldn't park here, but on the other hand I wouldn't like to tell you that you could, because it's my job to keep you away!"

We take advantage of our early arrival to visit Guinness's brewery and practise on the dodgems at Bray. The tour officially starts on Saturday, so we dutifully assemble at St. Patrick's. After a few rounds on twelve, a peal band is left to score a rather angular peal of Grandsire Caters. In the evening we meet Fred Dukes at St. George's and our president manages to overturn a stayless bell. An experiment in close packing proves that ten people will all fit in one Volvo, and the pattern for the week is established.

On Sunday morning we ring mournful Minor on the middle six at Bray, where the tenor is out of action, and put some of our practice on the dodgems to good use. We also demoralise our first waitress of the week by ringing Bob Minor on six teacups. Later some of the party brave the staircase at St. John's, Dublin, to ring the awkward ten there before going on to the heavy ten at Christ Church. The final tower of the day is on the unringable six at Blessington.

On Monday the party makes its way to Wexford, armed with borrowed ropes, and retires after ringing to a cafe below a bingo hall. This time it is the turn of the waitress to demoralise us: "I'm sorry about all the confusion, but a lady has just died upstairs." Surely the ringing wasn't that bad! In the evening campers and bed-and-breakfasters join forces to drink the local "pob" dry of Guinness; we are beginning to hold our own at last!

A NAME LIKE THAT!

On Tuesday we descend on an unsuspecting Waterford. Tower captain to Master: "Churchill, eh? That's an honest-to-God name. You'd be shot in Ireland with a name like that!" Lunch is taken in style at Kyteler's Inn in Kilkenny and the "Good Food Guide" gains another elephantine entry. The afternoon's attempt for Oxford Bob Triples is terminated abruptly by the loss of the tenor clapper, and the peal band joins the rest of the party at Kilkenny's design centre to admire the Scandinavian designs there. Later we make our various ways to Cork, and new tourists are introduced to the pleasures of nine-spot dominoes.

Wednesday morning is free, so we all drive down to Blarney Castle. Ranald: "Blarney—nothing there—the walls are 14 feet thick, that's all." Except for a few with religious or hygienic scruples, the whole party kisses the Blarney stone. Now we can fight the Irish at their own game. Then follows the noisy eight at St. Finnibar's. American lady: "You're **bellringers?**" Edward: "Yes, we go around ringing bells." "Oh, I see, like the flower children."

In the afternoon it is the turn of Bandon to have its eardrums assaulted. The bells are deafening, but the day is saved by Jumbo, who acts as conductor's amplifier. An ad hoc committee meeting on the pavement later elects him minister of transport between mouthfuls of meat-and-potato pie.

Thus it is that we are **organised** on Thursday and herded to Donerail, where two and a half hours' sweating on the odd-struck six produces a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor. We rehydrate in the usual way and arrive in Limerick in time to hear the other peal band lose something. Spirits are revived with copious doses of strong, greasy tea, and the general ringing is quite distinguished: non-festering spliced and Nick's touch of tiny Little Bob Triples. We finish at Mount St. Alphonsus' (a very fine ten).

Friday's 150-mile drive to Enniskillen is used to view variously a Romanesque Abbey in the rain, Yeats' country in the rain and Galway Bay in the rain. Here we ring Double Norwich Caters and a short course (laughter) of Glasgow before getting down to the evening's business in the Railway Hotel. The community singing here is continued at the "campsite" by the lake at Coole. Wild swans, however, are not in evidence.

By Saturday enthusiasm is beginning to evaporate. We ring on the pleasant eight at Hillsborough and the light ten at Dundela. An unscheduled tower is at Carrickfergus, but spirits are again depressed when the local fair yields no dodgems. The last ringing of the day is at Holywood, where the campers spend a wet, windy and illegal night by the lough in the public park.

Sunday morning is cold and we rise reluctantly to go to Rostrevor. Not only have the bed-and-breakfast brigade beaten us to it, but they have been up long enough to go sightseeing as well. How nice it must be to have money! The last tower of the tour is Drogheda. The usual touches are rung, and suddenly only the faithful peal-grabbers are left to score a peal of Ullesthorpe for their alphabets. Last farewells are said over a Wimpey and it's all over for another year. We are most grateful to Fred Dukes, who arranged the towers, Tim Pett, who fixed up the accommodation, and to the long-suffering drivers.

CAMPER.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

Under the guidance of Mrs. H. G. Hart, an enjoyable afternoon and evening's ringing took place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on the occasion of the meeting of the N. and E. District on October 21st.

Father Riley conducted a short service in this beautiful church, reminiscent of a cathedral, with Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw accompanying at the organ.

At the business meeting Mr. Alfred Turner, of Holloway, was re-elected to Association membership, whilst the provisional elections of Simon Humphrey (London, S.W.) and Andrew Corby (Sevenoaks), prior to participation in peals, were ratified.

Following a vote of thanks to those identified with the arrangements, including Miss Jaquest and her helpers responsible for providing an excellent tea, a return was made to the ringing chamber until 8 p.m. E. H. K.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Ringing Course at Barrington

As a result of some "market research" into the matters in which Association members were interested, the first half-day ringing course was held on October 14th at Barrington. The venue was the room at the Royal Oak Inn, normally reserved for the local Buffalo Order, so that a pair of large horns overshadowed the lectures.

An audience of 37 people experienced a lecture on the tuition of basic bell-handling, presented with the aid of Norman Chaddock's film strip by John H. Gilbert. This was followed by an introduction to the elements of bell conducting from George W. Massey and Philip Gray. Finally, Harry Sanger, Association adviser on the care of bells, proffered useful advice on the organisation of a ringing band and its tower, followed by a lively guide to the art of steeplekeeping.

At the local towers of Barrington and Puckington the points made in the lectures were demonstrated, particularly in regard to handling faults, and several participants benefited from Philip Gray's diagnosis.

This was an experiment both for those organising and those taking part. For the first occasion we undoubtedly tried to use too much material in too short a time to the detriment of practical work in the tower. However, the results were encouraging and we shall try and build further on the foundation now laid. J. H. G.

Ilchester Branch

On November 4th some 30 ringers attended the monthly practice meeting of the Ilchester Branch at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Norton-sub Hamdon.

Members and visitors were welcomed to his beautiful church by the Rector, the Rev. C. C. E. Meredith, who also conducted the belfry office prior to ringing.

The Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner, conducted on this good-going 18 cwt. six in the spacious ringing chamber, and this varied from rounds to Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Stedman.

The Branch is grateful to the Rector and his tower captain, Mr. A. Gillman, for a successful and enjoyable evening. M. L.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Donald Naylor (aged 9) 1, J. Vincent 2, H. Ball 3, Miss A. O'Brien (first as cond.) 4, A. R. Peake 5, E. W. Ford 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are reminded that the correct title of York Minster is "The Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St. Peter." Our recent error is regretted.

It was a real harvest festival for quarter peals as well as other blessings at Pensnett, Staffs, on October 1st. There were seven first quarters and all these were from the local band. The only outsider was the conductor (Mr. F. Jukes).

On the last cargo of the Queen Mary was a replica of the American Liberty Bell of 1752. Both were cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The new bell is to become the symbol of the Savings Bond Division of the United States Treasury Department in Los Angeles.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at East Retford on November 4th was punctuated by fireworks in its closing courses. Thirteen-year-old Paul Mounsey did very well, especially considering his lack of experience on ten bells. The peal is expected to be the last but one on the bells, which are to be recast in the New Year.

Congratulations to the Misses Katherine and Grace Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, who have rung 375 peals together.

St. Leonard's, Blunsdon, Wilts, is getting its youngsters through their first quarters. On November 5th Donald Naylor (aged 9) scored his from the treble.

A plan for augmenting the six bells at St. Mary's, Marlborough, Wilts, is to be submitted to the P.C.C. shortly.

Miss Brenda Martin, who has been a consistent servant of St. James', Cowley, for approximately six years, scored her first peal on October 19th. She is a credit to Mr. Holloway, who taught her, writes the conductor.

Michael Green (15), of Kingston upon Thames, was able to get some good practice while in Suffolk recently. Attracted by the bells ringing for a wedding at Stowlangtoft, he went and investigated. Ringing here followed and later that day a quarter at Hunston. The next morning he cycled nine miles to Rougham to join in a 720 for the morning service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS ON

On Friday, October 27th, 1899, Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, rang his first peal—one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It was the first peal of Stedman Triples for all the band except the conductor, and four of the band were teenagers, an unusual thing in Queen Victoria's reign.

Sixty-eight years later to the day, Friday, October 27th, Harry, now 83, rang in a quarter peal at Lelant to mark the occasion. Ringing her first quarter of Plain Bob was 13-year-old Susan Tonks on the treble. On both occasions Harry on the following day attended a ringing meeting—in 1899 at Enstone, Oxfordshire, and this year at Carbis Bay. And may the anniversary continue to be celebrated in a like manner for many years to come.

HORRINGER ALIVE

We have received an encouraging report from Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds, where a keen band of ringers has now been going for a year under Robin Rogers. Three have rung in quarter peals and two more are ready; one has scored a full peal. All the members of the band are from the village, where there had not been a ringers' company for 40 years. Their ages range from eight years to over 70, but most are teenagers.

A happy note in our correspondent's letter states: "Mr. Fred Cooper now always joins us for service ringing. Until the new band was formed he suffered from rheumatism but now it has gone. The Rector declares that ringing is a good cure."

BOFFIN'S "SHINY THANKS"

After the Army had towed in a wagon from Winfrith Research Centre, the scientists asked the Army what they could do to show their thanks.

"Clean our church bell," was the unexpected reply from Bovington Camp, Dorset. The bell was accordingly taken to Winfrith's Chemical Cleaning Section. It has now arrived back "with a shine as bright as on any bell in Britain," states a Press report.

GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The seventh annual course at Grantley Hall, Ripon, will be held from December 8th to 10th. Mr. Norman Chaddock is introducing, in addition to elementary and advanced lectures, a "tutorial" course designed to meet the needs of individual students and also to enable students to preserve continuity of other groups of lectures. Instruction in carol ringing on handbells will also be available. Practical work is being increased. Four towers will be available on Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

A party of Cambridge District ringers recently travelled by minibus to London to see the Carter Ringing Machine at the Science Museum. They were joined by Miss Anne Horsford and friends, including an Australian boy. The demonstration fascinated the company so much that a rushed lunch was necessary before the afternoon's ringing arranged by Anne at Barnes, Mortlake and All Hallows', Twickenham, and later at Bedfont, and Cranfield. Miss Jean Sanderson was the Cambridge organiser.

A CENTURY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The initials "E. C. S." have been familiar to our readers for very many years. In this week's issue, the 100th article from the pen of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd appears and this total is excluding letters, obituaries, small notices, etc. We feel certain that we have no more popular writer than Mr. Shepherd, and in offering our congratulations and those of the Exercise we extend our best wishes for continued good health and many more articles from his facile pen.

The list of contributions makes interesting reading:—

Serial features: Grandsire Caters, composition (six instalments), Grandsire Caters, history (six), St. Martin's Youths (six), The Sunday Service Conductor (eight), Notation of Grandsire Caters (three), Odd Touches for Conductors (three), Twelve-bell Towers of Birmingham (three), Erin Caters (two), Grandsire Triples (three), Stedman Triples (five), Odd Ventures (eight).

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ST. GEORGE'S, COLEGATE

Dear Sir,—I write lest anyone should think, from reading Mr. Massey's account of the activities of West Country ringers in East Anglia, that no one cares for St. George's, Colegate, Norwich. The ringing chamber was redecorated three or four years ago; the bell-frame and fittings have been scraped and are in the process of being repainted; and the organ (a neat little instrument by G. P. England) has just been overhauled. The church was probably dusty that Sunday when the visitors came, but until that time it had not been used this year for services.

Neglect, however, there is in connection with St. George's; but it is at diocesan level—the neglect to fill the vacancy at this church and also at the churches of St. Clement, St. Saviour and St. Paul the Hermit, caused by the death more than a year ago of the Rev. Donald Mee, who was incumbent of these four Norwich churches. (A fifth, St. Edmund's, nominally united to St. George's and St. Clement's, has for years, to the disgrace of the diocesan authorities, been used, apparently on a non-repairing lease, as a warehouse for a shoe factory.) A faithful group of layfolk, concentrating in the main on St. Clement's, ensures that church life in these parishes is maintained, but they are sorely tried. Their magazine for November contains the following:

> "We still have no news of an appointment, and the matter is now in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury. May we say that we hope for more success than has been our lot up to now! . . . . makes you wonder if in fact there is a plot afoot to ensure we **don't** ever get our own priest . . ."

St. George's does have friends who care. Good congregations attended its harvest festival services. Two recitals have been given on the restored organ, and its bells ring at least once a week, not only proclaiming its presence and purpose, but crying defiance to those doleful persons of no imagination who would declare St. George's to be redundant.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich.

FORTHCOMING RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I give notice that by kind permission of the Vicar, Canon Greville Norburn, an attempt will be made to ring 11,872 changes of Glasgow Surprise Major at St. Bartholomew's Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 25th, 1967, starting at 12 noon.

The band will consist of resident members of the Guild; if successful, the peal will last for approximately 6 hours and 20 minutes.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH,
Ringing Master,
St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.

OLD HILL RINGER OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mr. Raymond Dunn, the Warley ringer who met with an unfortunate accident at Old Hill Church, had recovered sufficiently to go home from Dudley Guest Hospital on Thursday, November 2nd.

We are informed that the seventh bell, which weighs about 17 cwt., was set at backstroke. The rope was a little short and Mr. Dunn put his hand through the loop of the rope so as to pull the bell off. It was still difficult to pull off so he started to "bounce" the bell against the stay, which, unfortunately, was cracked. In consequence of this extra stress the stay broke and Mr. Dunn was hoisted to the ceiling and then fell to the floor and injured his head.

STEDMAN, NOT STANSTEAD

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex, on October 26th, was originally intended to be an attempt for a peal of Stanstead Triples. It was on this day in 1907 that the first peal, conducted by William Watts, was rung. Lack of practice made an attempt for Stanstead Triples unlikely to be successful. Instead, an excellent peal of Stedman was rung as a tribute to William Watts and his band.

PETERSFIELD'S YOUNGSTERS

The five working bells (768 covered) in the quarter peal at Petersfield on October 29th were all rung by young Petersfield ringers. The ringers of the treble, second and third are 13 years old, the ringer of the fourth is 15, and the conductor is 14 Although the striking was not as good as it could have been, it was a grand effort. Any future quarters rung will be devoted to improving the standard of ringing.

OLD SUFFOLK BELL REHUNG

While inspecting the tower of Walton Parish Church, Felixstowe, in 1965, Mr. Ranald Clouston identified a six-cwt. bell to be by Thomas Lawrence, bellfounder, of London, 1510 to 1530. This bell, which was wearing thin, has been quarter turned by Trevor Bailey and David Wright, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and bears the inscription "Sancte Johannis ora pro nobis."

The tower contains eight tubular bells by Harrington and Latham, of Coventry, which were installed in 1919 as a war victory thankoffering.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Charles P. Quartley	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	John Hill	7
Cecil W Pipe	3	John Armstrong	8
David P. Hilling	4	George W. Pipe	9
Basil Jones	5	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each of Pudsey and Superlative and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr 1 lb. in A.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Andrew J. Slade	3	David E. Rothera	7
Andrew J. Corby	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by A J. Pitman. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BERROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 19 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and two extents each of New Grandsire, New Antelope, St. Bartholomew, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union, New, Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course, Antelope, St. Simon and St Martin. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Brian Mills	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
Raymond Jones	2	John Lewis	5
John Coombs	3	Christopher Avery	Tenor

Conducted by John Lewis.
First peal in 19 methods by all except the conductor. First in 19 methods as conductor.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Oct. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Cunecastre, Wells, London, York, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Philip H. D. Jones	4
Adrian P. Beck	2	H. David Mackay	5
Eric C. Wadman	3	*Edward J. Chivers	Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.
* 200th peal.

MONTACUTE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. in C sharp.

Herbert Warr	Treble	Gilbert W Rendell	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Gordon W. Rendell	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Graham W. Parkin	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Rendell.
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Preb. Richard Thomas Beechey, late Vicar of Montacute, who died on October 28th, 1967.

NORTON FITZWARREN, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

Mervyn R. Arscott	Treble	*Anthony J. Alderman	4
Leslie H. Arscott	2	Robert Parker	5
Graham Nabb	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed, of Taunton.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

YARDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Wed., Nov. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Humphrey's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb. in F sharp.

Carol M. E. Johnson	Treble	Michael B. Jefferyes	5
Christopher I. Rowson	2	Richard J. Parker	6
*Michael J. Alletson	3	James R. White	7
Christopher S. Nokes	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TR [illegible] BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Gillian M. Hunt	Treble	*David Rennolds	5
*Stephen J. Bateman	2	*Trevor Newlands	6
*John W. Collard	3	*John F. Pedler	7
*Bruce Martin	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal in the method.
Rung by eight of the local Sunday service band as a 69th birthday compliment to Charlie Baker, former tower captain.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

WILLINGHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

R. S. Bradley (Clare)	Treble	M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	4
*A T. Winter (Christ's)	2	R. Button (King's)	5
Jane E. Shaw (New Hall)	3	R. L. Underwood (P'hse)	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal.

LONGSTANTON, Cambs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

W. J. C. Bailey (Clare)	Treble	D. S. Bishop (Caius)	5
*Merryn Hutchings (N'nham)	2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	D S. Pont (Christ's)	7
A. F. Schofield (Clare)	4	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 25th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON, Wirral, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues., Oct. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising six extents each of the following: Plain Bob, Old Bob, Kennington, St. Albans, St Paul, St. Simon and St. Martin.
Tenor 5 cwt 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*H. Amanda Barnes	Treble	Charles B. Pemberton	4
†Thomas E. Howarth	2	Timothy R. Marsh	5
‡Donald Peers	3	*J. Richard Roberts	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy R. Marsh.
* First peal † First away from treble. ‡ First in these methods. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David G. Marsh and Miss Ann J. Cole, both being ringers at this church, who were married on Saturday, October 7th, 1967,

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent of Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

David Allman	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John E. Brough	5
Frederick S. Sutton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
100th "true" peal of Minor on the bells. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" five times to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STUDLEY, Warks.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

John W. Perkins	Treble	Ian M. Robinson	4
Robert W. Sherriff	2	Peter C. Randall	5
Henry C. Bennett	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEANOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Robert J. Marchbank	Treble	Gordon Faulks	5
Ann M. Smith	2	George H. Paulson	6
*Bernard Greasley	3	David W. Camm	7
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.
* First peal of Major. 50th peal as conductor.
Rung to open the celebrations for the centenary of the rebuilding of the church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition. Tenor 13 cwt.

J Michael Lakin	Treble	John W. Stephenson	5
Colin E. Wright	2	Christopher C. M. Pain	6
John McDonald	3	Frank V. Gant	7
George W. Cecil	4	Frederick E. Scoones	Tenor

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

*Miss J. R. Simmonds	Treble	*R. Threadgold	4
†Mrs. J. E Poulter	2	F. W. J. Roper	5
*Miss J. M. Millbank	3	*R. J. Lindsell	Tenor

Conducted by R. J. Lindsell.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal.
Rung for All Saints' Day.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BREDWARDINE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Bourne and Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Reverse Canterbury and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

W. John Clayton	Treble	*Martin Turner	4
John W. Hope	2	†Bryan Giddings	5
Frederick R. Harris	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal in four methods of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Christine C. Darby	2	George E. Thoday	6
Martyn L J. Jordan	3	Philip Mehew	7
James A. D. Woolford	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
Rung as a welcome to Andrew John, son of Donald and Sally Cobb, born on October 29th, 1967.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Valerie Howard	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Charlotte M. Harris	2	Alan R. Baldock	6
Janet E. Blake	3	Peter M. Muchlinski	7
Derek Slater	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
Specially rung for the wedding this day of Margaret A. Ladd and Raymond A. Large at Tonbridge Parish Church.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	*Margaret E. Fort	5
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	*Richard Hayes	6
*D. Paul Smith	3	*Tony Lewis	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. D. Paul Smith has now "circled the tower."

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 FEATHERHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Hilary F. Hinde	3	Stanley Jenner	7
John Pladdys	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. The band extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner, parents of the ringer of the seventh, on their ruby wedding anniversary.
Rung for the dedication festival.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

*Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	*Colin J. E. Wyld	5
Crawford T. Hillis	2	Nicholas J. Davies	6
Frederick G Huckstepp	3	Robert Swift	7
Edward F. P. Bryant	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Surprise
Rung in honour of the recent wedding at this church of Gillian Wyld, sister of the ringer of the fifth, and Graham Tucker.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	Stanley Jenner	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Ann Jenner	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 21st birthday.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Maurice C. Hughes	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	David E. Rothera	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*Graham Wood	Treble	*John E. Clark	5
*Miss Wendy R. Austin	2	George A. Naylor	6
Stanley B. Dobbie	3	Brian E. Jemmett	7
George Kenward	4	Edward C. Barton	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Brian E. Jemmett.
* First peal of Triples. First as conductor.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

Tony Lewis	Treble	†Derek Slater	4
*John A. Howard	2	†Harold Evans	5
Richard Hayes	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † First in the method. First of Minor in the method as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Hilarion, Abbot.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)

CROSTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	Christopher L. Watson	5
Geoffrey Simcox	2	Richard Palmer	6
Roger Barnes	3	John Ascroft	7
Edward Houghton	4	Alan Gardner	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Philip Ascroft, who has now completed 65 years as a ringer at this church. Also as a birthday compliment to John H. Fielden.
Believed to be the first peal on these bells for over 50 years.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three different extents of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Robert Moore	Treble	John Bagnall	4
Joseph Whalley	2	Thomas F. Metcalfe	5
Nicholas M. Newby	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
Rung by the Furness Branch with best wishes to Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and Brian Maudsley, who were married at Hawkshead on the previous day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	Gordon Halls	7
William J. Root	2	Shirley Burton	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Martin L. Howe	9
Richard Hayes	4	W. Arthur Riddington	10
John A. Howard	5	Christopher T. Osenton	11
Frank H. Hicks	6	*Derek Slater	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, also to welcome the birth of a second daughter to the Rev. D. M. Buxton (Precentor of Leicester Cathedral) and Mrs. Buxton.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

John A. Anderson	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Judith M. Corby	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	8
Ann E. Fellows	4	Stephen J. Ivin	9
David E. Rothera	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Guild and as a birthday compliment to the president, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

(Syston District)
WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, eight callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*H. Christine Younger	Treble	†Roger I. Kendrick	4
†Frederick W. Faulkner	2	*James Preston	5
†B. Stedman Payne	3	*Christopher L. Younger	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, and as a birthday compliment to C. L. Younger and Cherrill L. Everard.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Christopher Aldridge	6
*William H. Harford	2	*Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Thomas T. Yeomans	3	M. Jack Pryor	8
*David L. Phillips	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Michael Pilgrim	5	*Colin Coombs	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Eight methods in seven extents: (1) London, (2) Cambridge S., (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Susan M. Evans	Treble	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	4
Ruth E. Havard	2	Christopher Ricketts	5
Roger G. Havard	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal.
Rung on All Souls' Day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Oct 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

John K. Smith	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Frank Chambers	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Michael Orme	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by E W. Tipler. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Kevin S. Hohl	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	5
*Janet Dagley	2	Martin Cubitt	6
†David G. Adams	3	Peter Adcock	7
George P. Adams	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Surprise. † First on eight bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F. sharp.

Frank C. J. Arnold	Treble	Leslie F. Bailey	5
*Janet Dagley	2	David E. House	6
†Desmond P. Mortlock	3	‡Thomas E. Spight	7
Angela M. Wright	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise on an "inside" bell.
‡ 200th peal.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS Mary and Margaret.
On Mon., Oct. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Diane Toone	Treble	Roger Peckham	4
G. G. Walpole	2	F. C. Gunton	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
Most methods as a conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Noel J. Diserens	Treble	*Roy D. Mills	7
*Adrienne Gibson	2	John Brain	8
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Frank W. Lewis	9
*Alan D. Elsmore	4	John C. Slater	10
Helen M. Diserens	5	George E. Evenden	11
*Eunice A. Lewis	6	*Robert Munro-Ashman	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung by members of the Society of Roving Ringers to mark the 21st year of the Society.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

David A. Cornwall	Treble	Roland Biggs	6
Dennis Knox	2	George W. Massey	7
*Joyce I. Cornwall	3	Sydney M. Bailey	8
Michael J. Best	4	Derek Francis	9
†Christopher J. Royal	5	Lionel A. Timms	Tenor

Composed by E C. Shepherd. (No. 5.) Conducted by G. W. Massey.
* First peal of Caters "inside." † First of Caters.

COWLEY, Oxford.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 240 Stedman, 720 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire.

Alec Gammon	Treble	Noel D. Deam	4
*Brenda Martin	2	Ian Ross	5
Roy H. Jones	3	*John F. Sear	Tenor

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.
* First peal at first attempt.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

William Birmingham	Treble	Walter G. Knight	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Frank Reed	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary, Cuthberga and All Saints.
On Wed., July 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents containing 294 singles. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

H. Jillian Pike	Treble	Roger B. Pike	4
Ann S. Woodhouse	2	Clifford J. Garlick	5
Kay Winterbourne	3	Howard E. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Oct. 22, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, containing 1,280 Rochester, 1,240 London (No. 3), 1,040 Cambridge, 840 Yorkshire and 720 York, with 46 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Anne B. Speed	2	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Barrie Hendry	9
David J. Marshall	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung for the birthday of Rachel Jane Frost (October 7th, 1967), and with the best wishes of the band to Diana and Alan.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Katherine Burchnall	Treble	James W. Raithby	6
†Paul N. Mounsey	2	Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Grace Burchnall	3	‡William L. Exton	8
Mary C. Poyner	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	9
Linda M. Wilkinson	5	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 375th peal † First of Caters. ‡ 275th peal. Tenor 23 cwt. in E

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).			
Derek Slater	Treble	*Neil Carter	5
David D. Smith	2	John Howard	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	George Francis	7
A. Patrick Cannon	4	†E. A. (Tom) Latham	Tenor

Conducted by George Francis.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung to mark the centenary of the first peal in the tower.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., June 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Double Court, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*Janet M. Blake	Treble	Derek Slater	4
*Gillian R. Parsons	2	John A. Howard	5
†Ernest J. Ladd	3	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in 14 methods. † First in 14 methods "inside."

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

HEDON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat. Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Rupert A. Clarke (Birmingham)	Treble
†Michael J. Alletson (Aston)	2
‡Allan H. Bridge (Hull)	3
‡Geoffrey W. Randall (Hull)	4
†George A. Dawson (Sheffield)	5
James R. White (Birmingham)	6
*Richard J Parker (Birmingham)	7
Christopher I. Rowson (Birmingham)	Tenor

Composed by J. Richard Parker and Christopher I. Rowson.
Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
The composition contains 129 roll-ups with 132 calls.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

James W Belshaw (Salford)	Treble
Alan H. Bridges (Hull)	2
Rupert A. Clarke (Birmingham)	3
Stephen F. Royal (Oxford)	4
Michael J. Alletson (Aston)	5
Alan S. Burbidge (Manchester)	6
Christopher I. Rowson (Birmingham)	7
James R. White (Birmingham)	8
Howard C. Palmer (Leicester)	9
Geoffrey W. Randall (Hull)	10
Richard J. Parker (Birmingham)	11
Michael Maughan (Hull)	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
Believed to be the youngest band ever to ring a tower bell peal of Maximus. (Average age less than 20 years.)

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Cassian.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	Arthur D. Cook	5
Joseph Warr	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Geoffrey Westwood	7
M. Irene Elsmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by J. Pigott. (Folio 46/3.) Conducted by M. D. Fellows.
First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging.
Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PATRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

*Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	5
James W. Belshaw	2	Robert C. Hawtree	6
Roderick R. Horton	3	Michael Maughan	7
David W. Beard	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Tues., Sept. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Pinehurst, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Buxton, Childwall, St. Clement's, (6) Double Bob, Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Southrepps, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Margaret Warford	Treble	John Potts	4
C Barrie Dove	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
Kenneth B. Sissons	3	H. David Holland	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Catesby, 71, Woodville Drive.
On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G

Alan McFall	1-2	†Herbert M. Heaton	5-6
*Robert B. Smith	3-4	Barry Corbishley	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Alan McFall.
* 200th peal on handbells. † First of Major on an "inside" pair.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. David Atkinson	1-2	Alan A. Potts	5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Spliced Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Windsor Single Bob II and Plain Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Spliced Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Single Court Bob, (6) College Little Bob, (7) Plain Bob, with 36 changes of method.
Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary W. Whalley	3-4
		Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6

25th peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and Brian Maudsley, ringers at Hawkshead and Morecambe respectively, who were married at Hawkshead the previous Saturday.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Camden (first quarter) 1, Madelaine Washington (first "inside") 2, Marion Bartlett 3, Susan Holloway (first quarter) 4, F. Barron 5, C. Philpott 6, H. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. Evershed 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rear Admiral R. E. Worthington, C.B., Rector's warden Emeritus, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, D. M. C. Hill 2, R. C. Taylor 3, F. J. White 4, V. G. Roberts 5, W. A Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sarah Plumley (92), mother-in-law of the conductor, who was interred this day. Mrs. Plumley and her husband were the donors of the treble bell here, dedicated in 1962.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: K. J. Perrin 1, P. C. Worthington 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, A. A. F. Peters (first of Major) 4, R. Pettit 5, J. S. Dear 6, M. R. Worthington 7, J. Welch 8.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Adamson 1, R. W. Leighton 2, Miss B. Cooke 3, K. Arthur 4, C. D. Davis 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. R. Stephenson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. W. Bond 1, M. S. Loveday 2, Enid M. Hammond 3, Caroline Mackie 4, Peggy E. Smith 5, B. J. Read (first "inside") 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, D. L Nibbs 8, D P. Snoswell 9, R. H. Newton (first of Royal as cond.) 10. First of Royal 3, 4, 6, 8. The ringer of the 9th has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals of Bob Royal. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Caroline Mackie (first in method) 1, A. W. Bond (cond.) 2, Marion Kemp 3, R. I. West (first "inside") 4, Peggy E. Smith 5, G. N. Benjamin (first of Caters) 6, B. J Read (first in method "inside") 7, R. I. Vaughan 8, R. H. Newton 9, D. P. Snoswell 10. An engagement compliment to Stella Rice and A. J. Capo-Bianco. Rung by the St. Peter's Society.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. J. Dingwall 1, D. W. Brooks 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss E. R. M. Canedale 4, D. J. Reeve 5, B. G. C. Clampin 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the christening of Tracey Karen, daughter of the conductor and granddaughter of the ringers of 3 and 7

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, R. Jarvis (cond.) 2, J. Benfield 3, W. Dixon 4, J. Collett 5, C. Collett 6, T. Timms 7, I. Harris 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyte, on their 53rd wedding anniversary.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, Jennifer Quaife 1, Marylin Heath (first quarter) 2, Helen Haines 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, A. Howard 5, W. Willans 6.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): B. J. Corbishley 1, D. A. Davenport 2, C. T. Billinge (first in three methods) 3, E. Roughley 4, G. R. King 5, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, J. Felgate 6, M. J. Bew 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

EALING, MIDDX.—At the Church of Christ the Saviour, on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Vant (first quarter) 1, B. Rose 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Miss J. Pearce 4, S. Hardy (first in method) 5, Mrs. J. Rose 6, A. Fulwell 7, G. Pearce 8. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. F. Cox 5, C. J Garlick 6, J. H. Napper 7, M. Bishop (cond.) 8. On Ringers' Sunday.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Minyon A. Sutton 1, G. E. Bonham 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 4, A. K. Peck 5, M. E Stallard 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold Green and Arthur Henry Bellamy.

GREETHAM, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, Margaret C. Woolley 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. M. Thorley 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Atkins (first quarter, 1, H. Novell (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. Tubbs 3, S. G. Ponting 4, J. Collier 5, M. J. Kirk 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, C. M. White 8. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Fulwell 1, W. Oatway 2, Mrs. Oatway 3, Miss J. Pearce 4, Mrs. C. Tubbs 5, A. M. Stacey 6, D. J. Tubbs 7, S. Bailey 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, G. Pearce 10. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Wilton (first quarter) 1, T. Evans 2, D. Wilton 3, Frances Oglesby 4, R. Howse (first quarter) 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): F. G. Richardson 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, C. C. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6. J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung for Matins, and a congratulatory 21st birthday quarter for Janice Richardson, daughter of treble ringer.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, Miss A. Woodhouse 2, L. Squires 3, J. Holmes 4, G. Spencer (cond.) 5, F. Pinchbeck 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

HUNSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, M. Green (15) 5. Rung in honour of the Rector's daughter's wedding at Stowlangtoft earlier

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Tonks (13, first Plain Bob) 1, H. Miles (83) 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. Rung to mark the 68th anniversary of H. Miles' first peal (Stedman Triples) on October 27th, 1899, which also fell on a Friday.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: G. Hebden 1, R. W. Rice 2, F. Bridle (cond.) 3, P. J. England 4, Diana M. Chapman 5, W. S. Rice 6, E. T. Lee 7, J. Brain 8. First by all except the conductor. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Yeo 1, J. Brain 2, P. Gardner 3, A. E. Cox 4, N. G. Yeo 5, E T. Lee 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. R. Taylor 8. For Evensong, and the visit of Dr. B. Henderson, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (Oxford, Sandal and London Scholars'): S. Williams 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, L. Ellis 4, I. Roberts (cond.) 5, K. Wilson 6. First of Spliced Minor for all the band. Rung with thanks to "the Professor" for his recent series in "The Ringing World."

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OAKLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. J. Marlow 1, Lynette Holbrook (first "inside") 2, Christine Hassell 3, M. Holbrook 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6. For the wedding this day of James Burgess and Joy Davis.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Lucan (first on tower bells, aged 8) 1, G Lucas 2, Joan Hills 3, H. Smith 4, R. Furminger (cond.) 5, F. Blatch 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Reeves, of Fobbing.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, Wendy Roberts (first "inside") 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Sansom 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on October 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Rolph (first quarter) 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, J. Ball 4, E. Treagus 5, A. Burbidge 6, L. Duguid 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. A birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to John Rolph (treble).

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Joan Hanning 1, A. P. Cannon 2, Sandra Goodship 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, Carol Martin (first in method "inside") 5, R. J. Talbot 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Inwood 8, T. T. Jones 9, G. Knipe 10 For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Whitfield 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Perrins 4, W. E. Cheater 5, A. Fry 6, L. F. Cobb 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob 1, 3 and 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. L. Riley 1, Susan E. Davis 2, P. A. Harrison 3, D H. Stone 4, H. J. Payne (cond.) 5, J. D. Cheeseman 6. Rung to wish a speedy recovery to Robert Partridge, Master of Southampton University Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — On Oct. 29th, 1,282 Grandsire Triples: Tessa Hollis 1, Ruth Gordon 2, R. J. Tibbetts 3, R. Harper 4, G. S. Lee 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson 7, D. Nichols 8. First of Grandsire 2 and 4.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Starkey 1, Wendy Cox 2, Howard Meek 3, L. Meadows 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, K. Westward 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, A. Richardson 6. For morning service.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Bell 1, C. Bell (first in the method) 2, Mrs. C. Mould 3, D. Voss 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. G. Excell 8. For civic service.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Erica Pankhurst (first of Minor) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Kay Whittiker (first in two Minor) 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, J. H. Thompson (first in two Minor) 5, D. A. Burt 6. For Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: A. J. Slade 1, Glynis Perry (25th quarter, first Stedman Caters) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, E. T. Newnham (first Stedman Caters) 4, D. Hawkins 5, H C. Austin 6, R. E. J. Dennis 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, R. Durrant 10. For Matins, and for the birth of a son, Andrew John, to Don and Sally Cobb.

WELLOW, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Primrose and Ipswich): R. G. Beck 1, A. P. Beck 2, M. J. Horseman 3, D. McKay 4, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Celia M. Kersley 1, Helen A. Haines 2, R. Haines (cond.) 3, A. A. Newman 4, A. F. Haines 5, R. Casley 6.

WIMBLEDON, S.W. — On Oct. 29th, 1,344 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M Burn 1, Elizabeth Bangham 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Caroline Madge 4, A S. Bishop (cond.) 5, M. Bangham 6. First in the method 2 and 4.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Button 1, M. Legg 2, Y. Criddle (first of Triples) 3, J. Coombs (first Triples "inside") 4, S Lewis 5, G. Hebden 6, J. Walton (cond.) 7, H. Hooper 8. Axbridge Branch quarter peal.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Stimson 1, H. Clayton 2, B. Rhodes 3 M Stimson 4, R. Preston 5, O. Holmewood 6, R. H. Cook (cond.) 7, M. Hall 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 5, 6 and 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mavis Kirkham 1, M. Kirkham 2, A. S. Burbidge 3, D. T. Finnemore (cond.) 4, E. J. Franklin 5, P. Tovey 6. First in two methods for all the band. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mavis Kirkham 1, R. C. Ingram 2, M. Kirkham 3 D. T. Finnemore (cond.) 4, A. S. Burbidge 5, P. Tovey 6. For the dedication of the organ.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A Schofield 1 Andrea Tilley 2, Elizabeth Layton 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, L. Reece 7, G. Huxley 8. First in method 1. 2 and 7 For Patronal Festival.

BASSALEG, MON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/variations): D. G. Jenkins 1, R. J. Hall 2, P. Williams 3, D. L. Phillips 4, J. Prytherch 5, T. J. Thraves (first quarter) 6. Conducted jointly to 3, 4 and 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Tann.

BERE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Tidwell 1, R. A. Bryant 2, P. R. Board 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears 6.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Violet Relf 1, J. E. Spree 2, W. W. Ring (cond.) 3, E. Clifton 4, G. Stewart 5. On the back five.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Borden 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Deacon 3, L. Payne 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, V. Paine 6. Also on Nov 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Deacon 1, Rachel Sinden 2, N. J. Davies 3, R. Swift 4, F. Huckstepp 5, B. Johnson 6, C. Wylde 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss E. J. Gill 1, R. A. Bryant 2, P. R. Board 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Brown (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Mrs. P. Lewington 3, Mrs. S. G. Brown 4 Miss J. Marshall 5, A. W. Davis 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8. For Harvest Festival.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: Mrs. M. Watts 1, Miss E. Todd 2, Miss A Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 4, B. Watts 5, W. Beeching 6 For Patronal Festival; also a welcome to the Rev. J. and Mrs. Lambourne to the Romney Marsh group of churches.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. J. Goringe 1, B. S. B. Kear 2, J. W. Rose 3, R. F. Symonds 4, P. F. Romney 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins 7, E. H. Amey (cond.) 8

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Catchpole 1, A. G. Harrison 2, O. P. Claxton 3, J. Mowle 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Catchpole.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Tebble 1, J. Mowle 2, C Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, T. C. Ford 5, A. Cook 6, O. P. Claxton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A welcome to Diss to the Redenhall Deanery Missioners, and a birthday compliment to Robin Fuller, of Thetford.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods): K. T. Baker 1, R. Perry 2, Rosemary Smith 3, A. Perry 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6. To welcome Richard Julian, son of Hilda and William Kingcott. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (5 methods): Monica Horseman 1, R. Smith 2, R. Perry 3 Rosemary Smith 4, A. Perry (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6. For the christening of John David, son of Helen and Michael Marshall. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles, by Aug. 27th band. For All Saints' Day.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,360 Spliced Minor (10 methods): L. D. Smith 1, Susan V Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. H. Roberts 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. First of 10 spliced for 4 and 6. For morning service.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Holsworth (first quarter) 1, K. Nuala Toone (first "inside") 2, Dianne Toone 3, S. Toone 4, A. C. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival and a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. Pleasance 1, A. W. Cole 2, D. W. Blocye 3 D. Wenden 4, C. Wenden 5. Conducted jointly by 3 and 4. First of Minimus for 1, 3, 4 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GREAT CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: H. Deacon 1, Brenda Davies 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6. First in the method 1 2, 3 and 4.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—On Oct 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Rev. R. Lindsay 1, T. F. Metcalfe 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, K. M. Price (cond. 720) 4, W Kenyon 5, J. Whalley (cond. 540) 6, R. Moore 7, Sheila Heaton (first attempt) 8. A wedding compliment to Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and Brian Maugsley, ringers at Hawkshead and Morecambe respectively.

HIGH HAM, SOM.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Miss L. Legget 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker 1, Mrs. E. Norton 2, J. Pople (first quarter) 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. A farewell tribute on retirement to the Rev. T. Wright.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B Minor: Vivienne M. Kirk 1, Barbara A. Tayler first in method) 2, A. B. Cooper 3, K. Kirk 4, G K. Smith 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LLANOVER, MON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/variations): Gillian Colleypriest 1, R. J. Hall 2, D. L. Phillips 3, J. Prytherch (first of Doubles as cond.) 4, P. Williams 5. A farewell to the Vicar of Tregear, on his retirement.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Blacker 1, H. J. Coombs 2, R. Perry (cond., 13 years) 3, A. J. Coombs 4, Miss M. Jones 5, N. Osmond 6. Birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): May Graham 1, Joy Askew 2, S. Pardoe 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Askew 6. First in 11 methods 1 and 2. For All Saints' Day.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): D. E. House (cond.) 1, Miss J. Dagley 2, Miss A. M. Wright 3, D. Cubitt 4, G. H. Pullin 5, M. Cubitt 6.

PENSNETT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two trebles leading): J. Walker 1, A. Williams 2, R. Anderson 3, T. Morris 4, T. Pilsbury 5 J. H. Dudley 6, F. Jukes (cond.) 7, W. Williams 8. First quarter for all except conductor. For Harvest Festival, by local band except the conductor.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R Willey (first quarter) 1, E. Buxton 2, H. Hanson 3, A. King 4, A. Haines 5, D. Stainsby (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SANDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Harrison 1 P. Anne Edwards 2, I. R. Panton 3, E. W. Roast 4, R. Harrison 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jim Merriam (aged 17 years), a ringer at this church.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. M. Walker 1, Miss J. Newton 2, R. Beck 3, G. Manning 4, H. Butler (first as cond.) 5, P. Adams 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. F. Forrest, on his retirement.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,272 Doubles (three methods): Miss K. Froggatt and Mrs. C. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini and Mrs. D. Bradley 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley and B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gilbert 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, G. Wood 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, J. Clark 6 G A. Naylor (cond.) 7, E. C. Barton 8. Rung at the wish of the Vicar, to mark the retirement of Mr. G Hardy, who was, for 26 years, headmaster of Borden Grammar School.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church on Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Martin 1, S. G. Peck 2, R. Amos 3, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, M. Fox 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for a Requiem on All Souls' Day.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S Hare 1, D. C. Brown 2, W R. Hare 3, C. Finch 4, Doreen Hague 5, F. R. Scou 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. R. Shedden 8. Rung for All Saints' Day.

STEPNEY, E.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Cain 1, Lyndis Weedon 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, R. G. Brown 4, A. Cuthbert 5, B. J. Nundy 6. First quarter 1 and 6, first "inside" 2, 4 and 5. Rung for Evensong on All Saints' Day and to mark the conclusion of a week's convention conducted by Fr Hoey, of Mirfield.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward (first quarter) 1, Jane Mason (first "inside") 2, Susan Harrison 3, J. M. Swift 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6. For All Saints' Day Evensong.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/variations): L. Frankland 1, A. Oakley 2, S. Taylor 3, P. Carter 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5 D. Parks 6 Most methods/variations by all the band.

WINTERBORNE ST. MARTIN, DORSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. W. Marshall 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, P. R. Board 3, C. W. Tidwell (first "inside") 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Reid (first quarter) 1, C. Slyfield 2, K. Underwood 3, R. Tickner 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. A farewell to Reg Tickner, leaving to live at Horsham and a welcome back to the Rector after a long illness.

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BIRTH

BARNETT.—To Frank and Joan (née Parsons), of 39, Leigh Sinton Road, Malvern, Worcester, a daughter, Amanda Jane, on Tuesday, November 7th, 1967, at Ronkswood Hospital. 2731

ENGAGEMENT

RANK—HAMMERTON. — The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rank, of Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Margaret, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Hammerton, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire. 2739

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Evensong, Sun., Nov. 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Refreshment and ringing after service. Preacher, Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Evesham. Visitors welcome. 2670

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Eighth Annual Ringers' Service

Sunday, November 19th.

Ringing 5.30–6.30 p.m. Service 6.30, followed by tea at the Memorial Hall. All ringers welcome. 2728

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The Peter Crook Memorial. In view of Peter Crook's services to ringing and his many years as an officer of the Association, the Branch have decided to arrange for a memorial at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. Will any ringers wishing to be associated with the memorial kindly forward their donation to Mr. J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—J. E. Andrews, Sec. 2738

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Guild now practises every Friday night at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors very welcome. All inquiries to Mr. R. Sugden, Airlie Hall, Airlie Place, Dundee. 2717

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Salisbury, on February 3rd, 1968. Will members wishing to have items of business placed on the agenda please forward before December 31st.—F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, Trowbridge. 2703

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halwill, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Sec.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Wisbech, Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2676

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting to be held at Brampton on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2682

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A learners' meeting will be held at Epping Upland (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The help of a few experienced ringers would be appreciated.—G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting, November 18th, at Wonersh. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Room. Names for tea, please, to Mr W. Enticknap, Ockleigh, Wonersh Common, near Guildford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Braughing in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham.—Dis. Sec. 2662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Abbey Institute, Romeland. Special method: London Royal. Names for tea to me, at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2668

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Baglan, November 18th (not November 11th). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.–4 o'clock. Service and tea, then ringing until approx. 8 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam. CF6. 9ED. Tel. Rhoose 494. 2675

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Balderton, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. C. W. Reed, 2, Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark. 2664

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Addington (6) on Saturday, November 18th, 7–9 p.m. Special methods: London and Superlative.—N. Steere, Dis. Sec. 2689

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting at Seaford (8), November 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Connor Cafe for those who send names to me. We are asked to ring for a wedding being held at the church at 3 p.m. Could we please have eight ringers in the belfry by 3.20 p.m.!—D. L. Hall, Hon. Div. Sec., Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (3442). 2650

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District — The November quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Ringing will be at Thrybergh (6) 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and Whiston (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. Both are ground-floor rings. Tea at Whiston. Names as soon as possible to Mr. T. E. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, near Rotherham.—M. King, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2658

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Yorktown (8) on Tuesday, November 21st, 7.30–9 p.m. 2736

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Tuesday, November 21st. Ringing from 7–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby. 2674

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Wednesday, November 22nd, 7.30 p.m.—B. Johnson. 2712

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Filton, Friday, November 24th. Bells (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Also note: 8-bell practice at Bitton, Monday, November 20th, 7.30–9 p.m. and every third Monday in month.—R. H. D. 2725

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking Competition at Tempsford on November 25th. Bells available for practice from 2.30. Contest 3.15, followed by service, tea and presentations. General ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea for those other than competitors to S. I. Smith, Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade, Beds. 2730

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch A.G.M. will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, by Wednesday, November 15th. No name, no tea.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 2721

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 60th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at St. Mary's Hall, Coventry, the president (Mr. A. H. Beamish) in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Dinner served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets (22s. 6d. each) now available from the secretary. Cash with order, please, made payable to the Guild. Ringing has been arranged. Any member wishing to take part in a quarter or a peal on November 25th, morning or afternoon, please notify the secretary as early as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec., Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick 2603

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Campsall (8), Saturday, November 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. M. Heath, 6, Grange Lane, Burghwallis. 2720

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Vicar and ringers of Great Dunmow (8), the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, November 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All members welcome.—G. Blake, Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow. 2679

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, Nov. 25th Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. 2740

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Market Bosworth (8 bells), Saturday, November 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Square, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton, by Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.—V. Watts. 2654

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Lea, Saturday, November 25th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623), by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Lincoln Surprise and Stedman Doubles. 2695

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Berks Branch.—Practice, Steventon, November 25th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Corderoy. 2711

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Marlow, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 21st, please. 2704

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Dallington, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. Alton, 40, Lyncrest Avenue, St. James, Northampton, by Wednesday previous. 2715

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Annual meeting, Bridport, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 2727

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting at St. Martin's, Salisbury, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 5.30 to 8.30 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Wetherden (6), November 25th at 6.30 p.m. Also at some place District Committee meeting at 7 p.m.—H. W. H. L.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.— Annual meeting at Bures, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk, by November 22nd. 2663

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wadhurst, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m Business meeting to follow. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at Cartref, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, November 22nd.—G FitzHugh, Div Sec 2701

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, West Meon, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers to C. E Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, S03 6FE. (Tel. Locks Heath 2404), by 20th, please. 2687

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cockermouth on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Names to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by November 25th. 2737

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Wood, 161, High Street, Milton, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 2734

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Fulney, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich C.B.M. and Bristol S M. 2735

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Dereham, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to David Adams, Greenways, The Grove, Dereham, by Wednesday previous. Special method: London Surprise.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Lambeth on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at Lambeth from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at the Borough 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, S.W.15 Tel. 874–2449. 2700

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting at Clyst Honiton, Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. E. Retter, Waldrons, Clyst Honiton, Exeter.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 2713

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall . Names for tea to Mr. James Baily, Hipper Lane, Wigtoft, Boston, by November 27th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

HALLETT. — John and Jean (nee Allen) announce the birth of their daughter, Gillian Sarah, on October 28th, 1967. Their address is now: 1031, Nanaimo Street. New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. 2747

MARRIAGE

NEALE—THOMAS. — On October 28th, 1967, between Brian S., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Neale of Marshfield, Mon, and Ann, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Thomas, of Rumney, Cardiff.

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, December 30th, 1967, at the Kenwood Hotel, Sheffield 7. Tickets 28s. (undergraduates 25s.) and details of ringing during the day from M. Melville, Rushmoor School, Bedford. 2751

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Eastington (6), Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by A.G.M. Stonehouse available during evening for junior instruction.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at East Brent (6) on Saturday November 25th, 6 p.m. —W. Legg. Hon. Sec. 2741

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Ilminster, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, meeting, etc. Names for tea essential by November 23rd. Please reply to: Hon. Sec., Puckington, Ilminster.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2744

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on Saturday, November 25th, at 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 2759

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Watford District.—Rickmansworth, November 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing from 6 p.m. 2758

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Western Branch.—A.G.M. at Swaffham (8), November 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after meeting. I give notice that I shall not be seeking reelection. due to working on Saturdays and transport difficulties.—R. Harrop, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood (8), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to the District Secretary, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2753

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. — A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 2757

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual District meeting, St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. A committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare. 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 2746

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Shoreditch (12), Saturday, December 2nd, 3–4.30. Tea at Shoreditch 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6–7.15. Other evening ringing to be arranged. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 2760

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting at All Saints' (10), Worcester, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business at 5.30 p.m. in the Golden Lion, High Street. Tea 3s. 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, November 29th. **No names, no tea.** 2748

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death in hospital of Mr. Frederick A. Salter, of St. Peter's, Nottingham He was one of the oldest members of the band.

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Mersham—the Home of the Kent County Association

By N. J. DAVIES

MERSHAM is one of those Kentish villages that is full of surprises for the visitor. In many ways it has all the features of some of our most attractive hamlets, but there are many unusual findings that must make it unique. The church, for a start, guards many a secret; from a distance it seems to dominate the village with its low tower and long aisles, but when you actually find yourself in the village centre it is nowhere to be seen. Eventually you discover it at the end of a lane some way away, with the old court lodge to keep it company. The most striking external feature is how unlike most Kent churches this building appears. Where is the rather stern western ragstone tower with its solid angular stair turret that is so characteristic of this county? This one has a massive squat south-west tower surmounted by a pyramidal roof, like a great hen brooding over her clutch.

We enter the nave through the west door, above which is a window which can have few equals in poetry of design or beauty of proportion. It has in all 13 lights, with huge super tracery and triangular openings above the sill for painted shields of glass. The loving hands of many centuries of local craftsmen have beautified this church; the Normans gave it the simple plain south door, the Early English builders added the nave arcading and that massive tower. The Decorated period enriched it with the fine west window and the exquisite chancel (the absence of a chancel arch, though unusual, is by no means unique), while the Lady Chapel is a complete and representative example of the Perpendicular style.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MERSHAM.

THE KNATCHBULL FAMILY

This chapel has been a last resting place for members of the Knatchbull family, a long line of nobility who have lived at Mersham Hatch, a magnificent building situated to the north of the parish in an estate of 400 acres. The first Knatchbulls came to Mersham in the days of Henry VIII, Sir Norton Knatchbull being still remembered locally as the builder of Ashford's original grammar school in 1635.

The early history of the bells is also of great interest and mystery. By 1552 there were five large bells and two "corpse bells" in the tower, an unusually large number for a small village church. Whether these survived until 1612 is not known, but in that year a new ring of five bells was installed by Joseph Hatch, a local founder of great repute. Although his foundry was well established at Ulcombe, near Maidstone, the Mersham bells were, nevertheless, cast locally in the churchyard. This unusual incident was confirmed some years ago when the site of the casting pit was discovered while digging a grave. It may, however, explain why the bells did not come up to the usual standards tonally. The treble and fourth bells turned out considerably too flat, and had to be mutilated at the lip with hammer and chisel to bring them into some approximation of note. Almost certainly the old frame was retained, for just 24 years later a new and substantial bellcage was installed, which stood up to over 300 years of hard work.

Thus the nucleus of the present ring of eight was formed. Before further major work was necessary, the bells had rung in and out two centuries of English history. The face of Mersham was, meanwhile, changing also. The great house of the Knatchbulls was rebuilt as it stands today by the famous Robert Adam, a masterpiece of the graceful style of his era.

FIRST SECRETARY OF KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

We have to turn to 1847 to open the next chapter in the history of the bells. In that year they were rehung and the old frame was adapted to take a new treble bell cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, the gift of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Knatchbull. Mersham must have had a good band of ringers, for some 30 years later an event occurred which was destined to change the state of ringing in Kent. It was then that the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen was instituted Rector. He was a great lover of bells, and in 1880 he had two further trebles added to complete the octave; he himself gave the treble, the second being donated by Sir Wyndham Knatchbull. In the same year the Kent County Association was formed, mainly through the initiative and drive of this illustrious gentleman, who became the first general secretary. This position he held until 1889, when he transferred to West Grinstead.

The first quarter of the present century, however, revealed that all was not too well in the tower. The old frame, which had been twice altered to contain eight bells, was clearly showing the strain. A report dated May 13th, 1913, stated that quarter-turning and retuning of the five old bells was imperative, and that there was so much movement in the frame (which was described as "a mass of patchwork") that renewal was also long overdue; work on the clock was also necessary. An estimate of £197 was quoted to rehang the bells in iron framework with part new fittings.

MARKED DETERIORATION

Strange to relate, the "writing on the wall" was largely ignored. The "go" of the bells deteriorated markedly, although a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1924, and the local band lapsed in 1932. Spasmodic ringing continued, however (the last peal, 5,040 Bob Minor, being rung in 1945), until 1953, when cracks were discovered in the south wall of the tower. The final silence was broken only once, in 1955, when the bells were rung for the Queen's visit to Mersham. (The Lord Brabourne, a distinguished resident, is a cousin of the Royal Family.)

In 1962, when Canon Duncan was instituted to the benefice, an appeal was launched to restore the tower and bells. Although getting off to a slow start, it quickly gathered momentum when the Rev. C. F. Pollard, the present Rector, came to the parish in 1964, and the bells were eventually dismantled early the following spring. While being stored pending restoration, however, the second bell was stolen, necessitating replacement by a new bell. The old frame was dismantled and removed, a portion bearing the date 1636 and the churchwardens' initials being preserved for historical interest.

In the meantime a new band was being trained for the new bells under the guiding hand of Alan Berry, of Folkestone. Lessons in bell control started at nearby Aldington, and transferred to Stowting for experience on light bells and a long draught. Eventually, in July, 1967, the bells returned to be rehung in new metal framework, and the new band turned up in eager anticipation at the preliminary trial.

THE REDEDICATION

And so the great day of rededication dawned, September 7th. A packed congregation of ringers and visitors was present at an inspiring service at which the rehallowing was carried out by the Archdeacon of Croydon, the Ven. J. A. M. Clayson, an old friend of all ringers. Ringing continued for a half-hour afterwards to suit all tastes, and it was a pleasure to have present Mr. William Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who were responsible for the rehanging.

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The Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick

For this Coventry Diocesan Guild special number, the historic church of St. Mary's, Warwick, has been chosen. And but for the unkind acts of dissolution of Henry VIII this would probably have been the Cathedral of the present See, as it was then the possessor of a chapter with a dean and canon, ranking perhaps with St. Paul's, London, York, Lincoln and Salisbury. The grandeur of the Beauchamp Chapel is a reminder of the power of the Earls of Warwick, and the tower, built over the street following the disastrous fire of 1694, tells of an age when transport was leisurely.

ADAPTABILITY AGAINST ODDS

COVENTRY seems to have been particularly adept in overcoming difficulties and change. For instance, when, long ago, the boom in silk weaving was over, its citizens proceeded to establish a thriving industry in the making of very high-class English chronometer watches. When trade in this activity declined, attention was turned to the cycle industry and a long period of prosperity followed. After cycles came motor cycles and, after these, automobiles and aircraft.

With the advent of all these various activities, it followed naturally that there came a large influx of artisans, craftsmen and administrators from all parts of the country, amongst them being, of course, men who were interested in ringing. They soon found they had come to a city which had no ringable bells—for the very fine ring of ten at St. Michael's (once the largest parish church in the country), had been hung "dead" because of a suspected danger to the beautiful spire—which, 60 or 70 years ago, was nearly a yard out of plumb. It was thought by many that the real reason for the bells being so hung was that with the removal of the ringing room it was possible to open up the sight of the remarkably beautiful stone vaulted Lantern. The last peal on the bells was Stedman Caters, rung by the St. Martin's Guild, in which the redoubtable John Day, of Birmingham, took part. The tenor was rung by a Coventry man, W. Gilbert, when he was in his early 20's. When the peal was completed, John Day majestically stalked over to Gilbert and said: "Well, young man, you and I have rung between us 100 peals. I have rung 99, and you have rung **one**"!

The bells of Holy Trinity Church (adjoining St. Michael's), had also been taken down because of the frailty of the tower and spire and hung in a wooden campanile in the churchyard. These bells are a good ring of eight with a tenor 24¼ cwt. in E flat. This arrangement proved to be unsuccessful and there was so much movement on the wooden structure that the whole eight could not be swung safely. On a few occasions the front seven were rung with the tenor being "clocked" by W. Gilbert. A few minutes of this convinced the ringers that their lives were in great danger, and for over 50 years the bells hung in their ugly wooden home silent and derelict.

Attempts have been made from time to time to get both these rings going again, and recently the secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, has been very active in the cause. It has yet to be seen whether Coventry's adaptability will overcome the great problem concerning their bells. The odds seem to have been against all who have worked hard and long to provide real bell music for the citizens.

START OF WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

I hope readers will forgive me if I lapse briefly into writing in the first person, as it is difficult otherwise to describe what has been happening in Coventry since 1905. In that year I went to Coventry as a young journeyman printer, and went to lodge with a famous old Coventry worthy, J. H. White. The bells at Stoke-adjoining-Coventry had just been augmented from six to eight, through the great generosity of Joshua Perkins. We set about forming a band to ring them and soon had the bells ringing twice each Sunday for service, with a good practice on Friday. Unfortunately Joe White's work took him to Nuneaton and we suffered a setback. However, in early 1907, the most capable members of the Stoke band met Joe White at Bedworth (halfway from Coventry to Nuneaton) for a peal attempt for Grandsire Triples with White conducting. The peal was successfully accomplished, and it was directly because of this peal that the idea of forming the Warwickshire Guild came into my mind. We in Coventry were too far from the St. Martin's Guild for that body to be very much interested in us, and the only other alternative was the Midland Counties Association, which seemed to be too remote from us. True, it was a large rambling Association, which stretched from Yorkshire in the north to Oxford in the south, and Lincolnshire in the east to Hereford in the west, but it seemed to us to be very improbable that we were likely to be catered for.

So it was that early in 1907 I wrote a letter to the "Bell News" headed "Why not a Warwickshire Association?" To my great delight Harvey Reeves, the editor, took up the idea with enthusiasm and he suggested ways of bringing the idea to fruition. Thus encouraged, a period of intense activity followed, and weekly visits to four main centres of ringing activity, viz.: Rugby, Chilvers Coton, Warwick and Nuneaton. Transport 60 years ago was not so simple or easy as in these days, and all the journeys had to be made by cycle.

At Rugby we found a very well-organised and capable company, who, under the leadership of J. B. Fenton, were ringing most methods up to London Surprise. All favoured the forming of the proposed new Society. Chilvers Coton, whilst having a strong company, led by H. Reader, was not so advanced as Rugby, but received the idea well and promised support. Nuneaton also had a good company, under the leadership of that famous couple Tom Chapman and Harry Argyle. Enthusiasm here for the proposal was not so great as had been expected, but efforts to enthuse them eventually succeeded, and Nuneaton became later the strongest section when the new Society was formed.

Warwick, with its majestic ring of ten, also had a good and numerous company, led by Ted Adams, who came there as a young man from Fulham, London, to take up the position of sexton and verger at St. Mary's.

FIRST OFFICERS

In November, 1907, a meeting was called to take place at Dale's Temperance Hotel, Warwick, and it was resolved to form the Warwickshire Guild, with Ted Adams, of Warwick, as the first Master, Arthur L. Coleman, of Rugby, as first secretary, and Mr. W. G. Dickens hon. treasurer, and a committee was elected, consisting of A. W. Flowers, G. A. Martineau, J. Pinfold, sen., J. Sharatt, J. F. Smallwood, R. Watson and J. H. White. The Lord Bishop of Worcester consented to be patron of the new Guild, and the Rev. Alan Williams accepted the office of president. It is sad to recollect that only two of those present at the first meeting are now with us—W. Collett and J. F. Smallwood.

Shortly after the formation of the Guild we were reinforced by the arrival of the Rev. C. C. Cox, who had been appointed a curate at Shottery, Stratford, Adolphus Roberts, of Gloucester, and Frank Pervin, from Loughborough—all highly accomplished ringers.

Unfortunately, Roberts could not ride a bicycle and it fell to the lot of the writer to teach him. When it is explained that Bob Roberts was 6ft. 3in. tall and weighed about 17 stone, it will be realised that to hold up a man of that size and weight was no easy task, but when eventually he was able to balance he went along at a speed that made running after him a terrific business. Fortunately no bones were broken and Bob was able to go along with us to the numerous meetings which had been arranged.

EARLY PEALS

On February 21st, 1908, the first peal by the Guild, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Stoke-by-Coventry, conducted by the writer. With the arrival of Roberts, Pervin and the Rev. C. C. Cox, it was not long before the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung, again at Stoke, conducted by A. Roberts, and Kent Treble Bob Major at Bedworth, conducted by the Rev. C. C. Cox. This gentleman also conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Guild, at Solihull in 1910. The first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Warwick in 1910, conducted by E. H. Adams, with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to His late Majesty King Edward VII.

The new Guild was now firmly established and Rugby was pushing ahead with peals of Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, etc

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The six bells at Allesley had now been augmented to eight, and the arrival of Frank Perrens at Coventry greatly strengthened the Guild. He was responsible for a tremendous development at Allesley, and under his capable leadership the company went ahead rapidly, ringing a large variety of Surprise methods.

Rugby and Stoke-by-Coventry joined forces and developed great activity in the Surprise Major field.

My work took me away from Coventry in 1912, but by now the new Guild was in good heart and was being efficiently managed by dedicated men who worked hard and long to secure its firm continuance.

Masters since formation have been: E. H. Adams, G. A. Martineau, J. F. Smallwood, James George, A. Roberts, Tom Chapman, J. H. White, F. E. Pervin, A. H Beamish, F. W. Perrens (who later became president), C. Underwood and H. Windsor.

Secretaries since formation have been: A. L. Coleman, Rev. C. C. Cox, H. Kettle, A. Wilkinson, J. A. Fenton, Miss D. E. Lewis (afterwards Dorothy Beamish), Rev. M. Melville and J. L. Garner-Hayward.

The Guild is now 60 years old, and may it be served in the future by officers as loyal and devoted as those named above. May it continue to serve its members and the territory it covers for many more years to come, and may Coventry soon lose its distinction of being the only city of importance that has no ringable bells!

JAFUS.

OUR PICTURE

Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick

By FRANK E. PERRENS

NO record exists of the foundation of this church, but that it was prior to the Conquest appears from an entry of its possessions in Domesday Book. Its rise to importance, however, took place in the reign of Henry I, and it is called a Collegiate Church because in its earliest years it was served by a number of secular canons. In 1123 these were joined by other secular canons from the Church of All Saints, at that time standing within the precincts of the Castle.

The design of uniting these two churches was contemplated by Henry de Newburgh, Earl of Warwick, but, dying before it was effected, he left the work to be carried into execution by his son, Roger de Newburgh. His charter, which is preserved in the Beauchamp Chapel, granted many possessions and privileges to this newly-made Collegiate body, and also granted that they might have a Chapter of Dean and Canons, such as existed at London (St. Paul's), Lincoln, Salisbury and York. The Chapter was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1545 and its possessions confiscated, some of which were given back to the burgesses of Warwick.

During the latter half of the 14th century much rebuilding and many new buildings were added to the church by Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, and his successor, also Thomas. Their work, completed in 1394, lasted exactly 300 years, when the nave and tower were completely wrecked by a great fire, which also burned down over 200 houses in a few hours, and destroyed the bells.

WREN'S DESIGN REJECTED

Commissioners were appointed by the Crown to superintend and direct the rebuilding of the church and although St. Christopher Wren had submitted designs for the rebuilding of the church previous to the fire, they were rejected and Sir William Wilson was selected to erect the new structure. Fortunately some parts of the church—the chancel, the vestry, the Chapter House, the crypt and the Chapel of Our Lady—were not destroyed. The rebuilding after the fire included the tower, nave, aisles and transepts, and took about 10 years to complete at a cost of about £5,000, including £1,000 given by Queen Anne.

The nave is 109 feet long and the width 66 feet, extending to 106 feet across the transepts. The pulpit, the base of which is solid Ashburton marble, was given by the Freemasons of Warwickshire in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The brass lectern holds a Bible given to the church by King Edward VII in 1904.

The choir—75 feet long, 27 feet across—is the work of Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, second son and heir of the more famous Thomas Beauchamp, whose tomb is before the High Altar. The vaulting is extremely rare, having "flying ribs" springing from shafts in the walls, and possibly the only other examples of such vaulting are to be found at Bristol Cathedral, St. David's Cathedral and in a stone choir screen at Southwell.

GRANDEUR OF BEAUCHAMP CHAPEL

The Chapel of Our Lady or, as it is more commonly called, the Beauchamp Chapel, adjoins the choir on the south side and it ranks among the richest of those structures erected as mortuary chapels during the 15th century. The central monument is that of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, He devised the building of this chapel and fixed the spot for it during his lifetime, leaving necessary directions in his will dated four years before he died at the Castle of Rouen in 1439.

The building of the chapel and monument occupied 21 years and the cost amounted to the very large sum (in those days) of £2,481. The monument is made of Purbeck marble by John Borde, of Corfe Castle, the patterns for the main effigy and the smaller figures were the work of John Massingham, from which they were cast in bronze by William Austen, citizen and founder of London. They were engraved, polished and gilded by Bartholomew Lambespring, a Dutchman, a goldsmith of London, who also made the enamelled shields. The Earl is depicted in an attitude of adoration, gazing, with hands upraised in prayer, to the figure of Our Lady in the vaulted roof.

Richard Beauchamp was a man of historic stature, Knight of the Garter, friend of Henry V, who appointed him guardian and instructor to his son, Henry VI, fought in the French Wars, landing in Normandy with the King, Lieutenant-General of the whole realm of France and the Duchy of Normandy. Another of the stately monuments in the Beauchamp Chapel is that of the son of the Duke of Northumberland, Ambrose Dudley, who was made Earl of Warwick by Queen Elizabeth. On the north side of the Chapel is the marble tomb of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, and of Lettice, his third wife. His effigy wears the collar of the Order of St. Michael—bestowed upon him by the King of France—and the mantle of the Order of the Garter. The tomb is ornamented with family badges—the bear and ragged staff of Warwick, the cinquefoil of Leicester, and the green lion with two tails of Dudley. This Robert Dudley, whose first wife was Amy Robsart, who died tragically in 1560, was the fifth son of the Duke of Northumberland and a favourite of Queen Elizabeth. All the windows of the chapel were filled with stained glass made by John Prudde, of Westminster, glazier to the King, and he was directed to use rich colours from the best glass obtainable from "over the seas."

In 1642 during the sacrilegious outrages of the Great Rebellion, the Beauchamp Chapel suffered much damage, as did also the Cross in Warwick market place. Thanks to the munificence of Lady Katharine Leveson, who gave money for immediate repairs and provided an annuity for its perpetual preservation, the chapel was soon restored.

TOWER BURNT DOWN

The tower, after the destructive fire of 1694, was rebuilt over the street because the pillars at the west end of the church were not considered strong enough to hold it. The lowermost portion consists of four very massive piers supporting pointed arches open to the street on the north, south and west sides. To the battlements its height is 130 feet; to the pinnacles 174 feet.

The bells are now a ring of ten with a tenor of 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in the key of D. It is probable that the very early history of the bells was lost in the fire, and the first information we have is from the following item: "1552. Warwicke the p'ishe of Saynt Mar. Itm V belles." In the course of the next 100 years another appears to have been added, as Dugdale gives six bells previous to 1656, of which three at least were pre-Reformation.

In 1656 three new bells were cast by Eldridge at Coventry; apparently the old tenor was melted down and two additional ones supplied, making a ring of eight. These were completely destroyed in 1694 and were replaced by a new ring of ten, cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1702. Of these, the tenor was recast in 1814 by T. Mears and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th in 1901 by Taylor's. The old inscriptions have been reproduced from Rudhall's bells but not in the same lettering.

Very few peals have been rung on the bells—only 19—the first of which was Grandsire Caters on December 28th, 1786, by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Only three more were rung before 1900, the last of which was a peal of Stedman Caters to commemorate the 80th birthday of the famous Henry Johnson. It was composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley and in the band were many notable ringers from places as far away as Brighton and Newcastle on Tyne.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS

The following are a few of the many interesting notices in the churchwarden's accounts:—

1656.	Paid to Mr. Eldridge for casting three new bells makeing the rest tunable	28	0	0
	Paid for going to Coventry to seal the articles with bell founder	0	3	0
1665.	Paid to the Ringers for ringing the Bells at the coming of the Duke and his Duches to the Towne.	0	16	0
1688.	Paid to the ringers for ringing on ye day the King was proclaimed ..	0	5	0
1694.	Paid for Horse hire and two days charges going to Towcester to look after Pickford that stole ye Bell Metal	0	6	0

From the Corporation accounts we learn that in the 1700's the ringers were usually paid 15s. for ringing on special occasions—mainly victories in battle—and in 1815 they were paid £2 2s. for "the news of the Battle of Waterloo" and £1 11s. 6d. for "taking of Bonaparte." Evidently the Corporation could afford to pay more than the churchwarden, even in those days.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bridgnorth Branch

The quarterly meeting was held at Much Wenlock on October 28th and was attended by 25 members and friends. The Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Acheson) conducted the service, and the organist was Mr. W. V. Poole. An excellent tea was provided at the Stork Hotel. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones. J. B.

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Coventry Diocesan Guild Personalities

By DOROTHY E. BEAMISH

I FIRST became interested in ringing as a schoolgirl in October, 1916, when Chilvers Coton belfry was depleted of ringers due to the call-up for the First World War. Henry Reader, a churchwarden and captain of the tower, invited about a dozen girls from the church congregation into the belfry, including the Vicar's two daughters, the Misses Gladys and Evelyn Dodds, and Miss May V. Godderidge, now of Folkestone. After assiduous lashed practice during the winter we accomplished Grandsire Triples "open" on Easter Sunday morning, 1917, very creditably.

A great deal of assistance was given to the Coton band by Messrs. T. W. Chapman and H. Argyle (of the St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, band) from the date of the installation of the new octave in February, 1908, until a regular Sunday service band was established.

DIED DURING GOLDEN WEDDING PEAL

Both of them served the Warwickshire Guild faithfully, Mr. Argyle as a Central Council representative and Mr. Chapman as a committee member and Master. In 1935 he completed 50 years as a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, most of them as captain. On September 13th, 1947, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at that church to mark his golden wedding but it became a memorial peal as he passed to higher service during the performance of it.

In 1917 I joined the Warwickshire Guild and cycled to meetings at many towers in the area accompanied by Miss Godderidge. A period at college curtailed ringing somewhat for us both but upon return we endeavoured to improve our knowledge of various methods. My first peal, of Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, was on October 4th, 1923, and that of Miss Godderidge was Bob Major at Chilvers Coton on October 20th, 1925. Upon purchasing my first motor-cycle I was able to travel further afield and rang a number of peals in varying methods.

In 1928 I was elected honorary secretary and treasurer of the Guild in place of J. A. Fenton, of Rugby. I was married in August, 1931, to Arthur H. Beamish, who had joined the Coton band as a learner in 1922, following in the steps of his father, who was a founder member of the band which was inaugurated in February, 1908, when the new octave was installed.

Arthur rang his first peal on September 16th, 1924, Plain Bob Major at Coton, and conducted his first peal at Coton on October 20th, 1925, followed by others in various methods. He has been captain at Coton for 20 years, Master of the Guild and now president for the past three years. Together we have attempted to maintain a good band at Coton and have the satisfaction of knowing that the bells have been rung prior to every Sunday service and for all special services.

PEAL OF LONDON MAJOR AT ELEVEN

In June, 1935, our daughter, Margaret, was born and I relinquished the secretaryship to Malcolm Melville. I resumed in 1938 and carried on until 1956 and as treasurer until 1965. Margaret learned to handle a bell in 1943 and rang her first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Coton on October 12th, 1946, conducted by her father, with mother included in the entirely resident band. Then in 1947 a record for the country was gained by the Guild when she rang a peal of London Surprise Major at Coton, conducted by H. J. Poole, ten days before her 12th birthday, being the youngest person ever to do so. By the end of the year she had rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major and Royal, with Maximus 15 months later. Peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques "in hand" were accomplished before her 13th birthday. She added to her laurels by conducting her first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at the age of 13 years and attaining a total of 50 peals before her 14th birthday.

As a family we rang in many peals, a number of them firsts in the method for the Guild until 1954, when we made headlines, "Mother and daughter ring 100th peal together." That was a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, conducted by W. F. Moreton. Margaret left the District in October, 1954, to enter Southampton University, where she became a founder member of the Ringing Society. Since 1960, as Mrs. Chapman, she and her husband have been active members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Margaret as treasurer).

In 1939 I was elected as one of the representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers and have attended every meeting since—a total of 24.

GUILD TITLE CHANGED

The title of the Guild was changed in 1945 from the Warwickshire Guild to that of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. A number of towers were lost to the Guild and became attached to St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, but a closer relationship to the Church was formed by being a Diocesan Guild.

In 1950 Alderman Harry Weston presented the Guild with a handsome tooled leather peal book, since when peals have been recorded therein in meticulous style by first the late Harry Webb and now Percy Stone, of the Allesley band.

James George, of Rugby, although not starting to ring until the age of 36, lived to ring 1,000 peals. His early ringing was done in Warwickshire and he was a strong supporter of the Guild retaining its county title.

OUTSTANDING FIGURE

Frank Perrens has been the most outstanding figure in the Guild during the past 50 years. He has held various offices with distinction, being elected as the first lay president in 1955. He has rung and conducted more peals than anyone else and has always been willing to include first pealers and to give assistance to struggling bands. He was Master of the Guild and from 1927 to 1958 a Central Council representative, since when he has been honorary librarian to the Council.

Upon my retirement from the secretaryship, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward took over and has worked consistently for the welfare of the Guild. He has been consulted on a number of occasions when bell restorations were under consideration. He built up a good Sunday service band, mostly from recruits, at St. Nicholas' Church, Warwick, following the installation of the new octave. Two of his pupils, Geoffrey and Peter Randall, have brought honour to themselves and the Guild by ringing multi-method peals. Geoff is now Ringing Master at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, being a university student there.

Mr. Hayward has been greatly concerned in fostering the art in the villages of South Warwickshire and has spent a great deal of time at various practices in endeavouring to get Sunday service bands organised in formerly silent towers. He has had discussions with the Bishop of Coventry, a number of local clergy, bellfounders and architects with a view to getting more bells ringing in the diocese. Social events and meetings have been organised to perfection. All these activities in spite of spinal trouble which all but incapacitated him prior to an operation.

Guild members owe a great debt of gratitude to him for his management of their affairs.

Others not already mentioned who have given yeoman service to the Guild include J. F. Smallwood, E. H. Adams, Rev. C. Carew Cox, A. Roberts, G. A. Martineau, A. L. Coleman, G. H. Kettle, A. Wilkerson, J. H. W. White, F. E. Pervin, W. A. Stote, H. M. Windsor and Mrs. Windsor, H. G. Summers, L. Trevor, D. H. Argyle, P. K. W. Williamson, H. E. Ashley, J. W. T. Taylor, C. Aylett, A. J. Hinde, P. Bennett, P. A Oram, I. Maycock, A. G. Eveleigh, L. M. Callow, R. Winter, J. A. and J. B. Fenton, R. W. Sherriff, R. J. Edden and D. Carpenter.

With a number of young people showing great promise, Guild affairs will be in good hands and the older ones will rest content, realising that their labours have not been in vain.

INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS OF WILTSHIRE

A small party of ringers from the Bath area spent a pleasant day in Wiltshire.

A start was made at Chilton Foliat; here there are five bells in good condition, on ball bearings and are anti-clockwise. The only peculiarily is that the tenor rope kicks and tends to fall at least a foot from where it is pulled.

Ramsbury.—Excellent church; quite a good six rung from a very large ringing room overlooking the church.

Mildenhall (pronounced "Minal" locally).—Little six restored and augmented by Mears and Stainbank in 1958; rung from the ground floor.

Ogbourne St. Andrew.—The ground-floor five are not so bad as some rumours would have them. Very pleasant tone inside and even better outside. "Go" is quite reasonable if kept at a slow pace.

Ogbourne St. George.—The heaviest ringable five in the county (18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E flat). In a steel frame and on ball bearings, by Gillett and Johnston. Very pleasant ring although again must be rung slowly to be appreciated.

Chisledon.—Very pleasant, mellow six; had a ring here by following the East Grinstead (Sussex) ringers, who kindly left us a few minutes' ringing time. It is a bit of a shock to find ringers from your Branch and neighbouring towers turning up so far from home, but apparently there is a strong relationship between East Grinstead and Corston, Bath.

Wroughton.—Another heavy ring; again slow ringing gets the best resuks. Precise handling is needed because of wooden beams in the tower that come down close to the ropes. Restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1955.

Broad Hinton.—Ground-floor six; very pleasant indeed. These bells are tuned C sharp, B, A, G sharp, F sharp, E. It must be rare to find a bell of not quite 9 cwt. in the key of E.

Grateful thanks to all those who made this trip so happy and to all the local people who had a ring with us we can only say we hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

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Fareham - Striking Champions Winchester & Portsmouth Guild

The Fareham team which won the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild striking contest at Alresford:—

Front: Miss R. Kemp, Miss G. Boyd, Mrs. C. Lanegan, Mrs. R. Sturgess.

Back: J. Draper (reserve), J. Ball, A. Sturgess captain), A. Scott and F. Fagg.

Ten bands took part and Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the Master of the Guild, presided. The judge, Mr. C. H. Kippin, in summing up the contest, said he noticed an improvement in the ringing, particularly in the leads, giving a higher standard of ringing than in past years and a very close result.

The winning team, Fareham, rang Grandsire Triples, which the judge declared was good ringing from beginning to end. Ringwood, last year's winners, were second, ringing Stedman Triples.

Lancashire Association Dinner

ONCE again the Lancashire Association held its annual dinner on the last Saturday in October at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, and once again we were pleased to welcome a group of well-known visitors from as far away as Swindon and Cheltenham.

During the day the visitors, together with some Lancashire stalwarts, sampled a variety of towers, starting at 9.30 a.m. with the recently augmented ten at Accrington (which earned unanimous praise) and ending at Preston just prior to the dinner.

At 7.30 p.m. promptly the company of 95 sat down to an enjoyable meal in an atmosphere of comradeship and conviviality. The guest speaker this year was Alexander J. Martin, that well-known personality from the Wirral, who, in his own inimitable manner, kept the company highly amused with his witty remarks and irrrepressible humour.

After paying tribute to the progress which the Association had made in the field of Spliced Surprise ringing, he reminded us that we must never overlook the fact that all bells were installed in towers for the purpose of ringing for the Sunday services—and that this must always be our main concern. Furthermore, he pointed out, it was essential for ringers to participate fully in the life of the Church, and they should never be content to confine their interest to the tower. The comradeship and conviviality which traditionally followed a peal or any other meeting of ringers was, he maintained, a necessary and vital aspect of ringing. It produced and strengthened that close fellowship amongst ringers which was not to be found in other walks of life—not even in other branches of Church life.

NORMAN SMITH'S BREAKTHROUGH

In his reply the president (Canon A. Hodgson) thanked Alex for his entertaining yet sound remarks—with which he himself was in complete agreement. He, too, paid tribute to the advances in all-the-work Spliced Surprise peals of Major, Royal and Maximus which had been rung by the Association as a result of Norman Smith's breakthrough in the field of composition. He also thanked the officers and committee of the Association for their zeal, good sense and unstinting efforts in maintaining and promoting the aims and activities of the Association; and urged all ringers to play their part in giving of their best in time and talent, not only in peal performances, but also in service ringing and in the training of learners. The young ringers of today were more advanced in the art than any previous generation of young ringers, but this could only have come about through the efforts and patience of those who had taught them. It was to be hoped that they in their turn would be prepared to play their part by devoting time and talent to the training of the future generation of ringers

The evening concluded with a most successful dance.

It was unfortunate that the event had coincided with some other functions, and therefore that some expected faces were absent. It is to be hoped that when word reaches them how enjoyable it was, they will see to it that they are not missing on the last Saturday in October, 1968.

PRINCE CHARLES WITH CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

19th BIRTHDAY RINGING

A few weeks ago a verbal invitation was sent to Prince Charles, through his tutor, inviting him to see the ringing for his 19th birthday on November 14th. On November 7th a telephone message was received by Mr. Jim Quinney to say that the Prince's tutor would bring the Prince along to Great St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m.

November 14th arrived and the verger, Mr. George Clark, met the Prince, who was accompanied by his equerry, Squadron Leader David Checketts, and escorted him to the Vicar's study. The Vicar, Canon Hugh Montifiore, then escorted His Royal Highness to the ringing chamber, where the steeplekeeper, Jim Quinney, was waiting to welcome the Prince.

There were 14 ringers assembled and they were introduced individually by Jim Quinney The first was the Ringing Master, Mr. Frank Haynes, who, on behalf of the ringers present, gave a very warm welcome to the Prince. Other ringers presented were Richard Youdale (Master of the Cambridge University Guild), Percy Hayden-Pigg (84 years old), Major Freeborn (80), Ernest Hibbens (78), John Rank, Chris Daws (Trinity College), C. Muncey, jun., H. Muncey, sen., Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, V. Nutton, H. Foster, Dr. Hilary Muirhead and Ian Quinney. The Prince shook hands with all the ringers and chatted informally.

After the introductions Prince Charles rang the priest's bell as a signal to start the ringing of two courses (bobbed) of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Mr. Frank Haynes.

Whilst the ringing was proceeding the steeplekeeper escorted Prince Charles to the bell chamber to see the bells turning, and then on to the tower roof. After seeing the sights of Cambridge with the Vicar, the Prince returned to the ringing chamber to hear the last two leads of Grandsire Cinques. The bells were then fired 19 times, representing the Prince's 19 years.

The ringing finished, the Prince signed his name in a new visitors book provided for the occasion and all adjourned to the Vicar's study, where champagne was served, and the ringers were able to talk to the Prince informally. This was a truly memorable day. As the Prince left the church to return to Trinity College a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

J. Q.

Note.—The record books dated 1724 were on show in the belfry.

Letters to the Editor

OXFORD GUILD MEMORIES OF 36 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I have been for many years an "unringable ringer" and many of the feats of today have passed me by.

Perchance two copies of "The Ringing World" (September 22nd and October 6th) have come my way, and as one of the "ringers of yesteryear" who was "out of the picture," I was reminded of the occasion which comes back very clearly after 36 years.

I suppose some would warrant that a lot of fuss had been created over a mere 5,000 Stedman Cinques, but I am clear in my own mind that whatever heights Oxford ringing attained in the years that followed this particular bell certainly was the gateway to it.

I believe that for the great majority of the band it was "first on 12 bells," and "first of Cinques as conductor" and besides this it finally laid the bogey that after the great days of J. W. Washbrook at the beginning of the century Oxford ringing was finished—certainly it had had bad times, but thanks to W. H. B. Wilkins at St. Ebbe's and Victor Bennett at St. Giles' a nucleus of keen young ringers was being created, and Walter Judge found enough material on which to build up a band, mostly local, capable of a peal of Stedman Cinques, and its achievement after one or two attempts was said at the time to be one of the most important peals ever rung in the tower.

The photograph is, of course, a bit of window dressing, as neither his Worship nor the two councillors had ever handled a bell, and were gently warned that if they pulled the ropes they would go up through the little hole in the ceiling!

Alderman Brown did ring a little and was a great lover of the Oxford Society, serving as president during his mayoralty and also during the Society's bicentenary year—1933. By coincidence, the alderman died on August 25th, 1946, which was the day the Oxford Society rang the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral.

Perhaps these facts might be of interest to your readers, especially to those who have visited the "City of Dreaming Spires" and shaken a few of them on occasions.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD A. POST.

Oxford.

TERYLENE ROPES AT BEDFORD

Dear Sir,—Following a previous conversation with your correspondent, M. Peterson, of Edinburgh, we have used pre-stretched terylene ropes in the Bedford area for some six months and the results are eminently satisfactory. Two bells at Elstow and two at St. Paul's, Bedford, have been selected. The new material has spliced easily, shown no sign of wear at all, and seems to travel more easily through the series of rope guides and chutes at these two towers.

It is, of course, immensely strong, hence a thinner circumference of rope is adequate for even quite heavy bells. We endorse the comment that it is unsuitable for tail-ends, but have not had trouble with the rope slipping wheel.—Yours sincerely,

MARTYN MARRIOTT.

St. Paul's, Bedford.

GOOD REASONS FOR DISAPPOINTMENTS

Dear Sir,—I am sure that the ringers of our cathedrals need no defence against the remarks of Mr. Beavis ("Ringing World," November 3rd) and to demonstrate that our friends in Washington, like the rest of us, can fail, I give the following details:—

In January this year a young member of our tower informed me that he would be able to visit Washington in August and would like to ring there if possible. On the advice of Mr. G. W. Pipe we wrote to Mr. Wayne Dirksen on January 22nd, giving details, and his son, Richard, replied on January 31st giving very useful information and stating "for even if my father cannot guarantee you a ring, he can definitely arrange for you to visit the tower and would love to meet you." As suggested in Mr. Dirksen's letter, a note reminding him of the intended visit was sent on July 19th and a reply received, dated July 31st, in which ringing times were given and looking forward to meeting him on Sunday, August 13th. This letter came from Mr. Fanfani's secretary.

With this information in his possesesion my young friend went to the Cathedral on Sunday, August 13th, at 12.30 p.m. and inquired there and was directed where to wait. David Moore, of Birstall, who had been before, joined him and both waited. After some time they made further inquiries and finally tried to ring Mr. Fanfani but there was no reply. They finally left at 4 p.m. and did not hear any ringing up to that time.

I did not intend to publish this but since Mr. Beavis' laudatory letter I am moved to write to you in particular as my friend has been a most loyal and helpful colleague for many years and felt very keen disappointment at not even being able to see the bells at Washington. I may say also that he had gone to considerable trouble to rearrange his itinerary to take in Washington, which was to have been the high spot of his visit.

Finally, may I emphasise that we realise that obviously a mistake occurred and that there was no ringing and this we accept, and I am sure that if Mr. Beavis were to go into the matter of his friend's refusals from certain towers he would find that there are good reasons for them.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

A HOAX

Dear Sir,—The peal card of Minimus found by Mr. Collis at Tilton-on-the-Hill (page 814) is undoubtedly another hoax.

According to the perpetual calendar in "Whitaker" July 11th, 1897, was a Friday!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

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The same view is held by William Shepherd, of Addlestone, who writes: "The author of the joke could not have known much of William and Bob Pye, who never lived in London, or of the fact that in 1897 they rang few peals before joining the Middlesex Association in 1898."

OBSERVATION BELL IN STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—Most peal compositions are set out with the tenor as "observation" bell, or, in the case of Triples, the seventh, rather than any other bell. This is understandable in the case of Major, where transposing a peal composition to make another bell "observation" would undoubtedly adversely affect the music of the peal.

In the case of Triples, however, this criticism is hardly justified, so one is led to ask: How is it possible to transpose a composition of, say, Stedman Triples, to make another bell "observation" without making it false?

Suppose we wish to make, for example, the treble "observation" bell. Pick out any course in the composition where you wish to start and suppose that the backstroke change of the seventh's full lead (having gone in "quick") is 7563412.

This will correspond in the "treble-observation" peal to 1234567. The peal is then rung from that point in exactly the same way with exactly the same calls, and rounds will undoubtedly occur after 5,040 changes. All we have done is cyclically interchanged the bells in the following manner:—

"7th Observation"	"Treble Observation"
7	1
5	2
6	3
3	4
4	5
1	6
2	7

This correspondence is one-one in the sense that gives any change, say, 4176523 in the "7th observation" peal, there is one and only one change corresponding to it in the "treble observation" peal, namely 5613274 and vice versa.

To prove we have derived a "true" peal, suppose it were false and obtain a contradiction. Suppose there were two identical changes, say, 513742 occurring at different points in the "treble observation" peal. The corresponding change (which is unique), 4761235 would then occur twice in the "7th observation" peal in the exactly corresponding positions. Since the "7th observation" peal is known to be true, we have obtained a contradiction. This simple device is commonly used in Doubles and Minor, but would appear to have been neglected by Stedman Triples conductors to judge by the fact that Thurstans' four-part peal is still almost invariably rung "seventh observation."

I would be very interested to hear of any snags that I have overlooked which make the above seemingly trivial proof invalid.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN F. ROYAL.

Exeter College, Oxford.

SPLICED TERYLENE ROPES

Dear Sir,—I must write in agreement with M. Peterson's letter in your November 10th issue on page 814 with reference to splicing of man-made fibres to bell ropes.

I, too, at Birstall, have experimented with pre-stretched terylene spliced to the top section and find this successful but have had various complaints about the handling if used in the tail-end On making inquiries, I find that mountaineers who use nylon do not have this difficulty, so maybe bellringers in time will get used to the feel of these new fibres.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. MORLEY.

Birstall, Leics.

(More Letters on page 858)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Beware! The Latest Ruse

By P. AMOS

DO you agree that the Church should sell its bells to provide money for the underdeveloped countries?

Do you agree that everyone (at the suggestion of the Roman Catholic Cardinal Heenan) should sell their silver plate, jewellery, etc., for the same purpose?

It all sounds the policy of hysteria!

But I am more influenced by what was said in "The World at One" programme a few days ago by that well-known churchman and politician, Mr. Quinton Hogg, Q.C., M.P., and probably I was not the only person to write and congratulate him upon it.

No one could say that he is anti-missionary and I would certainly not have it stated of myself, either; but let us keep a sense of proportion!

If our bells are to have a place in helping to remind outsiders of the Church and all that it stands for in proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, then in themselves they do serve a missionary purpose and it would be foolhardy to suggest otherwise, except from the most biased.

Despite the good work done over many decades to put them in good ringing order, to draw youth into the art, there still remains a number of churches—and not all of them in poor circumstances or in hamlets— where the bells are a total disgrace and not fulfilling the purpose for which they were installed, I will name (if I may) just two out of several I know and have come across in my travels—Braybrooke (4), Northants, which have had nothing done for them since 1806! The frame is so decrepit, the headstocks so rotten, wheels in bits and pieces, canon straps so eaten away with rust that the whole must, sooner or later, crash under their own weight.

Despite being told of this, its priest-in-charge replies that "while there are underdeveloped countries and hungry Indians, the bells must remain untouched."

I had a similar story told me by the Vicar of Church Brampton (4), Northants, whose bells, although in a reasonably good frame for five, have had nothing done to them for exactly 100 years—1867. And the other steeple I had in mind where conditions are identical to those at Braybrooke is Wymington (5), just inside the north borders of Bedfordshire. Here, no sooner you enter the church you come face to face with a "free will" offertory box (if "free will" it can be rightly termed?—I would call it "parson's will"), which states "all moneys given to this church are used at the discretion of the Vicar, and none can be allocated to any specific purpose." This in effect means to say that if someone wanted to put a cheque for £100 in it (or whatever sum they wished) to start off a fund to rehang these five bells the Vicar would refuse it or, alternatively put it to some other use at his own dictates—perhaps to send it to India, whose plight is mainly due to over-population.

Sell our bells for them—in their ignorance to do little for themselves? I do not share that view, and neither did the Rt. Hon. Quinton Hogg Q.C., M.P., although he did not specifically mention bells. But he did come out with it very forcibly that we had already done more than our share to help these underdeveloped countries, and he asked—what have we received for it? Nothing but sneers and insults and kicked out! And, like myself, he added—it is high time we made them do for themselves instead of (my own words) using Britain as a doormat.

We should tell all these "unringable parsons" those very words and not heed to their latest parrot-cry—to sell our bells, silver plate, jewellery, etc. We should stop being clergy's yes-men! Britain is itself in need of missionaries in its own land, when one looks at the crime rate figures! Only two days ago I read in a local newspaper that bogus "rating officers" had forced their way into a house, robbing an old, lone lady of 85. And at Wellingborough a youth of 16 snatched a handbag full of money from a blind woman who he could see was carrying a white stick.

SILVER TANKARD FOR EVESHAM VETERAN

Fifty years ago Mr. Geoffrey Hemming of Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcs, then a boy of 15 years, rang his first bell at Evesham Bell Tower, where he is now Ringing Master. To mark his "half-century," on November 8th he was presented with a silver tankard by the Mayor of Evesham, Councillor Tom Smith (right), The Rev. A. Webb (centre), the Vicar of Evesham, himself a ringer, introduced the Mayor, who said: "Mr. Hemming first rang on November 9th, 1917, and has rung for every major event since—victory peals, Royal weddings, State funerals (including Sir Winston Churchill's) and local civic functions except when it was prohibited during the second world war."

In December he hopes to ring his 500th peal and on Boxing Day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first peal. With loving care he looks after the bell tower. He played a big part in the planning of the technical details when the old ten bells were melted down in 1951 and the present 12 cast, which are now reckoned to be amongst the finest rings in the world. [Photo by F. Reynolds.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Dragon Doubles: S. Buck 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First quarter in the method. Rung for Education Sunday. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Page 1, R. H. Jones 2, S. Buck (first "inside" 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The poor weather, together with the fact that it was Guy Fawkes night, was probably the reason for the lack of success of the monthly meeting held on November 4th at Pirton. After 40 minutes the only three ringers present left and thereafter there were never five people present at any one time to ring the anti-clockwise five. In consequence of this the bells were never raised.

Next meeting: Royston, on December 2nd, subject to confirmation. Let us have a better attendance there, please! M. R. W.

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Rev. John Scott's Tribute to Somerset Ringers

THE second annual dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, preceded by ringing on the 12 at St. Mary's Church, was held at the County Hotel, Taunton, on October 28th, and the excellent fare coupled with the efficient service in tasteful surroundings set the standard for a most enjoyable evening for the company of 170, who travelled from all parts of the county.

At the top table the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, was supported by the officers of the Association, and the Diocese was represented by the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, Bishop of Taunton, Bishop D. J. Wilson, of Wells, and the Ven. G. F. Hilder, Archdeacon of Taunton. Special guests included the Rev. J. C. M. Scott and Mrs. Scott and Mr. W. H. Coles.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. W. H. Coles proposed the toast of "The Church." He reminded those present that despite 30 years' residence in London his connections with his home county of Somerset were as strong as ever. Speaking to the toast, he said that without the willing co-operation of the Church their Association could not prosper, or even exist, and for this they should be thankful. He hoped the Church would forgive any shortcomings which they, as ringers, had. Mr. Coles spoke of the fine traditions of the Bath and Wells Association and asked younger members to ring true to those traditions, first and foremost for service, and afterwards for pleasure.

BISHOP'S CHILDREN RINGERS

In his reply, the Bishop of Taunton recounted how he was often guided to obscure country parishes by the sound of the bells. He was a great supporter of ringers and was glad to say that his two children had taken up the art at his home tower at Dinder. He was always sad to come across a silent belfry, but Somerset was lucky to have most of its bells rung regularly. He recalled the words of the Master on the subject of ringers attending services: "Never try to make ringers churchgoers; make churchgoers ringers." These, he thought, were wise words indeed, coming from a Rector whose father and grandfather had both served the Church in Somerset in the same capacity before him.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in proposing the toast of "The Bath and Wells Association," said how pleased he was to be able to speak as a life member. He recalled many happy days spent as locum at Closworth, Radstock and Hardington Mandeville, and of the way in which the bellfounders of each county had enriched the other. Purdue and Bilbie cast bells for Devon, the latter setting up a branch at Cullompton, whilst Cockey, of Devon, had cast bells for Somerset.

Mr. Scott referred to the welcome which the Association had extended to the Central Council at Bath and thought that certain meetings of the Council stood out from others; both Bath and Bristol came into this category.

"Your Association has a good Master," he concluded, "and you produce members who are both careful and faithful ringers who value good striking. I could not wish to pay a better tribute than that."

In his reply, the Master complimented Mr. Scott on his TV feature, which had been screened the previous night. He was proud to belong to and serve the Association, and thanked Mr. Scott for his kind remarks. In congratulating the committee who organised the dinner, he emphasised that no transport had been arranged for those who exceeded 80 milligrams!

FREEMASONRY OF RINGERS

The final toast, to "The Visitors," was proposed by Mr. M. J Horseman, of Clutton. All of them he said, were part of the triangle comprising the clergy, the visitors and the visited! The freemasonry of ringers was such that a visitor to a strange tower was invariably made to feel that he was the very person they had been waiting for, and this unique friendship was something to prize "We tended to forget that although the clergy almost always allowed us to use their bells on request, we were not always generous with our contributions to the churches we visited." Mr. Horseman paid a special tribute to Mr. Scott, praising his constant work to present the meaning of ringing to the general public, in which he was most successful. He also stressed the influence of the various members of the Coles family on Somerset ringing.

The Archdeacon of Taunton replied and said he always thought that the life of a parish revived when its bells were rung again after a period of silence Whilst he admired the skill of the peal ringer, he reminded the company that it was the faithful Sunday service ringer, in many cases unknown except in his own tower, who mattered most. "I wish you all prosperity and blessing," he said.

The speeches were followed by a programme of slides and a commentary recorded and presented by the Rev. J. C. M. Scott, assisted by his wife, and we had the pleasure of seeing and hearing some of Devon's finest call change bands in action. Further informal entertainment was provided by Ray Arscott and members of his handbell team.

Judging by the support for the event, it looks as if the Dinner is likely to become a permanent feature in the Association's annual calendar.

J. B.

SUSSEX COUNTY SECRETARY NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

A feature of the Western Division meeting at Lyminster on November 11th was the large number of new members (26) elected. All these were regular Sunday service ringers and we understand that there are likely to be quite a few more prospective ringers undergoing tuition who will become members when they are able to take their place in the Sunday service bands.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Vicarage after the Association's form of service, which was conducted by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, the Vicar and his wife and helpers were thanked for their splendid hospitality.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting was an intimation from the general secretary, Mr. Percy, that he did not intend to stand for re-election next year as he thought a change was desirable. It was also suggested that a new design for the Association's badge should be considered.

A proposal was also reported that officers of the Association should hold office for a limited period, and members were informed that a sub-committee had been formed to produce the annual report at, it was believed, a reduced cost. These last four points had been discussed by the general committee and members were asked to think them over and give their committee members some guidance at the annual Divisional meeting. at Chichester in February.

OBITUARY

MR. PERCY WHITAKER

Mr. Percy Whitaker, of Meagill Rise, Otley, Yorks, who died in hospital on November 1st, aged 57, who will be greatly missed among bellringers throughout the North of England.

He was a renowned member of the Yorkshire Association since 1945 and had rung in 16 peals for the Association, but most of all he was notable for the devoted service he rendered to Otley Parish Church for about 40 years, Until a few years ago he had been Ringing Master and towerkeeper, and many bellringers, past and present, owe their success to him; his tuition was always patient and untiring. He was also closely connected with the bellringers of St. Oswald's Church, Guiseley. He had a musical and inventive mind and had composed many peals himself.

Mr. Whitaker will be remembered as a kind, modest person, always willing to help. He leaves one sister.

E. R. F.

MRS. JOAN TURNER

An Appreciation

I was grieved to read in "The Ringing World" of the death of Mrs. Joan Turner, of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

One could not say that she was well known in ringing circles but she was one of those loyal, conscientious and kindly persons who are the backbone of local bands up and down the country I came into contact with her many times, particularly with the arrangements of Association meetings at Twickenham, when she was always happy to arrange tea and make the visitors welcome.

For this and all her patient, devoted service at St. Mary's we of the Middlesex Association are grateful.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

MR. JOHN PUGSLEY

The sole surviving founder member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, Somerset, died on November 6th, aged 95 years. His services to the Dunster Branch were outstanding and for more than 30 years he was Branch Ringing Master. To SS. Michael and Andrew's Church, Minehead, he gave a life of service in various capacities.

Among the quarter peals rung to his memory were:—

Minehead.—On November 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Young 1, R. F. Arscott 2, H. Purchase 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, G. Sparkes 5, F. Casley 6, F. J. Bulley 7, W. J. Nurcombe 8, H. W. Lloyd 9, W. Middleton 10. Rung half-muffled.

Wiveliscombe.—On November 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Gunter 1, H. V. Young 2, F. Casley 3, G. Maidment 4, R. Pickering 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Rung half-muffled.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with very deep sorrow that members of the Bath and Wells Association, and especially the Dunster Branch, heard of the death of that veteran of change ringing, Mr. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead.

He started ringing at an early age and was a founder member of the Minehead Guild and a life member of the Dunster Guild (1883). He was, I believe, the last surviving founder member of the Bath and Wells Association and attended the first meeting of the newly-formed Association at Taunton on July 5th, 1890. In 1955 he was made an honorary life member of the Association.

He was a keen peal ringer in his early years; his first peal was in 1891. Several of his peals were rung by a mixed band from Dunster and Minehead, the two Guilds being closely connected under their instructor, the Rev. J. U. Todd.

Mr. Pugsley was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Caters on the Minehead bells. He was elected Ringing Master of Dunster in 1930 and tower captain at Minehead in 1931. He held both these offices until compelled to relinquish them on doctor's orders in 1960. Jack was a very close

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friend of the late George Stacey, who was secretary of the Dunster Branch for over 50 years.

Mr. Pugsley was held in high esteem by those fortunate enough to know him personally, being of a friendly and cheerful disposition with a keenness for ringing that endeared him to all. He had given a lifetime to the art and reached the ripe old age of 95 before being called "Home."

Many of his friends attended his funeral at the church he had served so faithfully. Half-muffled touches were rung after the service and a last tribute was paid to him by members of the Association by ringing a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on November 11th.

The Association has lost a devoted and highly respected member and it is now up to us to perpetuate his memory by following the example set for us in the years ahead.

A. R. T.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE REDUCE DISTRICTS TO THREE

WITH 90 years of history behind it and the programme of celebrations over, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association turned to more mundane matters when it held its annual general meeting on October 21st in Chester-le-Street, possibly the first annual meeting to be held there.

One item in the business meeting brought the election of 31 new members, the bulk of them young ringers, to add to the feeling of confidence that the Association will still be in good shape for the centenary. Four of the new members—the Misses E. and M. Ranken and Messrs. C. and J. Richardson— are following in the footsteps of a ringing parent, Mrs. Margaret Ranken and Mr. Matthew Richardson respectively. With a membership of about 200 such an increase is appreciable and this will help to improve the financial position noted in the treasurer's statement and which had given some concern to the committee earlier in the day.

Chester-le-Street is central and accessible so it was not surprising that over 80 people were present at tea. The congregation was of this size for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Spurr. The president read the lesson, and Mrs. Mary Hall, one of the local ringers, played the organ.

GOOD SUPPORT FOR CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

The president, Mr. W. Tyson, was in the chair for the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Institute. Reports were presented on the year's activities, and those of the Ringing Master and secretary described the programme of events in celebration of the 90th year of the Association. These had all been well supported and successful. While no teaching course had been held at Lumley Castle, there had been special meetings for learners arranged by the Districts and they had been very well attended.

The peal report as presented recorded only 19 peals (including one on handbells) against 48 the previous year. Nevertheless, 66 ringers had taken part, much the same as in the previous year, and four ringers—Miss A. H. Whaley and Messrs. P. M. Park, A. Taylor and K. M. Talbot—had scored their first peal. The leading conductor was Mr. M. Maughan with six. The peal of New Durham was the first on tower bells.

The treasurer's statement showed a decline in the overall balance in hand from £67 19s. 8d. to £54 9s. 4d., the General Fund having fallen by over £18, while the Bell Restoration and Education Funds had improved. The main reasons for the decline in the General Fund had been the increase in the cost of printing the annual report to £55 and expenditure on letter headings, which is not likely to recur for a few more years. Investigations are proceeding to find a cheaper method of producing the report.

The election of officers showed very few changes and those re-elected were: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley.

Mr. J. Anderson wrote to tender his resignation as a trustee on account of ill-health. Mr. T. Cooke felt that it would be better to have two people who were living nearer to each other and withdrew from his own position as a trustee. In view of the short notice of these resignations it was decided to appoint Messrs. Arthur and Harrison to act until such time as the committee met again to consider the matter further. The District officers were confirmed as follows:—Northern: Chairman, S. Hewitt; secretary, D. Martin. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. Eastern: Chairman, W. Maughan; secretary, Miss M. A. Thow. Western: Chairman, C. T. Lamb; secretary, W. Davidson.

A year ago the committee had received favourably a suggestion that the number of Districts should be reduced to three and it had instructed the Ringing Master to formulate detailed proposals and to discuss them with each of the Districts in turn. The proposals of Mr. Arthur had met with approval in the Districts and so there was little discussion when it came to the introduction of the formal motion to amend Rule 12 to give effect to those proposals. The motion was carried unanimously. The three Districts will be known as Northern, Central and Southern. It is anticipated that the District officers already elected for the Northern and Southern Districts will continue and that the Central District will elect its officers at its first meeting.

Meetings were arranged for 1968 as follows: Social, Chester-le-Street, January 6th; Half-yearly, Consett, May 11th; Annual, Newcastle, October 5th

After votes of thanks expressed by the president, congratulations were offered to R. Alder Gofton, of Whitley Bay, who was 90 on that day, and to Wilfrid F. Moreton, who had scored his 1,000th peal at Darlington when ringing to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Association.

D. A. B.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch on November 4th at Totnes, with Mr. W. Simmonds in the chair, was marked by electing six new members from Torre, one from Brixham and four non-resident members prior to a peal attempt.

Ringing in the afternoon was under the supervision of Mr. K. E. Fursdon, Branch Ringing Master, and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples and Plain Bob Major. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Samuel, conducted the service, and evening ringing was at Berry Pomeroy.

Next meeting: Annual, Buckfastleigh, with Dean Prior.

DEVIZES BRANCH HOLD FIRST RINGING CONTEST

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch at St. Margaret's Church, Corsley, on November 4th, took the form of a striking competition, the first ever held in the Branch.

Nine teams from the following towers competed: St. Michael's, Melksham; Christ Church and Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon; St. Denys', Warminster; SS. Peter and Paul's, Longbridge Deverill; St. Margaret's, Corsley; St. Mary's, Potterne; St. Michael's, Urchfont; and St. Mary's, Market Lavington (represented by six boys from Dauntsey School). The judges were the Rev. Roger Keeley (Marlborough) and Mr. W. Luton (Swindon).

After the competition a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. T. N. Solomon), with Mrs. Ayres as organist. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the ringers, saying that ringing was a vocation and an art which could be used both for pleasure and for the work of the Church.

Over 60 sat down to a delicious tea provided by the Corsley ringers and their friends, and afterwards the judges gave their comments. The competition winners were: 1 Warminster (Stedman Doubles) 11 faults; 2 Melksham (Plain Bob Minor) 14; 3 Corsley (Grandsire Doubles) 24; 4 Urchfont (Grandsire Doubles) 32. The three Ringing Masters had provided a shield for annual competition, and Mr. N. G. Knee was very pleased to accept it as captain of the winning team. The chairman (Mr. C. F. Andrews), of Melksham, in presenting the shield, hoped that the competition would foster the desire for better ringing in the area, and that losing teams would be inspired to take the shield from Warminster next year.

Ringing took place during the evening under the direction of the Ringing Master of Melksham, Bob Purnell, who was also responsible for all the competition arrangements. He is to be congratulated on the smooth running of the event.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

St. Michael's, Bray, are losing a faithful ringer in Miss Juliet Hall, who is leaving for a post in the Belgian Congo.

Mr. Frederick J. Cullum has rung 379 peals at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, and has thus surpassed Mr. A. Cutler's record.

Councillor Fred Bennett rang in the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Ossett, Yorks, on November 4th to mark his election as Mayor. A happy year of office, Mr. Mayor!

The Bingham District had a very successful meeting at Gedling on November 12th and it was crowded most of the time. Canon C. H. R. Watson gave a very good talk, and the tea prepared by local ladies was excellent.

Queen Mary Surprise Minor was rung on Fawley bells as the veteran Atlantic liner left on its last journey. It is a sign of progress at Fawley under the leadership of Mr. L. D. Smith, as only four of the band had rung a plain course in the method before.

It was a new experience for some of a party of ringers from Furness and Lake District Branch who visited seven Yorkshire towers on September 30th. The towers were at Giggleswick, Skipton, St. Peter's, Harrogate, Ripon Cathedral, Masham, Bedale and Middleham.

After an absence of almost three years, the name of Mr. Garry W. Mason, of Leicester, appears in the peal columns again, with a peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung at Enderby, Leicestershire, on November 11th, conducted by his brother, Kingsley.

Thirteeen of the band at Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics (a six-bell tower), have rung quarter peals for services this year.

Sales of "The Ringing World" for the past four weeks have each exceeded 6,000. The best was 6,111 copies.

As well as ringing at 10.15 a.m. on the second Sunday in every month, Blofield, Norfolk, bells now ring regularly at 5.45 p.m. for Evensong. Visitors would be welcome.

Mr. Tony Lurcock claims to be the only reader of "The Ringing World" in Finland. His cheque for two guineas to a recent appeal was much appreciated.

Twelve-year-old Richard Yates, son of Mr. W. A. Yates, has added Stedman to his repertoire. He rang his first quarter of Triples in that method at Wicken.

Congratulations to Stephen R. Munday, the son of Mr. F. A. Munday, on conducting his first peal—one of Plain Bob Major—at Bradford Cathedral on November 11th.

After a lapse of four months, St. Peter Mancroft bells are again ringing following repairs to the tower. Owing to cancellation of peal attempts, no new applications for peals can be considered for 1968.

"The 'Ringing World' has been a real eye-opener to many Church people who had no idea there was so much in ringing and that there was such a family spirit among ringers."
—A Kent parson who had a special number on sale in his church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A HOSPITAL ROMANCE

The wedding took place on Harvest Festival Sunday at her home Parish Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, of 20-year-old Miss Christine Mason, a third-year nursing student at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, and Mr. Peter Brian Arnold, third and youngest son of Mr. C. I. Arnold, of Manor Home Farm, Dibden, Hythe, Hants.

The couple met when the bridegroom was admitted to hospital after a driving accident while driving one of his father's coaches which overturned. He was tended by the bride, who was on duty in the casualty department.

Christine was formerly first holder of the office of vice-captain at Coton Parish Church tower when the position was created and given to a junior member of the belfry as a gesture of appreciation and encouragement to the younger ringing element. She was also a handbell ringer, and during the reception at home use was made of a heavy set of handbells bequeathed to Coton Church by another patient she nursed while serving her cadet course at a Nuneaton general hospital.

The bride was welcomed to her own wedding by merry ringing on Coton bells, which later gave the newlyweds a rousing send-off into married life. Ringers acted as ushers, bridesmaids and photographers, while Mr. A. H. Beamish, captain of Coton ringers and president of Coventry Diocesan Guild, drove the bride to church and back home with her husband. On leaving the church she was traditionally greeted with a kiss from the family chimney sweep, who was carrying a brand new brush.

Peter, who is 24, made Christine his wife with the wedding ring which had belonged to his late mother, on whose grave the bride's spray or orchids and freesias was afterwards laid.

A well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar and Rural Dean (the Rev. Michael Mansbridge), who later proposed the toast of "The Visitors," colloquially referring to Southampton guests as "Hampshire Hogs," of whom he himself was one in origin, he said. Coton's captain gave the toast of "Bride and Bridegroom."

The bride wore a floor-length boutique gown in heavy white nylon with a guipure lace bodice, a chiffon overskirt with matching lace hem, and a flowing tulle veil with scalloped edges and a rounded border of lace.

She is the younger daughter of Mr. Stanley Mason, a multiple grocers' branch manager and chairman of Coton Church C.E.M.S. Branch, and Mrs. Evelyn Mason, a journalist and teacher of commerce.

After a weather-shortened honeymoon car tour of Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Arnold went to their future home, The School House, Longdown, Marchwood, Southampton.

A SANGUINARY EXPERIENCE

A cut on the hand of the tenor ringer, Bertram J. Coggins, during a peal of Mablethorpe Surprise Major at Witney on November 9th caused the sally and the rope-end to be soaked with blood, which also sprinkled the floor. Afterwards the rope was taken away to be boiled!

The peal was also memorable for D. Kay Adkins as it completed his alphabet to Surprise Major methods and was his 50th with Terence J. Hester and 75th with Frederick W. Soden. It was also Christopher C. Clarke's 250th peal.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

With our renowned genius for the ridiculous, Reading University ringers chose what was to turn out to be the foggiest day of the year for the winter term outing. As if this was not enough the situation seemed to be descending to the macabre when the minibus failed to arrive—no doubt falling into the Thames on its way. But once again we rose to the challenge—amazingly four members have struggled from the depths of poverty to reach the state of possessing motor cars.

Despite the tremendous meteorological hazards, the four-car convoy reached Abingdon, where we rang quite good Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

We struggled through the murk to the suitably peculiar six at Cumnor. Though difficult to ring (for us), the one member of our Society who is not tone deaf assured me the bells sounded quite good. The excellent heavy eight at Dorchester was visited next and despite sub-zero temperature Cambridge Major was well rung. The last tower contained the light eight at Warborough, where the ringing fell below our normal high(?) standard. A social two hours followed. M. G. I.

SOUTHAMPTON RINGING SCHOOL'S FIRST PEAL

The first peal by the Totton Grammar School Ringing Society—one of Minor in 10 methods—is the outcome of regular quarter peal attempts which have brought a number of members up to peal ringing standard. There were four people ringing their first peal in this attempt. but the conductor, Mr. Derek C. Jackson, informs us that it is hoped to achieve some more "firsts" in the next few months. The peal was a "welcome back to ringing" compliment for the tower captain, Mr. L. D. Smith, who rang the tenor so well after his recent operation in a Southampton hospital.

KIDLINGTON, OXON, BELLS

Living next to the 14th century St. Mary's Church, Kidlington, is Mr. Maurice Holmes, and he has written to the parish magazine complaining of the bells—"a discordant, crashing, jangling assonance." It goes on, he states, every Sunday between 7.30 and 8.30 p.m., late on Saturday nights and sometimes early on Sunday mornings. The activities of the ringers have "grossly violated the peace, privacy and convenience of people living at the end of Church Street."

The Vicar, the Rev. Ian Beacham, who is editor of the magazine, replies that the noise made by the bells is "a hazard which goes with the privilege of living in such a delightful part of the parish."

St. Mary's Church, he adds, has a fine ring of bells and the hospitality of the belfry is often extended to visiting ringers. In order to ring well the ringers have to practise, but there is a definite policy of restricting ringing within reasonable limits.

SEVENTH GENERATION OF RINGERS

David R. Williams, who rang his first quarter peal at All Saints' Church, Gresford, Derbyshire, on November 1st, was of the seventh generations of Williams ringing at this church. His father, Mr. E. M. Ray Williams, was ringing the fourth bell. This must surely be a record in family ringing.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD DINNER

Dear Sir,—I would refer to the third and fourth editorial comments which preceded the report of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's annual dinner ("Ringing World" issue of November 10th).

The inference from the statement commenting on Mr. G. W. Pipe's speech is that he attended our dinner, as a guest, and then proceeded to tell us how we should organise ourselves. Such an inference could not be further from the truth. From previous correspondence with myself, George Pipe knew of our desire to examine critically our present structure, with a view to reorganise in an attempt to improve recruitment, training and better utilisation of our resources. The suggestions made by George Pipe were a constructive and helpful effort, on his part, to indicate to us what paths of thought and investigation might prove most fruitful to us in our task ahead. At no time did George Pipe set the Suffolk Guild up as the "Utopia" of ringing organisation which we would do well to emulate; he merely likened some of our difficulties to those of the Suffolk Guild.

To regard Mr. Chapman's remarks about "The Ringing World" Committee as a "threat" is nothing more than mere newspaper sensationalism. However, it is true and right that if any elected committee of any organisation does not carry out the wishes of the governing body, then they should be replaced by people who will make a determined effort to implement the desired policies. Mr. Chapman's opinion is that the present committee members are ignoring the Central Council's desires and if, in 1969, the majority of Council members are also of this opinion, then they should and will be replaced.

If the editorial comments to which I have referred are examples of "drawing conconclusions" by the Editorial Committee, then I wonder how many wrong conclusions this band must have reached in the past.—Yours faithfully,

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Note.—The two paragraphs in the introduction to the report were written by the Editor. and not by the Committee. There is no criticism of Mr. Pipe's conduct or suggestion that his presence was not helpful to the Peterborough Guild after his experience of the Suffolk Guild reorganisation. The speech of Mr. Chapman was clearly a warning or threat to the Committee. The decision on publication rests with the Editor and most weeks there are letters which he considers should not be published. The Editor, however, gives heed to the policy directives from the Committee—Ed.

CARY BRANCH AUTUMN MEETING

About 15 towers were represented and visitors from Plympton, Devon, were welcomed at the Cary Branch autumn meeting on October 28th. The Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Hayward) conducted the service, the Rev. D. C. Barker was organist, and Mr. H. G. White (tower captain) read the lesson.

The chair was taken by the Rev. G. S. Robinson at the business meeting, which followed tea. Seven new members were elected from Barton St. David, Milborne Port and North Cadbury, and reports were given on the recent Branch outing, the Corporate Communion and the half-day ringing school.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

David E. House	Treble	William T. Cook	6
Martin D. Cubitt	2	Gwilym Salmon	7
David Cubitt	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Derek Jewell	4	S Clarke Walters	9
Richard A. Hunt	5	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter (C.C.C. No. 14). Conducted by W. T. Cook.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Frank L. Harris	6
Adrian P. Beck	2	H. David Mackay	7
Philip H. D. Jones	3	Ronald G. Beck	8
John Hartless	4	Edward J. Chivers	9
Philip N. Tubbs	5	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

BATH, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bathwick.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*Andrew Swatton	Treble	†Edward H. Goater	5
George J. Hawkins	2	Alan Wrigley	6
†David C. Hawkins	3	Kenneth G. Harrison	7
Robin S. M. Stubbs	4	†Peter J. Devrell	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

RUISHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, six methods/variations, viz.: Three Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, three Clifford's Pleasure, three April Day, four Plain Bob, one 240 and 23 extents Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

Brenda M. Bindon	Treble	Robert Parker	4
*Mervyn R. Arscott	2	Raymond F. Arscott	5
†Leslie H. Arscott	3	Keith E. Beale	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal and 25th for the Association.
Most methods/variations on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Jack Pugsley, of St. Michael's, Minehead, aged 95, the last founder-member of the Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWANBOURNE, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

James G. Newman	Treble	Martyn J. Marriott	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Rodney H. French	5
Robert L. Piron	3	John W. Sinfield	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Oct 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Patricia A. Etchells	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Anthony J. Beaumont	2	Michael W. Crowder	6
*John Jessup	3	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
Derek F. Yates	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

Margaret Wright	Treble	Frank Osbaldiston	5
Ann Hardman	2	Edward Jenkins	6
C Kenneth Lewis	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Derek Yates	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Oct. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Rosemary A. Spicer	Treble	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	†Jeffrey Brannan	6
*Sandra C. Spooner	3	‡Frank R. Morton	7
†Rosemary E. White	4	§Keith Rowley	Tenor

Composed by Edward Taylor. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method. ‡ 150th for the Guild. § First on eight bells.

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Brian Harris	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek F. Yates	2	*Basil Jones	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Richard C. L. Brown	4	*Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan
* 400th peal together

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Felicity Ashford	Treble	David Midgley	5
Raymond Bollard	2	Roy Worrall	6
Derek Yates	3	William H. Dowse	7
Jeffrey Brannan	4	*Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Sandra C. Spooner	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Richard C. L. Brown	2	John R. Scott	6
Rosemary E. White	3	Frank R. Morton	7
Rosemary A. Spicer	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Major and in the method. The composition was rung with In's instead of Before's in the first two parts.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*David Allman	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John E. Brough	2	Frank R. Morton	6
William F. Gibbons	3	John R. Scott	7
Edward V. Rodenhurst	4	*Gordon K. Green	

Composed by S. Biddleston. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Michael (Stoke).
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	Raymond D. Hart	5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	2	Peter C. Randall	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	*Andrew K. Putnam	7
Anthony R. Crowther	4	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt
* First peal ot Major Rung fully muffled.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Oct. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Single Oxford and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Colin M. Shaw	Treble	Robert J. Tanner	4
*Jennifer Brackenbury	2	John Moore	5
Joyce Chadwick	3	John V. Chadwick	Tenor

Conducted by John V. Chadwick.
* First peal First peal as conductor.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 and four extents. (C.C.C. Nos. 134, 133, 132, 121 and 120.) Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp

A. Colin Banton	Treble	†Richard Wilcox	4
Susan E. Thompson	2	†Arthur F. Hall	5
*Bernard Greasley	3	Clive A. Thrower	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the Fallen in two world wars.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Sidney F. Skinner	Treble	Clive G. Bryant	4
D. Roy Bould	2	John N. Longridge	5
Frank D. Mack	3	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Conducted by John N. Longridge.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Gillian R. Cleaver.
Long length brought round

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comprising 38 courses, rung alternately in the backstroke, tittums, handstroke, inverted tittums and semi-inverted tittums.
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	7
Ruth E. Havard	2	Philip Rothera	8
*Josephine Quilter	3	Ian R. Panton	9
Susan Rothera	4	Peter J. Brown	10
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5	S. Clarke Walters	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Believed to be the only peal of Stedman Cinques rung with five different alternate courses.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 8, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 24 methods, as follows: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B., (3) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

David I. Cobb	Treble	Michael J. Bew	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Andrew W. R. Wilby	3	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.
On Wed., Oct. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Emlyn F. Hancock	6
Patrick J. Bird	2	Michael J. Hobbs	7
Francis C. Mogford	3	James R. Taylor	8
Gillian M. Hunt	4	D. John Hunt	9
Diana M. Chapman	5	Philip M. Gray	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. S. M. F. Woodhouse, Rector, who has been appointed Archdeacon of London and was this day installed as Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Martyn W. Harbott	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Gerald Penney	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	*Michael D. Frost	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method. 325th peal on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE. Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rushall, All Saints, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Andrew J. Hatcher	Treble	W. John Clayton	3
†Bryan Giddings	2	Robert A. Hatcher	4
		‡John W. Hope	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal. † Most methods to a peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. Beverly-Davies and Mrs. Davies on their retirement to Wiltshire.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 14, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Nina B. Thomas	Treble	Julian Duggan	6
Katherine S. Hardy	2	John E. Ewer	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	3	Andrew W. R. Wilby	8
Christopher S. Slade	4	Michael D. Frost	9
Robert E. Hardy	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law-James. Conducted by John E. Ewer, First peal as conductor

Rung to welcome Anthony, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Duggan.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Kenneth R. Dunstan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
David E. Rothera	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal of Surprise. First peal in the method.

PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR
56—38, 14—12—38—12—38—14—78. l.e. 12. 14258367.

HARPENDEN, Herts.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Roger D. R. Brown	Treble	A Stephen Taylor	5
Stephen P. Darvill	2	John E. Ewer	6
Antony R. Carter	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
John A. Booth	4	Andrew W. R. Wilby	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Andrew W. R. Wilby.

First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the birth of a second son, Edward Peter, to Sheila and Roger Brown.

BUSHEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*David E Rothera	Treble	S Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 150th peal. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

KING'S LANGLEY, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Martyn L. J. Jordan	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Brian J. Woodruffe	2	Gerald Penney	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Roger Baldwin	7
David E. Rothera	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

First peal in the method.

BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
mx. 34—58, 14—12—38.12—14.38.16—12.38

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Walter Ayre	Treble	†Francis M. Byrne	4
†Edwin J. Upton	2	‡Keith Sheppard	5
*Augustin V. Good	3	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* 250th peal together. † First of London "inside." ‡ First of London.

Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy with the families of those bereaved by the tragic air disaster and the Hither Green railway accident.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Richard Hayes	6
*Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	†Frederick J. Cullum	7
John W. Smith	4	Herbert E. Audsley	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 850th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Philip J. Simmonds	Treble	John A. Howard	4
Judith M. Corby	2	Harold Evans	5
Derek Slater	3	Richard Hayes	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.
First peal in the method by all the band Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

John Lunham	Treble	Keith Walpole	5
Martin Snape	2	Ronald Kenrick	6
Dennis Jones	3	*Edmund Rothwell	7
William E. Court	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

(Preston Branch)
GOOSNARGH, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Cyril Crossthwaite	Treble	James Hodgson	4
Lawrence Walmsley	2	*Neil McCormick	5
Margaret Crossthwaite	3	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of William Billington, chief ringer at this tower for many years, who was interred here on Tuesday, November 7th, 1967.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGGLESCOTE, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung for the 21st anniversary of the Guild.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

John Bramley	Treble	*Alastair M. Elliott	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Frank C. Price	6
Robert B. Smith	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
*Ronald D. Hughes	4	Frederick T. Bindley	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the "coming-of-age" of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and as a compliment to the president on her birthday.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR

Roland T. Wakefield	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung for the birth of James Philip Hay Kanter, a grandson for the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Roland H. Cook	Treble	R Brian Mills	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
G. Barry Brown	3	Denis A. Frith	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. H Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Rung with the bells half-muffled on Remembrance Day

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

Charles Wilkinson	Treble	Cecil Wade	4
Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	2	Harvey E. Burrell	5
John E. Allen	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Wilkinson, who has been a serviec ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Fri., Oct. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Plain Bob, four 240's and 32 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	D. R. Lynn-Jones	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the church.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HESTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Nov. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

Aidan E. Butcher	Treble	Peter A. Ruch	5
*Patricia A. Searle	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
William H. Coles	3	John Hill	7
Michael B. Tyres	4	Richard F. Prime	Tenor

* First peal Conducted by John Hill.
Rung immediately before a service at which the Bishop of London preached, marking the closing of the Centenary Year Festival.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being 120 each of St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Bluebell, Daffodil, Longparish and Harbury, 640 each of Winchendon and St. Martin, 1,200 each of Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire, 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Geoffrey R. Marchant	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford	4
Brenda J. Martin	2	Leonard R. Porter	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Richard D. Bing	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E.

Harry White	Treble	John H. Napper	6
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Brian R. White	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Frederick C. White	8
J. Roger Mitty	4	Francis A. White	9
Dennis A. Leslie	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Fallen.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Robin R. Churchill	6
Roger D. Bailey	3	C. Martin Press	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by John Pladdys.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	John C. Baldwin	5
Roy H. Jones	2	David L. Wilcox	6
Harry E. Wells	3	*William L. Gilks	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Composed by J. H. Barrett Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5038 VINTRY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	David J. Marshall	7
Richard F. B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method.

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DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Nov. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Charles E. Truman	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Barrie Hendry	3	David J. Marshall	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Most Major methods rung to a peal by all the band except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

BELTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Stephen B. Bell	Treble	John G. Mitchell	4
Ronald Russell	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	J Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung in remembrance of the Fallen.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb in B. flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	James Insley	5
George E. Fearn	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Richard J. Tibbetts	3	David J. Purnell	7
John R. Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B., two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Harold Stevenson	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung half-muff'ed on the eve of Remembrance Day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

DILHORNE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Ivan A. Sheffield	Treble	*Stephen T. Yates	4
*Alan J. Fletcher	2	Richard B. Dorrington	5
*Christopher J. Bennett	3	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt in D flat.

*Sharon Page	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Olive L. Rogers	3	J. Ian Margetts	8
Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Rev. Peter N. Bond	9
Frederick C. Gunton	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to both Olive and Harold Rogers, frequent and welcome visitors to this tower.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Oct. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, C.C.C. 1, 2, 10, 21, 23, 25 and 27.

*Tony Spurling	Treble	Arthur F. Ballam	4
Toni M. Rogers	2	†John A. Underwood	5
*Chris R. Nunn	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal. † 100th peal of Minor.
Arranged for the christening of Simon Hugh Rogers, son of Janet and Robin Rogers, and for the birth of Scott Ballam, grandson of the ringer of the 4th bell. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	†Brian J. Bull	6
*Rev. Michael Hart	2	John R. Pratchett	7
Alison M. Mann	3	Michael J. Uphill	8
†Simon Humphrey	4	Alan E. Bagworth	9
Alan R. Patterson	5	G. William Shanks	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Brian J. Bull	Treble	*John R. Pratchett	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Derek E. Sibson	3	*Michael J. Uphill	7
Christopher F. Mew	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

*Malcolm S. Loveday	Treble	†Brian J. Read	6
Albert W. Bond	2	Douglas P. Snoswell	7
†Caroline Mackie	3	†David L. Nibbs	8
Raymond J. Talbot	4	James M. Hills	9
Peggy E. Smith	5	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by W. Tucker. Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor. Rung in memoriam Mrs. L. Stilwell.

PULBOROUGH Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson	Treble	*David D. Smith	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Christopher B. Fynes	3	Tom Page	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of five-Spliced.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. Tim Stilwell.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert N. Harris	Treble	F. J. Cullum	5
Jean F. Woolford	2	F. I. Hairs	6
R. Jean Osbon	3	H. E. Audsley	7
*J. A. D. Woolford	4	J. T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by H. E. Audsley.
* First peal in the method Rung for Remembrance Day

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt in E flat.

John H. Hunt	Treble	†George Love	6
*Mrs. Helen A. Haines	2	Geoffrey J. Gammon	7
Charles E. Bassett	3	Alan A. J Buswell	8
†Betty J. Daysh	4	Andrew Howard	9
Raymond Haines	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Caters † First peal on ten bells.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Andrew Taylor	Treble	Jack Weaver	5
Howard E. J. Smith ..	2	John Chesterman	6
*J. Jeffery Hill	3	Michael W. Brown	7
*Richard C. Wilson	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

(Totton Grammar School Ringing Society)
UPHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Single Oxford and Plain, (2) Double Oxford and Pinehurst, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Buxton (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Plain, Double and Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Catherine A. Roberts ..	Treble	*Richard H. Roberts ..	4
*Susan V. Banks	2	†Derek C. Jackson	5
*Elizabeth A. Banks ..	3	†Lionel D. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. Jackson.
* First peal. † First in ten methods. First by Totton Grammar School Ringing Society. First in ten Minor methods for the Guild on tower bells. First as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

Fred Bennett	Treble	Eric Robinson	6
*Margaret White	2	Irvin Slack	7
David S. Lockwood ..	3	*Michael Johnson	8
*Alan Clifton	4	Rodney Stephenson ..	9
†Patricia Lockwood	5	†Ian North	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Councillor Fred Bennett, tower captain of the above church on his appointment as Mayor of the Borough of Ossett.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter Scholfield	Treble	Frederick A. Munday ..	5
Iris Lemare	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Ernest J. Padgett	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

GUISELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
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f.c.e.,s 24365, 43265, 32465, 46253, 32546.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 114, Park Street Lane.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London and 320 each of Ashtead, Berkshire, Bristol, Cambridge, Eastbury, Pudsey, Superlative, Radlett, Rutland, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7–8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in the following seven extents: (1) Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single Bob, Windsor Single Bob II, Plain Bob, London Delight and Double Bob, (2) Grandsire, (3 and 4) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) College Little Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, with 44 changes of method. Tenor size 10 in A.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

First peal in ten methods by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack Bray	7–8
*Jack L. Millhouse	9–10		

Composed by George H. Cross Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
KINGSTON, Surrey.—In the Mature Students' Common Room, Gipsy Hill College.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Jennifer Brown	1–2	†Simon Humphrey	3–4
Chris. P. Starbuck (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal "in hand." † First of Minor "in hand." First as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. Bennett (first of Treble Bob) 1, Carol Cousins 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Mcve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: H. Poyner (cond.) 1, Christine M Wright 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, K. Hilton 4, B Birkett 5.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. M. Hamilton 1, K. J. Perrin 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Carter on the anniversary of their diamond wedding.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on Oct. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. J. Sampson 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, H. Muncey 3, T. Newlands 4, D. Reynolds 5, S. Brown 6, P. Bergdahl 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 7.

BROADHEMPSTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Simmonds 1, R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, S. G. French 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Lillywhite (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Mrs. S. G. Brown 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, Miss J. Marshall 5, G. Davis 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, C. E. Lewington 8. A compliment to Angela Luckings and her grandmother, Mrs. A. Hawkins, on the occasion of their 21st and 80th birthdays.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back 5): J. Musselwhite 1, Mrs. D. Foster 2, Judith Midgley 3, Pamela Sturdy 4, M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate Canada's Centennial Year.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose T. Davies (first quarter) 1, Valerie Howard 2, Evelyn M. Hicks 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, Janet E. Blake 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. F. Hoad 8. Also on Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Parsons 1, Hilary A. Thick 2, Gillian Green (first "inside") 3, Valerie Howard 4, Janet E. Blake 5, R. F. R. Parsons 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Jennifer Tyack 3, Renee Sturgess 4, Christine Lanegan 5, Rosemary Kemp 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, F. E. Fagg 10. For Evensong.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Goodyear (first attempt) 1, D. King 2, G. Warner 3, R. Wimlett 4, J. Wimlett (first as cond.) 5, G. Dowling 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Scotney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 3, R. Horton 4, R. Jordan 5, R. Sharpe 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. B Bell 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. G. Jeanes 1, R. Parker 2, G. W. Rendell (Snr.) 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, W. E. Turner 6.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. W. Tidwell 1, J. W. Marshall 2, E. H. Amey 3, R. A. Bryant 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, R. J. Mears 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Maynard (first quarter) 1, R Taylor 2, M. Soper 3, A. Price 4, T. Pink 5, C. King 6 C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. For Evensong.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Raithby 1, M. E. Chilton 2, D. Vincent 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, P. Raithby 5, C. F. Briggs 6, A. E. Chilton 7, H. Stevenson 8, J. W. Raithby 9, H. P. Mabbott 10.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Durrant (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Durrant (first "inside") 2, Margaret Egglestone 3, L. J. Parry 4, L. P. Brain 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss B. Moss 1, A. J. Slade (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, D. Cull 5, R. Voss 6. To welcome the new Vicar, Rev. H. F. Orchard.

SOBERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Christine Lanegan 3, Rosemary Kemp 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, F. E. Fagg 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Hawkins (first of Minor) 1, Kay Whittiker 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. H. Thompson 4, I. P Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6. A 1st birthday compliment to William Burt.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. F. M. Edmonds 1, J. C. Parker (first attempt) 2, J. S. W. Townley 3, D. Robinson (first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus by the entire band.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. King 1, G. Warner 2 M. Lynn 3, J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, H. Harvey 6, R. Wimlett 7, W. Mulford 8. Rung for morning service and as a compliment to W. Mulford on retirement from Taskers of Andover.

BILSTON, STAFFS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Fletcher (first Treble Bob) 1, S. T. Yates (first of Kent) 2, C. J. Bennett (first of Kent) 3, J. Wellings 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 6. Rung as a tribute to Councillor H. Humphries and the Bilston Council for their help in obtaining a house for Mr. W. Hindsley of the local band.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S J. Christian (aged 10, first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct 29th, 1,260 Doubles (4 methods): Miss P Bond 1, M. H. Whittell 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, D. J. Derrick 4, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 5, For Evensong.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell 1, D. Fowles 2, G. Marchant 3, Wenda R. Fowles 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, G. E. Shedden 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. A farewell with best wishes to Miss Juliet Hall, a faithful member of the tower, who is leaving for the Belgian Congo.

BRISTOL.—At St Mary Redcliffe, on Nov. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Hancock 1, Jennifer Murrell 2, S. Turner 3, W. Abraham 4, S. Badman 5, R Sweet 6, D. Helliwell 7, K. Rider 8, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 9, S. Gillett 10. Rung to the glory of God and in thankfulness for the life of Sir Foster Gotch Robinson and his work for the church.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Higdon (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Sherrell 2, J. R. Dunford 3, W. Tiley 4, J. Nicholls 5, A. C. Lawrence 6. A compliment to Miss M. Higdon, ringer at the tower, who was married this day.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Everard 1, A. D. Fellows 2, F. Williams 3, R. Rudd 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. Pugh 6.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. G. Swift 1, E. G. Swift (cond.) 2, Miss P. Moss 3, S. Lilly 4, R. Mitchell 5, E. J. Briden 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Philip Moss, ringer at this church, cremated this day at Amersham Crematorium.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARKS. — On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's): A. K. Putnam 1, A. J. Boyd 2, J. Lockner 3, D. P. Ebsworth 4, R. D. Hart 5, P. C. Randall (cond.) 6.

CORFE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, N. Salter 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, D. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5 J. Real 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Nov. 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: K. Taber 1 R. Davies 2, G H. Humphries 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. S. Brown 6, I. M. Parry 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8, N. G. T. Steere 9, A. J. C. Brown 10. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Jean Herbert (first quarter) 1, D. J. M. Cox 2, M. C. May 3, J. H. French 4, G. S. E. Winter 5, J. M. Hollyman 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, Lesley French (first quarter) 8. After Confirmation service. Also on Nov. 1st. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley French (first on a working bell) 1, Betty Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, P. R. Everest (first in method "inside") 5, G. S. E. Winter 6. B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. For the Festival of All Saints.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jacquie Hedges 1 Carole Francis 2, Beryl Platt 3, Teresa Langdon 4, D. Langdon 5, J. Towers 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Trudy Newcombe 8. First in method 1 and 2. For the Patronal Festival and dedication of memorial to Preb. S. G. W Knight.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (3 methods): I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Rung for the Confirmation service at Barnham.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st. 1,260 Queen Mary Surprise: R. H. Roberts 1, Susan V. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. D Smith 4, R. Allinson 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Rung following the final departure of R.M.S. "Queen Mary" from Southampton Water.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bainbridge 1, S. Waters 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, R. Martin 4, Jane Foster 5, H. Carter 6, B. J. Howard (cond.) 7, J. M. C. Lysons 8. Rung by the local band as a compliment to Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P., Past Master of the Essex Association, and churchwarden and ringer at this church for over 40 years, on his 85th birthday.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): P. E. Wells 1, M. J Dyer 2, R. F. Baker 3, A. J. Davey 4, G. E. Bonham 5, H. S. Peacock 6. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Frank Sherman, ringer and tower keeper for the last 55 years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,422 Grandsire Triples: D. R. Williams (first quarter) 1, Norah M. Randles 2, P. K. Goodhew 3, E. M. R. Williams 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5, D. A. Randles 6, T. S. Randles 7, E. Evans (first on eight bells) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — At the Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: M. Novell 1, R. Gee 2 Margaret Chapman 3, Beryl Simpson 4, M. Church 5, P. Hunt 6, W. Hunt 7, T. Chapman 8, H. Reed (cond.) 9, S. Reed 10. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct 1st, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Whatley 1, T. R. Garratt 2 P E. Wells 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor: T. R. Garratt, B. Whatley 2, E. J. Thoday 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (Netherseale and Cambridge): J. R. G. Spicer 1, T. R. Garratt 2, D. F Murfet 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HEVER, KENT. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Miss P. Longhurst (first quarter) 1. R. Sherlock 2, R Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Hayes (cond.) 5, N. Butcher 6. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Longhurst. For All Saints' Day.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G Snell 1, D. Salter 2, W. Webb (cond.) 3, L. Stevens 4, T. Travers 5, J. Leal 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Webb 1, D. Salter 2, P. Henry 3, T. Travers 4, C. Webb 5, L. Stevens 6. First Bob Doubles 4 and 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Tilling (first of Major) 1, E. R. Rapley 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, T. G. Fox 4, G. Charlton 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, G. K. Dodd 8.

HUNTINGDON —At All Saints', on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, B. Whatley (first "inside") 2. T. R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also birthday compliment to ringer 2. Also on Nov 1st. 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: J. R. G. Spicer 1, B. Whatley 2, T. R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For evening service.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. Stone 1, J. P. Hull (first of Minor) 2, Anthea S. Bruce (first of Minor "inside") 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, M. J. Green 5, D. M. Wilkins (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, Margaret R. Chapman 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, P. J. Walker 6. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Savage 1, J. P. Hull 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Anthea S. Bruce 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. J. Walker 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus "in hand": G. Gray (first quarter, aged 12) 1–2, G. Lucas 3–4. First length by the Barstable Grammar and Technical School Change Ringing Society. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus on the front four with tenor covering: P. Monk 1, K Lucas (first "inside" on tower bells, aged 8) 2, W. White (first quarter) 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, D. Stott (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells by a local band.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, G. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. For family service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, J Hedgecock 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Johnson 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. T. Yates 3, J. Wellings 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, S. G. Pick 6, T. L. Holden 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8. First on eight 2 and 3.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Minor (St Clement's/Plain Bob): W. Moore 1, Pauline Hilliard (first in two methods) 2, P. H Langton 3, A. Palmer 4 T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For family service.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Fuller (first in the method) 1. A. Johnson 2, A. Keen 3, D. Lee 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Rev R Keeley (cond.) 6. For the christening of Stephen Francis Keeley.

MELTHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,392 Spliced Oxford, Kent, Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: Susan Greenwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Greenwood 2, D. Greenwood (first as cond.) 3, W. Byram 4, J. Greenwood 5, R. Senior 6. A wedding compliment to Stephen Littlewood, tenor ring at this church, and Miss Christine O'Connor, chorister.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. E. Godfrey 1, Faith Riley 2, Janet Blackbourn (first "inside" 3, Flora Stocker (first as cond.) 4, A. Nunn 5, W. T. Godfrey 6. First in the method for all the band. To congratulate Canon MacBeth of Brockenhurst on his appointment.

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,254 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Fletcher 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, J. Wellings 5, S. G. Pick 6, R. B. Dorrington (cond. 7, P. G. K. Davies 8. First on eight 1 and 4.

NORWOOD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Egglestone 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, D J Derrick 3, J. M. Lawrence (first "inside") 4, C Starbuck 5, H. W Egglestone (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Jeffry Lawrence and Jean Scaplehorn, married this day at Kingston upon Thames.

OXFORD —At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. I. Allnatt (cond.) 1, A. R. Pink 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, R. E. Burbery 5, W. C. Porter 6, P. J. Heritage 7, R. A. Vere Hodge 8. Rung to usher in the Festival of All Saints.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAMORGAN. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Minor (London and Cambridge): C. Ricketts 1 T. P. Edwards 2, G. Stickland 3, P. S. Reading 4, C. Quartley 5, N. Simon (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of the induction of the new Rector (Rev. Cyril Edwards)

RADLETT, HERTS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Lynne Woodward (first quarter) 1, G. Dodds (cond.) 2, R. Clouston 3, N. Woodward 4, J. Southey 5, D. Major 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Willis (first quarter) 1, Thelma-Lynn Willis 2, Frances Dodds 3, J. D. Duggan (cond.) 4, H. V. Frost 5, C. Forster 6, J. E. Ewer 7, C. E. Slade 8. For Evensong.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. J. Hagger 1, K. W. Whittell 2, P. May 3, E. Lockwood 4, R. G. Kersey 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Muriel Steward and Alan Pearson, married this day.

STOCKLAND, DEVON. — On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, D. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, P. Doble 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Joyce 6. For evening service.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Clark 1, S. Rowe 2, L. G. Gates 3 Mrs. A. Medley 4, M. J. Medley 5, J. Weaver (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Weaver, parents of the conductor.

UPPER WESTON, BATH.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods) 7-6-8 covering: M. Wilshire 1, Mrs E. Pothecary 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3. P. J. Devrell 4, R. L. Coles 5, N. Wilshire 6, G. Pothecary 7, M. Messer 8. Rung for Festal Evensong at the Patronal Festival at which the tower was rededicated by the Bishop of Taunton after major restoration.

USK MONMOUTHSIRE. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Owen 1 A. Wrigley 2, W. Hurford 3, A. Swatton 4, P. J Devrell 5, S. A. Read 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. C. Hawkins 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 4.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne M. Carpenter 1. J. R. White 2, A. E. Fullbrook 3, H. V. Booker 4, P. G Davies 5, I. P Stoter 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, H. White 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 5th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Eltham (first quarter) 1, Beryl Baldwin 2, H. White 3, K. Leach 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, P. G. Davies 6. For Evensong.

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PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 22nd: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 15th. Despatched Wednesday, December 20th

Issue of December 29th: Last time for Notices, Thursday, December 21st. Despatched Wednesday, December 27th.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPLEDORE, KENT. — Ringers' Service, Sunday, November 26th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 and after service. All are welcome. 2782

DANBURY, ESSEX.—Rededication of new ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Southend, Sunday, December 10th, at 11 a.m. All ringers welcome. 2770

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The Peter Crook Memorial. In view of Peter Crook's services to ringing and his many years as an officer of the Association, the Branch have decided to arrange for a memorial at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. Will any ringers wishing to be associated with the memorial kindly forward their donation to Mr. J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—J. E. Andrews, Sec. 2738

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The Guild now practises every Friday night at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors very welcome. All inquiries to Mr. R. Sugden, Airlie Hall, Airlie Place, Dundee. 2717

THE LATE MR. T. R. DENNIS

It is proposed to erect a memorial stone in Longstanton Churchyard. The Ely Association invite donations from his many ringing friends. Donations may be sent to the Ely Association's District Secretaries or to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2764

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Ilminster, Saturday, November 25th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service, tea, meeting, etc. Names for tea. Please reply to Hon. Sec., Puckington, Ilminster.—R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2744

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, November 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 2763

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Evening meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells from 5.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—By kind permission of the Vicar and ringers of Great Dunmow (8), the bells will be available for ringing on Saturday, November 25th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All members welcome.—G. Blake. Hamlet Hill, Roydon, Harlow.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Coalbrookdale, November 25th. Bells (10) 6.30–8.30.—Joan Bennett 2783

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Rickmansworth, November 25th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Rickmansworth. Tel. 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 2743

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A.G.M. at Swaffham (8), November 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after meeting. I give notice that I shall not be seeking re-election. due to working on Saturdays and transport difficulties. Names for tea to S. H. Wakefield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. 2755

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Berks Branch.—Practice, Steventon, November 25th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Corderoy. 2711

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Marlow, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2704

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 2727

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Eastwood (8), Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to the District Secretary, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 2753

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Wetherden (6), November 25th at 6.30 p.m. Also at some place District Committee meeting at 7 p.m.—H. W. H. L.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual meeting at Bures, Saturday, November 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 2663

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch. — Corporate Communion at Bathampton (6) on Wednesday, November 29th. Bells available 6.30–7.30 p.m. and after service. Service 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Alan F. Lee, Branch Sec. 2752

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Practice meeting, Selby Abbey, Thursday, November 30th, 7–9 p.m. Methods: Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal. Please note: It is hoped to ring nothing less that the above. — R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2776

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Milverton, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. — A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton. 2757

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual general meeting at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Yeovil (10 bells, tenor 40–3–23), December 2nd. Ringing 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells 7–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil, by Wednesday previous. Also Branch Supper, Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1968; details from Mrs. M. M. Legget, Branch Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker. 2724

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Annual general meeting at Thornbury, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Most essential—names for tea be sent to Mr. S. Poole, 8, Eastland Avenue, Thornbury, near Bristol, by November 29th.—R. H. Driver, Branch Sec. 2775

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Wood, 161, High Street, Milton, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton. 2734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at Wigston Magna, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names, please, to Miss Jean Whait, 115, Aylestone Lane, Wigston Magna, Leicester, by Wednesday, November 29th. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 2716

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Evening meeting, Fulney, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) available 6–9 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich C.B.M. and Bristol S.M. 2735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Wigtoft, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall . Names for tea to Mr. James Baily, Hipper Lane, Wigtoft, Boston, by November 27th.—R. Reynolds, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2785

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stoke (St. Peter ad Vincula) on Saturday. December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Milton Road, Bagnall, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 2784

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Dereham, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to David Adams, Greenways, The Grove, Dereham, by Wednesday previous. Special method. London Surprise.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Steeple Ashton (6), Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Burbidge, 5, Church Street, Steeple Ashton, Near Trowbridge, Wilts. 2718

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Public meeting at Hampreston (6), December 2nd. Bells available 7.40–9 p.m. —J. A. Robertson. 2746

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, December 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mrs. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Gools, before 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2786

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Nomination meeting at Lambeth on Saturday, December 2nd. Ringing at Lambeth from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at the Borough 6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. M. Mann, 125a, Putney Bridge Road, S.W.15 Tel. 874-2449. 2700

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual District meeting, St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. A committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Hoare. 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 2746

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting. Breamore, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting, Hulse Hall, 5 p.m. Fordingbridge after meeting. Names for tea **essential** to Mrs. N. Dymott, Roundhill Cottages, Whitsbury, Fordingbridge (Phone Breamore 343), by November 30th.—L. F. Cobb. 2781

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting at All Saints' (10), Worcester, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business at 5.30 p.m. in the Golden Lion. High Street. Tea 3s. 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than Wednesday. November 29th. **No names, no tea.**—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester. 2748

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Next meeting, Skelton-in-Cleveland (8), Saturday, December 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. L. Yates, 47, Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough. by Thursday, November 30th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 2779

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monthly practice, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, N.1, Tuesday, December 5th, 7–8.30, instead of Kensington. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 2778

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

MANN.—To Heather and Tony, of Lot 14, Dance Drive, Middle Swan, Western Australia 6056, on September 23rd, 1967, a son, Patrick Alexander; weight 9 lb. ½ oz. 2802

DEATH

MARSHALLSAY. — On November 17th, 1967, in Christchurch Hospital, Frederick John, dearly loved husband of Marcia. 2803

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHILCOTT. — The address of John and Eileen Chilcott is now: 13, Farm Lane, Tonbridge, Kent. Tel. Tonbridge 4926. 2801

GOODSHIP.—The address of Gilbert R. Goodship is now: Laurel Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2798

MISCELLANEOUS

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Applications for peal attempts during 1968 should be addressed to the undersigned on or before December 15th, 1967.—Clifford J. Wightman, Hon. Sec., 14, Cope Road, Banbury, Oxon. 2790

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Learners' practice at West Clandon on November 29th, 7.30 p.m. —M. M. 2804

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Secretary is now: Mrs. C. Evans, 17, Ashton Road, Kingsland, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. 2792

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—Second Ringing Festival, Saturday, December 2nd, from 10.30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Stratton, Bridgerule, Kilkhampton, Holsworthy (8's), Week St. Mary, Marhamchurch, Poughill, Launcells, Poundstock, Whitston Pyworthy (6's), Pancrasweek (5) Tea at 4 o'clock in Church Room. Service at 6 p.m. Numbers for tea to H. Trewin, Marhayes, Broadclose Hill, Bude, or ring Bude 2911. 2793

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Elstow, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Come and ring John Bunyan's bells.—C. M. Payne. 2788

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Cockburn, 5, Kielden Way, Grange Estate, Gosforth, NE3 ZLP. 2799

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, December 2nd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Wells Surprise and Single Court. 2805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells available: Westbury (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m., Stoke Bishop (6) 3–4.15 p.m. Service at Stoke Bishop 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Henbury bells (8) available 7.30–9 p.m. Everyone is asked to make an effort to attend. —Ann J. Burcher, Hon. Sec., 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol. 2800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M., Cheltenham, December 2nd. Parish Church (12) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting Church House. Names for tea by 30th.—W. A. Farmer, 15, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham. 2795

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Norton bells (8) 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Royston not available. District Committee meeting, December 5th, 8 p.m., at 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. Tel. Bedford 57045. 2796

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Darwen on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Blackburn Cathedral approx 6.30 to 9 p.m.—Brian A. Tomlinlinson, Branch Sec. 2787

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Shoreditch (12), Saturday, December 2nd, 3–4.30. Tea at Shoreditch 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6–7.15. St. Martin-in-the Fields (12) 6.30–8. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at West Hoathly (6), December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15 p.m. Carols will be accompanied on handbells. Tea 5 p.m. 6 p.m., Mr. E. A. Barnett will give a talk on "Place Notation." Ringing will continue in the belfry for those not interested in the talk. Names for tea to me, Mrs. Jean Osbon. 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E. G. 23815), as early as possible. Everyone will be most welcome. 2789

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston Branch) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting will be held at Melbourne (8) on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m., with a break and short service and tea approx. 5.30 p.m. Afterwards tower open until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. R. Chisholm, 138, Boulton Lane, Alvaston, Derby, DE2. OFG, not later than December 5th. 2774

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. David's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.30. Ringing, Heavitree, 6.30–8.— G. Skinner. 2553

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please. to Mr. S. F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, by Wednesday, December 6th.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 2777

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting. Nether Heyford, Saturday, December 9th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, Northampton, by Monday previous. — F. W. Hancock. 2807

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandovery, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Warburton, Iet yr Eithin, Llanwnda, Goodwick, Pembs. 2808

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Archer, 8, Morville Drive, Wellington, Salop, by December 2nd without fail. 2791

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual District meeting at St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8). Saturday, December 9th, 2.30–4.30. Service followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. South East members, make this a 100% attendance. put over your ideas and vote your officers. All wishing for tea please book with Mrs. J. Munnings, 42, Beechcroft Road, Ipswich. not later than Wednesday, December 6th.—W. Lockwood 2806

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Giggleswick (8) on December 9th at 6 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott. 2710

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More About The "Squarer Deal"

A Progress Report

THE publication of the article "A Squarer Deal for the Learner" has led to developments more rapid and far more interesting than had ever been envisaged by its author. This being the case, here is a report of the progress so far achieved.

I was fully expecting the article to be passed over in silence at home; but during the days immediately following publication a considerable amount of St. Albans comment came my way—some critical, some encouraging, all in various ways helpful. This was fine; but what should my next step be? I had no clear plan of campaign beyond a vague notion that it might be advisable to attempt to get the scheme adopted at Central Council level—not that I had any idea of how best to accomplish this.

Then came a letter that was to prove a turning point. It was sent by Miss H. M. Allcard, who rings at Droxford, in Hampshire, and it expressed great interest in the scheme. In this letter she also mentioned the fact that she is a riding instructor. Now I was at the time frustratedly searching among classified advertisements for a vacation job with horses. Thus I came to be in the temporary employ of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Whitmore, of Shedfield Grange, from which, in the intervals of looking after a delightful small boy, a kindly old Welsh cob and a trio of demanding small dogs, I was taken out night after night by Miss Allcard in search of fresh towers to conquer.

The Hampshire ringers gave me an unforgettable fortnight; I returned home the richer by nine towers and a quarter peal and, more important, by the experience of much good ringing on many good rings of bells and in truly wonderful company.

Home again, I was finally dissuaded from going straight to the Central Council by Radlett's long-suffering tower captain, whom, I'm afraid, I kept talking on the subject for some considerable time after the practice had ended. He suggested that, before contemplating plans on a national scale, it might be wise first to introduce the scheme to a definite and restricted area; accordingly I prepared a bulletin (comprising a syllabus of tests and certain explanatory notes), and of this bulletin sent one copy to Radlett and six to Miss Allcard for distribution to selected towers in that area of Hampshire in which I had lately been ringing.

What have been the results so far? They could best be described as scattered, but hopeful. Curdridge and Bishop's Waltham have expressed a desire to take part in the scheme; Radlett has done likewise; Droxford has expressed approval, with qualifications; Mr. E. W. Colley, of Bishop's Waltham, has asked for his own copy of the scheme, and I am awaiting his comments; Mr. J. Pitfield, of Curdridge, has sent me his most valuable observations on the tests; I have been informed on more than one occasion of lengthy and thorough discussion arising directly from consideration of the controversial points raised in the "Squarer Deal"; and the latest news I possess is that a copy of the bulletin has found its way to Farnborough, Hants. (I also have a shrewd suspicion that another copy of the bulletin is in hiding somewhere in the ringing chamber at Blewbury, Berks, where I'm pretty sure I dropped it prior to a peal of Stedman; this is not, I can assure the Blewbury band, a subtle attempt at propagandising!).

What does the scheme entail? I shall be occupying far too much of "The Ringing World's" space if I give full details in this report; but here at least are some answers to leading questions, most of which were actually put to me during the course of discussion.

(i) What is the scope of the tests?

From chiming to spliced, including full testing in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent, and taking in all numbers up to Royal. The tests are arranged in four classes, from D to A; in each test there are ten test-items.

(ii) Won't it involve too much paper-work for tower captains?

No; all the tower captain has to do is to sign and date each satisfactorily performed test-item.

(iii) Won't it be difficult to avoid a tremendous variation in standard?

To a certain extent a variation in standard is inevitable; but I have tried to provide for a reasonable minimum standard of attainment in the bulletin under the heading "Conditions for Tests." Briefly, these are: (a) not more than one candidate (two in the case of items on Test-cards B and A) to be tested at any one time; (b) no candidate to require or to be offered any assistance during testing); (c) no test performance to be accepted as such which fires up or which has to be brought round by main force—whether or not it is the candidate who is at fault.

(iv) Won't the proposed tests widen the gap between, on the one hand, those who habitually ring on five and/or six bells and, on the other, those who favour the higher numbers?

Emphatically no; the tests are so constructed as to encourage the learner at each stage to ring on varying numbers of bells—and thus, in towers other than his own. To clarify this point: Test D introduces ringing on eight; Test C ranges from Doubles to Major; Test B includes Caters; and Test A Royal.

(v) Who decides when a learner is ready for testing—the learner himself, or his instructor?

Without doubt, the learner himself. It is for him to inform the instructor that he feels ready to be tested in any one item—though I need hardly add that it is for the instructor to decide whether or not to allow this claim.

(vi) How can the scheme benefit isolated, struggling bands?

This is an extremely difficult question, since the success of the scheme depends so largely on close co-operation between bands. However, I think that "test meetings" would go a long way towards overcoming the problems faced by isolated towers. These meetings would be held at towers with easy-going rings of bells especially for the benefit of learners wishing to pass, or practise, particular test-items. Attendance at such meetings would be restricted, e.g. to a Class B test-meeting only those ringers who were either working for their Class B or in possession of their Class B could come.

Where do we go from here? I'm firmly convinced, in view of all the support and encouragement I have had, that the Graded Tests scheme has a future; that it can do much to facilitate teaching, stabilise the standard of ringing and provide uniformly better conditions for learning. I would like to see the scheme in the hands of the Associations; but, clearly, Association officials cannot be expected to show much enthusiasm for the task of supervising the running of a scheme as yet totally untried. The bringing into operation of a number of pilot schemes is the only practicable solution; and this entails the assistance of a fair number of bands. Therefore I am openly appealing to all those ringers who have any interest in the furtherance of a scheme of graded tests.

If you have already received a bulletin, and would like to run a graded-test scheme in your tower, please contact me for test-cards, stating how many you would like and in which grades.

If you have not yet received a bulletin, and would like a copy, please contact me to receive, free of charge, a copy of the third edition of "Graded Tests—an Experimental Scheme."

If you would like to criticise or comment, please write either to me or to "The Ringing World."

The address to write to:—

Before December 9th: **Miss E. M. Barber, Somerville College, Oxford.**

After December 9th: **5, St. Peter's Close, St. Albans, Herts.**

In conclusion, I should like to thank most warmly all those who in any way contributed to the formulation of the scheme. Especially I would like to thank those who wrote to "The Ringing World" with praise or criticism; and, by name, Mr. Gerald Penney, who asked me some searching questions, Mr. Roy Jones, who argued with me for hours, Mr. Pitfield, for his very cogent observations, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston for his invaluable advice, and last, but by no means least, the indefatigable allies from Droxford—Miss Allcard and Miss Wade.

N.B.—In the original version of the bulletin there is an error, which, though it has no doubt been spotted, I would better point out. For "Bob Doubles, P.C., Affected at Calls," please read, of course, "Bob Doubles, **Touch, ...**"

ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA, STOKE-UPON-TRENT

Our Picture—St Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke

By G. C. Beech

STOKE churchyard boasts an ancient Saxon Preaching Cross (on which is carved what is believed to be the original Staffordshire Knot), the reconstructed relics of a previous church and the final resting place of Josiah Wedgwood, Spode, Minton and other famous "pottery" names.

A stone Saxon church was built on the site between 801 and 805, probably replacing an earlier wooden building. The year 1150 saw the building of a new Norman church to which a chancel was added later. This church was completely restored in 1300, two aisles and the tower being added in 1370.

Whilst there appears to be no accurate records, an "Inventory of Church Goods," dated V May, 1553, reads: "Fyrst iij belles in the stephull, on small bell and iij cruets, etc."—and later, "Chales of Silver with patent iij belles in the stephull safli to be kepte." The churchwardens' accounts for a later period show that money was paid for "recasting belles" in 1611, 1617 and 1627. One such account contains the item, "For helping up the bell into the steeple"—but does not say how much was paid for this arduous task.

MELLOW-TONED TENOR

In 1705 Abraham Rudhall recast the existing bells into a new ring of six. These bells served for 126 years until, in fact, the present church was under construction. Messrs. William and John Taylor were commissioned to cast "a complete new peal of bells fitting for the new church at Stoke." The fate of Rudhall's now redundant bells is best described by extracts from letters written by Mr. John Taylor to his brother William (part of a letter dated 8th January, 1832): ". . . Stoke have a beautiful Peal of Rudhall's casting which they mean to part with for old metal in the key 'G'." A further letter dated 29th August, 1832, says this: ". . . it is now three months since Stoke bells were opened—they are much admired—the tenor is a particular soft mellow-toned bell, nearly down to 'E' flat and weight but 21 cwt. The bells are good and sound and are allowed to be the best peal of bells in the Potteries."

These bells, of course, are the newly cast ring of eight by John Taylor. Further on in this letter John Taylor goes on to say: "The six old bells of Stoke I have forwarded to Bideford—they are a very good peal of Old Abraham Rudhall's—it will be a pity to break them up—they are quite sound except the treble—the peal weight 40 cwt." A still further letter dated September 27th, 1833, says: "After offering Stoke old bells to, I think, a score of Parishes, I last sold them to Broadwood Kelly—they are a beautiful peal well in tune—the bells, I fancy, are not good singly, but when altogether are admirable."

Broadwood Kelly is in Devonshire; these bells have, I believe, been recast in recent years. I noticed that the first peal on these bells was claimed recently (R.W. 6/10/67 p. 721).

The new William and John Taylor bells mentioned previously are the present ring, cast probably at Buckland Brewer, Bideford, but possibly at Oxford, as they bear a founder's mark—an ox—on the waist of each bell. This new ring, hung in an oak frame, was opened in May, 1832, the frame lasted with some minor repairs—in the 1880s—until 1890, when a complete "rehang" in a cast-iron frame was undertaken by John Warner of the Cripplegate Foundry. Warner's frame lasted but forty years, and on Easter Sunday, 1930, the bells were rededicated after rehanging and tuning by John Taylor and Co., Loughborogh.

Little else has been done to the bells, but in 1963 the local band provided and installed a new ringing chamber-floor at a higher level, shortening the rope draught by some twenty feet.

The font from the Saxon church, lost for almost a century, turned up in a local garden where it had been used as a flower tub. It is interesting to note that when it was restored to the Parish Church in 1932 it was provided with a new lid made of 15th century oak taken from St. Peter's belfry, Wolverhampton.

FIRST PEAL IN 1888

The first peal recorded on the bells was of Grandsire Triples, rung on January 10th, 1888, and the first in the Potteries by a local band. The peal (Holt's Original) was conducted by Henry Page, father of C. H. Page (who rang at Stoke for over 50 years) and G. F. Page, who died earlier this year at Brighton. Thomas Rose, who rang the tenor for this peal, died in tragic circumstances in the belfry; his death was graphically described in the "Bell News" of the day. The article is still preserved in the belfry Minute Book, but is too long and too gruesome to repeat here—it still stands as a severe warning to anyone foolish enough to work on a frame when the bells are raised.

There have been some 41 peals rung since 1888, the last on Thursday, June 1st, 1967—this was of Stoke Surprise Major for the visit, earlier in the day, of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Details of the bells:

Treble.—Inscription: The Gift of John Chappel Woodhouse, D.D., late Rector, 1831-2. Diameter: 2ft. 6½in. Weight: 5 cwt. 3 qtrs. 4 lbs. Note: E flat.

Second.—The Gift of John Tomlinson, Esq., Patron, 1831-2. 2ft. 7⅞in. 6 cwt. 2 qtrs. 21 lbs. D.

Third.—Herbert Minton, James Greaves, John Bourne, Samuel Wright (Churchwardens), Rev. John Wickes Tomlinson, M.A., Rector, 1831-2. 2ft. 9in. 6 cwt. 3 qtrs. 14 lbs. C.

Fourth.—William the Fourth, King, 1832. 2ft. 11¼in. 7 cwt. 1 qtr. 14 lbs. B flat.

Fifth.—Adelaide, Queen Consort, 1832. 3ft. 1in. 8 cwt. 1 qtr. 26 lbs. A flat.

Sixth.—Henry Ryder, Lord Bishop, 1832. 3ft. 2⅞in. 9 cwt. 1 qtr. 11 lbs. G.

Seventh.—Geo. Hodson, M.A., Archdeacon, 1832. 3ft. 7¼in. 12 cwt. 3 qtrs. 25 lbs. F.

Tenor.—William and John Taylor, Founders, Oxford and Bideford, Devon, 1832. 4ft. 1½in. 20 cwt. 18 lbs. E flat.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

1968 Meeting — June 4th

Preliminary Announcement

Headquarters will be at the Giffard Hotel, High Street, Worcester, Telephone 0905 27155, the Council meeting being held in the Wulstan Room of this hotel.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Society on November 7th Mr. P. A. Corby was elected Master for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were: Mr. J. G. A. Prior, secretary; Mr. C. G. J. Watts, treasurer; Mr. A. N. Stubbs, senior steward; Mr. A. R. Kench, junior steward; Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and J. A. Waugh, trustees; Mr. W. T. Cook was elected librarian.

DEATH OF Mr. JOHN WILLIS

AN OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR

MR. JOHN WILLIS

The passing of Mr. John Willis, of Folkestone, in hospital on November 20th, will be deeply regretted by a very wide circle of friends. Since 1953 he had served the Kent County Association with outstanding ability in his position as vice-president, being invariably in the chair at any gathering he attended.

John had been in failing health for some months and when he attended the Central Council meeting at Nottingham this year the deterioration of his physical strength was noted with much regret. He had been a member of the Council since 1951 and served for some years on the Biographies Committee. Through the illness of his wife he did not seek re-election in 1957 but later became an honorary member.

Born at Egerton, Kent, 84 years ago, Mr. Willis was taught to ring at Charing at the age of 13 by the late William Spice. That year he joined the Kent County Association and in 1910 was appointed a committee member.

ON N.U.T. EXECUTIVE

John was a school teacher, a profession that has contributed much to the advancement of the Exercise. He held appointments at Faversham and Canterbury and in 1912 left Kent to become headmaster of Pondsbridge C. of E. School, Hunts. Advancement came in 1915 when he accepted the headship of Fortyfoot Bridge School, Ramsey, Hunts, and he stayed there for over 30 years.

His ability as an administrator was recognised by the profession and for 27 years he was hon. secretary of the Hunts County Teachers' Association and also a member of the County Education Committee. Another important post he held was that of East Anglian representative on the executive of the National Union of Teachers. At Ramsey he was a member of the U.D.C. and hon. secretary of the District Hospitals Committee.

Freemasonry was another of his interests. He was Worshipful Master of Arlwyn Lodge 3535 and held provincial honours in Northants and Hunts. In Kent he had been Worshipful Master of the Shorncliffe Lodge 4330.

There will, we are sure, be many tributes to his work on behalf of the Kent County Association When the late Mr. E. H. Lewis left Kent there was an air of dismay, and the selection of John Willis as his successor as chairman maintained the vital and progressive spirit of the Association. There have been few chairmen his equal. Dignified yet friendly, he had a firm grip of proceedings and he leaves behind a memory of greatness in all he undertook.

John Willis was a widower and is survived by one son.

The funeral service was at Charing Crematorium last Friday.

TO TRY AGAIN FOR HANDBELL RECORD

Mr. Frank C. Price, of Crowthorne, Berks, informs us that the attempt for the record handbell peal of 20,160 Plain Bob Minor on November 4th was unsuccessful.

He writes: "The attempt started at 1007 hours and in the eighth attempt two bells changed over and the ringing was stopped immediately. It seemed that the handbell ringing in the morning was unsettled too much to make for the quality required for a record peal.

"However, after a bite of lunch the second attempt was made, starting at 1315 hours, and progressed splendidly, hour after hour of excellent ringing, containing only three very minor trips. A little after 1715 hours there was a tendency for the tenor to slow slightly, disturbing the rhythm. This rectified, the ringing continued in the manner required for another 35 minutes, when the tenor again started slowing—a course and a half from the end of the 20th extent.

"Whilst the conductor was proffering advice and encouragement he omitted a bob and in order not to mar what would have been an excellent performance the bells were stopped a few minutes before 1800 hours—with the end in sight! 14,300 + changes had been rung in fine fashion in 4 hours and 37 minutes.

NEXT ATTEMPT

In the knowledge that the band are fully capable of ringing the length required, notice is hereby given that a further attempt will be made to ring 20,160 of Plain Bob Minor at Crowthorne on Saturday, December 16th, 1967, the composition and umpires and conditions being as for the previous attempt as published by letter in "The Ringing World" on October 27th.

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the three umpires—Messrs. S. G. Scott, A. J. N. Rance and J. L. Claughton—for giving of their time to assist us in our efforts and also for kindly offering to act again on December 16th in the same capacity."

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DID NORWICH ASSOCIATION FORGET ?
DAVID E. HOUSE RECALLS THE 90th ANNIVERSARY

THE 90th anniversary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers has passed virtually unnoticed, within the diocese as well as without. It was in fact founded on April 4th, 1877, and the inaugural meeting was held in Norwich on September 24th of that year, when ringing took place in eight of the city towers (would that this was still possible !). Ringing was, of course, well established in Norwich by this date, and the city could look back on a half peal of Grandsire Triples in 1710. and the first true full peal (Plain Bob Triples) in 1715, as well as the first peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich from Major to Maximus, and the first peal of London Major, rung on the back eight at St. Andrew's, where the ropes fell in the order 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8. In this foundation year Charles Middleton, already in his 60th year, was captain of the ringers at St Peter Mancroft.

The founders of the Norwich Diocesan Association thought that the art of the Norwich Scholars had been "despised by the people in general, and no attempts were made to enlighten them in the matter'" (Annual Report, 1881). Accordingly they made the principal object of their Association "the promotion of Change-ringing and Belfry Reform," an aim which lies behind the formation of the many territorial Associations at this time, beginning with the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1874. The Norwich Diocesan Association was the fourth such Association, following Devon, Yorkshire and Lancashire, and preceding Durham, whose 90th anniversary celebrations are reported in the isues of April 14th and October 6th, by a mere four months.

The first annual report was produced in September, 1878, and gives details of 269 performing members and 75 honorary members, from 37 affiliated towers. Entrance qualifications were either a 720 on six bells or two distinct methods on five bells, to be rung to the satisfaction of the committee, and the subscription was fixed at one shilling annually, which had to be paid on time. The report also records nine peals rung by members of the Association, and it is the first of these, rung at Redenhall on November 6th, 1877, which was commemorated recently.

The peal board in the belfry reads as follows:—

"Superlative Surprise Major."

"On Tuesday, November 6th, 1877, eight members of the Association (being also members of the Royal Cumberland Society) rang on these bells 5152 changes in the above method in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes. This is the first peal rung by members of the Association and the eighth of Superlative ever rung. It was composed by Mr. John Cox, conducted by Mr. Benjamin Smith, and rung by the following band.

Benjamin Smith	Treble
George Prime	2
Rev. N. Bolingbroke	3
Robert Whiting	4
Edward Smith	5
Gervas Holmes esq.	6
John Smith	7
Captain Moore	Tenor

The composition was in fact the 27-course block in its original version (M. W. 3H, M. 3H, M. 3H), with the first two blocks of bobs at home omitted. The band was drawn together from Redenhall, Alburgh and Pulham, and rang a large number of peals, chiefly of Treble Bob, in the early years of the Association. Four of the above men took part in the second peal by the Association, on the same bells, only four days later. Gervas Holmes, J.P., was a vice-president of the Association and presided over the inaugural meeting, while Captain Moore was also involved with the foundation, and was elected to the Central Council in 1890, though his death occurred before the next meeting. The Rev. Nathaniel Bolingbroke later became the second secretary of the Association, remaining in office until his death in 1889, when he was in turn succeeded by the Rev. H. Earl Bulwer.

The peal of Superlative was a good achievement at a time when the standard fare consisted of Oxford Treble Bob and occasional peals of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent. The next peal of Surprise by resident members of the Association was not scored until 1900. The present peal maintains the link with the Cumberlands through the present general secretary of the Association. Unfortunately he is outnumbered by College Youths !

I hope that you will find some of this information of value—although no official celebrations have been arranged, as in Durham. the peal band felt that the occasion should not pass by without notice.

The Day's Programme — 17 Leicestershire Towers

SATURDAY, November 4th, presented poor weather prospects, but for about 14 ringers from Rutland and also farther afield there were good ringing prospects ahead, with a possibility of ringing at 17 towers in Leicestershire before the end of the day. A good start was made just before 9.30 a.m. at Illston-on-the-Hill, and some quite good ringing was enjoyed on the six bells. We arrived at King's Norton on time and began to raise the bells. A few people claimed to have rung here before, but their experience proved of little value. When the stayless third had been raised we did just manage some rounds, at the end of which the fourth jumped the wheel, leaving Susan with a few extra feet of rope. This little matter having been rectified, another try at some rounds was made, but by the time the front seven had settled down the tenor was halfway down and refused to go back up ! We dropped the bells and hastened to Oadby, leaving the many jackdaws once more in peace.

The 12¼ cwt. six at Oadby are very pleasant, although the treble sounds rather shrill outside. Here we rang Cambridge, Kent, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and rounds quite satisfactorily. At Thurnby the tenor is only three pounds lighter than than Oadby tenor, but we thought the tone much superior. Humberstone's six (19–3–24) are of disappointing tone, although the bells were not unduly difficult to handle. Access to the ringing chamber is by means of a long, vertical ladder, and at least one member of the party refused to ascend. Plain Bob and three leads of Kent were rung quite well.

SYSTON—A SUPERB OCTAVE

Thurmaston bells (6, 10¼ cwt.), rung from the ground floor, are nothing special. A notice warned learners to avoid the third as it had been fitted with an oak stay. Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Kent all went reasonably well before we moved on to Wanlip, another ground-floor ring. The light six here are delightful to ring, our greatest disappointment being the shortage of time, but this was compensated by our next tower, SS. Peter and Paul, Syston, which contains a superb octave. A fair rise here was followed by an excellent touch of Bob Major, some good rounds and a course of Grandsire Triples.

At Barkby, the Vicar had died the previous day and so we felt it unwise to ring, and at Thrussington, our next scheduled tower, Christopher was unable to persuade the Vicar to have a ring. The fact that these bells are unfit to be rung was soon confirmed by those who climbed to the bell chamber. Long Clawson's heavy five, rung from the chancel, are a delight to ring, and Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon, Plain Bob and Grandsire were all rung. The five bells at Hose are fairly average, and this matched our ringing on them. At Harby our drivers had to plough across a field made extra muddy by the three hours' heavy rain and a herd of cows which looked disdainfully at us.

A WELCOME HEATER

Eaton's light six (7–1–19) go very well and we succeeded in ringing Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Norwich and Beverley much to our satisfaction. At Waltham-on-the-Wolds there was a rush to get warm round the little heater which the two local ringers who met us had thoughtfully switched on. Those of us who had to open and close gates on the near-flooded track from Eaton were especially glad to dry our feet. In spite of sounding rather noisy in the ringing chamber, the bells are quite pleasant and we rang Plain Bob and Kent before adding a good course of Surfleet to our repertoire of the day.

Wymondham's heavy six (19–3–0) were rather hard work at the end of the day but, nevertheless, Platn Bob and three leads of Kent were brought round. This ended our scheduled list of towers but most of the party made the journey across the border into Rutland to the weekly practice at Whissendine.

And so we made our farewells and went our various ways, some to go as far as Cosgrove and Derby, others not quite so far. Our grateful thanks are due to Christopher Groome for his excellent organisation, and to all incumbents and local companies for allowing us to ring.

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STEEPLEKEEPING

Essential Work that Contributes to Good Ringing

By TY TENNIT

IT is to be hoped that in this article will be included something for everybody, and it is intended as a general guide for work within the limits of the average steeplekeeper. It is an acknowledged fact that few rings of bells are regularly or efficiently maintained for various reasons. For this reason a general system is given for a tower starting from scratch where an efficient tightening-up is intended, and various headings are given.

It is essential to have a good set of spanners, etc., to fit all types of nuts. These can be expensive but a few pounds invested in an efficient kit is worth a limitless sum in re-hanging, etc. Spanners should be collected as follows:—

3/4in., 11/16in., 5/8in., 9/16in., 1/2in., 7/16in.

These can be either flat spanners or ring spanners, the latter being a little more useful. It is also advisable to have a good heavy duty adjustable spanner (Clyburn is very good). A good pair of pliers, hammer and screwdriver are also useful.

CLEANLINESS

At this point I am assuming that the steeplekeeper is starting afresh to make a clean sweep, figuratively as well at literally. **Is your tower clean?** It is an astonishing fact that a majority of towers are extremely dirty and give access to birds, etc. Apart from the actual mess, dirt is naturally detrimental to both the "tone" and "go" of the bells. Window openings should be wired up with either a copper mesh or galvanised mesh. Chicken netting is useless, since apart from the fact that it corrodes quickly, I have known cases where birds have actually picked their way through it. So the first procedure is to gather volunteers and have a thorough clean out.

The P.C.C. should be approached to provide and/or fit a decent mesh, unless it is desired to provide some form of sound control due to noisiness. This will be described and a cheap method suggested later. At this stage all nuts should be treated with a good penetrating oil such as "Plusgas" or "Easit" or some such similar product. It is advisable to do this several days running before actual tightening-up commences. Clappers should be examined, as also all pulley sheaves. Free running of these latter is essential to maintain good "go," and a loose clapper bush can produce a rattle which is detrimental to tone (note difference in tone of any ring where clappers have been rebushed).

TIGHTENING-UP

Having thus cleaned out the tower, all should now be ready for the general tightening-up. Bell bolts are usually locked either by split pins or lock nuts. The former should be removed and the latter slackened off by using two spanners, one to hold the bottom nut while the top nut is loosened. I have myself seen several cases where steeplekeepers have attempted to tighten up with a lock nut solidly in place and as a result there is either no tightening or the whole bolt revolves. Good spanners are essential. Next start at one end of the ring and commence tightening. First tighten up the clapper bolts as far as possible. Next, the bell bolts themselves, working a part turn at a time on alternate bolts. If badly loose, never tighten up each bolt completely before moving to the next. Work patiently on each one so that all come up tight gradually thus preventing the bell from being pulled out of level. Finish up with a check on the clapper staple bolts. If any bolt turns round without the nut tightening, the top should be gripped tightly if nobody can be found to hold the bolt inside the bell.

If the headstocks are wooden, the nuts holding the gudgeons should also be tightened, working as with the bell bolts, i.e. part turning each, except that the inner pair should be commenced and the outer after.

GREASING

Alternate tightening is essential else the gudgeons may be pulled out of line. Once the bolts are tight, all greasers on pulleys should be removed and recharged with a light grease. If a period of over five years (some founders specify ten, but I personally feel it is too long a period for modern greasers) has elapsed since your bell races of the actual bearings have been charged, it is advisable to recharge again with grease specified by the founder concerned. Incorrect grease has been known to affect the "go" of bells. Ironwork should be painted regularly **before** rust sets in and any major signs of corrosion or rust beyond the scope of the steeplekeeper should be reported to the incumbent or P.C.C., as also any defects beyond control of the steeplekeeper. It is advisable to have a check made occasionally by a founder. A few pounds spent on regular maintenance is to be preferred to large sums spent on restoration through neglect. In cases of doubt, always consult somebody who actually knows. In most, if not all, Guilds, there are competent people who are quite willing to advise if it is not desired to contact actual founders.

STAYS

There have in recent issues been many helpful letters and suggestions on stays, etc., but it must always be remembered that these are made to break in an emergency, and **must not** under any circumstances be too strong. In one tower where a new band was being raised I did see stays strengthened with iron channels, etc. This is a most dangerous practice. If stays break too frequently there is always one of two reasons—something is wrong with the "hang" of the bell, or something is wrong with the ringers. I am fully aware that beginners must be taught and that occasionally stays become broken for this reason, but it is still **too dangerous** to fit stays that are too strong; several cases have been known of serious damage being done. A good, stout ash stay should be suitable for any bell, graded according to weight Don't bother about working out the kinetic energy in the bell, it is quite sufficient to fit one the same size as supplied originally by the founder.

Now in writing the foregoing I have assumed that all is routine and that no special difficulties have been encountered. I now intend to deal with any special peculiarity which could arise under its special heading. Remember always never to attempt any of this unless you are competent or have sufficient confidence.

(To be continued)

A CENTRAL TOWER TOUR

A tour of a novel character was undertaken on October 28th by a minibus full of ringers from Hertford and Wheathampstead to six churches in the East Midlands where the bells were rung from the centre of the church in front of the congregation.

Unforeseen circumstances delayed the start, and in order to maintain the schedule it was necessary to abandon the first tower, Algarkirk. One of the party, travelling independently, did arrive here, where a local ringer was waiting to welcome the party. Our apologies to him.

We were thus able to arrive at Horbling, Lincs, with five minutes to spare. The bells here are excellent in both tone and "go" and with reluctance we left for Colston Bassett. Lunch had to be taken while on the move as the Vicar of Colston Bassett and Langar, a joint living, had also offered us Colston Bassett. He met us at Langar, where the ringing was well above average, and a tittums touch of Grandsire Triples proved the bells were as good as we had been told.

With apprehension we approached Long Clawson, Leics, bells, as we had been informed that there was a longer unguided draught of rope than at Wheathampstead. This illusion was shattered when we found that the ceiling was some eight feet lower. Reasonable ringing took place on the heavy five (17 cwt.).

After a brief stop at Melton Mowbray to enable the girls to do some shopping, we arrived at Somerby, where the ringing included a good course of Cambridge Minor. The last tower was at Glaston, Rutland, where we found a delightful little ring spoilt only by the tenor being slow at both back and hand. A short stop was made at Baldock on the homeward journey. The unanimous verdict was that all the bells rung were well worth the visit. Our best thanks to incumbents and people who met us and apologies again to Mr. Barsley, of Algarkirk.

F. D. C.

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK—
"THE PROBLEM OF ODD-STRUCK BELLS"

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

A by-meeting of the Maidstone District was held on November 11th at Mereworth, when over 40 members attended, including visitors from the Canterbury District. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. T. S. Prentice and the tea was held in the Village Hall.

During the short business meeting a suggestion was made to have a collection for "The Ringing World" at every District meeting; this was generally supported. A last farewell was given to Bernard Groves, who is leaving Kent to live in Cheshire. He was thanked for all the help that he had given to members of the District during the past few years both as a conductor of peals and as a splendid Ringing Master.

The secretary thanked the Rev. T. S. Prentice for conducting the service, the organist, and the ladies who provided the tea. Ringing continued until 8.45.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. M. Davis 1-2, J. L. Riley 3-4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5-6. By S.U.G.C.R. for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, V. Chamberlain 3, W. Beddow 4, E. Tyers 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For evening service.

Letters to the Editor

INJURED RINGER CORRECTS INACCURACIES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's "Century" article, "Leading or Misleading" in the issue of November 17th, is indeed worthy of its place.

I was therefore very surprised upon reading on page 838 inaccuracies in the item "Old Hill Ringer Out of Hospital," which I will endeavour to correct for you.

(i) I was not allowed home until Friday, November 3rd

(ii) I do not make a habit of teaching one method of holding a rope and then do the opposite myself. If I had been foolish enough to put my hand through the loop, then my injuries could have been more serious.

(iii) As for "bouncing" the bell, I did not have that much time upon taking the weight of the bell off the stay. It dropped out, releasing the bell.

In view of these points, I do not know the source of your information; we must, I feel, be certain that our own house is in order before we criticise others.—Yours faithfully,

R. L. DUNN.

Warley, Worcs.

Note.—The Editor asks Mr. Dunn to accept his sincere apologies and regrets that the information supplied to him was inaccurate.

LEAVING BELLS AT BACKSTROKE

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see on page 814 your correspondent claims without any evidence that it is dangerous to set bells at backstroke. There is, of course, no supporting evidence, because backstroke setting is much safer than handstroke setting.

It could be claimed that bells rung well below the balance could not be set at backstroke, since the rope-ends are too short, but it cannot, because the sole reason that bells are stood at handstroke is that we ring our changes in pairs, and handstroke stand is the natural place to start and to stop.

How many times has an "up" bell been mistaken for a "down" bell? Could this occur if bells were set at backstroke?

How many times have ringers pulled off at handstroke and been left with arms hanging limply in front of them because the rope is a yard too long, or, worse still, jerked off their feet because the rope is six inches too short? Could this happen if bells were stood at backstroke? Much starting and stopping and tolling of odd bells to test rope length would never occur if bells were set at backstroke. That is not to say that I am against rope adjustment nor need anyone point out that ropes cannot be adjusted while bells are set at backstroke.

Finally, if a bell is to go over balance for any reason it is far better for it to occur at backstroke, though it seldom does. When a stay is broken at handstroke the excess rope invariably rushes up under an armpit, elbow or hand and produces a burn if nothing more, and then we have the nasty situation where a rope-end is alternately lashing about our heads and well out of reach. It is far better is the stay is broken at backstroke, for the tail-end is more easily pulled from one's hands than is a sally, and is gone if not to the room above at least to the ceiling out of harm's way. —Yours faithfully,

GEORGE EVENDEN.

Coxheath. Maidstone.

RESTORATION DETAILS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could I appeal once again for notification to be given, either by the bell-founders or local ringers, of the rededication of restored rings or the opening of new ones in our weekly paper? Again and again the first intimation one often has that a previously unringable ring has been restored or a new ring dedicated is an entry in the peal or quarter peal columns On our summer tour this year we would have by-passed an excellent and recently rehung five in Dorset had our organiser not noticed that a quarter peal had been rung in a tower entered in "Dove" as "unringable" and written for permission to ring.

It would greatly help those who like to keep their records and their copies of "Dove" up to date if some arrangement could be reached whereby the details of restorations were sent to "The Ringing World" as they take place, or as new bell hanging and founding work is dedicated, and many of us would appreciate it if this could be done.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Great Yarmouth.

NEXT YEAR'S C.C. HEADQUARTERS

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of Central Council members and others who may attend next year's Central Council meeting at Worcester, I would like to give a little more information about the headquarters hotel than we have been able to include in the preliminary announcement of the meeting.

The Giffard Hotel opened this summer and it is part of the nearly completed redevelopment scheme on the north side of the Cathedral. It has a total of 104 bedrooms, all with private bathroom and shower. Rooms also are fitted with radio and telephone and television is available.

The hotel restaurant and lounge bar have large picture windows facing directly on to the Cathedral. A multi-storey car park is close by.

As mentioned in the notice, reduced terms have been obtained for anyone booking before April 1st, 1968.—Yours truly,

D. BEACHAM,
General Secretary,
Worcestershire and Districts
Change Ringing Association.

PERSHORE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—It gave me a great thrill to open my "Ringing World" on November 10th to see the magnificent picture of the Abbey and the excellent article on the wonderful Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha, Pershore, by Mr. Arthur C. Berry.

I had the pleasure of meeting this very unassuming and talented young ringer and conductor on September 17th when he kindly made up a band with Mr. O. J. Attwood, and son, James, when I visited my native village of Overbury with my friends from Caversham, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lanaghan.

We rang the musical and beautiful six, and what a joy it was to hear some perfect striking to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, and the very friendly welcome from these dedicated ringers of Worcestershire. I hope to be able to ring with them again at Christmas.

Good luck to you at Pershore and Bredon's Norton.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter by Mr. F. Kirk in your issue of November 3rd, 1967, referring to Mr. Stote's "Looking Back," of September 8th, 1967. Am I right is assuming that this included the old Central Northamptonshire Association, which ceased to exist when the Peterborough Guild was formed? If so, I may be one of the oldest ringers, as I was made a non-resident life member before ringing and conducting a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, on November 4th, 1911. Also taking part in this peal was Mr. Fred Hopper, a well-known ringer at that time in that area.

Mr. Stote's letter brought back pleasant memories, especially of the occasion when I cycled to Rothwell to take part in a peal on August 10th, 1912, in which Messrs. F. Wilford, E. M. Atkins and David Nichols, leader of the Kettering band, took part. Also taking part was Mr. Henry W. Gayton, of Harrold, Beds, who would also be a non-resident life member and is, happily, still with us.

I wonder if I am still in the records as a non-resident life member.—Yours faithfully,

L. W. JACQUES.

Mansfield, Notts.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to learn about the long membership of several of my old friends, whom I used to ring with before 1914. I was elected an out-county member at Cogenhoe in February, 1910. I lived at Burton Latimer in 1912 until the war, when I soon joined up and came back to Kempston, Beds.

I have had "The Ringing World" from the first issue and it was sent out to me in France for four years. I still take it and, as Mr. R. G. Black says, it is good value.

I think H. Gaynor, of Harrold, is one of the oldest members.—Yours sincerely,

E. P. INSKIP.

RE KENT'S QUARTER PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Carr's letter ("Ringing World," page 834), and to your own footnote, which I presume refers to 1966, and not as printed, not only did Kent do well in peal ringing, they also did well in quarter peal ringing by coming first in the county list. This consisted of ringing 303 quarter peals iin 104 different towers; 207 of them were of Doubles or Minor. Surely it would be hard, pressing a small select band to ring all these.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

P.S.—Details obtained from my quarter peal analysis of 1966. A. B.

PEAL OF 180 DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—On October 6th this year you were kind enough to publish a letter from me in which I withdrew a peal of 142 Doubles and apologised to Mr. Dawson for my incorrect claim which accompanied the peal.

I also asked if Mr. Dawson would be kind enough to produce the actual figures for some of the 120's that he conducted in his peal of 180 methods/variations. My reason for this was because, probably through my own stupidity, I could not see how so many variations could be fitted to such a peal.

Although a number of weeks have passed since the publication of my letter there is no sign of any reply. May I, in the most courteous way, ask why?—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

Department of Geography,
University College, Dublin.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

SUPERVISORS WANTED

Dear Sir,—This year has seen an upsurge in the number of money-raising festivals at various towers throughout the country; these ringing days afford a welcome opportunity to visit new areas and sample new bells, and the organisers have been quick to realise that the opening of several towers in the area has acted like a magnet in drawing ringers to their festival.

Annual general meetings and anniversaries also provide an opportunity for ringing at several new towers and so it is now possible to ring in new areas almost weekly.

Whilst many of the people attending these functions go to support the cause, be it an annual meeting, a tower appeal or an anniversary, the tower grabbers among us are only there to increase their individual totals.

I do not wish to enter into an argument about the pros and cons of tower grabbing but I would appeal to organisers of all ringing days to ensure that each and every tower that is open for ringing in connection with the function should have a responsible and capable person in charge to co-ordinate and supervise the ringing.

On the three occasions that I have attended such meetings this year far too many of the towers have had nobody in charge, or the person in charge has been incapable of organising the ringing, and the ringers have been left to get on with it by themselves.

The result has been chaotic with Surprise ringers grabbing hold for call changes when less experienced ringers are standing around, and then clearing off after a few well-struck rounds, or bands ringing long touches when 30 or 40 people are waiting their turn in a tower that is only open for an hour, or three or four latecomers finding a band that has just finished, leaving them standing there and unable to ring even Minor for lack of numbers.

We would all enjoy these outings more if the organisation at each tower was done sensibly by a responsible person; each visiting ringer would ring what he was capable of and the bells would be heard to advantage both inside and outside the tower, a prime consideration these days with people very quick to complain.

So please, if you are organising such a ringing day, try and ensure that not only your own tower is well manned but also those nearby.—Yours faithfully, D. ELLISDON.

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Essex Association Honour Mr. Heazel

MEMBERS of the Essex Association at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 28th, paid tribute to the long and distinguished service rendered by Mr. R. C. Heazel, first as their general secretary and for 14 years as Master. The occasion was the 14th annual dinner of the Association, and it was the pleasure of the new Master, Mr. Frank B. Lufkin, to hand to Mr. Heazel a silver salver and a cheque as a mark of the members' appreciation.

The stately picture room of the Shire Hall made a beautiful setting, and the company of 117 members and friends had a very enjoyable evening. Accompanying the Master, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, and his wife, on the top table were the Mayor and Mayoress of Colchester (Ald. and Mrs. E. P. Duffield), the Provost of Chelmsford (the Very Rev. H. M. Connop Price) and his wife, the Archdeacon of West Ham (the Ven. J. D. Wakeling), Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heazel.

PERIOD OF CHANGE

After the toast of "The Queen" had been honoured, the Master submitted the toast of "The Church." Mr. Lufkin spoke of his great personal pleasure to propose the toast, as everything he had done in life had been to do with the Church. The Church had taught him everything he needed to know in life apart from card playing and drinking beer.

Calling attention to the many changes that were taking place in the Church today, Mr. Lufkin considered that we, as ringers, should be part of these changes. He implored bell-ringers, as part of the Church, to join their Church Councils and make themselves more aware of the changes taking place. Many ringers would agree that the majority of the clergy were not really aware of what happens in the belfry; he thought this was largely the fault of the ringers and asked them to work for a better understanding between ringers and Rector. Mr Lufkin suggested that the clergy should be taught more of the art.

In his response, the Very Rev. H. M. Connop Price thanked the company for the warm welcome which had been bestowed on both him and his wife; he hoped he would be able to help the Association just as much as his predecessor, who was now the Bishop of Sodor and Man. He was amazed by the wonderful cross-section of the community that ringing enveloped. Most clubs and societies took in people of only one group, but ringing was a healthy activity for people of all ages and classes of society.

A short interval in the speeches ensued while the company listened to the delightful singing and playing at the piano by the Master of the Music at Chelmsford Cathedral, Mr. John Jordan.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Then followed the great moment of the evening, when Mr. Lufkin rose to pay his tribute to Mr. R. C. Heazel. After referring to the great pleasure it was to the company to have Mr. and Mrs. Heazel present at the dinner, the Master said that for as long as he could remember Bob Heazel had been an active member of the Association. Elected as a trustee in 1939, he served as a committee member right up to his retirement from office in 1967. Robert Heazel passed through the positions of trustee, general secretary and, in 1953, he was elected Master.

Mr. Lufkin said that Mr. Heazel had fulfilled outstanding service to the Church as well as to the Association; he brought something to the office of Master that few men possessed; he had put great effort into the job, visiting all the towers in the bounds of the Association and knowing nearly every ringer.

In appreciation of his many years' work, a silver salver and cheque were then presented to Mr. Heazel, who then spoke for a short while, thanking the company for their kind gesture.

PEALS THE ESSENCE OF STRIKING

The Mayor of Colchester (Ald. Edward P. Duffield), a former Master of the College Youths, in proposing the toast of "The Essex Association," said how honoured he was to be able to propose this toast. He noted that some churches showed restraint to ringers, especially to those ringers who derived much pleasure from the art, usually the peal ringers. He felt that peal ringing was the main factor conducive to good striking and suggested that a tower whose ringers were regular peal ringers usually had a high standard for Sunday service ringing. He noted that not all service ringers were peal ringers but suggested that it would be beneficial to the Exercise if more of its ringers were peal ringers. Was there anything other than ringing peals that would raise the standard of striking so much?

Looking at the company, Mr. Duffield was delighted to see so many youngsters—if it were not for the fee there would, no doubt, be even more. It was unfortunate that there were so many attractions (or distractions) for young people, but nevertheless ringing certainly acted as a magnet for drawing youngsters into the Church and anything that had the effect of drawing people to the Church was something to be encouraged. Mr. Duffield spoke of the changes in the leadership of the Association affairs; he praised the younger men for taking more responsibility in the running of the Association and thought it right that the offices should circulate more freely. With regular changes in leadership new ideas would be introduced and the Association would not become stale.

SYSTEMATIC RECRUITING WANTED

Dr. John Armstrong responded by saying that the future of any Association depended on its youth. The Essex Association had gone a long way and achieved a great deal in the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Exercise but he wondered whether the time was not now ripe to launch a large-scale recruitment plan. They were living in a rapidly changing world where the pace of life was fast; if recruitment was neglected the Association might find itself desperately short of ringers. A systematic recruitment of youngsters was required, and now was the time to arrange the campaign, possibly going through schools. Once the learners had been enticed into the belfry it would then be the task of every ringer to keep them there with the ultimate aim of producing competent change ringers.

A vote of thanks was then given to the life members, guests and Mr. Jordan by the Ven. J. D. Wakeling.

With the formalities over, the company was able to chat and mingle happily together.

P. G. B.

A SLIGHT CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—I am writing with regard to Mr. Hawkins' final paragraph on page 834 (November 17th). If he cares to look at "The Ringing World" of April 11th, 1952 (page 237), he will find the method referred to and also its extensions. That may not have been the first time they had appeared, of course.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Smith 1, Hilary Bailey 2, J. Bailey 3, Bryony Moorby 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, A. Luxford 6. For the induction of the Rector, the Rev. M. Buckley, as Rector.

TECHNICAL

IRREGULAR MAJOR METHODS

By S. HUMPHREY

1. Introduction.

Firstly, let us define an irregular method as one which conforms to the Central Council's specifications for regular methods, except that it does not possess Plain Bob lead-heads. (A Plain Bob lead-head is one which when read in the order 8753246 gives a cyclic transposition of 8753246.) Also, let us call the pairs of bells, whose paths intersect as the half-lead place is being made, conjugate pairs. For instance, the conjugate pairs in Yorkshire Surprise are 2–5, 4–7 and 6–8, the pivot bell being 3.

The lead-end of a method is uniquely determined by the conjugate pairs, and for each lead-end there are four possible lead-heads, depending on whether 2nds, 4ths, 6ths or 8ths place is made as the treble leads. Since there are 105 different selections of three conjugate pairs, it might be expected that there are 420 different lead-heads, but in fact some of these are coincidal. However, even if we ignore those lead-heads which give 6–, 5–, 3–, 2– or 1– lead plain courses, there must be large numbers of lead-heads totally unused, since only the Plain Bob ones are employed nowadays. This means that there may exist some excellent irregular methods, comparable with Bristol, say, which are as yet undiscovered. Of course, most conductors are chary of attempting a peal in an irregular method because of the scarcity of suitable compositions, the poor musical qualities and the fact that the coursing order changes at every lead. However, I should like to show that each lead-head set does in fact possess its own coursing order which remains unaltered from lead to lead, that irregular methods can have good musical qualities and that their composition and proof is hardly more complicated than for regular methods.

2. Coursing Order.

In any regular method a coursing pair of bells may be considered to be a pair which, at the lead-head, fall into any of the positions 2–4, 4–6, 6–8, 8–7, 7–5, 5–3 or 3–2. If, however, for an irregular method, we redefine a coursing pair as a pair of bells which fall into the position 8–7 at the lead-head, we can arrive at a useful concept of coursing order.

As an example, consider a method in which the conjugate pairs are 2–6, 4–8 and 5–7, with pivot bell 3. The first lead-end is therefore 6387254, and hence, for a 2nds place method, the lead-head is 6832745. By inspecting this lead-head we can write down the positions into which a bell will fall at successive leads: the 8th, for instance, becomes 3rds place bell, then 4ths, then 7ths, and so on, the complete order being

8–3–4–7–6–2–5–8

which we may call the position cyclic. Now, we know from our definition of a coursing pair that 8–7 course, and in the position cyclic above, 8–7 are separated by two bells. Consequently, any pair in the cyclic which are separated by two bells also form a coursing pair. These pairs are thus 8–7, 3–6, 4–2, 7–5, 6–8, 2–3 and 5–4. To obtain the coursing order, we now merely string these pairs together, giving 8–7–5–4–2–3–6–8, or, more compactly, 8754236. This coursing order remains unchanged at every lead-head of the course, and in this respect is similar to the Plain Bob.

3. Musical Qualities.

Since the number of combination roll-ups seems to be the criterion by which peal compositions are judged nowadays, more such "music" may be obtained if the coursing order is maintained behind in the plain course. This ensures that the maximum number of roll-up positions will occur per course (eight for Surprise and four for Plain methods). It will also enable the composer to perceive more easily where such combinations as 82 or 83 come behind and so (perhaps) avoid them.

It must be remembered, of course, that for irregular methods the coursing order referred to above, and henceforth, is the regular order derived from the conjugate pairs.

4. Extraction of Falseness.

Rigorous treatment of this subject would probably occupy several pages, so I shall be content with the following:—

The case for plain methods is, of course, trivial, repetition occurring solely between identical leads. Surprise methods are slightly more difficult to deal with.

Most systems of extraction of falseness depend upon examining two rows with the treble in the same place (or representations of them) to see if a coursing pair occurs in the same positions in both. Any of these systems may be used for irregular methods, provided we remember that a coursing pair is not necessarily one of the pairs 7–5, 5–3, 3–2, 2–4, 4–6 or 6–8. It is quite straightforward, for instance, to rework Maurice Hodgson's symbolic treatment for irregular methods. Great care is needed, however, not to make any assumptions depending on the method possessing Plain Bob lead-heads; it is very easy to make a slip of this nature after being accustomed to composing only regular methods.

5 Composition.

It is in this field that difficulties may be encountered—bobs will not necessarily shunt three adjacent bells in the coursing order. A problem of another kind is where to have the bob place. It is possible in an irregular 2nds place method to use an 8ths place bob to alter the coursing order! The field lies open here for bobless (**and** legitimate) peals of spliced.

In the example in Section 2, the transpositions are very simple: calls at In, W, M and H transpose 54236 to 42365, 25436, 54623 and 53426 respectively; while for Double London Court it is difficult to insert any bobs without splitting the tenors. This latter method I discovered in a 1908 edition of "Standard Methods," and is a classic example of a good method falling into disuse because of its irregularity. The place notation is —18—36—18—38. I.e. 16, 3768542.

6. Devising Irregular Methods.

One problem immediately becomes apparent. Suppose we have invented a block of work above the treble, in which certain pairs come behind, then, if we wish to maintain a coursing order behind, these pairs must be coursing pairs, and so we have, partially at least, defined the coursing order we want. The problem is, therefore, given a coursing order, what selection of conjugate pairs, if one exists at all, will produce that coursing order?

So far I have not succeeded in a search for a simple relationship, and I should be glad to hear from anyone who has any ideas on the subject.

7. Conclusion.

The above has necessarily been a hasty treatment of a large field of campanology. I must apologise for any vagueness or inaccuracy that may have arisen from this.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Case 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. W. Yates (first of Stedman Triples, aged 10 years) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. E. Green (cond.) 5, W. A Yates 6, D. Satow 7, C. E. Truman 8. For Evensong.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The St. Albans District meeting on November 18th was held at St. Peter's, St. Albans, a fair number of members and friends turning out on the cold afternoon to ring on the ten bells. A course of London Surprise Royal was managed before the service. Tea was held in the Abbey Institute.

Mr. Tom Lock was voted to the chair at the business meeting. New members elected were Miss Debbie Hodge, from St. Peter's (probationary member), Miss Valerie Paice and Mark Willis (transferred from probationary to full membership) and Michael Donmall and Lynn Woodward, of Radlett (full members). The belfry election of John R. Booth, of Luton, was ratified

Details of the District social at St. Peter's Institute on December 2nd were announced. Tickets are 7s. 6d. each, obtainable from the District secretary. It will be an informal evening, "bangers and mash" and entertainments to follow.

There will be a special practice at St. Peter's, Walden, on Wednesday, December 6th, from 7.30 p.m.

The next meeting, which was to have been at Harpenden, has been postponed, and it was decided to leave matters to the secretary, so will everyone please watch for "The Ringing World" notice.

Under any other business the secretary remarked on the small attendance at the service for the last few meetings and asked that perhaps a few more could stay.

Congratulations went to Mick Sherrick and Stephanie Green, both District members, on their engagement.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells, the organist, and the girls for the tea. Evening ringing continued at St. Peter's, another course of London being achieved. J. A. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

The nomination meeting of Farnham District was held at Aldershot on November 11th. The Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Dart, conducted the service, his theme being "They laboured, we are entered into their labour," with special reference to bellringing. Singing was led by the assistant organist, Mr. John Porter.

After an excellent tea served by the Aldershot ladies the business meeting was held with the Master, Mr. Peter Smart, in the chair. All the officers were renominated unopposed, with two nominations for committee member.

The election as a non-resident member, Mr. Christopher Clark, prior to a peal, was ratified.

A short evening session on the bells was followed by a well patronised social, at which Mr. E. J. Bragg was M.C. R. B.

Guildford District

It says much for the keenness of the young ringers in the Guildford District that on an extremely foggy day 41 were present at the service and tea at Wonersh, 30 being from eight towers in the Guildford District. Seven new members were elected—Elizabeth Radford and Jane Garratt, from Wonersh, Christine Bennett, Colin Haste, Philip Haste and Colin Lauder (Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Guildford) and David Gray (Guildford Cathedral).

Nominations were received for District officers as follows: Master, D. Tubbs; Assistant Ringing Master, John Payton and Martin Kirk; secretary and treasurer, Miss Yvonne Eloie; auditor, J. Horsman; additional member of committee, William Savill and John Hagley.

The standard of ringing was not as high as usual, but it is a hopeful sign that there was such a large proportion of youngsters coming along.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12th, 1967

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,296 Ipswich and Annable's London Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. Half-muffled.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Wakefield 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, Mrs. C. Pritchett 3, B. Hough 4, K. Vernon (first on 8) 5, C. W. Reed (cond.) 6, C. H. Pritchett 7, P. Holmes 8. Half-muffled.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS. — 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: Marie Wilson 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, J. R. Perkins 5, P. G. Chambers 6. Half-muffled.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): D. Dury 1, Sylvia Knight 2, H. Deacon 3, G. Grant 4, L. Payne 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6, F. Goodearle 7, J. Nicholson 8. Half-muffled.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. A. Sheffield 1, A. J. Fletcher (first "inside" on eight) 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, Barbara Pickering 5, J. Wellings 6, R. B. Dorrington (cond.) 7, P. G. K. Davies 8. First quarter on eight bells by a local band of this church.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Whittell 1, J. P. F. W. Hollins 2, A. J. Munnings 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 5, R. J. Southgate 6.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Hatmill 1, Margaret Phelan 2, R. Bing 3, Irene Shanks 4, G. W. Shanks 5, T. Farmer 6. Half-muffled.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS. — 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Dove 1, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 2, I. S. Merry 3, W. Noon 4, R. A. Gilliver 5. Half-muffled.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Rose (cond.) 1, T. F. Collins 2, R. F. Symonds 3, B. J. Dyke 4, R. H. Duke 5, B. S. B. Kear 6, P. Romney 7, E. H. Amey 8. Half-muffled.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Jenkins 1, D. Butterworth (cond.) 2, D. Sanderson 3, Wyn Pugh 4, D. J. Thomas (first quarter) 5, A. P. Ogden 6, R. J. Starkie 7, I. Kay 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,287 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J A. Parsons 1, Mrs. M. Hunt 2, Miss C. A. Elliott (first on 8 and in the method) 3, W. A. Peck 4, A. D. Flood 5, S. R. Elliott 6, D. E. Parsons 7, G. R. Tickner 8. Half-muffled.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Futcher (first quarter) 1, A. Elsmore 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, R. North 5, P. J. Privett 6, E. J. Wells 7, E. Olliver 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Miss M. Cruickshank 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, L. Tubb 4, I. Langfield 5, Miss D. Richardson 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. Half-muffled.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS. — 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): P. Rowley 1, Annette Taylor 2 R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—1,320 All Saints' Doubles. Joyce M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh 3, Ruth Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Ayres 1, Judith Loten 2, M. J. Best 3, A. Newton 4, R. Barton 5, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs 8.

KINGSTON UPON-THAMES, SURREY. — 1,344 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Collin (first on eight) 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, A. J. Brown 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. M. Walker 8. Half-muffled.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles (cond.) 1, Susan Tonks 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, M. Peters 4, M Bowers 5, Marion Jones 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Anne Cooke (first of Major) 1, Felicity Cooke (first of Major) 2, D. Cormell 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, P. Reading 6, C. Quartley 7, S. Fenwick 8. Half-muffled.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,282 Lincolnshire Surprise Royal: P. Holden 1, Audrey R. Alexander 2, Maureen J. Carruthers 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, R. R. Churchill 5, R. D. Bailey 6, C. P. Starbuck 7, G. W. Elmes 8, J. R Pratchett 9. R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 10. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast, Foster Lane, 1,250 London Surprise Minor: Ann S. Woodhouse 1, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, Audrey R Alexander 3, P. Holden 4, R. R. Churchill 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Arscott 1, Angela Quick 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. G. Knight 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, M. Symonds (first quarter) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. A. Birch 6. Half-muffled.

MARCH, CAMBS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, D. Feek 3, P. H. Langton (cond.) 4, T. A. Bevis 5, M. Goakes 6. Half-muffled.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (with 4, 6 behind): K. C. Fraser (first on treble) 1, D. R. Baxter 2, J. Nicholas 3, C. A. Richards (first quarter) 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, C. J. Wood (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled, by the College Society in memorium all Culhamites who gave their lives during the two world wars.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.—At St Giles-on-the-Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. N. Golden (first quarter) 1, G. Sparks 2, C. Curson 3, C. F. Goodman 4, F. N. Golden 6, C. Bird 6, G. Sayer (cond.) 7, K. Gilbert (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled.

PORTSEA HANTS.—1,260 Erin Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, A. Page 4, E. Treagus 5, G. J. Gammon 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Half-muffled.

RADLEY, BERKS.—1,260 Doubles (7 methods): Margaret Hockham 1, R. H. Johnstone 2, Catherine A. Salter 3, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, C. J. Jones 6. Half-muffled.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Mrs. V. M. Gill 2, I. North 3, G. Cox 4, R. Brown 5, A. Clifton 6, A. Newbould 7, E. Spencer 8. Also rung in memoriam Canon F. E. Mercer, M.A., a former Vicar.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Cambridge & Plain Bob Minor: B. Coley 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

ROUSHAM, OXON.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Turner 1, W. F. Judge 2, M. J. Turner 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, M. Journeaux 5, P. J. Heritage 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Bridges 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, I. Whorlow (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, Miss S. Wenden 5, G. Firman (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Urban (first attempt) 1, Alison Macfarlane 2, R. Lewis 3, D. O. Fellows 4, P. T. Dale (cond.) 5, J. Hart (first attempt) 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wreford (first quarter) 1, Cynthia Wells 2, Rita Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5. M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

SARRATT, HERTS.—1.260 All Saints' Doubles: R. G. Jones 1 C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4 J. J Wallett (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Kenward 1, Wendy R Austin 2, R. Weekes (first Stedman) 3, J. E. Clark 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, B. E. Jemmett 7, G. Wood 8. Half-muffled.

SLOUGH BUCKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. Hare 1, F. R. Scott 2, G. R. Shedden 3, W. R. Hare 4, D. C. Brown 5, J. D. C. Finch 6, R. J. Foster 7, J. K. Ward (cond.) 8, W. Birmingham 9, D. P Hilling 10. First of Royal 1, 6 and 7.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—1,295 Grandsire Caters: Verona Naylor 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, D. H Walters 3, Jill Palmer 4, V. Green 5, R. J. Cann 6, E. J. Cole 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. Half-muffled.

STAFFORD.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Owen (first in method) 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, Jennifer Beech 3, T. J. Williams 4, N. Holland 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech 7, E. R. Fairbrother (first as cond.) 8.

STOURBRIDGE. WORCS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, J. Warr 2, G. Westwood 3, R. Smith 4 P J. Brown 5, D. Lees 6, M D. Fellows (comp. and cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8. Half-muffled.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Liz C. Duncan 1, June Whitcher 2, E. T. Newnham 3, R. J. Chapman 4, D. Wilson 5, D. Hawkins 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, A. J. Slade (cond.) 9, R. Durrant 10. Half-muffled.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX. — 1,260 Oxford Bob Caters: Janet Hallett (first on ten) 1, Penny Halliwell 2, D. Hewitt 3, D. Sloman 4, B. Sadler 5, H. Furminger 6, R. Tomlin 7, M. Hallett 8, A. House (cond.) 9, C. Wright 10. First in method by 2, 3, 6.

WATFORD, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Tessa May (first on eight) 1, P. E. Pratt 2, D. Laud 3, M. Eastman 4, R. G. Smith 5, R. G. Bell (cond.) 6, G W. Seaman 7, R. D. Bell 8. Half-muffled.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Aslett 1, Hilary Knight 2, C. J. Groome 3, W. J. A. Lewis 4, C. N. Stephenson 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): Delia M. Langton 1, J. C. Parker (first quarter) 2, R. W. Smith (cond.) 3, D. Robinson 4, C. C Stokes 5. Half-muffled. Also in memory of Canon L. H. C. Hopkins, incumbent here 1942-1963.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Andrew Hudson withdraws the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Walsall on November 11th (see page 860) as the composition is false.

Correction —The ringer of the fifth and also the conductor of the peal of Doubles in 19 methods, should be John Walton, and not John Lewis, as printed on page 839.

Mr. J. Quinney, who provided us with a report of Prince Charles' visit to Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, to witness ringing for his 19th birthday, completes 30 years as steeplekeeper of this church this year.

A noted ringing performance at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hants, on November 5th, was the first quarter of Stedman in Basingstoke for at least 15 years. Five of the band rang their first quarter of Stedman, which was conducted by 80-year-old Harry E. Balaam.

The veteran ringer at St. Mary's, Welshpool, is Mr. Charles Williams, with a record of 73 years' faithful service ringing at this church. In honour of his 84th birthday and his wife's 80th a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with Charles on the treble.

According to the rules of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a majority of members must be present for tower elections prior to a peal. In the peal rung at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Remembrance Sunday, there were only three Guild members ringing and in consequence the peal was classified "Non-Association."

Mr. Philip Gray is in Australia and was expected to ring at Melbourne Cathedral last Sunday We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Gwen Roper, of Melbourne Cathedral band, is in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathie Paxton, a Bendigo ringer, to Mr. Alan Taylor. Another engagement from Victoria is that between Ethel Lloyd and Kelvin Lowe, of Ballarat, whose marriage will be on December 30th.

The peal of London Surprise Minor at St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, E.C.2, on Novemoer 15th, enabled John Pladdys to "circle the tower" and was the first peal of London Minor for Robin Churchill and Tim Pett.

Ringers in Godalming and Oxford in particular will congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rossell on the birth of a son in Melbourne. As Elizabeth Stevinson, Mrs. Rossell did splendid work as Guildford District secretary and collected a keen body of youngsters around her at Godalming.

Mr. Alfred J. Whittle, of Reading, who is now 79, was ringing last September in Worcestershire. He writes: "What pleasure this excellent paper gives to me! I am in my 79th year and bought 'The Bell News' of my boyhood days for 2d. What progress this great paper has made."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

LORD MAYOR ENTERTAINS PEAL BAND

The recent peal at Leighton Buzzard was specially arranged and rung for the election as Lord Mayor of the City of London of Sir Gilbert Inglefield, who is churchwarden in the nearby parish of Eggington. Sir Gilbert and Lady Inglefield heard the end of the peal and met the ringers afterwards. The peal was also rung to welcome the birth of a daughter, Rachel Jane, to Diana and Alan Frost, both members of the Leighton Buzzard company. It was an unusual opportunity for the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the end of his term of office, to meet the forthcoming Lord Mayor of the City of London in "Home Territory."

Another very good reason for the peal was to mark the birthday of Bert Whitney, the tower captain, and the 70th birthday of Bill Insley, another local stalwart. After thirsts were quenched, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the peal band, joined by the Vicar, Canon John Schammell, to a magnificent dinner at the Swan Hotel. An enjoyable evening followed. Two notable "firsts" should be mentioned, for Ann Houghton ringing her first peal other than of Minor, and for Edgar Conquest making a welcome return to peal ringing circles after an absence of more than 20 years.

NEWBURY RINGERS AT WORCESTER

Worcester was the venue for the autumn outing on October 30th and this time we were more ambitious, with two 12-bell towers in the programme. At Evesham a good bob course of Grandsire Caters and Cinques and a course of Stedman Cinques were rung, the Rector joining in the Grandsire Cinques with Geoff Hemming, who we were pleased to meet again.

This was closely followed by Bishampton (6) and Church Honeybourne (5); at the latter the writer won himself a pint by turning the tenor into 120 Bob Doubles. What a handful!

Lunch in Worcester, then to the ten at All Saints', where we managed half a course of Cambridge Royal; the eight at Hallow and the eight at St. John's were both enjoyed, and at St. John's we were pleased to ring with Mr. Lewis.

At St. Swithun's, Paul Cattermole met us, and finally the party arrived at the magnificent 12 at Worcester Cathedral, where we again enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Cinques with the Cathedral band; the lower on the back eight will be especially remembered.

Finally the heavy long draught six at the Old Church, Broadway, by candlelight. To David Beacham, who helped with the arrangements and rang with us at many of the towers, a sincere "thank you." G. D.

CROSSWORD No. 6—SOLUTION

The first correct solution opened for Crossword No. 6 was from Miss Y. L. Eloie, 109, Grange Road, Guildford, who has been awarded a prize of 10s. The correct solution reads:

ACROSS.—1. Course; 4. Eyeballs; 9. Rudder; 10 Called in; 12. Carillon; 13. Prince; 15. Eras; 16. Transposes; 19. Beddington; 20 Puma; 23. Amoral; 25. Breather; 27. Duffield; 28. Strain; 29. Relative; 30 Heckle.

DOWN.—1. Coracle; 2. Underhand; 3. Swells; 5. Year; 6. Bellrope; 7. Laden; 8. Singers; 11. Courage; 14. Indoors; 17. Southwark; 18. Finalist; 19 Boarder; 21. Arrange; 22. Battle; 24. Offal; 26. Slav.

RETFORD SOCIAL EVENING RAISES £18

Well over 50 ringers and friends converged on Retford for a buffet super held on November 11th and in spite of the expense of hiring the films "Washington Tower and Bells" and "Ringers Required," an £18 profit was made. The cake stall sold out, the home-made soft toy stall nearly sold out, and Harold Denman's uncle's walking-stick-with-the-church-in-the-handle, which had been brought specially from Doncaster for the occasion, raised 10s. at 3d. per peep.

After the two professional films the prize draw was made. First prize, a transistor radio, was won by Diane Coates, sister of the local vice-captain. A framed picture in felt appliqué depicting Uncle Tom Cobley, etc., which had been sewn by the captain's wife, was won by D. Stainsby, of Radcliffe-on-Trent; the other main prize, a bottle of champagne, was won by a local clergyman. The draw made a profit of £37 10s.

The final entertainment of the evening was provided by Brian Birkett, of Sutton-cum-Lound and an honorary member of East Retford. Two 8 mm. silent films, in colour, concerned various antics of local ringers, with the Flying Scotsman sandwiched between, and received a hilarious reception.

Altogether the local band have raised £167 towards the recasting bill; £155 of this was realised in the last 13 months.

"CHANGES" AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

The choral work "Changes" by Gordon Crosse, which was first performed at the Three Choirs Festival at Worcester, received its first American performance at Washington Cathedral on November 19th and 20th, conducted by Richard Dirksen.

A correspondent writes: "I wonder if there is any connection with the performance of a work entitled 'Changes' and the fact that the conductor is captain of the ringers at Washington Cathedral."

STONEY STANTON BELLS

Stoney Stanton, Leics, bells, on which the late Harold Poole rang his first peal, are having a major overhaul by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The second, third and fourth bells are to be recast and the work, started on October 30th, is expected to be completed by February or March next year. The cost is anticipated to be over £1,200, but about half of this sum has been raised.

Well over 100 peals have been rung on these bells, including 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major on April 28th, 1923, in 7 Hours and 35 minutes, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

TO BE A SECRETARY AT N.A.T.O.

The peal of Doubles in seven methods rung at Catherington on November 18th was a farewell to Miss Maureen White, of Warnford tower, who left this country the next day to take up a position in Brussels as a secretary at N.A.T.O. All her ringing friends wish her good luck. Three members of the peal band are from Maureen's own tower, where a presentation was made to her.

David Hatherley, aged 14, rang the second in the peal and so accomplished his highest number of methods so far; his tower is at Petersfield, where his captain and instructor, Mr. Ken Tipper, may be justly proud of his very good performance.

KENT, OXFORD AND WINDSOR T.B. (Cheltenham Variation)

Windsor Treble Bob may be added to peals of "combined" Kent and Oxford T.B. Major by substituting Windsor for Kent in leads 2 and 4 of the basic KKOKK course, the change of method being called when the treble is in 3–4 down in the normal way.

The first peal using this principle was rung on handbells at Cheltenham on October 31st. An Ilkeston Variation composition of Kent and Oxford ("Ringing World," April 9th, 1954, page 231) was used, with all all bob leads being rung at Kent, giving 2,272 changes of Kent, 1,856 of Windsor and 928 Oxford, with 116 changes of method.

The resulting arrangement has been given the name of "Cheltenham Variation," since the present Central Council rules preclude the description of the peal as spliced.

Windsor Treble Bob, incidentally, is similar to Kent, but with places made in 5–6 instead of 3–4 in the first and last sections of the lead.

Another variation, obtained by adding Windsor T.B. to a composition of Kent and Oxford, "Worcester Variation," was rung "in hand" at Cheltenham on November 21st. This has been given the name of "Gloucester."

MEMORIAL SCREEN AT OAKLEY

A memorial glass screen to commemorate the life and service of the late Marcus Cecil Lee was dedicated in St. Leonard's Church, Church Oakley, Hants, on St. Leonard's Day (November 6th) by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the Ven. R. C. Rudgard.

In addition to being captain of the tower for many years, Marcus Lee had served the community in many other ways—through the Parochial Church Council, Oakley Cricket Club, Thorneycroft and Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society and by winding the church clock.

The screen, at the western end of the nave, will help to exclude draughts from the west door, and had been strongly advocated by Mr. Lee. The dedication took place after Evensong on the Patronal Festival. Before the service the bells were rung by the local band of young ladies. Afterwards a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was attempted by friends of Mr Lee and officers of the Basingstoke District. Unfortunately after about 600 changes the conductor's attention was distracted by difficulties experienced by the ringer of the fourth, which does not go well, and the attempt was unsuccessful.

AFTER EXETER, LIVERPOOL!

After their exploit last year in visiting Exeter Cathedral, the ringers of North Hampshire had an even bigger objective on October 15th by visiting Liverpool Cathedral.

It meant a 5.30 a.m. start for Frank Tonge, the organiser, and his merry company. There was a stop en route for 45 minutes at St. Mary's, Stafford, and Liverpool was reached in time for lunch.

On the good six at Childwall we were able to ring a bridal couple out of church, and then followed St. Nicholas', Liverpool (12), where Grandsire Caters and a good course of Bob Major on the back eight will long be remembered.

The 12 at the Cathedral were naturally the highlight of the day. The local ringers strengthened our ringing and Grandsire Caters and Cinques were much enjoyed. At least three of the party rang their first changes on 12 bells. Thank you, Liverpool, for your warm welcome and thank you, Frank, for your arrangements. C. D.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 22 methods/variations: Two extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Simon, St. Albans, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Dedworth and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and one extent each of Fortune and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*Stanley C. Davis	Treble	*Robin L. Coles	4
*Andrew Swatton	2	†Ian P. Cox	5
Alan F. Lee	3	*Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* Most methods to a peal. † Most methods on a working bell.

Rung as birthday compliments to Stanley Davis and Mrs. Lucy Butt, and a thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the tower after major repairs.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 21, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

*M. Ann Houghton	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	6
Alan J. Frost	2	Rodney H. French ..	7
Robert L. Piron	3	*Edgar J. Conquest ..	8
Henry B. Whitney	4	Roy Woodruff	9
*Peter G. Williams	5	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by Robert E. J Dennis.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung in honour of the election of Sir Gilbert Inglefield of this town as Lord Mayor of the City of London.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Merryn Hutchings (N'ham)	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	5
V Nutton (Selwyn) ..	2	*A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	6
R. L. Underwood (P'house)	3	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	7
R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* 50th peal. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

David Allman	Treble	Frederick S. Sutton	6
William F. Gibbons	2	Barry Corbishley	7
John E. Brough	3	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	8
Rosemary E. White	4	John R. Scott	9
A. Doreen Edwards ..	5	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
First peal of Royal as conductor.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb

Christopher Movley ..	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Basil Jones	3	William H. Dowse	7
*Gerald Moorhouse	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Basil Jones.
* First peal in the method.

THE DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb in D flat.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Burley P. Morris	5
Brian Tomlinson	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
A. Colin Banton	3	David W. Friend	7
Harold Taylor	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung to mark the Patronal Festival.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 10, 1967 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

George H. Paulson ..	Treble	Sidney Hough	5
Ronald H. Bullen	2	Herbert E. Taylor	6
*Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Alex Richardson	7
Timothy Wylie	4	James H. Pailing	Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by James H. Pailing.
* 150th peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAINDROP, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

Roland Park	Treble	*David R. Cox	5
Doris M Killingley ..	2	Thomas Cooke	6
Janet Warwick	3	†Philip Park	7
Dennis G. Blows	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.
* First peal. † First of Major.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

*Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Frank E. Haynes	5
Geoffrey M. Brewin ..	2	John G. Gipson	6
John S. Rank	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
*David E. Rothera	4	Dennis E. Pepper	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung as an engagement compliment to John Rank and Margaret Hammerton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Josephine A. Quilter ..	Treble	†Gerald D. J. Sandwell ..	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Peter G. Brown	6
*Yvonne A. Murray	3	Ian R. Panton	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 50th peal (aged 16 years). † First in the method.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Eileen Gibbons	Treble	George N. Orman	4
Rachel J. R. Orman ..	2	Alan R. Andrews	5
Jennifer M. Andrews ..	3	Arthur G. Button	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Thomas Frankcomb, of Ranelagh, Tasmania, and Sarah Fieldgate, of Thorington.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian Bladon	Treble	§Walter G. Knight	5
*†Anita D. O'Brien	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
‡Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	Robert W. Sherriff	7
*Henry C. Bennett	4	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Maurice A. New.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. ‡ First in the method. § First of Major in the method. First peal as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of an extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 17 lb.

Roger Fry	Treble	Brian Bladon	4
Anita D. O'Brien	2	Maurice A. New	5
*David J. Vowles	3	Anthony R. Peake	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRENSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Judith M. Collins	Treble	Douglas A. R. May	4
Jill M. May	2	Roy Collins	5
John A. Collier	3	E. John Wells	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal of Minor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	G. William Critchley	5
Alick Cutler	2	Alan Carveth	6
J Richard Castledine	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Dennis Knox	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

CHESHUNT, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*Jane A. Briggs	Treble	Roger Durrant	5
†Barbara J. Bagguley	2	Andrew W. R. Wilby	6
Brian Foley	3	Frederick W. Ellis	7
‡Christopher Forster	4	John E. Ewer	Tenor

Arranged by A. W. R. Wilby. Conducted by Frederick W. Ellis.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Bob Major. First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Harry Brown	Treble	†John Lindsay	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	‡David E. Rothera	7
Martyn L. J. Jordan	3	§Frederick R. Scott	8
George E. Bonham	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	9
*Colin G. Wright	5	§George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe (87's). Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ 25th of Surprise Royal. § 25th together. The conductor's 150th different tenor turned in to a peal.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Jonathan S. N. Porter	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
*John Lindsay	2	David E. Rothera	6
George E. Bonham	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
†Colin G. Wright	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Rutland.

BANGOR, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Comgall.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt 4 lb. in E flat.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5
George E. Thoday	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
*Colin G. Wright	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
David E. Rothera	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of 8-spliced.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Harold Evans	Treble	*Derek Sclater	5
Trevor A. Cross	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
*Simon A. B. Wigg	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*Malcolm Barden	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Major in the method.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

James T. Stevens	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
*Phyllis R. Chidwick	3	Richard Hayes	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	William T. Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Peter Absolon, who is shortly leaving the parish to take a post at St. Nicholas', Strood.

MARGATE, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist in Thanet.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

Keith I. Davis	Treble	Frederick Huckstepp	5
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Brian Jemmett	6
James Hedgcock	3	Donald H. Niblett	7
Crawford J. Hillis	4	Nicholas J. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Donald H. Niblett.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,440 Yorkshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	*David J. Jukes	5
Christine Andrew	2	C. L. Digby Munday	6
*Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	3	Christopher M. Movley	7
*David Ley	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Ian Wilson	Treble	†Raymond Helliwell	4
Roger Leigh	2	Michael Bell	5
*Ian Smith	3	Anthony Helliwell	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony Helliwell.
* First peal. † 25th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	7
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Rupert A. Clarke	8
E. Alan Jacques	3	Peter J. Staniforth	9
W. Eric Critchley	4	John M. Jelley	10
J. Martin Thorley	5	Russell S. Morris	11
John Bramley	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
Rung as a welcome to Miss Lisa Penelope Morris.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Garry W. Mason	Treble	Martin Green	5
Howard C. Palmer	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
R. Brian Mills	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
*Roland T. Wakefield	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Oswald Delight, (2) Kentish Delight, (3) Edinburgh Delight, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Beverley Surprise, (7) Surfleet Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

J Harry Dove	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	4
Robin A. Gilliver	2	John Vernon	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	*Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* 225th peal

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

John Walden	Treble	†Philip C. Pitchford	7
Beryl N. Reed	2	James W. Raithby	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Harold F. Gibson	9
Margaret E. Chilton	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
*Paul Raithby	5	Peter A. Sharp	11
Walter Tomlinson	6	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First of Stedman Cinques "inside."
Rung for St. Hugh's Day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	James R. Holmes	5
H. Leslie Squires	2	John H. Bluff	6
William A. Holmes	3	Raymond H. Daw	7
Edgar A. Cole	4	James W. Haw	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
Rung after meeting short for Royal in memory of Sir. Malcolm Sargent.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John Walden	Treble	Jack Bray	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
C Aubrey Harrison	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung in memoriam Frederick A. Salter.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.2.
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being two different 2,160 blocks and a 720, C.C.C. 87, 74 and 77.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

John Pladdys	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Roger D. Bailey	3	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
Rung in memory of the Rev. Canon C. B. Mortlock, Vicar of St. Vedast's and friend of the Society.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GRIMSDYKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	H George Hart	5
*Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Joan Beresford	3	Dennis Knox	7
G. William Critchley	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 100th peal on these bells, the first person to accomplish this. First peal in the method.

GRIMSDYKE SURPRISE MAJOR
mx—58—16—56—38—14—38—56—5. l.e. 14263857 (8ths).
4ths place bob. H. and M. No. 825.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Modwen.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Eric E. Speake	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Derek P. Jones	6
Sheila Parsons	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
Norman W. Attaway	4	John K. Smith	Tenor

Composed by S. J Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day, 50 years after the Third Battle of Ypres ("Passchendaele").

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*Frank Chambers	5
John K. Smith	2	*Robert L. Piron	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

SWEPSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

William J. V. Conduct	Treble	Gordon H. Lane	4
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
*John K. Smith	3	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of London Surprise "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
REDENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 6, 1967, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	Frederick C. Gunton	5
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	William J. Flatt	6
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	David E. House	7
David Cubitt	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by John Cox. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Arranged and rung to mark the 90th anniversary of the first peal for the Association, rung in this tower, the method and composition being the same.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MABLETHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Brian W. Hall	2	Peter Pearce	6
*Christopher C. Clarke	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Frederick W. Soden	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 250th peal First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. A. W. Adeney, on leaving for Foxton, Leicestershire.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Gordon W. Limmer	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*Ronald K. Russ	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
*David C. Brown	3	†William Birmingham	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Giles R. Shedden	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † 450th peal.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*J. D. Christopher Finch	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Barry J. Davies	6
David C. Brown	3	William Birmingham	7
Kenneth R. Davenport	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to David Brown on his 15th birthday.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary and James.
On Fri., July 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Kay Winterbourne	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	4
Roger B. Pike	2	*Edric J. Ovens	5
H. Jillian Pike	3	*Michael J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASKERSWELL, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., July 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: Three extents of Plain Bob and one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*Ann S. Woodhouse	Treble	†Michael J. Smith	4
*Kay Winterbourne	2	†Roger B. Pike	5
*Howard E. J. Smith	3	†David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* Most methods to a peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal.

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Aug. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 17 methods, being two extents each of St. Osmond, St. Remigius, St. Simon, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Leonard, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, April Day, Kennington, Southrepps and Northrepps, and six extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in G sharp.

H. Jillian Pike	Treble	Kay Winterbourne	4
David L. Wilcox	2	Roger B. Pike	5
Howard E. J. Smith	3	Edric J. Ovens	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B Pike.
Most methods to a peal by all except the tenor ringer.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Oct. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, each obtained without singles.
Tenor 6 cwt.

Monica Blagrove	Treble	Albert Wenban	4
David C. Brown	2	William Birmingham	5
*Christopher Finch	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Philip J. Davis	Treble	Paul R. Davis	4
Mark W. Sayers	2	Robert A. Reeves	5
Diana Reeves	3	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.
* First peal of Minor.

QUAINTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods: Eight extents each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*Joyce I. Cornwall	Treble	Roy Woodruff	3
*John Young	2	David A. Cornwall	4
Walter Lee	Tenor		

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor. First in more than one method on the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WATLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A transposition of Thurstans' four-part Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Stephen F. Royal	Treble	Bruce Wakefield	5
P. Gerald McIlhone	2	Philip J. Daniel	6
Stephen K. Thompson	3	J Paul Coad	7
Peter H. Mackie	4	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 24 methods, being 480 Cambridge, 320 each Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum, London, New Gloucester and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Malcolm J. V. Chown	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Barrie Hendry	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Alan A. Paul	3	David J Marshall	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
Most Major methods to a peal by all the band except Mr. Speed, and for the Guild.

MOULTON, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Delia M. Langton	Treble	Christopher C. Stokes	5
†Bridget Bates	2	Roger W. Smith	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Barry E. Saunders	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major "inside." 100th peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 15 methods, being 448 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 224 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey and Superlative, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Edwin A. Barnett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAMBLEDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

William A. Godwin	Treble	Hugh Falkner	4
Mrs. W. A. Godwin	2	D. Roy Fuller	5
Robert J. Fuller	3	*Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* 25th peal of Minor
Rung to the memory of Edmund Falkner (grandfather of the ringer of the fourth), who died exactly 60 years ago after 38 years of service to the church and village of Hambleden.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Bryan Birkett	Treble	†Keith Hilton	4
Doreen Metcalfe	2	Harry Poyner	5
*Christine Wright	3	Linda M. Wilkinson	Tenor

Conducted by Linda M Wilkinson.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.

*John Rampley	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Andrew Ellis	2	Vernon Bedford	5
†Wendy Ellis	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Vernon Bedford.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	*Richard A. J. Bower	6
*Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	7
Audrey R. Alexander	3	Robin R. Churchill	8
Adrienne Gibson	4	Timothy G. Pett	9
†Christopher J. Easton	5	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed by Richard J Parker. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Humphrey's Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

*Christopher J. Easton	Treble	*Jennie Brown	5
†Maureen J. Carruthers	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
††Christopher P. Starbuck	3	John Pladdys	7
†Audrey R. Alexander	4	Robin R. Churchill	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher P. Starbuck.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt in G.

Michael J. Wake	Treble	Paul R. Davis	5
Robert A. Reeves	2	Martin Harbott	6
Diana Reeves	3	*E. Winifred Keys	7
Mark W. Sayers	4	Barry J. Davis	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* 300th peal.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. L. Stilwell.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Mary E. White	Treble	*Ramon A. Stone	4
David G. Hatherly	2	*Charles E. Bassett	5
Lesley J. Read	3	Peter Godman	Tenor

Composed by Charles E. Bassett.
* 25th peal together.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Joseph Warr	Treble	*Peter Robertson	5
*M. Irene Ellsmore	2	James Attwood, jun.	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Robert Edwards	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Superlative. First of Superlative as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Alan Clifton	5
Gail Cater	2	George Hancock	6
Robert Cater	3	Ian North	7
R Ann Johnson	4	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ian North.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ARKSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Anne P. Leigh	Treble	Ian North	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Alan E. Hartley	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Ernest J. Padgett	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Stephen R. Munday	Treble	Peter Scholfield	5
William Barton	2	†Colin Bottomley	6
*W. George Turner	3	John Ambler	7
Frederick A. Munday	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stephen R. Munday.
* 50th peal. † First peal. First as conductor.

WETHERBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Charles Maxfield	Treble	Brian E. Moorhouse	5
John A. Brown	2	Alan Newbold	6
Philip Moorhouse	3	H David Holland	7
Pauline Holland	4	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by H. David Holland.
Rung for Remembrance Day and to welcome to the parish the new Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Marshall.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 28 lb. in E.

George T. Cousins	Treble	*Michael J. Church	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	D. John Hunt	7
Diana M. Chapman	3	Peter Bridle	8
Robert C. Kippin	4	David P. Hilling	9
Cyril A. Wratten	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal on ten bells and of Stedman.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Arranged by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	*Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT, OXFORD AND WINDSOR T.B. MAJOR
Cheltenham variation. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
Believed to be the first peal in three "combined" Treble Bob Major methods. The peal contains 2,272 Kent, 1,856 Windsor and 928 Oxford, with 116 changes of method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Feirn.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	George E. Feirn	7–8
Jack L. Millhouse	9–10		

Composed by Samuel Wood. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At Queen's College.
On Sun., Nov. 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Roger E. Burbery	1–2	Stephen K. Thompson	3–4
John R. Leary (cond.)	5–6		

First peal "in hand" by all the band.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At 19, Magdalen Drive.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*William L. Exton	1–2	*Brian M. Buswell	3–4
R Brian Mills (cond.)	5–6		

* 25th peal together.

NON-ASSOCIATION
PADDINGTON, London.—At 4a, Ladbrooke Square, W.11.
On Mon., Oct. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Timothy G. Pett	1–2	Christopher P. Starbuck	5–6
Richard A. J. Bower	3–4	Simon Humphrey	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
First peal "in hand" as conductor.

3 QUARTER PEALS IN ONE DAY ON NOVEMBER 4th

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCS. — 1,200 Minor (Single Court, Little Bob): A. C. Crawford 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, E. Cole 3, J. R. Holmes 4, J. Haw 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6.

WEST DEEPING, LINCS.—Seven Doubles methods: J Haw 1, E. Cole 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, J. R. Holmes 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, A. C. Crawford 6.

WITHAM-ON-HILL, LINCS.—1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): A. C Crawford 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, D. A. Frith 3, J. R. Holmes 4, E. Cole 5, J. Haw (cond.) 6.

BEDFORD, BEDS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. C. Greenhalf 1, Mrs. K. A. Marriott 2, Miss B. M. Stone 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. L. Piron 5, C. M. Orme 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, R. H. French 8. Conductor's 75th quarter For Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eleanor Wolledge 1, Pat M. Fox (first "inside") 2, Valerie L. Bowlzer (first "inside") 3, K. Medhurst 4, Mary R. Andrews 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Tupper, a great friend of the Bexley ringers.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Monica Martin 2, W. Robertson 3, R. Bampton 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6. First Grandsire 1, 3 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Nance and Bill Robertson.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. W. Gibbins 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, R. J. Mayle 5, T. Thomas 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. For Confirmation service.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—On Oct 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. K. Deacon 1, J. H. Beale (cond.) 2, W. Noon 3, T. W. Thorpe 4, A. Hough 5. For Harvest Festival.

BUSHEY HEATH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Laud 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, Miss M. Carruthers 3, D. Laud 4, J. R. Southey 5, C. W. Simpson 6, L. North 7, T. Norris (cond.) 8. For Confirmation

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Nov. 7th, 1,296 Minor (London and Cambridge): P. S. Bennett 1, C. Ricketts 2, C. Quarterley 3, P. Reading 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, T. P. Edwards 6. Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church, on Oct. 12th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods): B. Pratt 1, D. F. Murfet 2, F. E. Haynes 3, G. Pearson (cond.) 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, J. G. Gipson 6, K. J. Hesketh 7, S. Brown 8. Arranged as a farewell quarter to S. Brown, who is leaving Cambridge to work in Bristol.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Jennifer M. Taylor 1, S. Brown 2, G. Hebden 3, R. W. Rice 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, W. S. Rice 6, J. Brain 7, P. Bridle 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At Christchurch Cathedral on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Hainsworth (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Soloman (first, in N.Z.) 2, G. N. Sloan 3, C. H. Ward 4, Dr. P. J. Perry (first as cond.) 5, J. H. G. Gardner 6. For the 86th anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Hatmill (first quarter) 1, Margaret Phelan 2, Irene Shanks), D. Netherton 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. To commemorate the reinstatement of Rev. Father Freeman, C.S.S.R., as Rector. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: By the same band, for All Saints' Day.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. K. Measures 1, Cynthia Wells 2, J. Vernon 3, D. Simpson 4, N. W. Price 5, M. Vernon 6, W. Johnson 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung on the anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Beatrice Seal, the donor of these glorious bells, to fulfil the bequest she left in her will.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, R. Harrod 3, J. Coston 4, C. Tovell 5, E. Shipp (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of R. E. I. (Bert) Wilson, churchwarden for 16 years, and who died on October 8th.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Oct. 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Dr. Anne Gower 1, R. Preston, jnr. 2, T. J. Winderam 3, R. Preston, snr., 4, M. J. Pink 5, D. M Graham-Service 6, T. C. Winderam 7, J. Preston (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Roberts 1, T. Bevan 2, J. Payton 3, A. Butler (cond.) 4, D. Oates 5, E. Boyle (first quarter) 6. By local ringers for the Patronal Festival.

GREAT WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (8 methods): S. Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, S. K. D. Woolley 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, R. Newby 6. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): S Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, R. Newby 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5, S. Whitlam 6. Rung half-muffled.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. R. Garrett 1, B. Whatley 2, F. J. Thoday 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Denise Loach (first quarter) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, Ruth Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong and a welcome to Bishop Weller. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Hazel Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Dutton 2, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 3, Denise Loach and W. G. Marsh 4, M. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles. W. G. Wright 1, J. Wallett (cond.) 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. For Patronal Festival.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. B. Cooper 1, Barbara A. Taylor (first in method) 2, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, G. K. Smith 5, D. S. Johnson 6. Also is a compliment to John S. Rank, a "native" of this tower, and Margaret K. Hammerton upon their engagement.

LANE END, BUCKS. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Meakes 1, T. Wright (first in 2 methods) 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes 4, W. Avery 5, C. Hagger 6. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Mrs R. Hazell 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Sept. 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Monica M. Jelley 1, T. Bent 2, M. E. Wade 3, J. W. Bramley 4, G. H. Bray 5, J. E. Adams 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, W. E. Rawson 8, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 9, S. J. Haines 10. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version): J. W. Bramley 1, Monica M. Jelley 2, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 3, W. E. Rawson 4, G. B. Brown 5, M. Green 6, A. M. Lindsey 7, J. E. Cook 8, R. C. Kippin 9, R. K. Mason 10. Also on Oct. 29th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: S. J. Haines 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, G. S. Morris 3, M. Green 4, D. F. Moore 5, G. A. Olliffe 6, J. W. Bramley 7, P. A. Mason 8, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 9, P. J. Staniforth 10, R. C. Kippin 11, R K. Mason 12. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Monica M. Jelley 1, J. W. Bramley 2, G. B. Brown 3, M. Green 4, G. H. Bray 5, P. A. Mason 6, M. E. Wade 7, W. E. Rawson 8, R. K. Mason (cond.) 9, J. M. Jelley 10. Compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris on the birth of a daughter.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Anne Houghton (first Royal in method) 1, C. Hardy 2, J. Flint 3, B. Whitney 4, P George 5, D. Carr 6, E. Houghton (first Royal in method) 7, D. Manton 8, K. Churchill (first Royal as cond.) 9, C. D. Corby 10. First Royal 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10. To commemorate the Armistice and a birthday compliment to father of tenor ringer.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Osbon 1, Steven Upton 2, A. Laker 3, R. Jean Osbon 4, R. V. Johnson 5, H. Burton 6, R Osbon (first as cond.) 7, C. A. Osbon 8. For Patronal Festival.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Kelby (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. Jones 2, Yvonne Criddle (cond.) 3, Marjorie Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, H. Button 6.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Southwark Cathedral, on Nov. 5th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, Angela Wells (first attempt) 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. W. Euston 4 R. F. Prime 5, G. Marchant 6, J. M. Britchford 7, C. Stevenson (cond.) 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Turner (first of Minor) 1, W. F. Judge 2, E. J. Smith 3, M. Journeaux 4, S. F. Royal 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

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BENNETT.—To David and Gillian (née Smith), of 61, Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, Kent, a daughter, Claire Emma, on Friday, November 17th, 1967, at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. 2812

ENGAGEMENT

NORTH—LOCKWOOD. — The engagement is announced between Ian North, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley North, of Rothwell, Leeds, Yorkshire, and Patricia Lockwood, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Edward Lockwood, of Ossett, Yorkshire. 2834

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Fred Salter and family sincerely thank all friends for their sympathy, especially all the ringers who attended Fred's funeral. Special thanks to those who rang the bells at church and the honour the handbell ringers paid him over his grave; also for floral tributes. We would also like to thank all his many friends who helped to make his ringing career such a joy to him. 2832

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ANN FELLOWS.—The address of Ann Fellows is: St. Brides, 5, Burgh Road, Aylsham, Norfolk, NOR 077. All friends welcome. 2822

MILLHOUSE.—The address of Jack and Betty Millhouse is now: 8, Marne Gardens, Sobroan Barracks, Burton Road, Lincoln. No telephone yet.

PERSONAL

"The knowledge of a wise man shall abound like flood: and his counsel be like a pure fountain of life."—Ecclesiastes xxi, 13.

Would any "Ronalds" wishing to attempt a "Ronald" peal at Selby Abbey in late January or early February please contact R. R. Warford, 5, Toronto Place, Leeds 7. 2826

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OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE WILL BE ON DECEMBER 15th

Christmas and New Year Greetings to be included in this issue should be received not later than Friday, Dec. 8th.

The Editor would welcome a seasonal picture for the cover.

PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 22nd: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 15th. Despatched Wednesday, December 20th

Issue of December 29th: Last time for Notices, Thursday, December 21st. Despatched Wednesday, December 27th.

THE LATE MR. T. R. DENNIS

It is proposed to erect a memorial stone in Longstanton Churchyard. The Ely Association invite donations from his many ringing friends. Donations may be sent to the Ely Association's District Secretaries or to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 2764

BEGINNERS' PRACTICE. — Cranford, Middlesex, December 9th, 3.30–5.30. Harlington, Middlesex, 6.30–8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Plain Hunt and Grandsire only. Own tea arrangements, please. — Anne Horsford, Colin Stevenson. 2772

BENTLEY COMMON Essex. — Practice night alterations for December: Tuesday, 5th, normal; Wednesday, 13th, Tuesday, 19th, Wednesday, 20th, no practice; Wednesday, 27th, then Tuesdays as usual.—R. J. B. 2824

HOLY TRINITY, THEALE.—Bell Restoration.—Work is due to start on November 27th. Anyone interested in helping, please send donations to: Mr. B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, Berks. 2816

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' MEETING

Saturday, December 9th, at Birmingham.

The ringing arrangements are as follows:

Yardley, S. Edburgha (8) ..	10.00–11.00
Shirley, S. James' (8) ..	11.00–12.00
Solihull, S. Alphege (10)	12.00– 1.00
Erdington, S. Barnabas' (8)	2.00– 3.00
Aston, SS. Peter & Paul (12)	3.15– 4.15
Harborne, S. Peter (8) ..	4.30– 5.30
Edgbaston, S. Bart's (8) ..	5.30– 6.30

Please note that accommodation is limited. 2829

ST. MARY'S SILEBY, LEICS.

Annual bellringers' service, Sun., Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. Sing hymns to the accompaniment of 52 handbells rung by the St. Mary ringers. Special items by the ringers. Tower bells before and after the service. All welcome. 2841

ST. MARGARET'S WESTMINSTER

Dedication of Memorial Seats

Sunday, December 3rd, 5.30 p.m.

Ringing Day, December 16th. Towers available: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, St. James, Clerkenwell, 10–11.30 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral 11.30–12.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Camberwell, 2–3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's in evening. Tea, St. Giles' Church Hall, 4 p.m. Names to J. Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16, or Phone 01–769 2377. 2833

SUFFOLK GUILD CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Don't miss it—be with it. Where? Victory Hall, Bramford. When? December 16th, 7 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments as usual. Come and join your friends. Tickets at the door 5s. (Children 2s. 6d.) 2819

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, December 2nd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Wells Surprise and Single Court. 2805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Branch annual, Daglingworth (4), December 2nd, 2.30–3.30 p.m. Cirencester Parish Church (light 8) 3.30–4 p.m., (12) 6–8.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Old Town Hall, 4 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 2837

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, December 2nd. Norton bells (8) 6.15 to 8.30 p.m. Royston not available. District Committee meeting, December 5th, 8 p.m., at 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. Tel. Bedford 57045. 2796

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Milton Regis, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to G. Wood, 161, High Street, Milton, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton. 2734

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 2811

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (10) from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2785

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names for tea, please, to Secretary, B. R. Eglesfield, 7, York Road, Stoney Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks. 2815

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Shoreditch (12), Saturday, December 2nd, 3–4.30. Tea at Shoreditch 4.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6–7.15. St. Martin-in-the Fields (12) 6.30–8. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 2809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at West Hoathly (6), December 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Carol service 4.15 p.m. Carols will be accompanied on handbells. Tea 5 p.m. 6 p.m., Mr. E. A. Barnett will give a talk on "Place Notation." Ringing will continue in the belfry for those not interested in the talk. Names for tea to me. Mrs. Jean Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E. G. 23815), as early as possible. Everyone will be most welcome. 2789

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 4th, at 7 p.m. 2840

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on December 5th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: December 5th, St. Mary-le-Bow; December 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; December 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn. —J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2780

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Monthly practice, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, N.1, Tuesday, December 5th, 7–8.30, instead of Kensington. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 2778

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice. Wootton, Thursday, December 7th, 7 to 9 p.m. 2845

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Shepshed (8), Friday, December 8th, 7 p.m. Refreshments being arranged after meeting. Numbers, please, to C. W. Hall, 88, Leicester Road, Shepshed, by December 6th.—R. M. W. 2825

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Friday evening, December 8th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2820

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at North Wingfield, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30, followed by tea and A.G.M. (Chesterfield District). Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield. Tel. No. Chesterfield 51175. All welcome.—M. Phipps, E. Sterland, Secs. 2846

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston Branch) and SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting will be held at Melbourne (8) on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m., with a break and short service and tea approx. 5.30 p.m. Afterwards tower open until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. R. Chisholm, 138, Boulton Lane, Alvaston, Derby, DE2. OFG, not later than December 5th. 2774

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tonbridge (8), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, by Friday, December 8th, please. 2836

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall (Old School), 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing.—B. Pratt, Dis. Sec 2838

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—The "F. W. Lack" Memorial peal board will be dedicated by the Rev. W. J. T. Brockie at Evensong in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Great Staughton, on Saturday, December 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at 6 p.m. and after the service. All are very welcome.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2842

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Please note change of tower. Names for tea to me at 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 2830

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Barrow-upon-Soar, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Everard, 108, Sileby Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, by Wednesday, December 6th. No name, no tea.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2817

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, by Wednesday, December 6th.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 2777

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Haddenham (8), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks, by Thursday, December 7th. 2794

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. H. Mason, 17, Lovelace Road, Liverpool 19.—M. E. D. 2853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Headington, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Wyatt, 78, Foxwell Drive, North Way Estate, Headington, Oxford, by Monday, December 4th, please. 2828

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on December 9th at 6.30 p.m. 2861

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandovery, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Warburton, Iet yr Eithin, Llanwnda, Goodwick, Pembs. 2808

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Gillingham, December 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names for tea to M. M. Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne (Phone Yetminster 332) by Tuesday, 5th. 2835

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting and further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Archer, 8, Morville Drive, Wellington, Salop, by December 2nd without fail. 2791

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, on December 9th Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by Wednesday previous. 2844

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts.—Meeting at Blyth, December 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 7th. 2823

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual District meeting at St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30–4.30. Service followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. South East members, make this a 100% attendance, put over your ideas and vote your officers. All wishing for tea please book with Mrs. J. Munnings, 42, Beechcroft Road, Ipswich, not later than Wednesday, December 6th.—W. Lockwood 2806

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing at Pagham (5) 2.30 to 3.30, Aldwick (4) 3.30 to 4.30 Tea at Felpham Church Hall at 4.45. Evensong (choral) at 6 o'clock Ringing at Felpham (6) in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2843

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting at Giggleswick (8) on December 9th at 6 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes. All welcome —Maurice Thurmott. 2710

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Rugeley, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M.S., Hon. Sec. 2813

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at All Hallows', Almondsbury, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells available (8) 3 p.m. The District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m. and the business meeting will follow tea. Names for tea (5 p.m., Parish Hall) should be sent to Mr. B. Sullivan, 11, Rowley Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, no later than the 13th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2728

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—There will be a pre-Christmas get-together evening at St. Mary's, Warwick (10) on Wednesday, December 20th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes to Caters, rounds to Royal. All most welcome.—R. W. S.

LATE NOTICES

DEATH

SMITH.—On November 18th, 1967, Sarah Smith, widow of the Rev. Douglas G. Smith and mother of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, passed peacefully away at her son's home, Darley Rectory, Matlock. 2852

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of the Rev. Roger Fry is now: The Rectory, Middlebridges, Bristol Road, Portishead, near Bristol. The telephone number remains the same, Portishead 2284. 2854

MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY COLLEGES' GUILD. — A special general meeting will be held at Honiley on December 13th after the evening practice 7.30–9 p.m. Revision of the membership rule will be discussed. 2860

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Annual general meeting, Chew Magna, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. — D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 2867

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Six-bell practice at St. Decuman's, Watchet, on Monday, December 4th, at 7 p.m. 2863

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—**Evening meeting** at Henlow (6) on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m. Please note change of arrangements. 2865

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting at Woodford, December 9th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. Hallett, Hon. Sec. 2848

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday. 2849

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M. to be held in Gloucester on Saturday, December 9th. Cathedral (10) 2.15 until 3.50 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. Service 5 p.m. at St. Mary de Crypt School Room, followed by business. Crypt (8) available after business. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 2864

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge. Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names to Miss C. M. Snow, Hope House, Ryalls Lane, Slymbridge, Gloucester, by Tuesday, December 5th. 2857

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 2866

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, December 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing, Aspenden (8) until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Lawrence, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, near Ware.—Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2868

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, December 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Frank Reynolds, 38, Windsor Drive, Whitefield. Manchester, by previous Thursday, please. Please note—it is definitely "no names, no tea." — Christine Andrew, Branch Sec. 2850

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, December 9th. Own tea arrangements. A.6 Road, alight Roebuck.—L. Walmsley. 2851

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 2855

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Monday, December 11th, 8–9.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, London (No. 3).—C. H. Rogers. 2858

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 2856

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A number of items on the agenda require your attention. Please make a special effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by December 13th. 2847

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jenifer Felton 1, Hilda Oatway 2, Susan Davis 3, B. Read 4, C. A. Hughes 5, Jenifer Pearce 6, A. M. Stacey 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10.

LONGPARISH, HANTS. — On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, F. Tonge 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, C. Smith 4, R. Crook 5, Mrs. G. Dodd 6. Rung for the 40th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: D. C. Jackson 1, Gladys D. Northway (first of Major "inside") 2, Susan V. Banks (first of Major) 3, W. R. Gilks (first in the method) 4, Elizabeth A Banks 5, T. Matcham 6, R. Allinson (cond.) 7, L. D. Smith 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Robins 1, H. Hardwidge 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to Mrs. Kortwright, jnr., on the birth of a daughter, and Mrs. Kortwright, snr., on her 80th birthday.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): J. W. Forder 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, A. H. Roberts 3, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 4, F. C. Gunton 5, A. E. Long 6. For Confirmation and Communion service.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Thirtle 1, Joan Smith 2, Hilary Bailey 3, Ada Smith 4, D. Boniface 5, A. I. Pearmain 6, B. B. Rogers 7, A. Luxford 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Thirtle 1, A. Luxford 2, Gillian Davis 3, Hilary Bailey 4, D. Boniface 5, A. V. Davis 6, B. B. Rogers 7, A. I. Pearmain 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: Denise Hargreaves 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, Anna K. Sadowska 3, G. J. N. Colborne 4, R. M. Ashman 5, R. E. Stillwell 6, B. E. Matthews 7, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 8. Rung by R.U.S.C.R. for Evensong.

TODMORDEN, W. YORKS.—At Cross Stone, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Ashworth 1, B. Owen (first quarter) 2, G. Cheetham 3, C. Milthorp 4, D. V. Hodgson 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

UFFINGTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge and Norwich Surprise: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, R. Spencer 4, F. Sismey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Crossland (first quarter) 1, D. Crossland 2, Janet Thornton 3, Juliet Sharpe 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. For Harvest Evensong and to mark the ordination as priest of Rev. G. Halliday.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. T. Farr 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A. C. Wenban 3, Margaret Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. Gosling 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6, S. Blythe 8. Rung by the Windsor Youths to the memory of Sophie Ellen Stillwell.

LEARNERS AND INSTRUCTORS

BELL CONTROL AND ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING

By DENNIS A. BAYLES

From a lecture given at the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies at Normanton, Wakefield, on April 22nd, 1967.

DIFFERENT systems are necessary, in my opinion, for teaching change ringing according to the conditions (a) augmentation of an existing band where an adequate supply of experienced ringers is on hand and (b) by starting from scratch with no change ringers other than the instructor. I shall deal only with situation (a), as that is where my experience lies, and that I expect to be the situation that is of most interest. Situation (b) has been very much neglected. I shall describe my system but do not consider this to be the only one. I would say that at Chester-le-Street we have just about ideal conditions for ringing, and some of my ideas may have to be modified for use in towers where conditions are less favourable.

INSPECTION OF BELLS

I begin by taking the pupil upstairs to see the bells. The parts are described and what is observed in the ringing chamber is related to what goes on upstairs. The main points made concern (a) point of attachment of rope in relation to pulleys, (b) completion of most of circle before bell speaks, and (c) function of stay and slider for standing the bell. A bell is turned over a few times by a colleague before we come down.

BELL HANDLING

No one wants to waste time at any stage of instruction and each proposed stage ought to be examined to see whether it is progressive and necessary.

I believe that there is some parallel between handling a bell and driving a car in that both call for co-ordination of movements and practice to enable them to be carried out without conscious thought. Gear changing, for instance, has to be carried out on the road with the car surrounded by other cars and moving. The driving school does not spend very long on gear changing before it takes the pupil out on the road and teaches him to change gear under the actual working conditions. I take a leaf out of the driving school's book and get the pupil catching the sally at an early stage under the actual working conditions, i.e. where he is pulling the backstroke and retaining the tail-end in his hand. How many recruits who find difficulty in catching the sally with the tail-end in their hand do so because they have been allowed to get accustomed to catching the sally without it? The driving school has to fit some special dual controls in order to operate its policy of teaching in traffic without undue danger, but no modification is needed to the ordinary bell rope! Much of this depends upon the confidence of the instructor in his ability to cope with the situations that may arise. One safety precaution is to make quite clear beforehand that if told to do so the pupil will let go completely of the rope.

I shall not describe all the details of position, stance, grip on the rope, etc. This is not because I think them unimportant or do not deal with them myself, but I wish to save time here and these points are dealt with in the Central Council's "Beginners' Handbook."

First exercise.—Operating the tail-end with both hands.
Demonstrated by following what my **left hand** does confined to about a dozen pulls.

Second exercise.—Catching the sally.
Demonstrated by following what my **right hand** does. Important points are, of course, not to hang on to the sally too long after pulling off and not to catch the sally too soon when it comes down from backstroke. During this exercise these instructions are recited by me: **Pull—let go—down** and **catch.**
Catching the sally correctly is a matter of **timing** rather than seeing, and that co-ordination can only really come when the backstroke is being pulled by the pupil. Hence, this also is confined to about a dozen pulls.

Third exercise.—Both strokes.
This is carefully demonstrated and the action gone through again slowly with the rope stationary and then one or two dummy runs before the real thing is tried with dual control. A circular type of action is advocated to avoid jerkiness in the action. The instructions are recited again in this exercise as in the second exercise.

The pupil will not have the bell under control at this early stage and this is not expected of him. The first objective is to get the operation of the hands going smoothly. Choose a **medium-heavy** bell to start on, even for a youngster. Underpulling is called for, so the weight does not overtax a small pupil and underpulling saves wear and tear on the stay at this stage, especially desirable when there are Hastings sliders! The medium-heavy bell is not so easily knocked out of its stride and so is not so likely to cause the rope to start flying about. At Chester-le-Street we have a medium-heavy eight with a tenor of 19 cwt. and I use the fifth—a bell of 9¼ cwt.

As this third exercise progresses the dual control is withdrawn. Backstrokes can be left quite early on and then odd handstrokes left, the frequency of these withdrawals being increased. The judgment and confidence of the instructor decide on this frequency. The bell is being underpulled and so the instructor must apply some weight from time to time at this stage, even though he can withdraw at both strokes. I am disappointed and consider my pupil to be below average if this stage has not been attained **on the first evening.**

As this exercise is tried again one watches for the usual faults and corrects them. Not all fingers round the sally, separation of the hands, left hand off sally too soon, failure to follow through from backstroke, pushing the rope up and proper turning outwards of the left hand from backstroke all need to be watched.

When the rope action is going smoothly I point out that the bell is not under control at this stage to the extent that it could be held up on the balance as required. The pupil is told to pull a little harder and to go on increasing his pull until he can feel the bell is reaching the balance and requires to be pulled back each time. Practice is continued with this stage until a sufficient degree of control is acquired to attempt rounds. This again is a matter for the judgment of the instructor. Do not delay too long—get him on to working conditions. My average would probably be about a month after starting, but bright pupils would attempt rounds even earlier.

RINGING ROUNDS

With younger pupils and ladies often required to man the other bells we often practise on our front six, thereby reducing our tenor weight from 19 to about 10 cwt. Do not be afraid to do this, for the public will appreciate the front six rung well better than the back six rung badly. In this I have made the first point—not more than six bells to start with. The pupil should be kept off 1 and 2. Put competent people on these to give good leads and set the interval correctly. Which of the remaining bells is used depends upon the weight of the metal and the physique of the pupil. Usually I begin on the fifth with the front six. For the initial rounds dual control is applied as necessary.

From the start emphasis is made on listening. (It is to make this easier that six bells rather than eight are used at this stage.) The idea of anticipating where to pull from the rhythm is stressed. The point had been made earlier on that the bell has to swing almost full circle before it speaks, and from this there comes the rough guide to pull on the number before your own as the bells sound, i.e. if ringing 5 count thus—1, 2, 3, pull, 5, 6.

Ring the rounds briskly in the first attempts at rounds but slow them down as the pupil progresses

Extend practice wherever possible. Five-minute bell for beginners. Rounds on Sundays as soon as reasonably competent. This brings out the importance of attendance on Sundays and can double the amount of actual ringing for the pupil in the course of a week—more practice, and less time in between to forget things.

In ringing rounds, move the pupil forward to lighter bells to give further experience at following **same strokes** and preparing him to ring the lightest bell of all—the treble—where he will learn to lead and follow at **opposite strokes.** The logical follow-up to this is to switch from one to the other by call changes. This I do by calling 2 to lead and continuing with that until things are steady. Then back to rounds, and as skill is acquired the frequency of switching is increased until it comes down to a whole pull only in each position. Anticipation is called for here as to when to hold up and when to cut in, and this is explained by writing out the figures and counting the number of intervals between strokes in the different positions. When this state has been achieved we have completed the practical side of our preparation for change ringing.

5 steady	1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6	
4 cut in	2 1 3 4 5 6 2 1 3 4 5 6	6 hold up 5 steady
5 steady	1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6	

(To be continued)

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. J. G. Wilson 1, G. A. Rees 2, Mrs. J. N. E. Rees (cond.) 3, D. J. Goodman 4, R. Penn 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Clutterbuck, the last Lord of the Manor of Sarratt.

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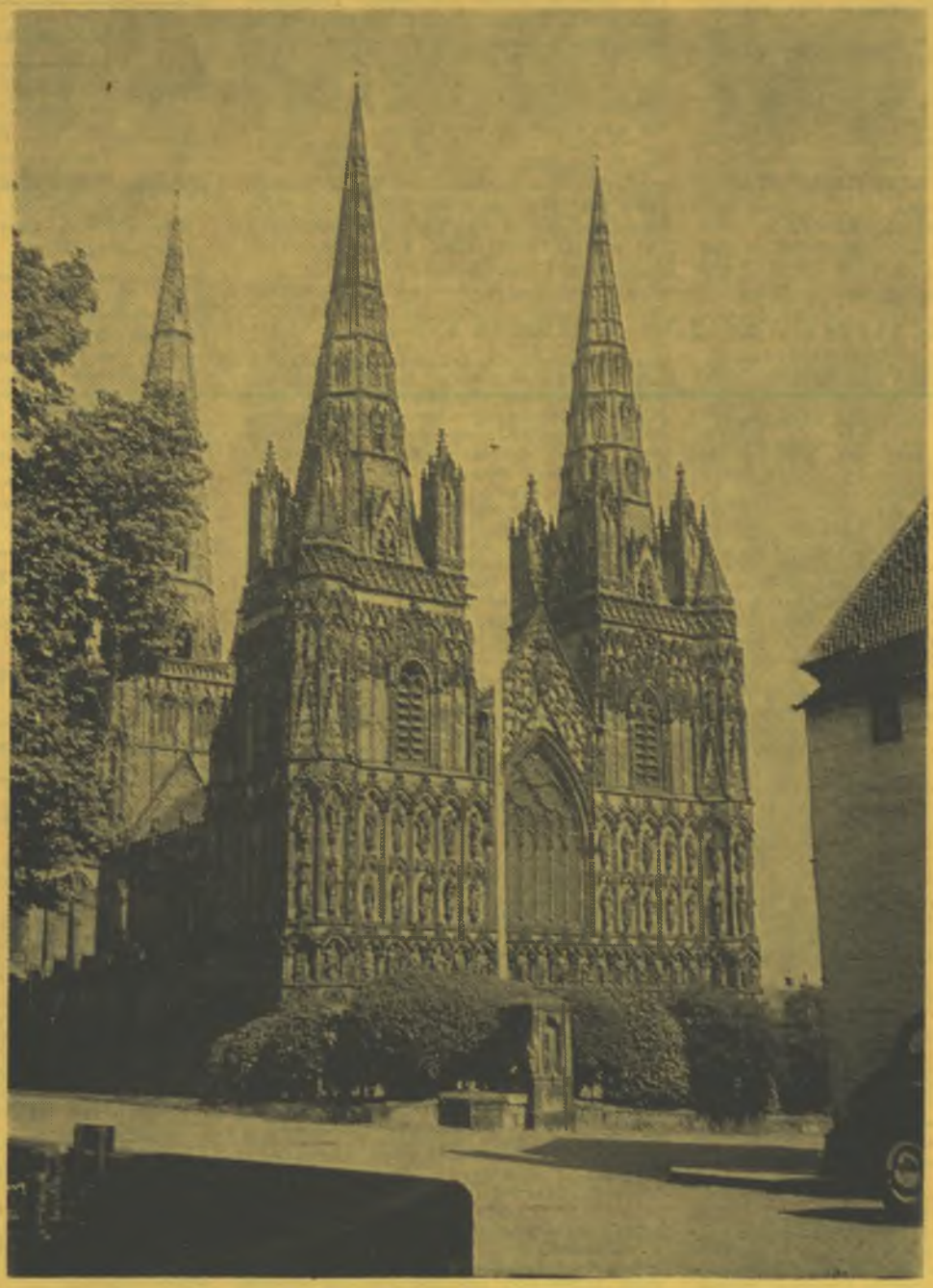

THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY AND CHAD, LICHFIELD

OUR PICTURE

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Dedicated to SS. Mary and Chad, Lichfield Cathedral is one of the best known cathedrals in the country. This is probably due to the west facade, which was begun about 1280, but, alas, little of the original remains. All the figures and the spires were renewed in the 19th century.

Lichfield was subjected to very scurvy treatment in the Civil War. For three days the Close was a target for a gruelling bombardment and terrible havoc was wrought on the Cathedral. It was recorded that at the Restoration the vestry was the only part left with a roof where it was possible to hold a service.

The infectious enthusiasm of Bishop Hackett resulted in vast sums being available for the restoration work, with the result that the battered church eventually approached its ancient dignity. The scheme of decoration was in three stages and the canopied statues of today came during the Victorian era.

With two exceptions, the Cathedral's mediæval memorials were destroyed in the Civil War. There is a mitred and vested effigy over the marble tomb of Bishop Hackett, a kneeling statue of Bishop Ryder by Chantrey, and also of the two sleeping Robinson children, regarded as a masterpiece. Busts are to be found of Dr. Johnson and David Garrick and an Ionic mural to Dean Addison; another mural commemorates Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, who was born in Lichfield.

The Cathedral has a ring of ten bells and the first peal was one of 5,039 Grandsire Caters, rung on May 20th, 1815, by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham. The footnote to this peal reads: "The above was the first peal ever rung upon those bells, having been hung 127 years." This peal was conducted by Henry Cooper, and ringing the tenor was William Marsh, a great-grandfather of the late Alderman A. Paddon Smith.

The present ring of ten was the gift of the Freemasons of Staffordshire to commemorate the conclusion of World War II. They are very fine bells from the Loughborough Foundry and the dedication service on October 26th, 1947, was attended by more than 3,000 Freemasons.

PRIORITY IN CHARITY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Percy Amos raises an interesting question. Which constitutes the more vital demand on our charity—the plight of the underdeveloped countries or the plight of our church bells?

Let us not delude ourselves. Bells are expensive pieces of equipment. I have heard them described as expensive toys. And there are more effective and less costly methods of reminding the public of the Church's existence and its mission.

By contrast, help for countries like India is urgent, because quite apart from the demands of Christian compassion the increasing gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" in the world is a potential source of international conflict. If the underdeveloped nations fail to show gratitude, it is likely to be because they have never before had anything to be grateful for, and gratitude has never entered into their experience. Moreover, the help we give is predominantly to help and train them to help themselves

Yet, having said that, I still feel that it is not a question of "either, or," but of "both, and." However much we have been deflated and squeezed, I believe there is enough money in people's pockets, and enough goodwill in their hearts, to ensure that we neither neglect the underprivileged nor our church bells.

I suggest that where bells are never likely to be used, then they **should** be sold, or given, to churches which would be glad of them, to prevent gross waste.

But when we do spend money on our bells, let us see that we really **use** them regularly, not just as toys, but as a vocal witness to the fact that the Church is alive—alive not merely to its own needs, but to the needs of society, in Britain **and** in India !—Yours sincerely,

Leeds. GILES GALLEY (Rev.).

Dear Sir,—Whether Mr. P. Amos' article "Beware ! The Latest Ruse" ("Ringing World," page 855) was intended to be an expression of personal views or merely a challenge to verbal battle I do not know. It was provocative to say the least.

In dealing his blows to the supposed "policy of hysteria" of certain churchmen, Mr. Amos employs a rather hysterical attitude himself. I doubt whether this is the best approach to such a delicate moral and ethical problem as aid for the "starving millions."

It is inevitable that British people, with their nation's tradition of fine institutions, stability and comparative wealth, should find it easy to lapse into an attitude of "unenlightened self-interest," but our record in combating this attitude has, none the less, been surprisingly good—mainly through the conscience-stirring efforts of philanthropic groups such as the clergy. It is unfortunate that Mr. Amos attempts to tell ringers that they have a vested interest in opposing such efforts.

Surely Mr. Amos realises that there are many people, especially churchgoers, who feel a grave crisis of conscience over their personal and communal ownership of inactive forms of wealth like silver plate, jewellery, ornaments, etc., when they read of, and in some cases see, other human beings who have no opportunity for education and, worse, are slowly starving to death.

I must confess that this crisis of conscience does not weigh heavily on me for a variety of reasons, perhaps it should; but it obviously does weigh heavily on Cardinal Heenan—in his position, what should he do? He decided to express his views and use his considerable spiritual influence to crystallise any tendencies towards the same views in other people. Another Roman Catholic archbishop in North America decided to abandon his position a few days ago in order to work in an African mission hospital. Both these men are making their **personal** contribution and emphasising the need for further **voluntary** effort. They have not demanded the seizing of all superfluous wealth without consultation with interested parties; and nobody, to my knowledge, has advocated the removal of all rings of bells in order to sell them as scrap metal and send the proceeds overseas. An involuntary contribution of this sort could only breed resentment which the clergy would certainly not welcome. Mr. Amos' fears in this respect are quite without foundation.

The situation is different over the restoration of derelict rings. This requires new funds, and priority in the use of funds for charitable purposes is a matter of circumstances and personal opinions. But the cases of Braybrooke, Church Brampton and Wymington seem most unfortunate ones to cite. After all, if restorations were not carried out in earlier times, when "Oxfam" and so on did not exist, I can only conclude that the residents in those three communities have not been at all interested in having bells, and that if restored the bells would only be left to go derelict again.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP J. DAVID.

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Boldness at Coventry Guild's 60th Birthday Dinner

PRESIDENT'S QUOTE TO LORD MAYOR AND BISHOP

"A City without Bells is like a City without a Soul"

THOSE who attended the 60th anniversary dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild in the Church Hall of St. Mary's, Coventry, on November 25th, were left in no doubt about the concern and apprehension of the ringers at the poor prospect of the Cathedral having a ring of bells.

Was it the inspiring influence of the statue of Lady Godiva or the rich background of the Arras tapestry of 1418 that induced the president (Mr. Arthur Beamish) to remind both the Lord Bishop and the Lord Mayor that "a city without bells is a city without a soul."

And there were other potent observations. The Bishop (the Rt. Rev. C. K. N. Bardsley) was sympathetic and gave a speech extolling the value of bells, but he pointed out that the Cathedral was outside his jurisdiction. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, was full of vigour. He offered the services of the Central Council and the "highest expert in the land" on towers and bells, Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Seated at the top table were the president (Mr. Arthur H. Beamish) and Mrs. Beamish, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. E. J. Williams), the Lord Bishop of Coventry and Miss Bardsley, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, Canon T. Bland, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward, M. and Mrs. H. Winter and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edden.

GIFT OF BADGE

Proceedings at the dinner started with the dedication by the Lord Bishop of the president's badge, the gift to the Guild of the present holder of the office. On the front of the medallion is etched the three spires of Coventry and on the reverse inscribed "Presented on the 60th anniversary of the Guild by A. H. Beamish, president, 1967." It is a beautiful design by Alan Wood.

Present at the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edden, now living at Brixham, Devon. Mr. Edden was the first secretary when the Southern District was first formed in 1951, the inaugural meeting having been held at Barston Bassett. As a mark of appreciation of "Bob's" services to the Guild, for he had also been Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Winter, the present Master, presented him with an engraved Parker pen and pencil.

Acknowledging the gift, Mr. Edden said: "As far as I was concerned I was just a cog in the wheel. Thank you very much."

From the chair the loyal toast was duly honoured. Then came the "welcomes to Coventry," the first by the Lord Mayor and the second by the Lord Bishop.

The Lord Mayor devoted his speech to the wide and extensive use of bells. Bells, he said, had brought a lot of pleasure to many people and out of their use had come the art of campanology and the great enjoyment in the ringing of bells.

BISHOP'S HOPE—A WONDERFUL RING

The Lord Bishop said he was brought up in a Vicarage near a priory church and the eight great bells rang out Sunday by Sunday. New Year's Eve was always a great occasion; he was always allowed to sit up—it would be impossible to sleep at midnight. His first living was at Woolwich and from there he became Provost of Southwark. Bells in consequence were very familiar to him and it was a deep regret to him when he came to this great city that there were no bells. It was his genuine hope that one day Coventry would have a wonderful ring of bells echoing over the city.

"Ringers," declared the Bishop, "were a most surprising lot of people. Sunday by Sunday you do your ringing and very few people ever say 'thank you.' If I can, when I visit a church, I always try to meet the bellringers because I think you are doing a tremendous work."

He wanted to say five things about what bells did for the Church and the country. First they were a warning, and for hundreds of years they had been used for this purpose They were also giving a warning of a day of judgment. He thought some people disliked bells because of that reminder, and events in our national life justified such a warning.

Bells also reminded people that this life of buying and spending was not all. This was a time when they had to make decisions for good or ill.

Thirdly: "You are going home to Him. This life does not end in death. Sunday by Sunday you are reminded of the Resurrection."

Fourthly they reminded them of God's Son—the friend of all sinners, and finally they asked them to come to church and join with others because they could not fight against evil by themselves.

Concluding, the Bishop said he believed that bellringing was one of the most important features of their national life. If there was one thing Britain ought to be proud of it was its bells. If they went to France, Spain or Portugal their bells could not be compared with those in these islands. They sounded like soup tureens.

The president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) proposed the toast of "The Coventry Diocesan Guild." "I dreamed one night that I was sent to Coventry in a vain attempt to still my active tongue and comforted myself with Lowell's quip, 'Blessed are they who have nothing to say and cannot be persuaded to say it.' But awakening, I realised Coventry was not a figure of speech but a real place where people work and that duty must be done and words must be said, and that to quote another American writer, 'The only golden thing that women dislike is silence.'"

THINGS IN COMMON

The Canon said he had much in common with Coventry and its Provost. He was rebuilding blitzed St. Mary's, Southampton, where many of them had rung (1954–58) while they were rebuilding blitzed St. Nicholas', Yarmouth (1957–61). Meanwhile the work at Coventry Cathedral was in progress. Coventry and Yarmouth were closely similar in size, each about 22,000 square feet, Each stood as an example of hate and the greater power of love, like a Holy Week in stone. Coventry had its Good Friday on November 14th, 1940; Yarmouth on June 24th, 1942. Each had its Easter Day—Yarmouth on May 8th, 1961, and Coventry May 25th, 1962—both unforgettable days.

In one matter their churches had a contrast which, God willing, might not last much longer. Yarmouth had glorious ringing bells, rung frequently by men and women, boys and girls from all over the land. Like other blitzed churches—Llandaff and Cripplegate—they had their bells ringing long before they could have regular worship. The Gospel was proclaimed where it should be proclaimed, among the people outside, before they could worship inside.

Coventry once had glorious ringing bells. Their spire was finished in 1395 and the bells rang for Mary Queen of Scots, the Spanish Armada and other occasions as well as for their primary function to proclaim the Gospel and call to worship. The clock chimes which once succeeded them at least did one memorable thing—they chimed all through the blitz. But it was not enough for bells merely to mark time. It was sad when a church however within its walls could not proclaim its message to those outside.

OFFER OF ADVICE

Imploring Coventry Cathedral authorities to go to the highest expert source about their bells, the Canon said the Central Council had a splendid panel of experts in its Towers and Belfries Committee and its convener, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, should be consulted. He had had a life experience and an extensive knowledge of thousands of bells.

Dramatic ideas could be realised in getting ringing bells. There could be a new tenor with a reproduction of the words on the Berlin Peace Bell. One could copy the inscription of some famous bell at Dresden. The many interests of Coventry could be identified with bells: the industry bells dedicated to patron saints, the World Church Bell dedicated to St. Paul, the healers' bell to St. Luke, the motorists' to St. Christopher, the musicians' to St. Cecilia, the sufferers' to St. Stephen, etc. "But first get the scheme technically right under expert advice."

Returning to the toast, Canon Thurlow congratulated the Guild on having rung more peals in 1966 than ever before, on increased attendances at meetings and on the work of their president, general secretary and Ringing Master.

The president replied and said that although not one of the larger Guilds in the country, they had always been noted for a high standard of ringing, producing many outstanding ringers, conductors and composers whose names were respected throughout the Exercise. They thanked God for their example; their endeavours had borne fruit and would surely live on in the years ahead.

SOLE SURVIVING MEMBER

They were pleased to welcome Jafus (Frank Smallwood), the sole surviving founder member. Names which sprang to memory of those early years were Tom Chapman, Harry and Harold Argyle of Nuneaton, J. A. and J. B. Fenton and James George of Rugby, Joe White, Harry Webb and John Taylor of Allesley, Frank Ashley and John L. Hinde of Bulkington, Frank Pervin and Bob Roberts of Stoke, Ted Adams, Bill Male and Bill Collett of Warwick All these and many more had passed to higher service.

In a tribute to the hon. secretaries, Mr. Beamish said one in particular served faithfully half the time the Guild had existed and her devotion and hard work undoubtedly laid the foundations of the success that had been achieved. "I will not mention her name but I will say I was delighted when she accepted my proposal of marriage in 1931."

The present hon. secretary had been a tremendous worker for the Guild and there was also Mr. Frank W. Perrens, who more than anyone was a doyen amongst ringers and conductors and they saluted him that night as "one of the greats."

A SAD BLOW

"I know you will expect me to say a few words about the Cathedral bells. Two years ago the Provost raised our hopes by telling us to proceed with a scheme for restoration. Then six months ago he was reported in the Press as saying, on the recommendation of the Fine Arts Council, the scheme must be abandoned. That was a sad blow to us but disappointed as we were we would much rather ask the Provost to eat his words than to swallow his own initials (H. C. N.) In a sermon recently the provost said: 'If the rhythm of the crucifixion and resurrection remains unbroken, then there is always a rebirth of hope.' If that applies to the Cathedral bells which have been crucified for decades then we must continue to hope.

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COVENTRY DINNER—Continued.

"Someone has compared the City team which our Provost is interested in with his team at the Cathedral. Both excellent teams, but in the case of the footballers they do not seem to be able to find the goals. What happened? New blood was brought in and goals resulted. I wonder what would be the amount of transfer fee to bring Canon Thurlow to this diocese to assist us to attain our goal.

"It is said that 'a city without bells is a city without a soul.' As we lay our future plans for this Guild of ours, let us press forward determinedly and relentlessly towards our goal of complete restoration of the Cathedral bells so that they, together with all the bells in this dear land of ours, may proclaim the age-old message 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.'"

The concluding toast, "Visitors and Guests," was proposed by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, and the reply was by Canon T. Bland, of Stratford-on-Avon.

During the evening there was a touch of Stedman Cinques rung by E. Sibley 1–2, F. W. Perrens 3–4, P. K. Williamson 5–6, H. E. Ashley 7–8, G. Pratt 9–10, H. G. Summers 11–12. Tune ringing was by Ian Garvie, Mrs. Beamish, A. Beamish, J. W. T. Taylor, H. G. Summers and P. Stone.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The meeting of the Newark District held at St. Giles', Balderton, on November 18th, was remarkable for the fact that the same number of people sat down to tea as names had been received. The weather conditions, no doubt, deterred any extra visitors, but those who did attend enjoyed both the bells and the tea.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. W. J. Springett, stayed a short while for tea, after taking Evensong, and the business meeting was fairly brief. A raffle for the Bell Repair Fund was won by Mr. George Foster, on holiday at his former home at Southwell, the prize, chocolates and sweets, being donated by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Holmes.

The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, reminded everyone that nominations for a new secretary were needed for the annual District meeting at Newark in January, 1968, as the present secretary had given a year's notice at the last annual District meeting. C. N. R.

PRESTWICK'S DISTINCTION

Prestwick Parish Church has a highly-privileged distinction. When Parliament sanctioned the ringing of bells for one day to celebrate the victory at El Alamein it was the bells of Prestwick Parish Church that were chosen by the B.B.C. to be broadcast throughout the world.

The 25th anniversary was not allowed to pass unnoticed and the bells were again rung. Of the original band there are four survivors—Miss Annie Foster, Mr. Frank Maude, Dr. Henry Ashworth and Mr. Frank Reynolds (the present captain of Prestwick ringers).

The bells rang for peals at the end of World War I and one year later, in 1919, the original bells, dating from 1721, were recast and rehung through the generosity of the Walkden family. Previous to 1721 the church only possessed four bells.

Up-and-Coming Youngsters — No. 36

ANN H. WHALEY
The Durham and Newcastle Association.

From the Durham and Newcastle Association comes information of one of its young members, who, although she does not possess a great peal total, has a wide knowledge of a number of methods.

Ann H. Whaley was born at Lanchester on June 21st, 1950. At present she is in the second year sixth at Consett Grammar Technical School studying French, Latin, English literature and German, and holds the position of head girl.

Ann started ringing lessons early in 1965 at All Saints, Lanchester, under the tuition of Harry Thompson. It was not long before she gained her membership of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and on February 19th, 1967, she took part in her first quarter peal of Plain Bob. This was quickly followed by her first peal, which was rung at Lanchester on April 15th, 1967. The method was Plain Bob. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Ann rang an "inside" bell and the peal was conducted by that well-known member of the Exercise, Denis Bayles. The help that Denis has given to Ann with her ringing is very much appreciated. She states that only 19 peals have been rung over the past year in the area where she rings. Given the opportunity she would very much like to take part in more peals.

Ann has spent a great deal of time learning different methods and is capable of ringing the following:—

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Major.—Kent Treble Bob, Plain and Little Bob and Cambridge.

Caters.—Grandsire.

Owing to many commitments, including Ranger-Guides and school work, Ann is unable to travel very often the 15 miles to the Newcastle area for practice. In spite of the handicaps, she makes use of all possible opportunities to ring and to attend many meetings. She has entered the field of conducting and succeeded in conducting her first quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles with an all-local band at Lanchester on October 15th. She has many ringing ambitions, of which the two main ones are to take part in a 12-bell peal and to take part in a peal with a Lanchester band. Congratulations to you, Ann, on winning your Guides' badge for ringing, and also part of the Duke of Edinburgh's award, and it is hoped that the ringers of Lanchester will soon give you the many opportunities which you are seeking. NORVING.

RECORD PEAL OF GLASGOW SURPRISE

The St. Martin's Guild have added another triumph to their long list by the record peal of 11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major rung at Edgbaston Old Church on Saturday, November 25th, in 6 hours and 36 minutes.

The oldest member of the band was Mr. George Fearn (61) and the youngest John Insley (19), a student. Mr. Roderick Pipe conducted, and others participating were James Insley, Norman Goodman, John Anderson and Clifford Barron.

A full report with composition is promised for our next issue.

OBITUARY

MR. A. H. BOOTH

With the passing of Mr. Albert H. Booth on November 10th at the age of 85 years, St. Wilfrid's, Davenham, Cheshire, has lost its oldest ringer.

For many years he had been "father" of the Northwich Branch and had given regular attendance to Sunday service ringing and Branch meetings until about three years ago, when ill-health overtook him. His last climb up the 58 steps to the belfry was on October 22nd this year.

He took up ringing at Davenham in 1894, rang his first peal in 1897, and for many years was tower captain.

The funeral was at Davenham on November 15th, when the six bells were rung half-muffled, including whole-pull and stand by members of the Northwich Branch and a member of the Grappenhall Branch. Four of the Northwich Branch acted as bearers.

He will be sadly missed by many of us, who extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Booth and family in their bereavement.

H. W. H.

MR. ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

We regret to record the death on November 25th of Mr. Arthur E. Sharman, a former Mayor of Dunstable and for many years general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association.

An obituary and an appreciation will appear probably next week.

MR. ALFRED HILL

Mr. Alfred Hill, of Erith, a vice-president of the Kent County Association and for about 30 years Lewisham District secretary, died suddenly on November 29th.

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OBITUARY

A Leader of Nottingham Ringing

MR. FREDERICK A. SALTER

WITH great sorrow we learned on Sunday, November 12th, of the death, at the age of 74, of Frederick A. Salter, late Ringing Master at St Peter's, Nottingham.

Fred was a native of Norfolk and on attaining his 18th birthday, in April, 1911, he was taught to ring at the Church of St. Peter, Thetford, by one Thomas Fitzjohn. Progress was good and his first peal was on the treble to Bob Minor at Brandon, Suffolk, on Sunday, February 15th, 1912, conducted by Thomas Fitzjohn. This was soon followed by a peal of Bob Major at Kenninghall, Norfolk, on May 12th, 1912. Treble Bob was achieved by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Lavenham, Suffolk, on October 18th, 1913, conducted by his late friend, Stedman H. Symonds.

This proved to be his last peal before the Great War, where he saw service overseas with the 4th M.G. Company. It was during this time on January 21st, 1917, that he married his wife, Alice.

Returning after the war, his first peal was at Preston, Suffolk, on February 19th, 1921, followed by his first "in hand," 7–8 to Bob Major at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, on May 21st, 1922. His first as conductor was Bob Minor at East Harling, Norfolk, on September 6th, 1922.

Difficulties with employment led to his removal to Nottingham in 1923, where he immediately joined the St. Peter's band, and rang the first of his 174 peals for the Midland Counties Association at St. Peter's on January 3rd, 1924.

WIDE VARIETY OF PEALS

The 1920's and 1930's saw much peal ringing in and around Nottingham, including many peals of Stedman with the Wednesday band, Spliced Treble Bob Major with the Gobeys, of Ilkeston, and various odd methods with the late Ernest Morris Some of these included his first of Stedman Caters; incidentally, this was conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd and was his first of Stedman Caters as conductor, Spliced Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, and 9,760 Bob Major (all singles), all conducted by Ernest Morris. He also rang in the first peal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Grandsire Caters, after the bells were recast in 1935.

Fred's last peal before the Second World War and his first after the lifting of the ban on ringing in 1944 were both Bob Major and were both rung at St. Mary's, Greasley, a tower in which he rang no less than 39 of his peals After the Second World War he continued ringing, despite several serious illnesses, with peals both "in hand" and on tower bells. His 350th and last peal was Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 17th, 1962. Of these 350 peals, 311 were on tower bells and 39 "in hand," and the total includes 41 of Minor, 94 of Triples, 143 of Major, 48 of Caters, 23 of Royal and 1 of Maximus. His favourite tower for peals was, of course, St. Peter's, where he rang no less than 84 of his tower bell peals and 11 of his handbell peals.

Fred was a member of many Guilds and Associations and during his life had rung peals for all of the following: The Derby Diocesan Association, the Ely Diocesan Guild, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties Association, the Midland Counties Guild, the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Sherwood Youths, the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association, the Suffolk Guild the Truro Diocesan Guild and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

TOWER CAPTAIN 25 YEARS

Without doubt it was at St. Peter's that he gave his greatest service to his Church and the Exercise; he was a regular Sunday service ringer for over 40 years and was only absent when away on holiday and, more recently, when he was ill. He was steeplekeeper for many years and tower captain for 25 years from 1940.

Fred was a faithful Guild officer and served on the Southwell Diocesan Guild Committee from its inception in 1946 for six years, and was chairman of the Nottingham District in 1951 and 1952. He represented the Southwell Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1949 to 1952.

He was also largely responsible for the second revival of the Sherwood Youths in the 1950's and served it as its Master until 1966, when he resigned owing to his continuing ill-health.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's on Thursday, November 16th, conducted by the Rector, Canon A. Inglis. The half-muffled bells were rung before and after the service by the many ringers who had come to pay their last respects to the man who had taught many to ring, or had come to respect his judgment and advice over the years. Amongst them were representatives of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the Sherwood Youths and the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Canon Inglis spoke movingly of Fred's faithful service to his church and of his deep integrity and patience with the many young people he had taught to ring, especially at St. Peter's.

Interment followed at the Redhill Cemetery, where a course of Bob Major was rung over the open grave by W. L. Exton 1–2, P. Nix 3–4, E. F. Gobey 5–6 and G. A. Dawson 7–8. The wreaths included one from the St. Peter's tower, one from the Warsop ringers and one from his many friends in the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, and their respective families mourn his loss but thankful to God that his long and great sufferings have at last been rewarded with his eternal peace.

A quarter peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's on the night of his funeral, but a peal of Grandsire Caters was lost there on the following Saturday owing to a shift course after an hour and a half. A peal of Bob Major was rung on the Sunday afternoon on the bells he loved at Greasley by a representative band from the Sherwood Youths and the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the composition being one that Fred first called at St. Peter's on June 29th, 1939.

"These men are all as brothers,
And may they never fall,
Until God the great conductor
Shall say to them: That's All."

By W. S. Servier.
W. L. E.

AN APPRECIATION

Went to School with George Cross

Mr. F. A Salter came to Nottingham in 1923 in search of employment after the failure of Messrs. Charles Burrell and Sons, makers of road locomotives and showmen's road engines. Fred was a great friend and contemporary of the late George H. Cross, with whom he went to school, and afterwards with whom he rang many peals.

Another of his contemporaries was Stedman H. Symonds, of Lavenham, with whom he corresponded regularly. Fred told me many stories of peals and peal attempts at Lavenham, the bells of which he held in high esteem, as also he did of the bells of the Norman Tower at Bury St. Edmunds.

I had known Fred almost 43 years and he taught me much, and most of my early peals were arranged by him, and he it was who encouraged me to visit St. Peter's.

We had much in common besides ringing owing to our mutual interest in steam traction engines, on which subject Fred was something of an authority, especially Burrell engines. Fred had looked after St. Peter's bells, Nottingham, for many years—about 35 years, I should say— and it was through his efforts that St Peter's bells went as well as they did prior to the recent rehanging and augmentation to 12.

Fred was a typical East Anglian and never quite lost the Norfolk dialect, and he always spoke proudly of Norwich and Norfolk bells, especially the tenor at St. Peter Mancroft, which he considered to be one of the finest in the land. I shall miss Frederick Salter very much. May he rest in peace, for he had suffered greatly these last few years.

G. H. CLIFT.

MR. J. G. JEFFERIES

Mr. J. G. Jefferies, captain of the ringers at Mangotsfield for over 45 years, died on October 16th, aged 86 years. He had been in ill-health for a considerable time.

His captaincy dated from 1922, when the six bells at Mangotsfield were augmented to eight. He had been known in many parts but since the last war his ringing had been confined to Mangotsfield, where he trained many to ring. Mr. Jefferies was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from 1951 to 1953.

The funeral service was at Mangotsfield Parish Church on October 19th, many friends attending. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. M. Beard, who gave an account of Mr. Jefferies' life as a ringer.

As the cortege left the church for Canford Cemetery for cremation half-muffled ringing took place, the following ringers taking part: Mrs. N. Dart 1, C. Harding (Past Master of the Association) 2, J. Williams 3, G. Blagg 4, C. Baker 5, J. Ferris 6, W. Ritchings 7, W. Cook 8.

The ringers of Mangotsfield say farewell to "Pop," as he was affectionately known. W. R.

MR. SIDNEY G. KING

The ringers at Corston, Bath, have been greatly saddened by the loss of their former Tower Master, Mr. Sidney G. King, who died on November 20th, aged 73. He carried out the duties of Tower Master and steeplekeeper for 19 years and though not a great peal ringer, his total being only three, he was assiduous in his attendance for Sunday service ringing. Both before and after his retirement as Tower Master he was almost invariably first at the church for ringing.

During his term of office the ringing at Corston advanced from call changes only to methods, including Surprise Minor.

Owing to a wound sustained in World War I, in which he served in the Guards, he was never keen on ringing away from his own tower. He was for many years a sidesman at Corston. Always of a cheerful disposition, he will be greatly missed, not least by his fellow ringers.

The funeral service was at Corston on November 24th, conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. R. O. Fry, and was followed by cremation. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening and also on the following Sunday, when a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung prior to Evensong.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS. — On Nov. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. T. Yates 1, A. J. Fletcher (first Surprise "inside") 2, Miss B Pickering 3, C. J. B 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by St. Leonard's Sunday service band, Bilston.

Letters to the Editor

KEGWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Speed's second basic rule covering the naming of methods represents an entirely arbitrary restriction of the scope of the Methods Committee's report on extension, the purpose of which is to make a pathetic attempt to justify his use of an unacceptable name.

Actually the report, while defining rules for extension, says nothing at all about naming (until the final paragraph on page 7, which is not applicable to the present case). The report neither states that true extensions must bear the same name nor that methods which are not extensions must have different names. This is no omission; it is simply so obvious that the authors thought it unnecessary to state it explicitly. This implication is quite clear, the purpose of the report being the control of method naming, **both** those which are extensions and those which are not. To argue that the report applies only to those which are not is absolute nonsense. Mr. Speed knows this perfectly well. Far from being ludicrous to maintain that correct extensions must have the same name, this is the only possible thing that can be done unless we are to abandon systematic naming altogether.

The cases where two methods are acceptable extensions of the same parent method present no problem at all. Whichever is rung first may be named after the parent and the other has to have a different name. Afterwards further extensions to higher stages must be consistent with that already existing (e.g. static or expanding, and must start at the correct sub-section). This is adequately covered by the symbolic formulæ of pages 3 and 4 in the report. An example of this is Albanian and Yorkshire Royal, which are alternative extensions of Yorkshire Major. In this case a perfect satisfactory and logical nomenclature has been adopted in practice.

Mr. Speed is well aware of the above arguments, which are set down here for the record and for the benefit of other interested readers.

As an attempted justification of the naming, his letter is no contribution and his action in using this name cannot be called constructive. That he expected some correspondence on the subject leaves me in no doubt that he wishes to have a little fun by trying to find a loophole in the report. If he had a worthwhile objective he would have proceeded differently. This kind of destructiveness is the activity of little minds. Actions speak louder than words in these matters; neither do him credit in the present context.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans.

A MOTHER'S SUPPORT

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. R. Speed's letter regarding Kegworth Surprise Royal, we are not interested in what he **thinks** he submitted to "The Ringing World" for publication but only in what the correct figures are. On his own admission, Mr. Speed knew perfectly well that the method rung should be named "Leatherhead," but no doubt thought it would be amusing to start something. The trouble with Mr. Speed is that he has never progressed beyond his undergraduate days.—Yours faithfully,

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE.

Harrow.

HANDBELL PEAL AT CARDIFF

Dear Sir,—Isn't it amazing what can be read into the footnote "First peal on 12 bells in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire)" if a person has a mind to? Furthermore, isn't it surprising that your two correspondents ("Ringing World," pages 793–4) cannot read correctly?

Nick Simon should know better than to suggest that I am perpetuating the English claim on Monmouthshire by adding the above footnote. This suggestion is completely irrelevant as the point whether Monmouthshire is a Welsh county or not does not arise. Does "First peal in the method in England (excluding Yorkshire)" mean that Yorkshire is not a county in England? Of course not, since it means exactly the opposite—that is, a county in England, but that for the peal in question it is not considered. Likewise with the footnote to the handbell peal, peals in Monmouthshire were not considered. (One moment, however, I've just realised why the footnote has been misunderstood. I should have written "Y sain cyntaf o deuddeg clychau yng Nghmru (heb Myny)," and then all would have been well.

As for Geoff Stickland's "complete nonsense" letter, perhaps if he had given it a little thought he would not have written it at all! I would like to ask him to produce his evidence for 43, Downton Road, Rumney, being part of Monmouthsire, and also, as a matter of interest, to publish details of the handbell peals on 12 bells in Monmouthshire, which, he says, have already been rung. The parish of Rumney, though once part of Monmouthshire, is no longer so. The Cardiff Corporation Act of 1938 brought the parish within the boundaries of the City of Cardiff, where it still is today, as are considerable areas further to the east. On the point about handbell peals, the only one I have on record on higher numbers is a peal of Stedman Caters rung in All Saints' belfry, Newport, on September 11th, 1911.

And so, until it can be proved otherwise, I maintain that the footnote to the peal in question is unambiguous, not controversial, and is correct.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

RE PICCADILLY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Apart from the fact that this method has irregular lead-ends, the headings for the composition of the method as shown on page 855 of "The Ringing World" are surely wrong. They should read:—

23456	5ths	In/M	W	H
36452		2	—	—
25346	2		—	3
62345			—	
23645		x		

The calling positions in order through the course are 5ths, In, B, 4ths, M, W, H; and the headings I have shown above are the positions which the tenor would be in at calls to produce the correct sequence of course-ends as printed.

It will be interesting to see the Central Council's views on the lead-end.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. MEW.

Putney.

RANDOM BOBBING

Dear Sir,—Last week-end I attended a week-end course in bellringing organised by the Derbyshire Association. The course, as its predecessor, was extremely informative and highly organised by Messrs. Marshall, Halls and Carlisle, but to my sorrow no lecturer could give me any advice on a problem that afflicts the tower where I ring.

The problem is this—the band can only recognise one coursing order, that of the plain course in Plain Bob Minor, and each Sunday we struggle manfully on with a 360 or 720 in this method. Invariably about halfway through there is a clashing and clanging and we emerge from the fracas with two, three, four or even five bells having changed over if not confused as to their course. No one knows enough to call bobs to bring us back into the correct order and we are left with the alternatives of "Go rounds" or, even worse, stopping altogether. (At my tower we do not use harsh commands such as "Stand" but the more courteous and permissive "Stand if you can.")

I was hoping that the lecturers would tell me how many bobs called at random would be required to bring any combination of coursing orders back to a plain course. Obviously we could keep going and try all combinations, but the Rector insists that we stop by the end of the second collect as he says he cannot preach to a background of a slow tenor clipped by the lead bell, so time is against us.

If any reader would make any **useful** observations on the problem, and **its** cure, I would be very grateful.—Yours faithfully,

C. G. BROWNE.

Breaston, Derbys.

HOW LARGE SHOULD AN ASSOCIATION DISTRICT BE?

Dear Sir,—"The Ringing World" of November 10th provides opposing views on the optimum size for Districts of territorial Associations. In his speech at the Peterborough Guild dinner Mr. George Pope is reported as advocating the reorganisation of a large Association into four or five fairly large Districts instead of numerous small ones, as has been done in Suffolk, whereas on the next page we read of proposals to increase the number of Districts in Kent from six to nine, and of a District in the Hertford County Association which has only ten towers.

On the one hand a large District means that individual towers can be visited only infrequently and it is harder for the District officers to give their attention to all towers where help is needed, but on the other hand a small District can mean a weak one which has not the resources to carry out its functions properly.

I imagine the only answer to this question is that it all depends on local circumstances, but even these change quite rapidly. I think, sir, it would be of interest to all concerned with the work of territorial Associations if two or three of those who have had practical experience of this problem, possibly in the Associations named above, could be encouraged to set out their views in these columns.—Yours sincerely,

C. H. ROGERS.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

STRAIGHT WORDS TO LEICESTER GUILD

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," make an appeal to all members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild?

As this year, the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Guild, has been so memorable, let us really get down to the basic "object" of the Guild—"To promote ringing for divine service," and make 1968 an even more memorable year.

Too many people are too interested in self-glorification, only ringing for service when they can be bothered, which unfortunately is so often not regularly enough.

Let all petty arguments and disagreements be forgotten, and have all the bells in the diocese rung for every service, and all meetings attended by 100 or more ringers every week. Leave peal ringing until learners have been taught at every tower—be there three or thirteen bells.

Then peals can be rung every week, and the Leicester Guild will rise again as the leading Guild, not only for peal ringing, but for service ringing as well.—Yours sincerely,

RINGING MASTER.

(Name and address supplied.)

IDENTITY OF HANDBELLS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have recently been able to inspect a set of ten handbells, tenor size 18 in G. The lady to whom they belong inherited them from her late father, and they previously belonged to her grandfather. This gentleman, whose name was Hodges, lived near Hereford and used to go round the district tune-ringing on these bells.

The present owner would like to know if anyone in that area remembers this band of tune-ringers, or anything of their activities, or of the history of the bells.

Also we should like to know who the founders of the bells were. They are marked on the crowns "M. B. & S." The bells are not for sale.—Yours truly,

J. I. SMITH.

Alford, Lincs.

NOT A FICTITIOUS NAME

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing to enter into the demerits of Aldermaston Bob, I would like to assure everyone who does not know him that Mr. Ted Steele is not a fictitious name, as accused by Mr Dodd.

Also, he did not say that there are three blows in sevenths, as Mr. Wilcox indicated; there is a comma in the sentence.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.

Haslemere, Surrey.

PEAL RINGING IN KENT

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of our journal, please reply to the letter from Mr. Derek J. Carr (page 834). I do not know where Mr. Carr got his statistics about Kent peal ringing, but they are rubbish, as over 250 people took part in the 207 peals rung by our Association. There were 40 people ringing a peal for the first time, 44 different conductors, 82 towers in the county had peals rung in them, there were 35 handbell peals, and 14 towers outside our county had peals rung in them. To suggest all these peals were rung by a handful of "dedicated peal ringers" is absurd.

My advice to Mr. Carr before he writes again is ot contact one of the officers of the Association or, better still, invest 3s. and buy a Kent County report.—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

STEEPLE-KEEPING

TACKLING ODD-STRUCK BELLS

By TY TENNIT

(Continued from page 873)

Much has been written on this in recent issues and whilst some correspondents have touched on the fringe nobody has so far suggested the proper and systematic way it should be done. Let me first of all make one thing clear—if the bell, or bells, has a cast-in clapper staple, i.e. if it is not drilled in the centre, whilst it can up to a point be corrected, it is really a job for a qualified man, and in any case such a bell is due for a major overhaul, as these "cast-in" staples can be a menace and a vast majority of cases of cracked bells are caused by the expansion due to rust or corrosion of these staples. I will gladly provide privately instructions for attempting this, but advise against it if the bell, etc., appears level. I will therefore deal only with bells with independent staples. Theoretically, if a bell is level across the lip, and the clapper is in the dead centre, it should be true struck. There are, however, rare cases where this does not work. It is also possible, as a correspondent once pointed out, for only one bell to be true struck and the rest of the ring out. Therefore in determining the degree of falseness it is best to correct the bell or bells in relation to the rest of the ring unless one is going to work round scientifically from back to front and correct the lot.

The curing of an odd-struck bell is quite simple, but requires patience if perfection is to be achieved. One should first obtain some leather washers the size of the top of the staple about an eighth of an inch thick and tapered variously to 0 inches to obtain a good balance. Now in referring to sides of a bell, the side on which the pulley is situated is known as the "face" side and for the purpose of this article will be referred to as such.

Next, one should determine the nature and degree of falseness. "Slow at hand" means that the bell has to be pulled closer at handstroke than at backstroke, and "slow at back" the reverse.

Check by Measurements.

Having now armed oneself with rule, taper washers and spanner, one is ready to commence and it is an advantage to have an assistant. First measure the distance from the lip of the bell on the "face" side to clapper ball and make a note. Next remove the clapper completely and put the tapered washer on top of the staple. If the bell is "slow at hand" the thick part of the taper should be away from the "face" side, and if "slow at back" it should be on the same side as the "face" side.

Replace the clapper and screw up reasonably tight enough to allow a little movement. Then hold the bell on the old strike point and get the assistant to tighten up, allowing the clapper to swing occasionally to ensure that its flight across the bell is true. Tighten up as tightly as possible and measure again as a check to see how much it has shifted. If the bell was "slow at hand" the measurement should be less and vice versa. One can now try the bell in relation to the others and the packing can be added to or lessened as required. A very good guide to determine the "odd-struckness" of a bell is to ring it up frame high and allow it to fall freely without any help on the rope at all (I prefer to take the rope off and run the bell up partly on the wheel, but in unqualified hands this can be dangerous). Before the bell finally comes to rest any "odd-struckness" will be obvious by the tendency of the clapper to beat on one side only as the bell comes down.

Care must be taken, however, in this method as some bells will clapper down freely and beat both sides, whereas another will beat a few blows at hand and then a few at back alternately. Either is the sign of a true struck bell since an odd-struck one will beat almost solely on one side below a certain period and requires packing over away from this side.

One of our founders now provides set studs in the cast iron stocks to allow for clapper setting without taper washers. There is, however, one thing to be borne in mind: if a ring is becoming odd-struck it is a sure sign that maintenance has either been neglected or done incorrectly, and as good, tight clappers can make a small difference to the tone of bells, these should be watched, and re-bushed when too loose.

Deep and Light Setting.

Some bells are set either too lightly or too deeply. This can be corrected by either cutting a piece out of the runner board for deeper setting, or adding a small block for lightness. For resetting a "Hastings" type slider it might be preferable to consult the founder. If the bell is deep or light at handstroke the correction should be made on the side away from the face side.

Sound Control.

Many towers have bells which are much too noisy either inside or outside the tower. Ringers must face up to the fact nowadays that with the growth of buildings great care must be exercised so as not to create a nuisance, and in any case a noisy ring is not necessarily a beautiful one. There are various ways of abating the sound range from the simple to the expensive.

With the latter, of course, the founders and various advisers to the Guilds and Central Council will always advise, but if a simple "do it yourself" system is desired, great success has been achieved in recent years with the use of "Sarking" or "Inodorous" felt as it is sometimes called.

Several layers of this on a belfry floor can efficiently and effectively quieten down a ring, or clock-weight cases, which are sometimes a cause of trouble, could be lined.

Also wonders can be worked for outside sound by boarding up the louvres and backing them up with a layer of felt.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

Owing to the Surrey Association holding a meeting the same day nearby, there were only 12 members present at the meeting of the Guild at Bletchingley and Godstone on November 11th. A good tea was served at Enid's Cafe.

The next meeting, at Tonbridge on December 9th. was confirmed, and Mr. Ladd announced that tickets for the annual dinner on January 13th (price 7s. 6d.) were now available (money with order, please). Tunbridge Wells bells would be available if wanted. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Bird (Bletchingley) and Mr. Wood (Godstone) for local arrangements.

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THAMES-SIDE CHURCH TO BE DEMOLISHED

BUT SUNBURY TOWER AND BELLS TO REMAIN

THE riverside Parish Church of St. Mary, Sunbury-on-Thames, is shortly to undergo major structural changes in which much of it will be demolished and rebuilt to a different design. The brick tower, however, with its metal dome, attractve cupola and musical ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.) is to be saved to serve, in the course of time, the new church which will be bonded to it on the same three walls as at present but at lower stations.

During the past 20 years successive P.C.C.'s have striven in earnest to arrest the deterioration in the timber and brickwork of nave, chapels. galleries and towers, and large sums of money have been spent on restoration. But each new repair has only resulted in the exposure of larger affected areas except in the tower, where work carried out in two phases in the past ten years has produced reasonably good results. With the walls of the nave now bulging noticeably outwards under the gradual movement of the roof, the P.C.C. has stopped repair schemes in the seemingly endless and increasingly costly fight agatnst decay.

REBUILDING—£90,000 SCHEME

By combining the recommendations given in a detailed overall survey with proposals to bring church and parish centre under one roof, the Council has decided to embark upon a major rebuilding campaign which will cost about £90,000. A rebuilding fund has been started within the parish, and financial support from the Diocesan Board has been promised.

By retaining the tower the authorities have given a lead to the architect, Mr. John Phillips, A.R.I.B.A., in blending his strikingly modern design with the surroundings and keeping it in character with one of Sunbury's most picturesque corners. In plan the new church might be described as octagonal with a nave altar set a little to the south of centre. The existing apse will be preserved and screened off with glass to become a chapel on the east side. Many of the furnishings, window glasses, memorials and font will be cleaned and stored for use in the new building; the fine organ, recently revoiced and removed to the west gallery, will be cased and protected. In the central area, which will have no galleries, there will be seating for about 300 persons and space for a further 350 in the area normally partitioned off for use as the parish centre. There will be new vestries, offices, changing rooms, flower room and toilets. For general and daily use the entrance will be through a new door to the north-east of the tower, but for festivals and ceremonial use the entrance will be through the large west doors under the tower.

Standing on part of the site of Sunbury's Saxon church, the present building is itself the result of the complete rebuilding scheme of 1751-52. It was erected by the City builder Richard Jupp to the design of Stephen Wright, clerk of the works to the Palace at Hampton Court. It is the only church known to be designed by him and it displays some of the styles of architecture he found in his travels in Greece and Italy.

THE BELLS

Three bells were placed in the tower in 1755 and to these were added single bells in 1770, 1817 and 1851 to make up a ring of six, all from the Whitechapel Foundry. In 1901 they were all removed to Loughborough, where, with added metal, the octave was cast, Simpson-tuned and rehung in the tower. A steel "H"-type frame for seven bells on one level with a low-side frame for one bell (No. 3) above No. 4 bell replaced the original wooden frame and became part of the tower bracing. The bells have always been regularly and well used and are still in good ringing order; a promise of an overhaul towards the completion of the rebuilding campaign has been given by the P.C.C.

Soon the church will be closed and the services transferred to a large cedarwood hutment which has been erected 75 yards away in the parish garden across the road. The P.C.C. has asked that the bells be rung throughout the campaign, but this will depend, of course, on what happens when the nave is pulled away to leave the tower standing quite alone and unbuttressed. If ringing is permitted there will still be some interruptions, especially at the critical stages of bonding the brickwork and setting the concrete. Any departures from the normal programme of service ringing and practices on Wednesdays will be published in "The Ringing World." The remaining tower bookings by visiting parties for the autumn will be honoured and a peal attempt before the demolition men move in will be allowed to go on.

The decision to pull down their church was received by the people of Sunbury with mixed feelings and brought forth some sincere objections from within and without the church family. But the vigour of the fund-raising campaign and the enthusiasm of the workers in it have gone a fair way towards restoring general confidence in the scheme. The local belfry company, in the meantime, is carrying on its work for the church each Sunday, continuing to train ringers for the future, and offering a welcome to visitors, all amidst an air of uncertainty and despite the many difficulties that are bound to arise. D. B.

ARCHAEOLOGY

COINAGE ON BELLS — By P. Amos

LIKE practically everything else, ringing has a number of side issues. Some ringers take pleasure in working out peal compositions, others in seeking fresh towers at meetings and outings. Some there are who have a fascination for measuring tenors, others for the more intricate sides of bell archæology, but when all are woven into one pattern they help to make ringing what it is.

Have you ever been to a strange village and heard this said: **"Our bells are so much better than so and so's because they have a lot of silver in them!"** I have had it told me many times, and obviously do a smile as well as take it, as it were, with "a pinch of salt," to the displeasure of the story-tellers often!

How did such stories come about. They originate from the days before such things as motor traffic, railways and even canals—when the horse was the only form of transport and bells were mostly cast on the spot—on the village green or in a field near the church, sometimes in a far corner of the churchyard, by means of a mobile temporary furnace.

"FOR LUCK"

The whole village would turn out to see the work done, and, as it were "for luck," would be invited to throw silver coins in the metal—the last occasion of this to my knowledge was when Haselbech (Northants) bells were cast in 1930 at the Croydon bellfoundry, and the donor, Miss Ismay, threw a couple of coins into the metal of one casting.

However, during the time of the Stuart monarchs and the early Hanoverians it was a widespread practice, especially after the Commonwealth and the coming to the throne of Charles II—Easton Maudit bells by John Hodson are early instances.

A Northamptonshire family of bellfounders named Bagley cast many bells with coin impressions, mainly of Charles II, around them, and if one goes to Ringstead, Courteenhall, West Haddon, Cransley, etc., these can be seen as well as the only old bell (the 7th) of the octave at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, 1681.

How do I know they are impressions of Charles II, you may ask? Charles II reigned from 1660 to 1685 (he was, by the way, the king who the story has it "apologised for being a long time dying") and so if your bells are dated in any year between these dates you can rest assured the coin impressions are those of "the oak apple king," to whom bell-ringing was so much associated with for more than two and a half centuries after.

EDWARD I COIN

There are coin impressions on bells of earlier dates and the earliest I can find is at Cold Ashby on that historic old bell of 1317. In addition to a single coin impression, there is the head of Edward I, who gave his royal patronage to bellfounders, of whom William-de-Flint, the reputed founder of the Cold Ashby bell, was one. Edward I died ten years before this bell was cast, and this is an example of bellfounders who enjoyed his patronage and using his head on later bells.

Edward III reigned from 1327 to 1377, and his head with that of his queen (Philippa) are on several old bells. The features of the two kings are different—that of Edward I being long, and that of Edward III round.

After the Cold Ashby bell I can find no trace of coins of other sovereigns until Charles I, at Naseby, although doubtless there were those of Elizabeth I, James I, Henry VIII and Edward IV, the boy king who ordered the 1552 inventory of all goods of the Church (including bells) to be compiled—a very useful inventory like that of William III (1700), both preserved in Chancery Lane, London.

The bell at Naseby was cast in 1633 by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, and has two impressions of a Charles I crown piece, and, by the way, coins of Charles I, like those of George I, one of which I have, never had the "I" on them—just Carlos or Georgius; James I the same, with Jacobus—not James!

I have only found one bell with an impression of coinage of James II—at Milton Malsor, 1686. This king reigned only three short years (1685 to 1688), abdicating because he could not force the Church to go back to Rome, which he wanted it to do. Incidentally, I have also a James II silver twopenny piece—now very rare! I have so far not come across any bells with coinage impressions of

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Thetford on November 11th, with over 40 members and friends attending.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. R. Mumford, who welcomed us to St. Peter's Church.

At the business meeting Dr. P. H. A. Jonason was re-elected chairman, and Mr. C. F. W. Phillippo secretary. Mr. H. B. Fuller was thanked for his work as Ringing Master over the past five years, and Mr. C. F. Arnold was elected to succeed him. Mr. Fuller was elected to the Standing Committee and Mr. O. Claxton to the Branch Committee.

It was decided to visit New Buckenham for the next meeting.

Ringing under the direction of Mr. Fuller continued till 9 p.m. with members of the Suffolk Guild and Ely Diocesan Association joining us. C. F. W. P.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District held its November meeting at St. Dunstan's, Hunsdon (8). Although the bells are rather hard-going some good ringing in a variety of methods was heard, which included Cambridge and St. Clement's Major.

ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—For Mr. Bridges' information, St. Clement's Bob Triples is an accepted method. All right place even methods extend to the next odd number by adding a hunt bell, just as Grandsire is produced from Plain Bob. Also, St. Simon's may be made an even-bell method by adding a hunt bell.

Grandsire and Plain Bob are the odd ones out in the family as they are named according to the number of hunt bells, but the rest are normally known by their distinctive work. Hence—St. Clement's Minor + hunt bell = St. Clement's Triples.

As a matter of interest, the number of such methods giving pure odd-bell methods with regular lead-heads is as follows: Minimus — Doubles = 3, Minor — Triples = 11, Minor — Caters = 32, Royal — Cinques = getting on for 100!—Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.

Haslemere, Surrey.

COINAGE ON BELLS—continued

William III and his joint monarch, Mary II (1689 to 1694) nor of William III on his own (1964 to 1701). In 1705 Henry Penn, of Peterborough, cast four bells for Lois Weedon with coinage impressions of Queen Anne.

HANOVERIANS

And of George I, these are on bells of 1718 and 1720 at Crick and Cranford St. Andrew among others, which Thomas Russell, of Wootton, Bedfordshire, Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, and other founders cast.

A number of bells cast during the 33 years' reign of George II (1727 to 1760) have coinage impressions, among them one at Brafield, 1732, others at Flore, 1743, and Brampton Ash (1754). Recently I came across a perfect (mint condition) shilling of George II, as well as several copper coins of George III, the king who reigned second longest to Queen Victoria, from 1760 to 1820. George III impressions are on the tenors at All Saints', Northampton, by Pack and Chapman, 1782; Maidwell, by Edward Arnold, 1772; and Irchester, by Arnold, 1792. Few are later than George III.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS DINNER-DANCE

OVER 100 members and friends of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch spent a most enjoyable evening on Saturday, November 11th, at Beaconsfield on the occasion of their sixth annual dinner and dance. This function moved from Windsor to the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield, last year, which presented severe difficulties of accommodation, but the reduction of numbers this year made it a much more comfortable occasion.

In the "hot seat" was the Branch chairman, the Rev. S. A. C. Dickins, Vicar of Hughesden. He was supported by the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and Mrs. Wigg. The Master humorously explained that his presence there that evening was solely due to the superior intelligence of at least one of the inhabitants of Beaconsfield, of whom he had inquired the whereabouts of the "Fir Tree" Hotel! Also on the "high altar" were the Branch president (the Rt. Rev. C. Pepys (Bishop of Buckingham) and Mrs. Pepys, the Oxford Diocesan Guild general secretary (Miss Marie Cross), the Branch secretary (Miss Doreen Hague) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild steward, Mr. Howard Oglesby, and Mrs. Oglesby. One notable absentee who was in everyone's thoughts was Mr. A. D. Barker, Guild and Branch treasurer, who had just entered Windsor Hospital for an eye operation.

Besides the floral and other decorations arranged by the organisers, there were on display the very beautiful illuminated board ornamented with scrolls bearing the names of the Branch towers, and the certificates to be awarded to the winners of the Branch striking contest and the Guild contest, all the work of Mr. E. E. Gosling, of Maidenhead, one of the organising sub-committee.

HUGHENDEN'S YEAR

Following the dinner and the loyal toast, the Branch chairman presented the certificate to the winners of the Branch striking contest, Hughenden, which was received by their team captain, Mr. David Cornwall, amidst well-deserved applause. Hughenden went on to represent the Branch at the Guild contest and came second to Thatcham, losing by only half a mark. The Master of the Guild then presented the Guild runners-up certificate to Hughenden and remarked on the great difficulty he had had in deciding the result because the ringing was of such a high standard.

The rule of these annual functions is very short speeches. The Branch secretary must have used the same threats to Mr. H. Oglesby about the duration of his speech as she did to bludgeon him into making one. His speech must easily have beaten all records for brevity, but he did just have time to extend a warm welcome to the guests and visitors who had graced the occasion. It has since been revealed that, as he was in the bath when Doreen was "asking" him to make his speech, he had not much chance to argue—his wife saw to that.

Newlywed Mrs. Joyce Cornwall (nee Barton), on behalf of the assembled company, presented a bouquet of chrysanthemums to Miss Hague in appreciation of the work she had done to ensure the success of the evening. She was the king-pin, said Mr. Oglesby, round which the dinner revolved. One wag suggested that "queen"-pin might be a more apt designation.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with dancing, drinking and talking "shop." Mrs. Barbara Castle's ghost seemed to cast no serious inhibitions upon the evening's enjoyment, but it was noticed that when Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby invited a few bellringing drivers to come and see their new house and have a cup of coffee the invitation was readily accepted by one or two of those too old or too "square" or too lazy to dance!—or perhaps unable in their friendly conversations to compete with the band. W. B.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have had reported to us a case of unfriendliness towards visitors in a belfry. This has been referred to the Association concerned, who are taking steps to improve relationships.

A Suffolk veteran. Mr. A. W. Rolfe, of the N.W. tower, Bury St. Edmunds, had an important anniversary on November 19th, the 60th of his first peal, in November, 1907. He took part in the congratulatory quarter peal by ringing the treble to 1,344 Plain Bob Major.

Evensong on Remembrance Sunday was the last service to be held in St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames. The church is now closed and will be demolished prior to rebuilding to a different design. Ringing will continue in the tower, which is to remain.

Keith Robertson is writing a series in "The Oxford Times" on "Bells and Their Ringers." Launton, the tower of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, provides an interesting half-page. There is a picture of the 11 members of the local company on the ladder leading to the bell chamber.

Mr. D. Ellison, of Ilford, in sending his congratulations to "The Ringing World" on topping 6,000 sales, adds: "At my home tower eight of the eleven ringers take 'The Ringing World,' a ninth reads her brother's and a tenth hopes to become a reader in the New Year. Is this a record?"

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has again written to the editor of "The Radio Times" regretting that his letter or a corrective comment had not been published regarding "the absurd and misleading representation of bellringing portrayed in an issue of 'The Borchester Echo" of 'Ambridge' ringers."

Mr. George Spice, former general secretary of the Kent County Association, is seriously ill in a London Hospital. He is unable to receive visitors.

King's Somborne ringers rang a quarter on November 26th in honour of the 91st birthday of two former ringers—F. Davis and F. Hewlett.

Mr. John Douglas, churchwarden at St. Mary's, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, wants the name of a firm supplying a battery lamp that could operate in the case of electricity supply failure

The quarter peal rung at Hordle, Hants, on November 26th, was the first on the bells by an all-local band. Rosemary Simpson was ringing her first quarter and A. Nunn conducted.

Mr. Anthony H. Smith, of 130, Drove Road, Biggleswade, Beds, is not the A. H. Smith whose change of address was advertised recently. In future will people who have not uncommon names give their first name in full.

Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, has now rung in 3,138 different towers, beating the record of the late Mr. J. J. Shepherd, of Swindon. He informs us that the only other ringer with over 300 towers to his credit is Mr. Clive Smith, of Lichfield.

Among the in memoriam quarter peals to the memory of the late Mr. John Willis was one of Cambridge Minor by the local band at Charing. It was here that Mr. Willis learned to ring and he rang in the first quarter peal on the bells with the treble ringer's (Catherine E. Robbins) great-grandfather, Mr. William H Spice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BELL FOUNDRY UNDER YORK MINSTER TOWER

A mediæval bell foundry has been discovered under the central tower of York Minster. The find was made during engineering work to strengthen the tower.

The foundry was built in the 13th century to cast the bells for the belfry of John le Romanus, which was on the site of the present central tower, erected in the 15th century.

An amount of bell metal and slag has been found, but only the stokehole and flue of the furnace have so far been uncovered.

THE PEARL OF ALL PEARLS

Regarding "The Ringing World" as his favourite, the Earl of Arran cannot resist a quote from "An Observer's" article on dress in the "London Evening News." He classifies this as the pearl of all pearls:—

"The fashion for mini-skirts produces strange sights hitherto unseen in modest belfries. To all ringers who wear mini-skirts, please have a trial 'pull' at home in front of the mirror."

PORTISHEAD AND TWERTON REUNION

Four members of each of the bands of Portishead and Twerton took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Portishead on November 4th in honour of the birth of a daughter, Nicola Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gale, of Portishead. Mr. Gale is captain of the Portishead ringers and his elder son, David, rang the tenor. The Gale family kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal. The Rev. Roger O. Fry and Mr. Alan F. Lee were each ringing their 125th peal for the Bath and Wells Association.

CARILLON IN MODERN AZTEC PYRAMID

According to "Building," in Mexico City there is an audacious pyramid-like structure rising 416.56 feet. It has 29 storeys and a sight-seeing platform. This building is the highest reinforced concrete structure in Mexico, and in the vertex there is a classic carillon of 47 bells, weighing 40 tons in total. The purport of the building is to represent the Aztec pyramids in 20th century construction.

WANTS GUILD REPORTS

Mr. Christopher Groome, of Kettering, writes that he has difficulty in getting reports from Guilds of which he is a non-resident member, with details of towers, peals and compositions. Could not these be advertised, giving price (including postage) and the addresses from which they may be obtained? he asks.

MEMORIAL PEAL TO MR. F. A. SALTER

It should be noted that the memorial peal rung at Greasley to the memory of Mr. Frederick A Salter was not rung half-muffled, as Mr. Salter detested muffled ringing. The calling used was a favourite of his and he was responsible for the conductor knowing the composition.

Of the 105 peals rung at Greasley, Mr. Salter had rung in 38, conducting 15.

SECRETARY FOR 30 YEARS RETIRES

Mr. T. A. Palmer, who for the past 30 years has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, announced his retirement from office at the Branch annual general meeting on November 18th.

When he took over in 1937 the affairs of the Branch were at an extremely low ebb. Mr. Palmer has devoted his energies and a great deal of time to Branch affairs and has nurtured it to its present position.

Miss Heather Jones was unanimously elected as his successor. Other officers re-elected were Mr. George Newman, chairman; Mr. F. Read, vice-chairman and Branch Ringing Master; Mr. Alan Keen, Deputy Ringing Master; and the Rev. Roger Keeley, Branch representative.

The annual report made pleasant reading, with membership remaining steady and a slight increase in the attendance at meetings. An all-Chisledon band was congratulated on ringing a peal of Plain Bob Minor. Four new members were elected, after the report had been adopted, from Marlborough, Aldbourne and Chisledon.

Mr. P. Minchin suggested giving aid to silent towers and thought these could be manned for an occasional service. It was agreed to try and implement the proposal, but the chairman pointed out that in a predominantly rural district transport was an overriding factor.

Thanks were expressed by the chairman to the Rector (the Rev. J. Walsh) for conducting the service and to Mrs. Keeley and and helpers for the excellent tea.

A NEW ZEALAND SUCCESS

Christchurch Cathedral Society deserve warm congratulations for their peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung on November 18th for the Prince of Wales' birthday.

This was the Society's second attempt for a peal of Cambridge Minor, the previous attempt having been lost at about the 3,000 mark a few weeks ago. It was the first peal for the Society and on the bells since Great Adventure II some two years ago. It will be recalled that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung just before the arrival of the English tourists.

Following this success, Christchurch ringers hope that the Chapter will spend some money on the maintenance of the bells. They feel that the peal ought to add conviction to their arguments.

"Needless to say," writes Dr. P. J. Perry. "we refreshed ourselves after the peal, and mystified (or appeared to mystify) the other patrons with loud and enthusiastic talk of past and future activities, with such jargon as Stedman and Spliced Surprise."

SILVER WEDDING DAY

We expect Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chant received many congratulations from Yorkshire and Barnsley friends on November 21st, their silver wedding day. Perhaps the "Professor" will dedicate his latest arrangement feat to this important milestone in his life. This was to arrange all the Minor plain methods—regular and irregular—in seven 720's. We are expecting any day to hear of a peal in all the regular plain methods from Yorkshire.

ARE YOU A SCHIZOPHRENIC?

"It is reckoned that there are more schizophrenics amongst bellringers than in any other hobby," said Mr. John Pladdys, a theological student at King's College, in the sermon he preached at the annual general meeting of the University of London Society at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on October 21st.

"We can see this quite easily by looking round our own numbers and the pages of 'The Ringing World'" he said. "Quite apart from anything else, it is an experience to stand in a ringing chamber and watch the facial contortions, body-wiggles and the fiery, demented look in the eyes . . .

"We should not despair of the accusations labelled against us ringers of our lack of interest in the Church. As part of a Church undergoing drastic changes and stresses, like shedding an old skin for a new one, bell-ringing itself must undergo corresponding drastic changes. If, as the Bishop of Woolwich predicts, church building will be done away with, and Christian work carried out from a central parish shop, ringing will become an entirely secular art. We must not be afraid, or even surprised, when this happens, as happen it must, and probably in our lifetime. For now we must examine our present role of servants to an institution whose forms and ideals are undergoing such significant changes. We must be ready to make such changes ourselves, to throw overboard completely out-moded ideas which make the gulf between Church and the world even greater."

ACTIVITIES AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY

Following an initial meeting on October 31st, the constitution of the Lancaster University Guild of Change Ringers was formally ratified on November 14th and the first officers elected as follows: Ringing Master, Keith Lewin; secretary, Paul Coddington; treasurer, Katherine Lloyd.

There have been ringers at the University since the second year of its existence (1965) but hitherto the numbers have been insufficient to warrant the formation of a Guild. Now, however, with a total strength of ten and the certain prospect of more members as the University grows, the Guild can expect a period of continuous enlargement. (Membership is also open to students of St. Martin's College of Education in Lancaster.)

The Guild's home tower is the Priory Church of St. Mary (8, 32 cwt.), which has a commanding position overlooking the town; it no longer has a local band, most of the former ringers having gone to University! There is a ring of ten (25 cwt.) at the R.C. Cathedral; unfortunately the light six at St. Thomas' have been unringable for many years.

Several of the Guild members are of Surprise Major standard, and it is hoped to attempt a University peal in the near future. Any visitors to the town during term will be made very welcome at the University practice (Tuesdays, 7.30). Evening ringing every Sunday is at 6 p.m. R. J. S.

STRICTLY FOR THE EXERCISE'S BIRD FANCIERS

From the Autumn, 1967, issue of the Civil Service Council for Further Education Magazine "Venture," comes this priceless piece of information on an article on bird ringing:—

"British ringers are now marking more than half a million birds each year."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ABERGAVENNY, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Rodney B. Meadows	7
Alan Carveth	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
John S. Mason	4	D. John Hunt	9
David J. Llewellyn	5	A Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Kay Whittaker	Treble	Robin L. Coles	5
†Alan F. Lee	2	Ian Cox	6
Ronald J. Gale	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	7
Arthur J. Gould	4	David J. Gale	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal on eight bells. † 175th peal. 125th peal for the Association by the ringers of second and seventh.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gale on the birth of their daughter, Nicola Jane, on October 29th, 1967.

CONGRESBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

Michael G. Bartlett	Treble	*John C. Sheppard	5
Richard C. Taylor	2	Gwilym G. Salmon	6
Roy W. Rice	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
Walter S. Rice	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov 19, 1967, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, (3) Surfleet and Beverley, (4) Durham and York (5) London and Wells, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	Philip H. Jones	4
*John Maggs	2	Adrian P. Beck	5
Edward J. Chivers	3	Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

* First peal in 11 methods.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

Walter S. Rice	Treble	Roy Rice	4
*Susan Walker	2	Michael G. Bartlett	5
Geoffrey Hebden	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	Tenor

Conducted by Edgar T. Skipsey.

* First peal.

COMPTON DANDO, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in five methods, viz.: Two St. Martin, two St. Simon, two April Day, eight Plain Bob and 28 Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Alan J. Coombs	Treble	*John Milton	4
*Robert Perry	2	Francis C. Mogford	5
Alan C. Perry	3	*Henry J. Coombs	Tenor

Conducted by Francis C. Mogford.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Walter H. Young.

WOOLAVINGTON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb in F sharp.

Brian J. Wylde	Treble	*Edwin Dibble	4
Robert C. Woodward	2	Michael J. Stone	5
*Alan G. King	3	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T Clarke.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Stone on the birth of a son, Jonathan.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Rodney H. French	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	C. Michael Orme	7
Robert L. Piron	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 24, 1967 in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
Rosemary E. White	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND,
and
THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A.

*N. F. Reeve	Treble	§Dr. P. J. Perry	4
††Dr. Ronald J. Johnston	2	*J. H. G. Gardner	5
†Dr. R. G. T. Bennett	3	R. H. Idle	Tenor

Conducted by R H. Idle.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Minor. ‡ 50th peal and has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. § First peal. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung in New Zealand by a resident band.

This was the band's second attempt at Cambridge Minor for a peal, one having been lost at about the 3,000 mark a few weeks ago. It is the first peal for the Society and on the bells since Great Adventure II.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Felicity T. Ashford	Treble	Derek Astridge	6
Clive Thrower	2	Harold Taylor	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Colin A. Banton	8
Alec Humphrey	4	Michael Fellows	9
Brian Tomlinson	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BRASSINGTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, London Surprise, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.

Michael J. Fellows	Treble	Brian Tomlinson	4
Gordon A. Halls	2	Burley P. Morris	5
Melvyn A. Rose	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAMBRDGE S.M.
Being 3,600 Plain Bob, 1,440 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method.

Stanley Hardy	Treble	Ernest Pannell	5
Roland Park	2	Thomas Cooke	6
Janet Cooke	3	Fred Hodgson	7
Janet Warwick	4	Philip H. Tocock	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Fred Hodgson.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the incorporation of Darlington as a County Borough. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Northumberland.—At the Church of SS. Basil and James, Fenham.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967. in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 10 lb. in F.

Eric N. Harrison	Treble	*Kenneth Lawson	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	Alan H. Bridges	6
Kenneth Arthur	3	George S. Deas	7
James Crowther	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. S. Redman, first Vicar of this parish, 1928–1948.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., four extents of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Doris M. Killingley	Treble	Ian A. Eggleton	4
Irene Park	2	Philip M. Park	5
George A. Barker	3	Roland Park	Tenor

Conducted by Roland Park.

Rung as a farewell to Ian Eggleton, who is leaving to take an appointment in Leicester.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Graham C. King	Treble	*David E. Potter	5
*David Ralls	2	Roy E. Copleston	6
*Janet A. Pullen	3	Paul J. Bloomfield	7
*Valerie A. Copleston	4	John Armstrong	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by John Armstrong.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob Major on the bells and by a local band.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Peter J. Devrell	Treble	*Derek M. Smith	5
Henry Taysom	2	David C. Hawkins	6
Anthony W. Gibbs	3	Alan F. Lee	7
Gloria M. Wilshire	4	†Brian W. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First on eight bells. First in the method on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967 in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Childwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A.

*Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	G. Kenneth Williamson	4
Roy H. Jones	2	Michael J. Church	5
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Tom Page	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

* 25th peal for the Guild.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24¾ cwt in D.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Diana M. Chapman	2	Cyril A. Wratten	6
David Rennolds	3	George T. Cousins	7
Peter J Wycherley	4	*Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Major in the method. First in the method for the rest of the band, in the county and for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROLVENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	*Tony Lewis	5
*Margaret E. Fort	2	*D. Paul Smith	6
Ian H. Oram	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
†Michael H. O'Callaghan	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of 7-spliced on this plan. † First peal of 7-spliced.

BEARSTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Sept. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Alison E. Page	Treble	Rhian N. Bagshaw	4
†Diane H. M. Bradford	2	Peter M. J. Bradford	5
†Andrew J. Robbins	3	Paul J. Bagshaw	Tenor

Conducted by Paul J. Bagshaw.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	Dennis McCormick	5
John P. Partington	2	John Illingworth	6
R. Keith Lister	3	James E. Andrews	7
Roy Jolley	4	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

Arranged as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Wharton, the town's and parish's oldest inhabitant.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

*Harold Walker	Treble	David Bradshaw	5
James E. Dickinson	2	Stanley Anderton	6
†W. Stephen Walker	3	Kevin M. Price	7
James Blackburn	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal away from tenor. † First of Major and "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Mrs. D. Day	Treble	R. Looker	4
H. Clayton	2	†O. Homewood (Z)	5
*W. Clamp	3	R. E. Manton	Tenor

Conducted by R. E. Manton.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung by the band of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, to celebrate the "coming of age" of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs R. E. Manton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harold Judd	Treble	William Bains	4
*Sarah J. Chafer	2	Jack Bray	5
Ronald Chafer	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First attempt for a peal.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 70 methods: (1) Linden, Luton, Rhyl, Ripley, Thorne, Broomfield, Fyfield, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning and Bamborough, (2) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Pattiswick, Terling, Wandsworth Brixton, Pentonville, Holloway, Soho, Waterloo, Blackfriars, Marylebone, Paddington, Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Bangor, Grantham, Sleaford, Chester-le-Street, Orsett, Upshire, Netherwood, Chester Munden and Sandiacre, (4) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Kenwood, Bloomsbury, Archway, Euston, St. Pancras, Highbury, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, King Edward and Queen Mary, (6) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Netherseale and Annable's London, (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, with 151 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
*Audrey R. Alexander	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 50th peal. Extent No. 2 is now rung for the first time. The greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Surprise Minor.

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Holloway: —36—1456—56—36.12—34.56. l.h. 12.
Soho: —36—1456—56—1236—12—56. l.h. 12.
Waterloo: —36—1456—56—1236—34—56. l.h. 12.
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All the methods have l.h. 65324.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Mon., Nov. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*Francis W. Corney ..	Treble	Jack Alsop	5
Gwyn I. Lewis	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
James Clatworthy	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
D. Geoffrey Kerley	4	Leslie N. Melton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First of Major on the bells.

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Roger J. Shea	Treble	John Prytherch	5
Thomas T. Yeomans ..	2	Charles P. Quartley	6
Paul A. Williams	3	Michael Pilgrim	7
David L. Philips	4	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Pilgrim.
First peal as conductor.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Simon Taylor	Treble	David J. Jukes	5
*Margaret L. Ellwood ..	2	Peter G. Bellamy-Knights	6
E. Andrew Harrison ..	3	Christopher M. Movley ..	7
David J. Ley	4	C. L. Digby Munday ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by C. L. Digby Munday.
* First peal in the method.

CULCHETH, Lancashire.—At New Church Parish Church.
On Wed., Oct. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

Elizabeth A. Johnston ..	Treble	David J. Jukes	4
Simon Taylor	2	David J. Ley	5
C. L. Digby Munday ..	3	E. Andrew Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Ley.
First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. R. Pritchard's four-part. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

David C. Brown	Treble	Jeffrey M. Britchford ..	5
*Lesley Brown	2	Alan D. Flood	6
Norman F. Edwards ..	3	Michael J. Church	7
Norman Summerhayes ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First attempt for a peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and in memoriam Mrs. Joan Turner, of St. Mary's Church, Twickenham.

RUISLIP, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Monica Blagrove	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
William S. Deason	2	Albert C. Wenban	6
Robin G. Leale	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Christopher H. Rogers ..	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

STAINES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Wally S. Rice	Treble	Norman Summerhayes ..	5
*Alan D. Flood	2	Michael G. Bartlett	6
Michael J. Uphill	3	Edgar T. Skipsey	7
*John C. Sheppard	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MARSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Hanbury F. Carter	Treble	Derek J. Gray	5
Mrs. H. F. Carter	2	Derek W. Pardon	6
*Pamela J. Cadman	3	A. William Barrett	7
Daniel T. Phillips	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.
Rung in the octave of the Feast of All Saints.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Nov. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Desmond P. Mortlock ..	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
David Cubitt	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
Henry Tooke	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Frank C. J. Arnold	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

GARVESTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Henry Tooke	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	4
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Thomas E. Spight	5
George P. Adams	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Norwich Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*David Cubitt	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Leslie F. Bailey	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
†Stephen F. High	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 50th tower in Norfolk for a peal. † First in 12 methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. E. Spight.

DITCHINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's and Plain.
Tenor 12 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
H. William Barrett	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
A. J. Pitman's 12-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Reginald Medway	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	5
David C. Brown	2	Alan D. Flood	6
Monica Blagrove	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Margaret Wenban	4	Sidney Blyth	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First attempt for a peal.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MONAGHAN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Christine Baker	Treble	Barry J. Davies	5
Alan R. Pink	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Valerie Willard	3	Christopher C. Clarke ..	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	Eric Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Ian Blackmur	Treble	William A. Yates	5
James Linnell	2	George E. Green	6
George W. Holland ..	3	†W. Frank Eyden	7
William J. Chester	4	Charles E. Truman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal. † First of Surprise Major.
Rung to welcome Alison Claire Denny, born on November 12th, 1967; granddaughter of the tower captain.

PITSFORD, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Roxene Blundell	Treble	Roger Old	4
*Paul Clewett	2	Eric Frost	5
Judith Holmes	3	*Dennis Isaacs	Tenor

Conducted by Eric Frost.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation. Believed to be the first peal by local ringers (except 4th) at Pitsford for over 30 years.
Rung to the glory of God and for the Patronal Festival.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*Cynthia E. Barnett ..	Treble	Roger N. Scholes	4
J. Charles Hudson	2	John G. Mitchell	5
†Patsy M. Barnes	3	Christopher J. Groome ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
* First peal attempt. † First "inside." First of Minor as conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
YARDLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 82 lb. in F sharp.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Rev. David Sansum ..	5
Muriel Reay	2	Stephen W. Barton	6
*David Main	3	James R. White	7
A. Harold Fitter	4	Maurice F. Edwards ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James W. Belshaw.
* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARTIN, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Denzil G. Kerly	Treble	Neil O. Skelton	4
*Stephanie M. A. Green ..	2	Ronald N. Marlow	5
Leslie A. Page	3	Reginald T. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* First peal.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Stephanie Green and Mr. Michael J Sherrick.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.
DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*John D. Cooper	Treble	Patricia Rogers	5
†Carola A. H. Patey ..	2	†John F. S. Eberall	6
†Simon Cole	3	John S. Seager	7
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	4	Michael R. Meadows ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Tibbetts.
* First peal. † First of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun. Nov. 19 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb.

Herbert T. Rooke	Treble	Edward F. Gobey	5
William L. Exton	2	Donald J. Beach	6
David Stainsby	3	Peter Nix	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Douglas H. Rooke	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Bason (all singles) Conducted by Peter Nix.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Frederick A. Salter Past Master of the Sherwood Youths and Southwell Guild (Nottingham District).

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Comprising two extents of Norwich Surprise, one each of London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.

*Keith Hilton	Treble	Mary C. Poyner	4
*Paul N. Mounsey	2	John A. Coates	5
*Linda M. Wilkinson ..	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Porner.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 7¼ cwt.
Rung by members of the St. Swithun's Society, East Retford.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variaions: Two extents each of Fortune, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints', three extents Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston,and 15 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Maurice W. Harrison ..	2	*F William Midwinter ..	4
Derek Tysoe	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* 250th peal.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

David J. Midgley	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Walter Sherratt	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard ..	7
Harold Dowler	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Glasgow. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of this parish, the Rev. Barry C. Heritage, who was instituted on October 25th, 1967.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 5 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 12480 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael B. Jefferyes ..	Treble	Ian L. Dear	5
Alan H. Bridges	2	*Geoffrey W Randall ..	6
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
James R. White	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

27-course block extended. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 150th peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In R4a, Emmanuel College.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	1–2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	5–6
R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	3–4	*R. S. Bradley (Clare) ..	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* First peal "in hand."
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Charles Slater on the occasion of his 21st birthday. Tenor size 17 in A.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At 96, Sunny Bank.
On Wed., Nov 22, 1967, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of Spliced Plain and Double Bob and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 5 in F.

Peter Church	1–2	Alan H. Bridges	3–4
Geoffrey W. Randall (cond.)	5–6		

Rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DURHAM CITY.—At Trevelyan College.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G

*Stephen C. Wells	1–2	Malcolm E. Johnson	5–6
Andrew G Craddock ..	3–4	*Jean M. Berriman	7–8

Composed by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Greengate Lane.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
*Christopher I. Rowson ..	3–4	B Stedman Payne	7–8
James R. White	9–10		

Arranged by J R. White Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

DATE TOUCH

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius, Basford, on Nov. 18th, 1967 Major (1,952 Plain Bob, 15 Grandsire): J. M. Rice 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings 2, Caroline Stewart 3, Ann Harris 4, S. J. Curtis 5, P. N. Markley 6, D. R. McLean 7, I. V. J. Smith (comp. and cond.) 8. Longest length of Major, 1 and 5 Rung by N.U.S.C.R. as a compliment to John and Jean Hallett, former Society members and now of New Westminster, B.C., Canada, on the birth of a daughter, Gillian Sarah.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on handbells: J. R. Ronson 1-2, C. I. Ronson (cond.) 3-4, A. K. P. Poole 5-6. By the Abingdon School S.C.R.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. J. Dingwall 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, D. J. Reeve 3, B. G. C. Clampin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 3 and 4. For the Deanery Evensong.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Nov. 19th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: N. Bennett 1, I. Wiltshire 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Gadd (first quarter) 1, C. G. Barnes 2, A. W. Knight 3, Rodney A. Cross (first quarter) 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, F. J. Morris 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX. — On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. Lonsdale 1, Valerie Jones 2, Christine Morton 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, D. Knewstub 6, M. Hollis 7. First of Minor "inside" 3 and 6. For morning service. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Hollis 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Christine Morton 3, Valerie Jones 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 6, D. Knewstub 7, Deborah Knewstub (first quarter) 8. An engagement compliment to D. Knewstub and Miss M. J. Andrew.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret G. Taylor 1, Esme J. Weaver 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, J. Weaver 5, H. E. Balaam (cond.) 6, A. Taylor 7, B. G. Freeman 8. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Julia Greenhalf (first of Caters) 1, Kathleen Chilcott 2, N. Thomson 3, Jean Kimber 4, Juliet Stoy 5, F. D. Jennings 6, R. J. Talbot 7, R. J. Cook (cond.) 8, S. F. Kimber 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10. For Evensong.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Hickmott 1, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Drew 3, J. Attwood, sen. 4, D. Trenfield 5, G. Drew 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine M. Webb 1, Lydia Barnett 2, M. A. Gilbey 3, F. J. Keddie 4, Elizabeth M. Emmett (first as cond.) 5, M. J. Platt 6. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

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QUARTER PEALS

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Loveless (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, J. J. Dingwall (first "inside") 3, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 4, B. G. C. Clampin 5, D. J. Reeve 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8 For Evensong.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, at the Norman Tower, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Rolfe 1, R. Stannard 2, A. Feaver 3, P. Everitt 4, C. Stannard 5, O. Rowlands 6, J. Underwood 7, J. Banks 8. For the 60th anniversary of A. W. Rolfe's first peal (November, 1907).

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Nov. 15th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Cotton 1, Miss S. Thexton 2, Miss A. Alexander 3, Miss M. Carruthers 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, W. Rawlings 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, K. Tabor 8, B. Baker 9, E. Talbot 10. A welcome to H.M. the Queen Mother to open the new St. Giles' Christian Centre.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, on Nov. 5th, 1,250 Superlative Surprise Major: D. S. Pont 1, G. H. Jones 2, C. M. Tuckett 3, R. S. Bradley 4, C. W. Daws 5, R. H. Youdale 6, E. N. Thomas 7, A. F. Scholfield (cond.) 8.

CAXTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. D. Tarrant (first T.B.) 1, C. D. Corby (first T.B.) 2, D. W. Manton 3, P. S. George (first T.B.) 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. To welcome back from Ireland Mr. G. E. Bonham.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Lawrence (first attempt) 1, L. E. T. Clark (first "inside") 2, D. J. Baker 3, Margaret Warford 4, Norma Baker 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Frank (first of Triples) 1, Caroline R. F. Cole 2, June Whitcher 3, E. T. Newnham 4, D. E. Cobb 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. Durrant (cond.) 7, E. Pickett 8.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 1, R. G. Beck 2, P. H. Jones 3, A. P. Beck 4, E. Naylor 5, G. Salmon 6, D. Mackay 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,312 Yorkshire S. Major: R. S. Wilsher 1, A. P. Foster 2, S. K. Thompson 3, J. R. Pratt 4, J. R. Leary 5, S. F. Royal 6, P. G. McIlbone 7, B. Wakefield 8.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS. — On Oct. 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. Spivey 1, Mrs. J. I. Booth 2, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 3, F. N. Payling 4, G. W. Pybus 5, R. Bradley 6, J. I. Booth, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. W. Pybus (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. J. I. Booth 2, D. W. Beard 3, C. C. Brown 4, J. I. Booth 5, G. W. Pybus (first of Stedman) 6, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 7, A. Spivey 8. For Evensong and a tribute to F. A. Salter, of Nottingham, who died Nov 12th, 1967, and who taught the conductor to ring.

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Patsy M. Barnes 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, Katharine M. Thorley 3, J. Woolley 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, I. M. Thorley 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan J. Hartless (first quarter aged 12) 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, J. Hartless (cond.) 3, T. Matcham 4, Gladys D. Northway 5, B. M. Mackrell 6.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: G. Hebden 1, D. Massey 2, Brenda Boyce 3, R. Taylor 4, R. Rice 5, M. Bartlett 6, J. Sheppard 7, P. England 8, W. Rice 9, E. Skipsey (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9.

HALSE, SOM. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Colman 1, T. Hancock 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, F. Morris 4, W. A. J. Knight 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for the christening of the first grandchild of the sixth ringer.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Bird 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, J. Maybrey 4, P. Henry 5, J. Bailey 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8. For Harvest Festival and also a farewell to P. Henry on his departure to Exeter University.

HIGHWORTH, OXON. — On Nov. 9th, 1,250 Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): R. J. Wilsher 1, A. P. Foster 2, J. R. Leary 3, P. G. McIlbone (cond.) 4, S. F. Royal 5, S. K. Thompson 6, J. R. Pratt 7, P. A. Brand 8.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Fuller 1, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, B. E. Whiting 3, Janet I. Rogers 4, T. Spurling 5, R. G. Bumstead (first quarter) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, P. J. Franklin (first quarter) 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6. A compliment to Canon and Mrs. T. R. Franklin, parents of the ringer of second bell, on the occasion of their 17th wedding anniversary. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, B. J. Harfield 3, H. W. Brown 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, J. R. Norris 6, S. W. Brown 7, R. H. Tribe 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a token of respect and thanksgiving for the life and example of Harry Richardson, a member of the band for 69 years, who died on Nov. 23rd in his 95th year. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Tribe (first in Minor) 1, H. W. Brown 2, Sheila A. Harfield 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, B. J. Harfield 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES. — On Nov. 19th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Salvage (first Triples) 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, J. P. Hull 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. J. Haynes 2, D. Johnston 3, C. Curtis 4, F. Hunt 5, R. Chambers 6, W. Jarvis 7, E. A. Cracknell 8. A farewell to D. Johnston who is returning to Scotland.

LEEDS, KENT. — On Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sylvia Knight 1, W. W. Ring 2, Violet Relf 3, J. Betts 4, F. Huckstepp 5, B. Johnson 6, D. C. Manger (first on ten as cond.) 7, C. J. Wyld (first on ten) 8, N. J. Davies 9, H. Deacon 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Spliced T.B. Minor (five methods): I. Roberts (cond.) 1, S. Lunn 2, D. Williams 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth. Rung before the first service in the church's 200-year history at which the sermon was preached by a priest of the Church of Rome.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Christine Neville 1, Elisabeth Ottaway 2, Jane Darby 3, Glynis Perry 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, D. Riley 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. First in method for 2 and 3. For Confirmation Service.

LYNDHURST, HANTS. — On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. G. East 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, Susan V. Banks 3, M. Wills 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6. First of six methods 1 and 4.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,259 Erin Caters: C. A. Tester 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, T. Cullingworth 3, G. Cantrill 4, F. Hogan 5, L. Head 6, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 7, A. Macfadyen 8, B. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10. First in the method by all.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Thompson (first quarter) 1, R. Taylor 2, M. Soper 3, A. Price 4, C. Ward 5, C. King 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. Rung for Evensong.

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MIDDLE SWAN, W.A.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Jenny Lees 1–2, Heather A. Mann 3–4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5–6, T. Goodyer 7–8, J. A. Watson 9–10. First of Royal 1–2, 3–4 and 9–10. Rung for the birth of a son, Patrick Alexander, to Heather and Tony Mann. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal except Eileen S. Palin (first of Royal) in place of T. Goodyer. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Major (Plain, Little and Gainsborough): Jenny Lees 1–2, Heather A. Mann 3–4, A. R. Mann (cond.) 5–6, J. A. Watson 7–8. First of Spliced Plain Major for all except A. M. Mann and first in W.A.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS. — At the Church of St. Giles, on Nov. 4th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Caroline Stewart 1, A. D. Steele 2, Pat Wells 3, L. Walley 4, C. S. Ryles 5, D. Danby 6, D. J. Midgley 7, P. Jones 8, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 9, R. Hancock (first quarter) 10. For the institution of the Rev. R. B. S. Gilman as Rector of Newcastle. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,360 Kent T.B. Royal: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, Caroline Stewart 2, R. S. Anderson 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, D. J. Midgley 5, D. Danby 6, P. Jones 7, L. Walley 8, A. Thompson 9, R. Ballard 10. For the first Sunday as Rector of the Rev. R. B. S. Gilman

NUNBURNHOLME, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Try (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, M. Brook 3, J. Birdsall 4, R. A. Bradley (first as cond.) 5, J. R. Whittaker 6. First tower quarter 3 and 6. First Doubles 4 and 5. Rung after the christening of Anthony Peter Kaylam.

OSPRINGE, KENT. — On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Philpott 1, I. Charter 2, R. J. Kite 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, E. Eades 5, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 6.

OXFORD. — At Queen's College, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Burbery 1–2, S. K. Thompson 3–4, J. R. Leary (cond.) 5–6. First quarter "in hand" by all except the conductor.

PERTH, W.A.—On Oct. 15th, at St. George's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancie Page 1, Jenny Lees 2, Eileen S. Palin 3, W. S. Palin 4, T. Goodyer (cond.) 5, A. R. Mann 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Patrick Alexander) to Heather and Tony Mann.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (17 methods): R. J. Kite 1, K. I. Davis 2, D. W. Grimwood (cond.) 3, Dawn Petts 4, J. B. Keeler 5, P. S. Philpott 6. Most methods by all the band.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Corcoron (first on 8) 1, W. A. Hughes 2, Mrs. M. Slater 3, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 4, J. Slater 5, R. Hunt 6, T. N. S. Bailey 7, D. Hughes 8. Rung by members of the Whitechapel Foundry (except 3 and 6) for All Saints' Day.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,408 Putney Surprise Major: Janet Bull 1, C. F. Mew 2, Alison Mann 3, Rev. M. Hart 4, Julie Armstrong 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Pauerson (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to mark the ordination of Rev. W. C. Blake in Southwark Cathedral. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,269 Plain Bob Major: Christine Cobb (first of Major) 1, J. Pratchett 2, B. J. Bull 3, Rev. M. Hart 4, A. R. Patterson 5, N. Thomson 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8.

QUORN, LEICS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Wilson (cond.) 1, G. R. Edwards 2, R. Phillips 3, R. Martin 4, D. Alderton (first quarter) 5, C. J. Mobbs 6.

ROWLEY REGIS, WORCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Homer 1, Jean Tandy 2, A. Roberts 3, R. Tandy 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Jack Brown, a very active member of this church for over 60 years.

ROWLEY REGIS, Warley, WORCS. —On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Homer 1, Molly Tromans 2, Irene Ellsmore 3, D. Chiswell 4, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, A. Roberts 6. Half-muffled in memory of I. Perry, tower keeper at this church for some years.

ST. HILARY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. J. Bell (first on treble) 1, Valerie C. Allen (first in three methods) 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

ST. STITHIANS, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Pengelly (first away from tenor) 1, G. W. Taysom 2, W. R. Curtis 3, J. J. George 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan P. Maule (first quarter) 1, P. C. Randall 2, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3, J. F. Thorne 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, R. J. Danby 6.

SELLING, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica R. Antrican 1, P. S. Philpott 2, A. J. Matthews 3, R. J. Kite 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, W. A. Epps 6. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods), by the same band.

QUARTER PEALS

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Hutson (first of Triples) 1, Ann Abrahams (first of Triples as cond.) 2, H. Rumens 3, L. A. Page 4, N. O. Skelton 5, P. Bushall 6, R. N. Marlow 7, F. E. Manns 8.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. A. Hopkins (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fox 2, Gillian Radley 3, Julie Radley 4, G. A. Dixon 5, C. V. Cade (cond.) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Setterington.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Seighford Doubles Yvonne C. Norton (first quarter) 1, Angela Bagnall 2, L. E. Monk 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. First quarter in method. For Evensong.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (5 methods): A. Lazzerini 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,272 Plain and Reverse Bod Minimus: A. A. Buswell 1, T. C. Holland 2, A. R. Carter (cond.) 3, H. E. J. Smith 4, C. L. Mew (first quarter) 5.

STOKE DOYLE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Hope 1, Miss S. Fitton 2, Miss S. Woolley 3, R. Newby 4, R. Webster (cond.) 5.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: Miss I. Cooke 1, H. T. Rooke 2, D. H. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, D. A. Whetton 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong and in memory of Fred Salter of Nottingham

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lamerton 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. Hodgson 3, Mrs. K. Horsley 4, R. M. Franks (first quarter) 5, D. Elwick 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lamerton.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, F. Soden 2, P. Beedie 3, T. J. Hester 4, P. Pearce 5, E. Townsend 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For Patronal Festival, also a compliment to Mr. L. T. Oliffe on completing 50 years as a ringer. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Bunce 1, P. Beedie 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, T. J. Hester 4, P. Pearce 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, W. H. Clarke 7, B. Costan 8. For Harvest Festival.

WYMESWOLD, LEICS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Saddington 2, R. Phillips (first "inside") 3, H. Marcon 4, R. Martin (cond.) 5, R. M. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, H. G. Felton 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, Jennifer Syder 5, C. Gillingham 6, C. J. Barker 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. E. Johnson 1, P. Gardener 2, Charlotte A. Bennett (cond.) 3, Jean Berriman 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, C. Holmes 6, S. C. Wells 7, C. Mansen 8.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Attwood, sen. 1, R. Perks 2, J. Wainwright 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 5, G. Stallwood 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Katie Wheare (first of Major) 1, Gillian M. Brearley 2, Mandi McCallion 3, Elizabeth M. Emmett 4, P. N. Murgatroyd 5, M. A. Gilbey 6, A. J. Cox (cond.) 7, M. J. Platt 8. Half-muffled by U.B.S.C.R.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: E. N. Thomas 1, W. J. C. Bailey 2, M. J. Pickup 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, R. S. Bradley 6, D. J. H. Salter 7, V. Nutton 8. For Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss G. E. Perry 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, Miss E. J. Darby 3, G. H. Walker 4, P. Cuckson 5, Miss J. Bilham 6. Half-muffled.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine M. Wright 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, Doreen Metcalfe 3, K. Hilton 4, J. Coates 5, Linda M. Wilkinson 6, Harry Poyner (cond.) 7, B. Birkett 8. Longest length on eight for 1 4 and 8. Half-muffled.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Ford (first quarter) 1, Barbara Hooks (first "inside") 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, D. J. Beach 4, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6. Half-muffled.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. North 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. Webb 4, J. Bailey 5, J. King (cond.) Half-muffled.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels on Nov. 12th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Lury (first quarter) 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, M. L. Howe 3, M. Barden 4, S. A. B. Wigg (cond.) 5, D. J. Long 6. Half-muffled.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering) G. Bevan 1, A. A. Paton 2, R. Wilson 3, Howard Meek 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, G. Starkey 6, Harold Meek 7, N. Little 8. All employes of Rank Xerox Ltd., Mitcheldean.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—1,320 Doubles (four methods): C. Butchart (first quarter) 1, T. Smith 2, H. Badger 3, I. Ross (cond.) 4, P. Lucas 5, T. Winter 6. Half-muffled.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachael Kistruck (first quarter) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, J. K. Walton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,320 London S. Minor: J. P. Coad 1, J. R. Leary 2, J. R. Pratt 3, R. H. Johnston 4, P. H. Mackie 5, R. E. Burbery (cond.) 6. Rung by the O.U.S.C.R. for Matins.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Green 1, Ruth Woodman (first quarter) 2, Ann Smith 3, B. Smith 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, F. Sismey 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. R. Danby 1, Shirley Ruddlesden 2, T. G. Hill 3, R. J. Danby 4, H. M. Johnson 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, J. F. Thorne 7, M. Hill 8. Half-muffled.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Elms 1, M. Turner (cond.) 2, A. Cantwell 3, S. Cantwell 4, B. D. Costar 5, C. Cantwell 6. Half-muffled.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Holland 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. W. Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, G. Shellard 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, C. Sangwin 3, E. Nunn 4, B. G. D. Vince 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, E. J. Worth 8. Rung for the christening of Vanessa, youngest daughter of Penny and Brian Vince.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Margaret E. Goodyer 1, J. J. Cummins 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, J. H. Fryer 4, W. D. Watson 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, T. W. Goodyer 7, J. Sheehy 8. Half-muffled.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE. — On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Williams 1, F. Beddow 2, C. T. Williams 3, R. Newton 4, P. Evans 5, S. Ainger 6, A. Pritchard (cond.) 7, E. F. Willcox 8. In honour of the 84th birthday of the treble ringer, and the 80th of his wife. 40th anniversary of the first peal of conductor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. Martin (first quarter) 1, Anne Oakley 2, S. Garner 3, P. Carter 4, P. K. King (cond.) 5, D. Parks 6. Half-muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie L. Hayward (first quarter) 1, Jackie Allen 2, A. H. Long 3, S. Gay 4, M. Gay (cond.) 5, R. A. Grant 6. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Peter and David Martin, both members of the local band

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Slough 1, Annette Ratuszniak 2, Jane Briggs 3, M. White 4, Anthony Smith (first as cond.) 5, F. W. Ellis 6. Half-muffled.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, F. Gregory 2, A. H. Wood 3, G. Edmans 4, H. France 5, J. W. Hall (cond.) 6, J. Pearce 7, I. Charlton 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth West 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, F. Clarke 6, G. T. West 7, A. E. Knight 8. Half-muffled; also in memory of F. H. Flower, lay reader.

WITNEY, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Coggins 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, E. Hill 3, F. Soden (cond.) 4, D. K. Adkins 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. J. Smith 7, W. H. Clarke 8. Also for the farewell Evensong of the Rector, Rev. A. W. Adeney, prior to his departure for the parishes of Foxton and Gumley, Leics.

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BIRTH

STONE.—To Valerie and Michael, of Bridgwater, Somerset, on Saturday, November 4th, 1967, a son, Jonathan Mark Heatherwick. 2872

ENGAGEMENTS

LOCK—ROWE. — The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, of North Mymms, Herts, and Frances, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowe, of Exeter. 2879

SHERRICK—GREEN.—The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mrs. E. Sherrick, of Wheathampstead, Herts, and the late Mr. J. E. Sherrick, and Stephanie, daughter of Mrs. M. D. Green and the late Mr. C. J. A. Green, of Potters (formerly of Essendon), Herts. 2877

PERSONAL

"Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose hearts is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings."—Isaiah li, 7.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

Stedman Caters at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, December 9th, at 2 p.m., for Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change Ringers. 2869

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The Editor would welcome a seasonal picture for the cover.

PUBLICATION DATES

Issue of December 22nd: Last time for Notices, Friday, December 15th. Despatched Wednesday, December 20th

Issue of December 29th: Last time for Notices, Thursday, December 21st. Despatched Wednesday, December 27th.

BEGINNERS' PRACTICE. — Cranford, Middlesex, December 9th, 3.30–5.30. Harlington, Middlesex, 6.30–8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Plain Hunt and Grandsire only. Own tea arrangements, please. — Anne Horsford, Colin Stevenson. 2772

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Don't miss it—be with it. Where? Victory Hall, Bramford. When? December 16th, 7 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments as usual. Come and join your friends. Tickets at the door 5s. (Children 2s. 6d.) 2819

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MEETINGS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening meeting at Shepshed (8), Friday, December 8th, 7 p.m. Refreshments being arranged after meeting. Numbers, please, to C. W. Hall, 88, Leicester Road, Shepshed.—R. M. W. 2825

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Friday evening, December 8th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 2820

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice, Axbridge (6), Saturday, December 9th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 2881

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle (6) and North Ferriby (6), Saturday, December 9th. Bells available, Hessle, 2.30 p.m.–4.15 p.m. Service at North Ferriby at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and ringing to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. D. J. Bulman, The Vicarage, North Ferriby. 2870

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at North Wingfield, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30, followed by tea and A.G.M. (Chesterfield District). Names for tea, **without fail, please**, to Mr. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Chesterfield. Tel. No. Chesterfield 51175. All welcome.—M. Phipps, E. Sterland, Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tonbridge (8), Saturday, December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. A. Large, 25, Nursery Close, Tonbridge, Kent, please. 2836

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall (Old School), 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing.—B Pratt, Dis. Sec 2838

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—The "F. W. Lack" Memorial peal board will be dedicated by the Rev. W. J. T. Brockie at Evensong in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Great Staughton, on Saturday, December 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at 6 p.m. and after the service. All are very welcome.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2842

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting at Woodford, December 9th. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. Hallett, Hon. Sec. 2848

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), December 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 2866

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden (6), Saturday, December 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Evening ringing, Aspenden (8) until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Lawrence, Founceley Avenue, Dane End, near Ware.—Peter M S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 2868

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual general meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, December 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 2777

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — City Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Headington, Saturday, December 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Wyatt, 78, Foxwell Drive, North Way Estate, Headington, Oxford, please. 2828

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, on December 9th Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. 2844

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Annual District meeting at St. Margaret's, Ipswich (8), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30–4.30. Service followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. South East members, make this a 100% attendance, put over your ideas and vote your officers. All wishing for tea please book with Mrs. J. Munnings, 42, Beechcroft Road, Ipswich.—W. Lockwood. 2806

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Felpham on Saturday, December 9th. Ringing at Pagham (5) 2.30 to 3.30, Aldwick (4) 3.30 to 4.30 Tea at Felpham Church Hall at 4.45. Evensong (choral) at 6 o'clock Ringing at Felpham (6) in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake. 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 2843

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Monday, December 11th, 8-9.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire, London (No. 3).—C. H. Rogers. 2858

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice at St. John the Baptist's, Broad Street, Bristol 1, Tuesday, December 12th, 7.30 p.m. 2873

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Surprise practice, St. Mary's, Hendon, Wednesday, December 13th. Bells 7.30–9 p.m.—E. H. Kilby 2878

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting at Dulverton (8 bells) on Saturday, December 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names to secretary, E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster, by December 12th, please. 2862

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 2856

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, **Sandridge** (6), Saturday, December 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. Tel. 57344.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2831

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Fulmer, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead, by Tuesday, 12th. 2871

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Rugeley, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) available 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M.S., Hon. Sec. 2813

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A number of items on the agenda require your attention. Please make a special effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by December 13th. 2847

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—There will be a pre-Christmas get-together evening at St. Mary's, Warwick (10) on Wednesday, December 20th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes to Caters, rounds to Royal. All most welcome.—R. W. S.

LATE NOTICES

DEATH

JOHNSON.—On November 25th, 1967, at Maldon, Essex, Ernest E. S. Johnson, after a long illness.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HOLLAND.—The present address of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Holland is now: 8, Arundel Avenue, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. Phone 061-483 1569. 2883

MISCELLANEOUS

CHOLSEY, BERKS. — Opening of tower thanksgiving service, Saturday, December 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments after service. Ringing during evening. Visitors welcome. 2886

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—There will be **no practice** at Petersfield on Monday, December 18th; friends please note.—Keith Sansom, Hon. Sec. 2895

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual Dinner will be held on January 27th, 1968. Tickets (price 25s.) available from: P. J. Bird, 17, Counterpool Road, Kingsdown, Bristol. Please send names and s.a.e. 2894

CANCELLED

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—December 9th meeting cancelled. 2892

MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Whitchurch on December 9th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. 2889

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District. —Evening meeting at St. Mary's, Bowdon, Cheshire, on Tuesday, December 12th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. Gentlemen welcome to come and help us out.—Christine Andrew, Dis. Sec. 2888

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Puckington (6 bells), Saturday, December 16th, 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. —R. J. Dean, Hon. Sec. 2891

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Evening meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, December 16th. Bells from 5 p.m. 2887

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.— Meeting, Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2885

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Asfordby on December 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, near Melton Mowbray, by previous Wednesday. 2890

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, December 19th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. — C. H. Rogers. 2884

THE LADIES' GUILD

Appropriately, when the Devon Branch of the Guild met at Plympton St. Maurice, the Vicar, the Rev. K. A. Newing, took as the theme of his address at the service "Remembrance Sunday."

An excellent tea was served in the new hall adjoining the church, and Mrs. H. Boobier presided at the business meeting. The evening ringing was at Plympton St. Mary (tenor 25 cwt.)

Next meeting: Dartmouth, in February.

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SUFFOLK GUILD
S.W. District

Bures, on the River Stour, in the heart of Gainsborough and Constable country, was the picturesque venue for the S.W. District annual meeting on November 25th. Despite the typical November weather nearly 60 people attended and, as usual, enjoyed the hospitality one always associates with St. Mary's belfry.

Ringing during the day ranged from call changes to Stedman and Yorkshire Surprise Major with "something for everyone" as the theme. The spotless, well-furnished and heated belfry offered good refuge from the cold and all in all provided a convivial atmosphere.

The service received just the right flavour by the Bishop. Dr. Leslie Brown, on a parish visitation, meeting ringers as they entered the church. Dressed very casually (in disguise, as he called it!) he confirmed our belief of the diocese's increasing awareness of the work of ringers within the Church.

The Vicar (the Rev. Ian Dunlop), too, spoke appreciatively of the happy association of Church and belfry in Bures. The lesson was read by the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. George Pipe).

At the business meeting following tea the District officers were re-elected under the chairmanship of Leslie D. Mills. Mention was made of marked improvement in the District's activities during 1967, including two young quarter-pealers, Jeremy Dingwall and John Loveless, a general increase in quarters and several new members.

The Master thanked the District for its loyal work, especially Miss Evelyn Cansdale, now in her eighth year as District secretary.

Next S.W. meeting: February 25th at Stoke-by-Clare (6, 16 cwt.).

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Biggleswade District

Saturday, November 11th, saw a fairly good attendance of the Biggleswade District at Great Barford, where there is one of the best fives in the county. Here and at Northill during the evening Mr. A. H. Smith admirably catered for the crowded belfries. At Northill Village Hall we were all very pleased to see Mr W. Wagstaffe looking as fit and well as ever Our thanks to the ladies who prepared such a nice tea.

L. L.

LEARNERS AND INSTRUCTORS

BELL CONTROL AND ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING

By DENNIS A. BAYLES

(Continued from page 887)

BEFORE proceeding further with the practical side, some elementary theory is given to show the derivation of the plain hunt on four bells. Two aims of change ringing are given: (i) as much variation as possible at each stroke, and (ii) no repetition until all the possibilities have been exhausted. These aims are subject to restrictions imposed by practical considerations: (i) no movement of more than one place at a time, and (ii) that all bells must sound in each change. We pursue these aims subject to these restrictions and so construct our plain hunt on four bells. **Demonstrate.**

When we turn to the choice of a practical exercise we observe that in ringing the treble to changes the pupil will face two new situations as compared with his ringing of rounds. Whereas in rounds he had the same bell to follow and the same interval between his own strokes, in changes he faces a situation where the bells to be followed are different and so, too, are the intervals between his own strokes. Let us take these one at a time, telling him the bells to follow and concentrate on the rhythm and anticipation of where to hold up and where to cut in. Take the plain hunt on three bells but add 4, 5 and 6 covering to give stability.

	pull backstroke to hold up over 2.
123456	pull sally over 2 to lift next stroke
123456	over 3.
213	pull after 3 steadily.
231	follow 2 without much pull on sally
321	in order to cut in straight down
312	after 3.
132	and cut in somewhat at handstroke
123	lead.
	pull backstroke lead in order to be ready to hold up.

From this move on to plain hunt on four bells with 5 and 6 covering. Work out the bells to be followed and where there is to be holding up and cutting in as we have just done with the plain hunt on three bells.

By this time there should be acquisition of a reasonable rhythm and the pupil should be moved progressively to finding his own bells. My established pattern was to turn to Plain Bob Minimus but I have recently thought that the scheme I follow in moving to higher numbers could be extrapolated downwards and Grandsire on four would be better. **Work this out.** Hardly a regular method, but quite a good preliminary exercise. What is the advantage claimed? Quality of a whole treble lead is often set by the quality of that first blow in 2nds. We tell him which this one will be but we leave him to watch 3 and 4 for his next two bells—a gentle introduction. We could then turn to Plain Bob Minimus or, as I prefer, to the plain course of Grandsire Doubles.

Consider the touch of Grandsire Doubles produced by calling 5 three times right. The third enters the hunt after the first bob and the fourth after the second bob. Tell the pupil this information and delay the calling of the second and third bobs until he has got settled after the first and second respectively. Repetition will result but this does not matter.

Other touches of Grandsire Doubles without any prior information about the bells in the hunt will prepare him for ringing Plain Bob Doubles.

Plain Bob Minor is the next stage and this can be begun by ringing three bobs in succession so that a start is made on 2 each time. For the first time in these change ringing exercises the problem of leading without a covering bell has to be tackled, but by this stage the rhythm of leading should have become reasonably well established to stand the pupil in good stead and his ropesight should be coming along nicely, too.

Plain courses of Grandsire Triples present no worse a problem for ropesight than does Bob Minor, and the covering bell is back for the leading. The touch with 7 three times home gives us the 3rd and 4th in the hunt for a course in turn. We try this, giving the pupil this information to help him. From this we go on to other touches of Grandsire Triples without any prior information given to the pupil. When he can do this he is moved up to Plain Bob Major and when he can manage that all right our target of plain hunting has been achieved and probably the major obstacle in teaching anyone to ring changes has been overcome.

ELABORATION OF THE PLAIN HUNT

The elaboration of the plain hunting path does not need to await the completion of all that I have outlined so far. Indeed not all this can be achieved in a six-bell tower. Elaboration there must begin after plain hunting to touches of Plain Bob Minor, and in an eight-bell tower it can be concurrent with the extension of the hunt to seven and eight places.

Elaboration brings us up against the new situation of the **dodge**, which has been avoided in my scheme, for you will recall that I never switched the treble and 2nd to give them less than a whole pull in each place at a time. **Draw** figures of dodge and explain the violent switch from hunting up to hunting down without the steady blow in between.

What shall be the practical exercise? The first thought is usually Plain Bob "inside." Is this because ringing textbooks deal with Plain Bob completely first? I suggest that a better exercise is Treble Bob hunting and let us start by simply dodging in 1.2, then 1.2 and 3.4 and then on to ringing Kent Treble Bob Minor. Knowing that he has to dodge in every position simplifies the path by comparison with Plain Bob "inside" and concentration can be made on the proper rhythm for the dodging.

Plain Bob "inside" is rung by combining plain hunting with an occasional bit of Treble Bob hunting according to the sequence of the dodges. The only other feature, 2nd's to the treble, has already been practised in the small amount of call changes that was introduced.

Ring Grandsire as a variation of Plain Bob where everything is pushed up one place.

The final plea is, do not compartment your study of methods.

A RINGER'S STORY—"The Organ Grinder"

By JOHN HOLLOWAY

I was born under the sign of "Aries"—the Ram! and a fortune-teller once told me that I would never make a complete success of anything. I suppose that is because a ram is "all butt."

Anyway, I have succeeded in getting a lot of pleasure out of ringing bells. I don't mean "push-button" bells, although I have done quite a lot of that!—I mean church bells. Even here I have to confess that I have never got beyond the "four standard methods."

You will look in vain for my name in peal records, but I do my best and enjoy the ringing and, equally important, the good company of ringers.

Another thing I have not made a great success of is playing the piano, and, on rare occasions, even an organ.

Now! I **must** point out that I am **not** an organist, but I am fascinated by organs. Most of them look wonderful. Look at the names on the stops, too!! "Quint," "Terce," "Salicet," "Contra-Glegen," "Saute-Flote," "Tibia-clausa," "Undmaris," "Diaphonic Tibia-bass"—Oh! and **lots** more! I sometimes wonder why car manufacturers never think of getting new names from organ stops!

When I am asked to play a hymn or two at a bellringers' service I do not use all these stops.

Acting on the advice of a real organist, I only use those stops marked "Diapason 8ft." of "Flute 8ft." Those little white knobs between the manuals I **never** touch, and those pedals and iron things that lurk in semi-darkness under my feet I also leave in peace. One organ I met with had some stops with **red** ends, and heaven above knows what happens when **they** are used.

But I must just tell you of one experience I had! It was in an old church in a remote village.

The Rector was very proud of the organ, which, he told me, had once been in a cathedral and had been purchased secondhand about 80 years ago. His knowledge of organs was even less than mine and, as his regular organist was playing football that afternoon, he asked me to play two hymns for our ringers' service.

I noticed a row of pipes sticking out like guns above the organ stool. Now this is very unusual, as most organ pipes stand upright in neat rows.

Anyway, I took my seat, opened the instrument and looked for my usual stops. These were, on this organ, marked in Roman numerals and confused me a bit. The regular organist had left a note on the organ (I mean a **written** note), which read: "Please do **not** use the 'Trumpet' stop (as if I would) as this actuates (and that's a nice word, isn't it?) the pipes which stick out horizontally."

Quite a literary effort, I thought, as I put on a borrowed cassock and surplice. Now the first hymn was "Angel voices ever singing" and I noticed a stop marked "Vox Angelical." Ah! I thought, I will risk that one, it will make a change! The hymn was announced and then (Oh! Shades of the Lost Chord!! it happened! I had, in error, pulled out the forbidden stop. As I struck the first chord, to my horror there issued forth a most **frightful** sound; nothing at all like "angel voices," and a cloud of dust was blown out of those devilish pipes above my head and descended all over me and my lovely white surplice.

However, after a fit of coughing, which seemed to last for minutes, I hurriedly pushed in the offending stop and carried on, red-faced and dusty, but undaunted.

Talking about organs, I once had a typewritten sheet sent me by a friend; it was headed: "Specification for an Organ for a Modern Church." It wasn't until I read "Full to Brim," "Bass 2 pts.," "Double Diamond Stopped," "U. Squint," "3 Rank Mixture—Gin. Ver. Vod.," "Great to C.U.," "Great Style" and "Breathaliser 2ft.," that I realised I was having my leg pulled.

By the way, can anyone tell me if the "Spotted Metal" used in making organ pipes comes from Dalmatia?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Despite winds, rain and adverse weather conditions, some 70 members and friends attended the annual general meeting of the Lewisham District held in the historic Church of St. Paulinus, Crayford. The service was followed by an excellent tea kindly prepared by Mrs. E. A. Barnett and her companions, to whom we are most grateful.

The business meeting followed with Mr. E. A. Barnett taking the chair. Officers elected for the coming year were: Miss Mary Andrews, District secretary; Mr. Paul Smith and Mr. Tony Lewis, District representatives; Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Ringing Master. The position of District "Ringing World" correspondent was unfortunately dropped, on the proposition of Mr. Ian H. Oram.

The meeting was against Mr. P. A. Corby's proposition with regard to splitting Kent into nine Districts instead of the existing six. The feeling was that Mr. Corby had been too vague with his proposition, which was lost.

Miss Andrews reported that the monthly District practices had been a great success. Tony Lewis regretted the fact that due to lack of support from some members and towers they were not the success they could have been. He hoped this coming year they would have more support from the older members.

After the usual votes of thanks ringing on the bells continued until 8.15 p.m. under the new Ringing Master. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Bristol. T. L.

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St. Mary The Virgin, Down St. Mary, Devon

OUR COVER PICTURE

St. Mary The Virgin, Down St. Mary, Devon

HILLTOP villages are a characteristic of North Devon; Down St. Mary stands on top of a gentle hill over 450 up above the valley of the Yeo near the Exeter-Barnstaple road. It is an entirely rural parish of rich red farmland, and the population has drifted somewhat from the old village to Morchard Bishop on the main road.

The church was almost entirely rebuilt in the 1870s—much of it rather badly—but there is a magnificent screen, and the church's great treasure is a fine Norman tympanum above the south door carved with a primitive but immensely spirited rendering of Daniel in the Lions' Den.

Until 1900 the tower—the oldest part of the building apart from the tympanum—contained three bells as it did before the Reformation; one of these was a pre-Reformation bell which was described as "illegible," and the other two had been recast, one by Thomas Pennington III of Exeter in 1672, and the other by Thomas Bilbie the Younger of Cullompton in 1754: the last two are the tenor and fifth of the present six.

In 1900 the ring was augumented to a five with the addition of two trebles by Mears and Stainbank; the new frame was built by Harry Stokes of Woodbury—a two-tier frame in the very narrow tower.

In 1935 the village raised £70 to commemorate the Jubilee of King George V with a treble to make the six, and ringing in Down St. Mary really got going. Under the leadership of Joe Towt, the village wheelwright, learners were brought along—including three brothers of the name of Wright—and in 1936 the band entered for the first of their competitions.

After the war ringing had hardly been properly re-established when it was found that the foundation-timbers of the oak frame had rotted. For two years ringing came to a standstill, but in 1949 enough money had been raised to rehang the six in a new iron and steel frame and to recast the medieval fourth. The work was done by John Taylor's, and with a really good six the band came into its Golden Age. Some years ago now, the certificates entirely covered the walls of the ringing-chamber, and now there are so many that the cost of framing all of them would be prohibitive. A corner of the church beside the font has been taken over by the band's impressive display of shields and cups.

Just where lies the secret of the Down St. Mary band is hard to say; the village has only 300-odd inhabitants, but it keeps two regular bands going, and this means a steady supply of ringers to fill the gaps in the first team. Undoubtedly a great deal of their success is due to the three pillars of the first team, Tom and Ralph Wright, the treble and tenor ringers, and Harry Dockings, the fifth man, who is the organising genius behind the team and makes all their arrangements. With three exceptionally gifted ringers who are prepared to go anywhere and give up any amount of time to ring, the others follow suit. Whispers have been put about sometimes of "poaching" from other towers; but it is much more likely that these are due in part at least to jealousy of a band that can command such loyalty that people will be prepared to travel long distances to ring with them—and on Sundays as well, for Mary-Down bells are rung for *all* services on Sundays, and generally by the first team including those who don't live in the parish: Harry Dockings lives in Morchard Bishop just across the valley, and another member comes from Chulmleigh.

Perhaps another factor is that their own bells are not easy to strike to the standard that really good call-change ringing demands. With three hung above three, and the windows above the upper tier, there is a slight time-lag with the 2, 4 and tenor in the lower, and these bells have to be kept infinitesimally close by the ringers inside if they are to sound right outside. Practically every peal they ring is recorded and analysed, and Tom generally picks the brains of the judges at every competition to find out where the marks were incurred: this is the real perfectionism which lines a belfry with certificates.

The bells are a pretty, musical little six with a tenor 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. The two old bells are inscribed as follows:

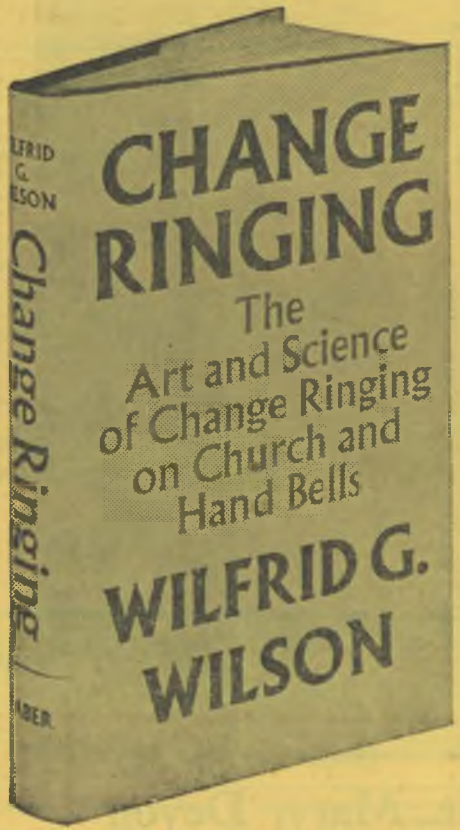
5th: Mr. WILLIAM : ROACH : CH : WARDEN : THOs : BILBIE : IUNR : 1754.

Tenor: IOHN : WHITE : WARDEN : T P : 1672.

The tenor is a maiden bell, and a very good casting.

The Down St. Mary record so far this years is as follows: 27 competitions entered; 18 firsts, 8 seconds and one 7th. That's the competition record; how many services they have rung for I don't know, but service-ringing comes first with this band; will all our readers be ringing at 7 a.m. on Christmas morning?

J. G. M. S.



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INNER STORY

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD'S OUTSTANDING RECORD

11,872 Glasgow Surprise Major

A PEAL THAT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY

FOLLOWING a request by the Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham for a long length of Glasgow Surprise Major, John Segar, of Skegness, produced a 7,500 in May, 1967. This started a chain of correspondence between Mr. Segar and Mr. Roderick Pipe, resulting in Mr. Pipe producing, in July, a 9,280 on a variation of a five-part plan, which was checked and proved by both Mr. Segar and Mr. Peter Border. Immediately following this, Mr. Segar, having satisfied himself that 9,280 was the maximum possible on a five-part plan, turned his attention to a three-part plan, and obtained a 10,080. Quite independently, Mr. Border also decided that a three-part might be more fruitful and produced a 11,424 in three equal parts, following, a week later, with the 11,872.

All of these gentlemen are satisfied that in Glasgow (a) the maximum possible in full courses is 12,096 (54 courses) and (b) 11,872 (53 courses) is the maximum possible to construct from these 54 courses, even with the use of singles.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

When Mr. Pipe had obtained his 9,280 the Guild's Ringing Master took steps to arrange a date, the band and a tower within the Diocese of Birmingham. The Vicar of Yardley kindly gave permission for the attempt, although no long lengths had previously been attempted there, but much to the dismay of the Ringing Master and the Vicar the composers kept producing more changes. The Vicar did not feel that he could give permission for the 11,872, bearing in mind the residents of an old people's home and of a housing estate near to the church.

Attention now turned to Edgbaston Old Church, situated in a salubrious suburb, where again no long length attempts had taken place. With the full co-operation of the local Ringing Master, Clifford Barron, the facts of the matter were placed before the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon Greville Norburn. After full consideration Canon Norburn agreed, provided that the peal should start at noon, that additional shuttering be placed on the louvres and that an attempt be made to gain publicity for the event.

The bells, a handy 10 cwt. Taylor 1927 ring, are a little harsh in the immediate vicinity because they swing into four triangular shaped openings (30in. x 30in.) at the top of the louvres. The louvres were already covered with insulation board, so the openings were also covered, at a material cost of £2 10s., with ¼in. insulation board which, to the writer's ear, softened their harshness and improved their overall effect.

PRESS COVERAGE

To achieve publicity, a Press hand-out was carefully prepared giving the facts of the forthcoming event in terms sensible to non-ringers and sent to the editors of the Birmingham monopoly dailies ten days previously. The Press responded excellently with numerous articles both before, during and after the peal and a photograph of the band practising. The B.B.C. also gave excellent coverage with two radio broadcasts on the day of the peal, including an interview with Clifford Barron, and a recording of the bells on the following Monday. Colour television cameras took pictures of the church and of the ringing during the first two hours of the peal, including a close-up of the conductor, Roderick Pipe, and this film was shown at the close of the national B.B.C. 1 News at 10 p.m. on the same day.

It was possible for the film to be taken as Edgbaston has a ground-floor ring, in fact the floor of the ringing room is four steps below the level of the nave. The bright arc lights, necessary for colour, being switched on and off proved a slight distraction to the ringers, which could have been very serious if the umpires, after an argument, had not stopped the cameramen from coming right up to the ringers. As it was, the camera and lights were only 20 feet away.

To ensure that the band was in "practice" three normal length peals were rung at Shirley, Netherton and Birmingham Cathedral in the ten days preceding the record; all the members of the record band rang "inside" in at least two of these peals, the compositions were all taken from various parts of the 11,872.

THE PEAL

Noon approached and Edgbaston Old Church was a hive of nonchalant inactivity with about 15 wellwishers assembled in addition to the ringers, umpires, Vicar and the Press. As the ringers had sought publicity, they had to curb their impatience to get started with the peal and allow the Press and radio men time to photograph the bells and record their interviews. Into changes at 12.12 p.m. and "nerves" resulted in a false start of almost two leads, in full sight of all the wellwishers, etc. Into changes again at 12.15 p.m. to settle down at a fairly slow speed (2 hours and 52 minutes for a 5,056) to ring good Glasgow against the distractions of the television cameras. The church was kept open throughout the peal and numerous ringers and non-ringers, including the Vicar on three or four occasions, came in to see how the ringers were getting on.

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At the end of the first part the pace suddenly quickened (2 hours and 47 minutes for 5,056) and this smarter pace, although not quick for the bells, was kept up until the end of the peal. Much of the success of the peal rested with the tenor ringer, Clifford Barron, who regulated the ringing at this steady rate, and the conductor, Roderick Pipe. There were no serious mistakes and Roderick was able to correct the small trips which did occur almost instantaneously. Regrettably, Peter Border was unable to ring as the time of the start did not allow him to return to Coventry for the 60th anniversary dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

The umpires, Susan Smith and Christopher Hughes, who sat at a table in the church, had a very cold task. By a freak of acoustics, the bells being much louder in the church than in the ringing room, they were not able to hear the majority of the bobs, nor could they see the conductor's mouth. Fortunately they found that they could see Roderick's chest, which rose dramatically immediately before every bob. They comment that "the ringing in the first part was good although a little unsettled, probably due to the interruptions caused by the TV arc lights. At the start of the second part the speed suddenly quickened and the ringing settled down to a very good standard, which was retained until the end of the peal."

At the end of the peal, watched by about 15 to 20 onlookers, the bells were immediately lowered. Polite applause led by the Vicar then broke out, much to the surprise and great appreciation of the ringers. The Press were again in evidence interviewing the ringers but soon all were able to refresh themselves with cups of tea thoughtfully provided in the vestry by the beadle and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood.

COMMENTARY

One of the delights which the ringing of a record peal engenders is the amount of participation by people other than the ringers. This participation, by the ringers who advised and helped in erecting the shuttering, by the umpires, by the 40 or 50 ringers who came to hear some part of the peal or who were there at the beginning or end, by the Vicar and his parishioners and by the general public who were kept so well informed by the Press, was in this instance quite extensive, much to the satisfaction of the organisers, Clifford Barron and Alan Ainsworth. By all accounts, this sense of anticipation was much more in evidence in the early days of ringing whenever 5,000's were attempted. It may be that this group participation, together with the sense of achievement, justifies the continued attempting of record peals, especially in an area like Birmingham where 5,000's are rung regularly. Edgbaston, in a populous area, well served by transport, and where the ringers can be seen in full view, seems to be better suited in this sense than an isolated country tower. Perhaps this is the first occasion that a record peal has been attempted in these circumstances.

So it is with these thoughts that the St. Martin's Guild set their sights on some other record. An attempt on the existing Royal record of 16,920 rung at Worsley, perhaps?

J. A. A.

11.872 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
By PETER BORDER

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6ths place bobs.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,380 Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock (first quarter) 1, P. V. Cranham 2, Carol Andrews 3, D. Brock 4, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 5, D. Scott 6. For Harvest Festival.

KENT MOURNS FOR TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. ALFRED G. HILL

Mr. A. G. Hill, whose death on November 25th at the age of 65 has already been briefly reported, was a vice-president of the Kent County Association and is best remembered for 35 years' devoted service as Lewisham District secretary.

His predecessor in this important office was Thomas Groombridge senior, a dominant personality who ruled the affairs of the District with a rod of iron. Alf Hill, in his own special way, was no less a figure than his predecessor, but was of a shy, retiring nature and did not wish to take on as part of his duties as District secretary the control of the ringing at meetings. This resulted in the creation of a new office of Ringing Master, which for the next few years Thomas Groombridge occupied. There were in the District at that time other strong characters who contended that the creation of the office of Ringing Master was outside, and therefore contrary to, the rules of the Association, and their opposition centred round the late William Jeffries, a big man with a deep voice and forceful manner, who never seemed to tire of describing the actions of the District as "illegal."

Unwittingly Alf Hill became the storm centre of the controversy that raged at District business meetings. It was at this strenuous time that with calm dignity he endeared himself to all in the District who had the privilege of knowing him, whether protagonists or embarrassed neutrals. Alf had the gift of frankness without rancour, of straightforward dealing and a great friendliness for any who cared to penetrate his shy exterior. He was a master of the written word and at the District annual meeting each October he produced a report of the year's activities that was a masterpiece in the manner of its presentation and the detail of its content.

Older members will recall with pleasure the presentation to Mr. Hill in 1945 of a gift from the District in recognition of his outstanding 21 years' service as its secretary. Fortunately the ship of state had by that time sailed into calmer waters and the "legality" debates were things of the past. At about this time Alf saw the need to promote the social side of ringing and arranged a series of District socials, where the catering was organised in a lavish manner by Mrs. Hill, their charming son and daughter and other members of their family and friends, in the Church Hall of Christ Church, Erith.

It was at this church that he put in a lifetime of sterling work. The bells were installed by Warners during the first world war and, through some hanging defect, they have never gone well in spite of their fine tone. Indeed there have been occasions when the seventh has been regarded as almost unringable. Such disadvantages did not deter Alf from his triumphant duty as a Sunday service ringer and it is in this respect that he has proved that a quiet man, with unpretentious ways, can inspire and lead others by his own example of selfless service.

When in 1959 Alf handed over his task as District secretary to Miss Mary Andrews the Association was pleased to honour him by making him a vice-president. As a member of the committee for some 40 years he had seen much coming and going and he had a precise and accurate recollection of all the major events and decisions of that time. He knew the rules thoroughly and was always right in his facts when he made his quiet intervention in any debate. He was a source of great encouragement to the present general secretary, who recalls with pleasure that Alf took part in his first peal some 31 years ago.

The funeral service at Christ Church, Erith, took place in an atmosphere of quiet dignity before a large and representative gathering of family and friends. The Kent County Association was represented by the general secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby, and Mrs. Corby and numerous past and present committee members and friends from the District including Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, a friend of 70 years' standing, Mrs. E. A. Barnett represented her husband, a fellow vice-president of the Association, Mr. F. J. Cullum and Mr. H. E. Audsley, both past masters, represented the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, together with Mr. A. G. Mason, all of whom had known Alf Hill for over 40 years. The service in church was followed by cremation at Eltham.

Mr. Hill leaves a widow, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law and various grandchildren, for whom great sympathy will be felt.

P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

The sudden death on November 24th, at the age of 65, of Mr. Alfred G. Hill, captain of the band at Christ Church, Erith, came as a great shock both to ringers in North Kent and to members of the committee of the Kent County Association, who heard of it as they assembled for their annual committee meeting only a day after the funeral of another of their vice-presidents, John Willis.

A most modest and unassuming man, Mr. Hill was essentially a "local" ringer. I think all his peals—about 150— were rung in Kent, all but one (the first by the present Master of the College Youths) on eight bells, and the vast majority at three towers only two or three miles apart—St. John's and Christ Church, Erith, and Crayford. They included a variety of methods up to four-spliced Surprise, among the latter the first for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1935.

Peal ringing was, however, only incidental to his ringing career. The aspect of it for which all who knew him will remember him was his long period of 35 years as secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association. For a year, I believe, he understudied his predecessor, the late Thomas Groombridge senior, before being elected to office in 1924, when he was 22 years of age. After his retirement in 1959 the Association made him a vice-president. Throughout his term of office he missed hardly a meeting, if one at all, and the same applied afterwards. On meeting days it was always his concern that everyone else should enjoy themselves, both in the belfry and outside it; so much so that in my earliest ringing days I thought he was not a practical ringer because I never saw him on the end of a rope.

His annual reports were a joy. They covered every aspect of ringing in the District in extraordinary detail, enlivened by touches of humour that, until one got to know him, one might have thought he lacked. His use of the English language was masterly. One of his reports—that of 1938—so impressed a non-ringer present that, to quote from "The Ringing World": "Mr. Lack thereupon undertook to prepare 100 copies for free distribution to interested members." I still come across my copy every so often and reread it with nostalgic interest.

Throughout his ringing career he was associated with Christ Church, Erith, as an ordinary member, as secretary and then as captain. Loyal to it in prosperity and adversity, he had his reward in recent years when there was a local band capable of ringing Bristol for Sunday services. One hopes that they will carry on with his example to inspire them.

To Mrs. Hill who, though not herself a ringer, supported him at meetings and other ringing gatherings, to their son, John, himself a ringer at Christ Church for the past 20 years or so, and daughter, Mary, we extend our deepest sympathy.

E. A. B.

Mr. JOHN WILLIS

Members of the Kent County Association will be grateful to the Editor of "The Ringing World" for his memoir of Mr. John Willis, a vice-president of the Association and a leading personality since his retirement to Folkestone in 1945 at the end of a long teaching career, mainly in Huntingdonshire.

When at Charing in his young days he taught in school George H. Spice, who became general secretary of the Association soon after Mr. Willis' return to the county and since his retirement from that office has been a fellow-vice-president. Mr. Willis also knew Percy Spice in school at Charing but did not actually teach him.

In those days Canterbury was a reasonably strong centre of ringing and there was in the area a competent peal-ringing band, particularly of Stedman. Mr. Willis took part in various peals and his name appears on a board in Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, in connection with a peal rung in 1902. It is not known whether he took part in any peals during his time away from the county and he did not ring any on his return.

His great service in these last 22 years has been in other directions. On his return to the county he took the Association unto himself and in the early years of his retirement he and his charming wife were to be seen at all county gatherings and many District meetings and other functions as well. Alas, in later years Mrs. Willis was bedridden and John Willis devoted his whole life to nursing her, but in spite of this severe strain his interest in the Association and all its affairs never wavered and he went to great trouble to arrange for the care of his wife so that he could get away to attend meetings.

ILLUMINATED PRAYER CARDS

He was a great penman and in addition to his work for the Biographies Committee of the Central Council already referred to, he gave to each belfry throughout the county an illuminated prayer card of the Association prayer. He was a very generous man and his hand was often in his pocket to meet various expenses that would otherwise have fallen on Association funds. Such acts were never ostentatious and when, as was his custom, he gave a small present to the organisers of dinners and meetings and similar functions he always made it appear that the gift was from the Association.

He had a fine presence and it was no doubt the schoolmaster in him that enabled him to remember the names of all the members. When he was in the chair it was only very occasionally that he was at a loss for the name of a proposer or seconder—no small feat in a county the size of Kent. Until the last year or two, by which time his own health was beginning to fail, he was a first-class chairman, able to despatch the business with great promptitude without in any way curbing the essentials.

The funeral service took place at Charing Crematorium, conducted by the Vicar of Charing, the Rev. Peter Robbins, himself a keen ringer and the son-in-law of Mr. George Spice. The hymns "Praise to the holiest in the height" and "Unchanging God who livest" were accompanied on the chapel organ by Mr. John Cooper, and at the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the beautiful Folkestone handbells by T. E. Sone 1–2, E. A. Barnett 3–4, W. H. Dobbie 5–6, and P. A. Corby 7–8.

During Mr. Willis' last illness the Folkestone ringers were assiduous in their visiting and care for him; Alan Berry, the Ashford District secretary, deserves the grateful thanks of the members of the Association. He and a goodly gathering of ringing friends from various parts of the county were present at the funeral to pay their last respects.

P. A. C.

RECORD ORDER FOR 2,400 BELLS

Mini Liberty Bells to Mark Bicentenary

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry has received the largest single order ever placed in the history of bell founding. It involves the casting of 2,400 bells to mark the bicentenary of the American Revolution as part of a £750,000 project.

Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, in 1752, cast the Liberty Bell for the Province of Pennsylvania. This bell was destined to become one of the symbols of freedom and was rung 24 years later for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The Liberty Bell Foundation, an organisation concerned with the historical aspects of the bicentenary, has ordered a limited edition of scale reproductions of one-fifth the size of the original bell The bells are to be offered for sale privately within the United States, and delivered immediately they are cast. The total number cast in any one year will not exceed 288.

Each bell will be mounted on an oak base hand-carved in the style of the period and bearing two inscribed plaques of silver. They will be numbered from one to 2,400, representing the months from the American Revolution. The owner's name and home town will be engraved on the silver plaques. One will read: "By order of John Doe of Philadelphia, in commemoration of the Bicentenary of the American Revolution, 1776–1976." And the other: "Cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, to the original design of the Liberty Bell cast by them on the same site in the year of Our Lord 1752."

Each bell will weigh approximately 20 lb. and stand 13¾ inches high with the base. There will be attached to each bell a navy blue silk tassel to enable it to be rung correctly.

The bells will be distributed from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by private arrangement with individual Americans. The purchase price of £270 is inclusive of all costs and is payable in advance to the Liberty Bell Foundation.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

THE 13th annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 18th. For this occasion four towers had been arranged and ringing began shortly before 2 o'clock at St. John's, Waterloo Road. About one half of the party arrived within the next hour, and then a move was made to the University of London H.Q., St. Olave's, Hart Street. This was uneventful save that the Master left his outer garment at Waterloo, and the keys were not available at St. Olave's, where the East Anglian contingent were waiting, chilly but cheerful. Gaining access after 20 minutes' delay, the enlarged company hardly did justice to this light eight, and by 4.15 the Guild had moved round the corner to St. Botolph's, Aldgate. The standard improved here, despite the greater problems of handling, and a course of Superlative was brought reasonably round. Finally, the Guild were fortunate to spend an hour at St. Michael's, Cornhill. For some of us, rounds were the limit of ambition, but with the help of one or two "youthful" friends both Stedman and Grandsire were achieved. Cinques went well for Grandsire also, but not, unfortunately, for Stedman.

Dinner was taken once again at the George Inn, Borough, where a full house of 30 members and guests ate the usual good—and sustaining—meal.

The Master, D. J. Neal Smith, began the business meeting by referring to the death of the president earlier in the year. The minutes of the 1966 annual general meeting were approved, as was the hon. secretary's report on the year, including the financial statement. Election of officers followed: President, J. B. Williamson; Master, P. A. F. Chalk; secretary, D. L. Gullick. One new associate member was elected, Miss Anne Blundell.

For the future it was suggested that the Guild visit the president's homeland, the Isle of Wight, for its May meeting. The ways and means of a week-end were explored, and a measure of support expressed.

The president indicated concern that broadcast services, on both radio and TV, were not preceded nowadays by ringing. He felt that whenever there were bells they should be broadcast, and that for the information of the uninitiated some information about them and the method should be announced. The secretary was instructed to convey these views to the Central Council.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all concerned in arrangements, notably Messrs. John Mott and Jack Phillips. Touches in rounds were rung both on bells of normal dimension and the president's special light six (tenor 2 oz. approx.)

OBITUARY

Mr. Ernest E. S. Johnson

The passing of Ernie Johnson on November 26th, 1967, at the age of 64 after a long and painful illness, has removed from the Essex Association not only a keenly enthusiastic and competent ringer but also a man of many and varied talents.

With a considerable knowledge of music, his tenor voice made a welcome change to the monotonous unison singing at ringers' services and his signwritten peal boards grace many belfry walls. As a young man he played both football and cricket for many years and this curtailed to some extent his ringing activities.

In the early 1950's he joined the young and enthusiastic peal ringing band that was growing in the Chelmsford area and practically all his peals were rung with this company during the next few years. Ill-health finally forced him to give up but right to the end his interest remained and with "Ringing Worlds" he received from his old friend Frank Claydon he kept up with the news.

Altogether Ernie rang about 130 peals, his first being Bob Major at Feering, conducted by the late William Keeble, and his last London Surprise Major at Thaxted on November 17th, 1962. Perhaps his most enjoyable ringing was the series of Spliced Surprise Minor culminating in a peal of 30 methods at Fryerning in March, 1958, which was his 100th peal.

A man of great kindness and generosity, he was, above all, reliable and conscientious. Even during periods of indifferent health he would travel considerable distances on his motor cycle in all weathers rather than let anyone down.

At the funeral service on November 30th a small group of ringers bade farewell to a loyal and trustworthy friend. We thank God for his life's work and remember with gratitude the friendship we had the good fortune to share with him. May he rest in peace.

J. E. G. R.

Mr. George Thompson

The sudden death of Mr. George Thompson, of Scunthorpe, came as a great shock to his many ringing friends. Although 76 years of age, George still rode his bicycle and was a familiar figure in the town.

For many years he had been a member of St. John's, Scunthorpe, but he still retained an interest and affection for Barrow-on-Humber, where as a young man he learned to ring. He was not a prolific peal ringer—probably about 12 in the standard methods.

A peal was rung half-muffled to his memory at Barrow-on-Humber, ringers from Scunthorpe and Barrow taking part. J. C.

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Letters to the Editor

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—I believe that the C.C. ruling on record peal lengths is that the composition, date and time of the respective attempts must be published in "The Ringing World" at least seven days prior to the attempt. May I ask why no compositions have been published for:—

(i) 6,048 Lincolnshire S.M. at Gressenhall, Norfolk, on July 27th, 1967. Conductor: T. G. Pett.

(ii) 19,936 Yorkshire S.M. at Loughborough on July 1st, 1967. "Composition next week." Conductor: S. Humphrey.

Are we to presume that both these attempts proved unsuccessful, as neither peal nor comment appeared subsequently in "The Ringing World"?

(iii) 11,872 Glasgow S.M. at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on November 25th, 1967. Conductor: J. A. Ainsworth.

Also, the conductor of the recent attempt (November 4th) for 20,160 Plain Bob Minor, F. C. Price, asks specifically that no attempt be made to call or inquire after the progress of the peal. Why such hide-away measures? In the interests of handbell ringing and the Exercise, this attempt for the greatest number of changes on handbells should have taken place in a building where ringers could come and go at will in order to listen to the peal. What would A. H. Pulling have said to such secrecy?

Perhaps the above-mentioned conductors would care to comment on what they haven't done.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Wheathampstead, Herts.

STRENGTH OF STAYS

Dear Sir,—Reading your reports of injuries and worse received in recent months by experienced ringers, I have expected to see in your columns certain observations from better qualified people than I. Since nothing has appeared to date, I venture to offer the following:

(1) These accidents appear to result from broken stays.

(2) The **speed at which the stays failed** appears to have taken experienced ringers by surprise.

If these statements are true, it follows that so long as bellhangers fit wooden stays, local steeplekeepers must be careful in their selection of timber for replacements.

In the course of a misspent life I have made and fitted many bell stays, experimenting in different varieties and grades of timber. In my opinion the timber that gives longest life and **longest warning** of impending failure is long grained, slow grown English ash. If the ash can be split with beetle and wedge (as wheelwrights used to make delicate cartwheel spokes), the performance will be better still, since the fibres run the length of the stay.

Avoid the ash offered for sale by large timber importers; this is often Japanese sen, good for some things but not bell stays. Avoid kiln-dried ash; this may be stress graded, even A.I.D. approved; the last piece I saw used as a bell stay lasted two weeks.

Therefore, steeplekeepers, remember good ringers are in short supply. Make sure you are not the indirect cause of another lost subscription.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD PRICE.

Kimpton, Herts.

MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir, — I am trying, on behalf of the C.C. Records Committee, to collect the details of the first occasions on which the various Minor methods were included in peals. Mr. Whiting, the librarian of the Beeston Library, and I have between us been through back numbers of "Church Bells," "Bell News," "The Bellringer" and "The Ringing World," collecting this information, and further details have been obtained from the Central Council's records of peal boards and from such books as Morris' "History and Art of Change Ringing."

I am pretty sure that we have available the reports of all peals of Minor rung since 1911, when "The Ringing World" first appeared, but there were almost certainly many peals rung before that date which never appeared in any of these sources. For example, it is suspected that not all the peals of Minor rung between 1907 and 1911 (particularly those of Surprise Minor by the Sunderland band) appeared in "Bell News," while only the long lengths rung in the early 1800's by the Wath-on-Dearne, Darfield, Bingley and other Yorkshire bands were commemorated on peal boards.

I would consequently be extremely grateful for any information your readers might have on any such peals. Sources I have in mind are old peal books (particularly of the old Yorkshire and Suffolk companies), personal scrapbooks, Association and Guild reports prior to 1911, and old peal boards. In the case of printed or manuscript records, it would be particularly appreciated if these could be borrowed and such material would be promptly returned after examination. For the rest, details needed are the date and place of the peal, the methods rung and the source of the information. I would add that my interest is by no means limited to methods with so-called "regular" lead-ends.

As some guide to the potential interest of any particular peal—and perhaps for general interest—I append a short list of some of the commoner methods with the earliest dates I have so far found them included in peals.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

Cambridge S.	1737	Oxford T.B.	1737
Carlisle S.	1793	Plain Bob	1749
College	1882	Primrose S.	
College Bob IV	1892	(1702 version)	1815
Double Bob	1760	Reverse Bob	1779
Double Court	1749	St. Clement's	1909
Double Oxford	1837	Sandal T.B.	1896
Durham S.	1826	Single Court	1760
Evening Star	1808	Symphony	1808
Kent T.B.	1815	Tulip	1808
Killamarsh T.B	1892	Violet	1808
Lond. Sch. T.B.	1815	Wells S.	1793
London S.	1749	Westminster S	1883
Morning Ex.	1737	Woodbine D.	1879
New London	1815	York S.	1737
Oxford Bob	1780		

Beaminster Dorset, ringers had a try out of their bells, now back from Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, last Friday. Thrilled with the job, Mr. J. T. Barrett writes that less than £200 is now required to balance the £4,000 cost.

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MORE ABOUT TILTON-ON-THE-HILL HOAX (?)

Dear Sir,—I would not be prepared to dismiss out of hand, as your correspondents Messrs. Barnett and Shepherd have done, the possibility of the record in Tilton-on-the-Hill belfry of a peal of Minimus in 1897 as being a hoax before looking again at one or two other facts.

For many years there has been a record of this peal at Tilton, and a reference was made to it in "The Ringing World" as to its accuracy, and there were at that time no comments from readers. The last time I saw this card it was in a dirty state and the words were almost unreadable. It would appear that someone, in an attempt to preserve the record, has typed out the details and made two errors; first the date, which should be the 12th and not the 11th if it was on a Saturday, and secondly the name of George James should, of course, be James George, whose name was on the original.

Did these men visit Tilton? There was certainly a family of Pyes in the village at the turn of the century, and James George was a very frequent visitor to Leicestershire all through his life, and stayed with my father at Barwell on many occasions.

The comment that the Pye brothers never lived in London but are described as coming from there on the card is only one of many instances of ringers describing themselves from the place where they sometimes(?) ring and not where they live, and in this case it would be human to impress the locals that they came from the Metropolis rather than perhaps some lesser known location where they lived.

These are all possibilities, but I do not know whether the peal was rung or not. Is it true to say that it is only of recent times that peals of Minimus have been recorded in Association records? There were then, as now, four bells at Tilton.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Birstall.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

MR. JOHN WILLIS, DECEASED

Dear Sir,—The undersigned members of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council wish to share in the expression of regret and sympathy at the passing of Mr. John Willis.

John had been a very busy and valued member of this committee since 1952 and there is much evidence that he, together with Len Stilwell, had done a mammoth task in writing up the details of many deceased members of the Council and keeping details of other members up to date. He was certainly the right man for the job because his handwriting, his tidiness and method, his application and patience were all highly suited to the task. Within five years John had rightly earned the Council's confidence in being elected an honorary member for past services.

We must follow the example set by John Willis and do our best to carry on his good work.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.
W. PARROTT.
W. H. VIGGERS.

FIRST DOUBLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 20th (page 750) under the heading "The Bells of York Minster," it is stated that the first double-handed handbell peal of Grandsire Caters ever to be rung was completed by five Minster ringers on March 12th, 1877. I wish to point out that in possession of the Walthamstow ringers is a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Caters rung in London on July 26th, 1863. I enclose a copy of the wording of this peal board and would be pleased if any of our ringing historians could give any information regarding the peal and the Royal London Peal Band. The conductor could be the Joe Waghorn whom the writer remembers as an elderly gentleman in the early years of this century.

Should the board be of interest to any collector of such things. or the London Societies or, perhaps, the Central Council, the present owner would be very pleased to present it to them.—Yours truly,

H. RUMENS.

Salisbury.

THE TABLET

This tablet was presented by Mr. John Brown of the Ranelagh Arms Tavern, Roman Road, Old Ford, to the undermentioned band of handbell ringers who on Sunday, July 26th, 1863 rang at the above House a true peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS comprising 5579 changes in 2 hours and 48 minutes.

Performers

J. Waghorn	1–2
J. English Jr.	3–4
J. Sinclair Jr.	5–6
H. Lefever	7–8
W. Sinclair	9–10

The above peal is the quickest on record. It also contains the 60 8/9's and the 60 978's which is the whole to be obtained with the bells in course. Called by J. Waghorn and composed by Professor W. Todd, musical director to the Royal London Bell Band.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The towers of Roos and Withernsea together with the rehung bells at Patrington attracted 36 members and friends to the November quarterly meeting of the District.

Visitors from other areas were warmly welcomed by the vice-president, Mr. Alan Sheppard, and inciuded the Association's general secretary, Mr. W. F. Moreton, and treasurer, Mr. C. Moxon, Miss A. Johnson, of Wakefield, Messrs. E. Hudson, A. Bashforth and E. Metcalf, of the Northern District, Mr. and Mrs. D. Baker and friends from Leeds University.

After the service in a very cold St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, a buffet tea was served in the Hillyard Arms.

The main business was perhaps the adoption of the suggestion, by the District secretary, of joint meetings with the Selby and Beverley and District Societies. After some discussion it was agreed to hold the first of these with the Selby District in February.

Publicity was given about the week-end course at Grantley Hall in December, and Mr. Tom Robinson, of Patrington, spoke of the sad decline of ringing at Patrington and appealed to any visitors to call and give them a hand. He also respectfully requested that visiting ringers should leave the ropes as they found them.

Ringing ranged through standard methods to Yorkshire and Pudsey Surprise at Patrington in the evening.

R. D.

SEVEN TOWERS AND 160 MILES

September 30th began in the pouring rain in the north of England but 18 ringers and friends kept a long-standing arrangement to have a day's ringing tour before the dark nights heralded the onset of winter. Parties from Flookburgh, Cartmel, Hawkshead and Ambleside left their Lake District haunts at 8.30 a.m. to rendezvous at Giggleswick Parish Church for their first appointment at 10 o'clock. The ringers toiled as the older friends drank warming coffee in the nearby pub, and 40 minutes later saw a convoy of cars almost swimming its way to Skipton Parish Church. Lovely bells there, let us acknowledge it—but we regrettably marred our plain courses and rounds by breaking a stay—these things do happen, even to the best of us!

Over the Pennines to St. Peter's, Harrogate, with a sandwich lunch somewhere on the road and, behold, the rain gave way to sunshine! And then the thrill of Ripon Cathedral, and the first experience for some of the party of a ring of ten. (And by no means the first experience for some of the party of taking the wrong road out of the town!)

Masham Parish Church next, where the local party rightly insist that you do not pronounce Masham to rhyme with bash 'em, and then on to Bedale with a touch or two before tea. Middleham Parish Church last of all, as the dusk was gathering, and we really enjoyed this one—ringing, we felt, not badly at all. Pity it was dusk as we left, because the return home via Wensleydale and Kendal is a joy to the eye no less than a sweetly-rung peal is a joy to the ear.

Our sincere thanks are offered to the clergy and ringing bands of all seven churches for a splendid day. Our unbounded admiration for the oldest member, who climbed and rang in every tower—he is 86!.

J. W. G.

A "FIRST" IN THE DINNER LINE FROM EXETER

ST. LUKE'S College Society of Ringers, Exeter, marked the completion of its first year by a dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Exeter.

The Master, Mr. J H. Longridge, in his report, said the Society, after at least two evictions, had a tower of its own and eight splendid bells therein to work on. He recailed with some sentimentality the two tower "grabs" of the year—one of which failed to materialise and the other which ran into a choir practice and had to end with ten minutes' "ringing" on "three bells and three buckets" and no tail-ends except, of course, for knots, which would have been useful to catch hold of if there had been no stays!

He concluded in serious vein by telling the company of the successful recruiting campaign at the beginning of this academic year, which resulted in doubling the membership overnight.

The Rev. T. G. Grigg, chaplain to the College and Society president, pointed to their heritage as ringers, and in an absorbing speech contrasted the present members of the Society with their contemporaries—members of other College Societies and clubs. How many of them could boast of having been at their club's first dinner? He hoped that, as churchmen, they would not forget their priorities and always remember in whose service they were. The company then rose to toast "The Society."

An education lecture ensued, delivered by Mr. G. P. Smerdon, who examined in the light of Freud what inner urge drove people to ring bells. What was the force which possessed them to lock (or, in the case of a recent quarter, tie) themselves in "womblike belfries for hours on end, handling passing sallies and holding fast on to tail-ends?" Was it, he begged, a subconscious desire to recover lost childhood, to return to the protection of the womb?

Footnote—A most successful "first" in the method.

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IRISH HAPPENINGS

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD IN SURREY

THE autumn tour of the D.U.G. (past tense of infra dig) took place in the Guildford Diocese and for many of the party it celebrated the end of this year's exams, hence the gas.

Officially the tour was to begin at 2 p.m. prompt at St. Mary's, Guildford, but Jonathan Barry—leader (?)—Charlie Reede and David Taylor, armed with one of Helen's foolproof maps, set out in the wrong direction from Guildford Station. Was the map upside down? By 2.15 they had visited two churches and baffled three citizens of Guildford. Suddenly the sound of bells made further map-reading unnecessary. However, as the bells were "obviously" being raised it seemed a good idea to walk slowly.

As this was the first proper gathering since we went down in May, ringing was somewhat delayed Antony Vere Hodge who had left (his fungi behind in) Oxford to join us was taking his first look at the new Dublin band. His conclusions remained unannounced. Before we had really settled down on this anti-clockwise six we found ourselves hustled through the attic and up the hill to the Mother Church. Holy Trinity's sixth kept the most exuberant members quiet—temporarily, at least. Here Mr. White and Janet Cleave, who had been unable to stay in St. Mary's long enough to meet the "Dublin party, joined us on this musical eight

It was not long before it was time for tea, which heralded the end of a very exhausting afternoon for some of us, particularly for those who had spent the night on the boat, the morning on the train, lunchtime walking in London and the early afternoon exploring Guildford!

The highlight of the day's ringing was at Guildford Cathedral (tenor 30 cwt.) that evening, where we attacked the bells heartily. The ringing varied in standard but we were tremendously impressed by the "go" of the bells. Our thanks go to the Guildford ringers who allowed us to join their practice.

The following morning found us at Crondall (six bells), where we had an enjoyable ring, particularly as two local ringers joined us for a short while. It should perhaps be said at this stage that Elizabeth Hall, Charlie Reede, Cecil Sanderson and Antony Vere Hodge slept at the Huberts', whilst Jonathan Barry, Alice Jamieson, Michael Owen and David Taylor slept at the Winnetts', as this narrows down the field considerably from Geraldine's point of view.

From Crondall we went to Ash (a light tripping six, tenor 9 cwt.). Brooke Lunn (ex-Dublin University) joined us for Stedman and Cambridge. After ringing, Peter Smart, tower captain and Guildford Diocesan Guild Ringing Master, guided us to a good picnic spot. Immediately we had started lunch, shooting squads attacked the ranges on either side of our refuge.

For the afternoon's ringing at Farnham we included a couple of courses of Oxford Bob Triples in our repertoire. Then on to Frensham Parish Church, which to Irish eyes is typically English and very beautiful. It looks much better across the river! It was harvest week-end everywhere, which gave all the churches an autumn glow.

That night we were at Grayshott, Geraldine's home tower, where nothing seemed to go right, due to mental aberration. We finished off Saturday in grand style at Graysnott Vicarage. Sufficient to say that the party continued until late, ending with Bishop St. John Pike capering around in the kitchen helping the ladies to wash up. A fellow Irishman, he had come to meet the "Dubliners."

Sunday was a remarkably easy day. The Winnett household turned out to ring for harvest festival at Grayshott, whilst the Hubert household joined Mr. White and Janet in ringing for Matins. The plan was that the two parties should converge at Poor Jack's for lunch, but the Winnetts', with Jonathan at the helm, took a wrong turning at the Barley Mow, a local landmark and beauty spot, and were slightly delayed. When Britt Elland's Surrey home was passed at high speed Michael was stoutly indignant; he wanted to look at the lake.

HOSPITALITY

We sat down to lunch (15 in all), having been joined by Dr. and Mrs. G. Furters and two of their children. George, a Trinity graduate, down from Berkshire, had been able to join our activities over most of the week-end. Helen's younger sister, Lizzy, joined the party as well. A proposal that Helen should include some of Lizzy's mini-skirts in her luggage was passed with acclamation.

On Sunday evening we rang before and after the harvest festival at Haslemere in the company of the Haslemere ringers; we had a very enjoyable evening indeed. We then returned to the Winnetts' for a marvellous dinner. That this marked the end of the tour proper did not have much of a damping effect, and sufficient to say the party again continued until late, with Cecil serenading us on Canon Winnett's private organ. Unlike the organ, Cecil never ran out of wind.

The following morning we all said our goodbyes. Both Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Winnett were rash enough to say "Come again." Don't worry, we shall. Finally, Geraldine would like to know who played havoc with her bed and who tied such a knot in her nightdress. Maybe it was in return for a ghostly alarm clock which mysteriously moved without human assistance during the black hours of darkness.

The following morning the problem of how to travel to Wales was eventually decided in 45 minutes outside Reading Station. The events of the next 48 hours must, from lack of writing space, be passed on by word of mouth.

"PLAIN COURSE."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

Drogheda Win Lindoff Cup

THE annual general meeting of the Eastern District was held at St. George's Church, Dublin, on November 25th. The attendance included members from St. George's, Dublin, John's Lane, Dublin, Dublin University, Christ Church Cathedral, Drogheda, Arklow and Blessington. The Northern District was represented by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, and the Southern by Mr. J. H. Elles.

The election of District officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. J. McManus; Ringing Master, David H. T. Taylor; Deputy Ringing Master, Miss Helen M. Hubert; treasurer, R. Henly; secretary, P. W. Brown; assistant hon. secretary, A. S. Doak. The representatives on the Executive Council of the Association are: Mr. G. McGregor (vice-president), Mrs. F. E. Dukes, R. Henly and P. W. Brown.

During the afternoon the contest for the Gabriel Lindoff Cup was held, when four teams competed. The judges—G. H. Ellis and Mrs. F. E. Dukes— awarded the cup to St. Peter's, Drogheda, with 120 faults; the holders, St. George's, Dublin, were second with 133 faults. In third and fourth places were Dublin University (who rang Grandsire Triples) and St. Mary's, Blessington.

Subsequently about 40 ringers made good use of St. George's bells in spite of two stays and one rope breaking. Methods practised were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman as well as rounds and call changes.

It should be mentioned that both Dublin University and Blessington competed for the first time, and the Ringing Master of the Drogheda team in proposing a vote of thanks to the judges, Rector and ringers of St. George's, complimented these two teams and regretted that one of them did not win the cup. The Blessington team has recently been re-formed, thanks to the efforts of Charlie Reede, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Derek Taylor, of Christ Church Cathedral. Dublin University ringers deserved great praise for attempting Grandsire Triples when they could quite easily have rung call changes. All other teams rang "stoney."

The Drogheda team included four boarders from the Drogheda Grammar School, one of whom, Patricia Meredith (13), commenced ringing in February last and is now one of the conductors in the tower, along with Caroline Hack (15), who was also in the team. The remainder of the team were John Wolf and Ivan Mathers, from the Grammar School, Miss Eleanore Buttimore, Messrs. R. Henly, W. Bovenizer and Fred E. Dukes.

A quarter peal attempt of Grandsire Triples was made at New Alresford after the wedding of Leslie Tremeer and Prisca Hornby on December 2nd but failed to come round after the band had rung in the allotted time. A peal of London Surprise Major was attempted in the afternoon but, unfortunately, this also failed.

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A STEDMAN "CALCULATOR"

By ROBERT E. HARDY

SOME years ago I was shown a cardboard calculator by Mr. S. Burton, of Leicester, which enables twin-bob touches of Stedman to be composed. I understand that Gabriel Lindoff was its originator. How it works I confess to being in ignorance, but it can successfully provide touches of one up to (I believe) 39 courses long. I have never yet produced this maximum, but 10 to 15 courses can be produced readily, so that quarter peals can be composed by its use.

To make the calculator, take a piece of stiff cardboard or paper about 4in. x 3in., and divide the 4in side into 1in. columns. Further divide the middle two into ½in. columns, and write into these the figures shown, together with the headings S, L, H and Q (note that the pair H and L appear reversed in comparison with the order they actually occur in the method). The figures in the L and Q columns must be written in black, and those in the S and H columns in red, or some other distinctive colour.

	S		L		H		Q		
	1	15	1	7	1	9	3	6	
	2	3	13	20	2	10	2	10	
A	4	14	14	19	3	18	9	14	D
	5	16	2	6	4	11	8	16	E
	6	10	11	17	5	17	7	15	
B	7	18	15	18	6	14	1	18	
	8	12	3	10	7	20	5	12	F
	9	19	4	9	12	15	17	20	
C	11	20	12	16	8	13	14	19	
	13	17	5	8	16	19	11	13	

The other blank columns on the outsides of the sheet are now folded across so that they cover the columns just written. These "covers" must now be divided into ½in. columns, and the same figures and headings written in them, but with the colours reversed, i.e. S and H in black and L and Q in red. This means that for each pair of figures in any column there are, underneath, the same figures, but having their colours reversed.

Now comes the tricky bit. The "covers" must be cut along between each horizontal line of figures from the edge of the "cover" as far back as the fold. This results in a total of 20 small flaps each carrying four figures, e.g. the flap A on the diagram carries 4, 14 (black) and 14, 19 (red). By lifting any flap, the same figures appear beneath, but with the colours reversed.

The calculator is now ready to use, but is rather fragile. It is therefore a good idea to protect the numbers and reinforce the folds by using sellotape. I found that it was best to cover the whole thing with this before making any cuts.

A piece of paper is needed to use the calculator, and should be headed with four columns, S, H, L and Q (in that order). Open any flaps you like on the calculator, and choose any number in the S column as a starting point. Working across the columns in the order S, H, L, Q, look in each column in turn for the figure you chose to start with until you find it in red; ignore the black figures. The red figure indicates a bob pair at the relevant position, e.g. a red figure appearing in the L column means bobs at L. Note this on your piece of paper. Now take the other figure of the two in the "red" column and continue as before, looking for it in the other columns in red once more. When you find it, again note a bob pair and again take the other number of the pair. Continue in this way until the original starting point is reached, and you will then have noted on your piece of paper a touch of Stedman. Should you have chosen a red figure to start with, change to the other number of the pair at once, thus opening the touch with bobs at S.

This explanation may seem a bit hard to follow, so here are a few examples. The flaps labelled A, B, C, D, E and F in the diagram have been folded open, all the others are covering the underneath numbers.

Example 1.

In this example I have written down the actual numbers occurring in each column, and the changes occur where red numbers have been encountered. The touch that ensues is also given. The starting figure is 1.

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q
1	1	7	15			x	x
15	15	15	7				x
18	3	10	2	x	x	x	x
2	2	6	3			x	x
3	18	18	1		x		x

Example 2.

This time start with the red 4 revealed by open flap A. This means a bob pair at S, and the number looked for in the other column is 14. In fact it is black in all of them, which returns one to column S again for another pair of bobs. Two bobs at S is a well-known two-course touch.

Example 3.

The starting figure is 9. The touch evolved is as follows:—

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q
9	9	4	19			x	x
19	19	19	4				x
14	14	14	14	x			
4	11	17	20	x	x	x	x
11	4	9	9	x	x	x	

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. J. Garner-Hayward, secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, had a nasty fall last week, fracturing his arm and bruising his face.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have now reached a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 18 methods. This was conducted by Dennis Beresford at All Hallows', Tottenham, on November 23rd.

We did Richard W. Yates, who is reported as ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lillingstone Lovell on November 17th, an injustice recently. He is not 12, as was then printed, but only 10; his 11th birthday is not until December 18th.

Arrangements for the 40th anniversary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which starts next January, was the main business of the Andover quarterly meeting, with Mr. G. K. Dodd in the chair, at Goodworth Clatford. Two new members were elected and Andover bells were available in the evening.

Congratulations to John E. Harrold (14), of Wigston Magna, on his successful first attempt for a peal, at Leicester Cathedral, on November 27th. He was ringing "inside" to Cambridge Royal and, according to the conductor, Herrick B. Bowley, he rang his bell very well. It was also a happy evening for his father, T. Edward Harrold, who was ringing the seventh.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

CHRISTMAS DAY BELLS

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Robert Hudson briefly introduces these bells, which this year come from:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow;
St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, Co. Down;
Church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross, Staffordshire.
St. Mary's, Abergavenny;
St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derbyshire;
St. Mary's. Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex;
Exeter Cathedral.

The Queen's Christmas Message will be repeated on Radio 4 at 1 p.m.

P.O. ENGINEERS' SECOND PEAL

On June 14th, 1967, a band of P.O. telephone engineers rang a peal of Minor at Swynnerton to celebrate the 21 years' existence of the P.O. Training School at Tarnfield, near Stone, Staffs. On November 25th a second peal, this time Bob Major, was arranged by Roy Balls and duly rung at the neighbouring church at Eccleshall.

Some of the difficulties of the arrangements will be realised when it is known that the band came from towers so far apart as Gresford, Cambridge, Leeds, Grantham, Gloucester, Nottingham and Eccleshall. Many thanks are due to the Vicar, who met the band in the tower after the peal, and the local captain for providing tea to those members who had to pause on their homeward journey.

Rumour has it that a peal of Royal will be next on the programme. It would be interesting to know how many telephone engineers there are who are also bellringers.

TOWER CAPTAIN A BRIDE

When Joan Gilbert, of Fishtoft, and Alan Payne, of Gosberton, well-known members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, were married at St. Guthlac's, Fishtoft, on October 7th, the bells were rung in several towers in the District, indicating the popularity of the couple. A peal attempt was lost at Sibsey in the morning but one was successfully rung at Sutterton in the evening; a quarter was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas, and the local band, of which Joan had been captain, rang for the ceremony. There were many ringers among the large congregation to witness the service conducted by the Rev. M. P. Brackenbury, of South Ormsby, the Rev. E. B. Barlow, Rector of Fishtoft, and the Rev. A. J. Sangster, Vicar of Gosberton.

The bride had chosen an empire line gown in white wild silk with a full-length veil. She was attended by her sisters and Alan's small niece. In glorious sunshine the couple left the church under an archway of confetti-filled handbells!

Over 100 guests were at the reception at the nearby Manor House Club, after which the happy couple departed for a Lake District honeymoon.

As a mark of appreciation of his faithful services to Gosberton, the ringers presented Alan with a candlewick bedspread. Fishtoft P.C.C. made Joan a gift of a chandelier. They have made their home at Manthorpe, near Bourne, and they will be very much missed at both towers they have served so well. E.C.

GUILDFORD GUILD'S 40th ANNIVERSARY

The 40th anniversary celebrations of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will take place during the second week-end in February. There will be a dinner on February 9th, at which the president of the Central Council and Canon Felstead will speak, and this will be followed by a dance and ringers' cabaret. An advertisement will appear shortly for tickets.

Anyone visiting Guildford for the dinner and wishing to ring a peal or be helped with accommodation should write to D. A. R. May, Oatlands, The Street, West Horsley, Surrey, stating requirements.

A CRASH OF THE LAST CENTURY

We expect that in 1898, when the tower of St. Nicholas, Feltwell, Norfolk, but in the Ely Diocese, fell down it was a good news story. The five bells came down with the tower and have stood in the church ever since. Now we learn from "Contact," the Ely Diocesan Gazette, that a faculty has been obtained for selling the three broken bells for scrap.

The big tenor bell has been sold to the new Church of St. Mark, Gabalfa, on the outskirts of Cardiff. Finally, the beautiful pre-Reformation bell of the period 1424 to 1513 has been given to Ely Cathedral for safe keeping. It is the only bell in England, still intact, dedicated to St. Etheldreda.

VETERAN CUMBERLAND'S SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Turley, of Sevenoaks, on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Turley is the son of Mr. P. G. Turley, a veteran member of the Cumberlands, who has been a ringer at Sevenoaks some 60 years and has been responsible for teaching his sons to ring. Len is the only one still living in Sevenoaks and he and his father are both valued members of the local band, who were delighted to have the opportunity of ringing a quarter peal in honour of the occasion. Mrs. Turley also came along and was present in the church during the ringing of the quarter.

KIDLINGTON BELLS

Mr. Maurice Holmes was misquoted in "The Oxford Mail" and Kidlington Parish Magazine regarding the length of time Kidlington bells are rung. This was also forwarded to "The Ringing World" and published. Mr. Walter F. Judge, captain at Kidlington belfry, writes that Mr. Holmes based his main complaint on a quarter peal rung after Evensong on Harvest Festival Sunday. Visitors are always welcome at Kidlington. Sunday ringing is 9 to 9.30 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m. Practice, Saturday 7 to 8 p.m.

"IRREGULAR MAJOR METHODS"

(See page 876)

Owing to a delay in the post there were certain corrections not made in Mr. S. Humphrey's article on "Irregular Major Methods."

In para. 2, line 9, for "co-incidal" read "co-incidental"

Under heading "Musical Qualities," para. 2, line 3, for "regular" read "irregular."

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION STRIKING CONTEST

On November 25th the Bedfordshire Association held its first annual striking contest, at Tempsford. For the past eight years the Luton District had staged their own contest, the prize being the privilege of holding the Newing Cup for the year, but through the generosity of the St. Giles', Totternhoe, ringers, the Association now has a handsome trophy to be competed for by the two most successful teams from each District (Bedford, Luton and Biggleswade) as an annual event. This trophy, to be known as the St. Giles' Cup, will, it is hoped, be the means of encouraging better striking generally, and certainly the standard of striking at the inaugural contest held great promise for the future.

Totternhoe have made rather a habit of winning their District's contest, and it was no real surprise to find them top of the judges' list for the St. Giles' Cup, though the competition was quite keen. But there was a certain "poise" about the Totternhoe effort which their competitors could not quite attain, though Maulden (2nd) and Goldington 3rd) made a strong challenge.

After an excellent tea the party, some 50 strong, listened to the judges' remarks and cheered heartily as a member of the Totternhoe band received the St. Giles' Cup, which, as the president (Mr. A. S. Ruston) remarked, already bore the appropriate inscription!

A most enjoyable and encouraging event closed with the Association's president thanking Miss L. Ellison and Messrs. D. Hamond and R. Churchill, District organisers, and Mrs. S. Smith, who so efficiently organised the final contest, and finally making a small presentation to each of the judges, Messrs. H. Peacock and F. Baker, in recognition of their service in adjudicating so thoroughly.

The "supporting cast," Elstow, Potton and Luton, hope for better things in future.

TUITION TEASERS No. 10 "ROPESIGHT"

Q. How should one attempt to teach "Ropesight?"—A. F.

A. The short answer is **don't!"** The full answer—theoretical and practical—is given in a forthcoming article entitled "Good Huntin'!" A. Y.-B.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on November 18th, Mr. C. M. Movley has "circled the tower." It was also his 25th peal.

Mr. Frank Cheal has retired after 20 years as "Ringing World" representative for the Rochester District Branch of the Kent County Association. Thank you, Frank. His promise to write items of interest in retirement is gladly accepted.

Ringing in Guildford has had a setback by the departure of Miss Janet Cleeve, who has of late been tower captain at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's. Janet has gone to Strathclyde University as an assistant scientific officer dealing with the breeding of fish. She hopes to continue her ringing at Glasgow Cathedral.

RECORD PEAL

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM, Edgbaston.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 6 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 11872 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
6ths place bobs. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

George E. Fearn	Treble	John A. Anderson	5
James R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
James Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Umpired by Susan E. Smith and Christopher J. Hughes.
The longest length of Glasgow Surprise Major yet rung.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Nov. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Roger G. Havard	6
David J. Llewellyn	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Edmund Morris	3	Charles P. Quartley	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Peter S. Bennett	9
Trevor M. Roderick	5	M. Jack Pryor	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung for the Festival of All Saints. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*Peter J. W. Hardwick	Treble	*John G. Hobbs	5
George J. Hawkins	2	David C. Hawkins	6
*Christine J. Mitchell	3	†Peter J. Devrell	7
†Andrew Swatton	4	*Brian Sarll	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Triples "inside."
Rung by the local Sunday service band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Rosemary A. Spicer	Treble	*Frank R. Morton	5
*†Rosemary E. White	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
*Richard C. L. Brown	3	Basil Jones	7
*Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Richard C. L. Brown.
* First peal in the method and on the bells. † First of Surprise Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Spicer.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent St Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Victor Neal	Treble	Ashley C. P. Pugh	4
A. Gordon Lawrence	2	Stuart W. Bracegirdle	5
David A. Godfrey	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert H. Booth, for many years tower captain at Davenham, who died on November 10th, 1967.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations: Two extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, All Saints', Rushall, Marchington, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington and Dedworth.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Leon A. Perry	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	William Watkin	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Scott.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey A. Edwards.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Judith A. Suffolk	Treble	Leonard Trevor	5
William J. Day	2	Richard Liggins	6
G. Arthur Bell	3	James Draycott	7
Dorothy E. Beamish	4	Hubert E. Ashley	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the Guild and as a compliment to the president (Arthur H. Beamish) who is captain at this tower. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, six methods/variations, viz.: Seven extents each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Carol A. Hedges	Treble	Julian G. Edgson	4
Joan M. Cheney	2	Aubrey G. Eveleigh	5
Philip M. Edgson	3	*Anne Rigby	Tenor

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.
* First peal. First peal in more than one method for all the band.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Guild.

NUNBURNHOLME, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall Bob, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Buxton and Chiidwall Bob, (5) Plain Bob (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	Robert W. Sherriff	4
Ian M. Robinson	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Alan H. Bridges	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At The Watch Tower.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Alan H. Bridges	Treble	George S. Deas	5
Christine H. Telfer	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Michael Maughan	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
James Crowther	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. No. 22. Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*†Andrew J. Slade	Treble	*Dennis Ellisdon	7
Alan F. Thirst	2	§Colin G. Wright	8
‡Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	John C. Slater	9
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	Robert J. Chapman	10
*†Ian L. Dear	5	Donald E. Cobb	11
Michael C. Austin	6	Michael B. Jefferyes	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 25th peal together. ‡ First on 12 bells. § First of Stedman.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.
On Sat., Nov 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leslie Barry	Treble	Frank Reed	5
*Ralph T. Hazell	2	*David E. L. Pobjoy	6
Peter Wycherley	3	*Patrick H. Allen	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. (C.C.C. No. 99.)
Conducted by George T. Cousins.
* First peal of Major.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A sharp.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	4
D. Kay Adkins	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter Pearce	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St Margaret of Antioch.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of an extent. Tenor 8 cwt. 17 lb.

Anita D. O'Brien	Treble	Roger Fry	4
Rev. Royston G. Bryant	2	Brian Bladon	5
*Ronald Peckham	3	Anthony R Peake	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E

Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	John A. Collier	5
Jill M. May	2	Dudley P. Elsmore	6
*Judith M. Collins	3	Roy Collins	7
Alan D. Elsmore	4	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
Thomas Cullingworth ..	2	Arthur S. Richards	7
D. Paul Smith	3	†Tony Lewis	8
Margaret E. Fort	4	Ian H. Oram	9
Peter S. Muchlinski ..	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." † First of Cambridge Royal.
The band extend congratulations to Philip A. Corby, general secretary of the Association, on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BEXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	6
Herbert E. Audsley	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
Rung by members of the Lewisham District as a tribute to Alfred G. Hill, for many years leader of the band at Christ Church, Erith, District secretary 1924–1959 and a vice-president of the Association; and to John Willis, also a vice-president, both of whom died the previous week.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton ..	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	John W. Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Tony Lewis	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frederick J. Cullum	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung in memoriam Alfred G. Hill, for many years secretary of the Lewisham District and a vice-president of the Association.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	D Paul Smith	5
Cyril Brett-Smith	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	6
Michael G. R. Zobel ..	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Philip R. Down	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Alfred G. Hill, a vice-president of this Association, Lewisham District secretary from 1924 to 1959, and a ringer at this church for nearly 50 years.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Philip J. Simmons	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Philip A. Corby	6
*Richard A. Hunt	3	†Harold Evans	7
Trevor N. J. Bailey	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.
Rung in memoriam John Willis and Alfred G. Hill, vice-presidents of this Association.

STEPNEY, London.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	Richard L. Jones	5
John Pladdys	2	Peter G. Holden	6
Maureen J. Carruthers ..	3	Robin R. Churchill	7
Audrey R. Alexander ..	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in A flat.

George A. Naylor	Treble	Graham Wood	4
*Pamela A. Tomsett	2	John E. Clark	5
†Richard J. Bushell	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Nicholas J. Chesson ..	Treble	Peter D. J. Beal	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	5
David P. Leworthy	3	Brian E. Jemmett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
Rung in appreciation of the past services of Rev. Leslie Wilkinson, late Rector of this parish, on the day of his induction into the living of Ash-with Westmarsh, Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch)
LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Lawrence Walmsley	Treble	James E. Sumner	5
John Ellison	2	Jeffrey Simcox	6
Geoffrey Cunliffe	3	Stanley Walmsley	7
John Ascroft	4	Bernard Moss	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

(Preston Branch)
SAMLESBURY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Fri. Nov. 24, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*Pam Foster	Treble	Edward Houghton	4
Pat Gardner	2	Tony Gardner	5
Jeffrey Simcox	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by J. Simcox (two extents) and R. Barnes (five extents).
* First peal.
Rung for the 67th anniversary of the first peal on the bells (November 17th).

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	Treble	G. Harry Bray	6
A. James Poynor	2	Laurence Greenhow	7
Roger J. Starbuck	3	John E. Cook	8
*Tony R. Natt	4	Peter J. Staniforth	9
John E. Adams	5	C. Peter Davis	Tenor

Composed by F H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 21 cwt.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Harry Bray.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Richard Grant	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
*John E. Harrold	2	T Edward Harrold	7
Murray A. Coleman ..	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Jack P. Kesterton	4	E Alan Jacques	9
W. Arthur Riddington ..	5	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal and first attempt (aged 14). Tenor 25 cwt.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Nov 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Raymond H. Martin ..	Treble	Laurence Greenhalgh ..	5
Alastair M. Elliot	2	G. Harry Bray	6
James H. Pannett	3	Edward W. Martin	7
Edward Guy Slater	4	John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings) Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Hazel J. Nichols	Treble	Raymond H. Martin ..	3
John Hunt	2	Edward Guy Slater	4

Edward W. Martin .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

John Walden	Treble	*Philip C. Pitchford	6
John Freeman	2	†John H. Parker	7
Beryl N. Reed	3	‡Arthur Pashley	8
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
H. Leslie Pask	5	†Frank Kennington	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Caters. † First in the method. ‡ First of Stedman Caters. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PENTRE, Rhondda, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 28, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

James Clatworthy	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Alan Tubb	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Charles P. Quartley	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Anthony R. Kench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Trevor M. Roderick	Treble	*Paul Reading	5
Susan Harber	2	*†John F. I. Turney	6
*Geoffrey Stephens	3	*Charles P. Quartley	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Heywood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Charles Quartley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Gordon H. Lane	2	Frank Chambers	6
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Robert L. Piron	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
John K. Smith	2	*Frank Chambers	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Mary G. Gage	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Michael J. Church	6
*Roger A. Gage	3	*Walter G. Knight	7
H. George Hart	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Willesden.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

*Donald A. Randles	Treble	Peter R. Harris	5
Arthur W. Haslop	2	Denis A. Frith	6
Raymond W. Balls	3	Patrick H. Allen	7
Ronald R. Warford	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal. Rung by a band of Post Office telephone engineers.

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*Jacqueline M. Quickfall	Treble	Roy Worrall	5
†Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
Harold Dowler	3	Gerald Parsons	7
T. Felicity Ashford	4	†Raymond J. Ballard	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Raymond J. Ballard.
* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal together.
Rung as a compliment to Gerald Parsons and Christine Johnson on their recent engagement.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HADDISCOE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one 240 (Pitman's) and 14 extents Grandsire and 26 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Stephen F. High	Treble	Trevor N. J. Bailey	3
Thomas J. Brock	2	Ralph W. Bickers	4
		Michael J. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Parker.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HACKINGTON IMPERIAL BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Sara K. D. Woolley	Treble	D Kay Adkins	6
Ronald K. Russ	2	Anthony K. Fortin	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	William Birmingham	8
Kenneth R. Davenport	4	Frank Reed	9
Alan R. Pink	5	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal of Royal in the method.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr 8 lb. in D.

Christopher H. Rogers	Treble	†David E. Rothera	5
Ian L. Dear	2	Alan R. Patterson	6
*Colin G. Wright	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of 10-spliced. † 25th of Spliced Surprise Major.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E

Philip J. Daniel	Treble	Peter H. Mackie	5
J. Paul Coad	2	Jeremy R. Pratt	6
Roger E. Burbery	3	Stephen F. Royal	7
John R. Leary	4	P Gerald McIlhone	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
25th peal as conductor.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Bertram J. Coggins	Treble	Brian W. Hall	4
Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Peter J. Heritage	3	D Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 20, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Pearce	Treble	D. Kay Adkins	4
Frank Reed	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 28 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum and London and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Chester, Coddenham, Cray, Eastcote, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 154 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher C. Stokes	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Barrie Hendry	2	Richard F. B. Speed	6
Alan A Paul	3	Roger W. Smith	7
Graham C. Paul	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

Most Major methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Julian C. Parker	Treble	Roger W. Smith	4
Graham C. Paul	2	Christopher C. Stokes	5
Delia M. Langton	3	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal.

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Brian R. Danby	4
*Iris R. D. Webb	2	Edward C. Garrett	5
*John S. W. Townley	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm J. V. Chown.

* First peal

Rung entirely by Daventry Branch members to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ashwell, of Staverton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

PAINSWICK, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 75 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	7
*Gillian M. Hunt	2	*D. John Hunt	8
*James W. Belshaw	3	David J Purnell	9
James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
John R. Insley	6	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Londinium.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Nov. 15, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6ths place bobs

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Maurice F. Edwards	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
John R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Richard J. Tibbetts	3	John A. Anderson	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Glasgow.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6th place bobs.

Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Edward W. Colley	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

ASTON.—At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. in D.

Allen Short	Treble	Edric J. Franklin	5
*Miss Susan Chew	2	Richard C. Ingram	6
†Mark Androlia	3	Terry Hampton	7
John Conduct	4	‡Donald T. Finnemore	Tenor

Composed by Annable. Conducted by Donald T. Finnemore.

* First peal "inside." † First of Bob Major. ‡ First of Bob Major and first as conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob.

Frederick S. Slatford	Treble	David G. Massey	4
*Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Eric J. Hitchins	5
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Charles F. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Charles F. Andrews.

* 50th peal of Minor. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson for the ringer of the third bell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

KINGSWINFORD Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Derek K. Knowles	Treble	‡Arthur Kitson	5
*Morley P. Tobin	2	Eric E. Speake	6
Roderick J. Lees	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
†Margaret A. Swain	4	Harry Griffiths	Tenor

Composed by D. Hoare. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. ‡ First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fifth and Mrs. Kitson on their 16th wedding anniversary.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Penelope Sedgwick	Treble	*Clifford W. Bowen	4
*Angela Bagnall	2	Clive M. Smith	5
*Cyril T. Collins	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

Rung as a compliment to Marlene and Bernard Townsend on the birth of a son, Andrew John.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Simon Humphrey	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

First peal of 18 Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
J. Edward Brown	2	Philip C. Pitchford	5
Derek J. Tysoe	3	Frederick Derry	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled in remembrance of the Fallen of two world wars, also as a token of respect to the conductor's parents, and to Mrs. A. E. Brown, grandmother of the ringer of the second bell, who died recently, aged 85 years.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. NEOT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Neot.
On Tues., Nov. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Wilfred C. Boucher	4
George E. Mudge	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts	5
Alan Carveth	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells

LOSTWITHIEL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents Stedman, eight Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, three April Day and 20 Grandsire.

Tenor 9¼ cwt.

D Roy Bould	Treble	Anthony J. Davidson	4
Robert A. Southwood	2	Alan Carveth	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	3	Anthony Locke	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Bruce Warren.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TITCHFELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Mary E. White	Treble	Roger Baldwin	4
William F. J. Cope	2	*John A. G. Ball	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	3	John H Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal in more than one method "inside."

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Nov. 22, 1967, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5600 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

6ths place bobs. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Edwards	Treble	James Insley	5
John A. Anderson	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and St. Edburgha.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Robert Edwards	Treble	*Peter Robertson	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
James Attwood, jun. ..	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Roger W. Powell	4	Gerald C. Hemming ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERHAM Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In four methods, being 1,320 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,200 London (No. 3) and Lincolnshire, with 75 changes of method.
Tenor 39 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	J Henry Fielden	6
*Iris M. E. Lemare	2	*Ian G. Campbell	7
*Susan Jackson	3	*Neil Donovan	8
†Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	9
John J. L. Gilbert	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. † First of Spliced Surprise.

DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Kent and Oxford, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B and (7) Plain Bob Tenor 6½ cwt.

Christopher J. Groome ..	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
Katharine M. Thorley ..	2	Keith R Davey	5
J Martin Thorley	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT, OXFORD AND WINDSOR T.B. MAJOR
Gloucester variation. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten
First peal in this variation, and contains 2,112 changes of Windsor, 1,728 Kent and 1,440 Oxford, with 144 changes of method.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5032 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 4,160 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob and 368 Little Bob, with 176 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At 31, South Avenue.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Frank J Matthews	1–2	†Trevor A. Cross	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	†Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. † First of Oxford "in hand."
First of Oxford T.B. Major as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

George E. Feirn	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
*Michael W. Crowder ..	3–4	Philip Barnes	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Little Bob "in hand." Tenor size 17 in A.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Penny Cocks (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, I. Wiltshire 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 York Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Carol Cousins 3, Amanda Powell (first in method) 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT. — On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: H. L. Williamson 1, R. C. Kift 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. G. Collinge (first "inside") 4, Mrs. B. van Asselt 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to the Rev. Tony Naden before his departure to W. Africa as a missionary.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Stewart 1, P. N. Mackley 2, R. M. Day (first of Minor) 3, J. M. Rice (first of Minor) 4, D. R. McLean 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by N.U.S.C.R.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Helen E. Gilbert 1, P. J. Gibson 2, Linda M. Groves 3, M. P. Inskipp 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Brinkworth 1, Janet Atkey 2, Edna G. Pannell 3, A. J. Scott 4, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 5, E. A. Pannell 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. G. Goringe (leader of the local band) and Mrs Goringe.

COLWICH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss S. Leadbeater (first of Treble Bob) 1, A. J. Fleter (first of Kent) 2, S. T. Yates 3, C. J. Bennett 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor G. N. Scott (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Joan A. Rance 2, F. C. Price 3, K. R. Davenport 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For morning service.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Richardson 1, A. Richardson 2, I. Campbell 3, Wendy Ferguson 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6, W. Harwin cover. For Evensong and a birthday compliment to Wendy, who celebrated by ringing her first quarter in the morning.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rowley 1 D. A. Green 2, H. Hill 3, I. S. Merry 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, R. A. Gilliver 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev A. G. Chappell as Rector.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Lynds 1, H. J. Page 2, D. R. Fallick 3, T. A. Tarrant 4, W. C. Perry 5, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 6. A 91st birthday compliment to both F. Davis and F. Hewlett, at one time active King's Somborne ringers.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Holliday (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, A. Mynott 3, B. Horrell 4, J. Gipson (cond.) 5, W. Newman 6. For Confirmation Service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Whittaker 1, Miss M. Johnson 2, J. Birdsall 3, M. Brook 4, A. Spivey 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. First quarter Bob Minor for ah except 5.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Henson 1, J. Pilgrim 2, J. Miller 3, F. Jones 4, P. Blight 5, H. Dale 6, G. Clift 7, D. Stainsby (cond.) 8. In memoriam Mr. F. A. Salter, interred this day.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Latham (first quarter) 1, T. M. Evans (first "inside") 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, B. R. M. Johnson 4, A. J. Mason (cond.) 5, A. M. Donaldson 6. Rung in honour of the appointment of Mr. John Thorn as Headmaster of Winchester College.

POTTON, BEDS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and P.B.): Ann Richardson (first quarter) 1, R. Brain (first "inside") 2, M. Giddings 3, R. Giddings 4, C. Hardy (first as cond.) 5. First of Grandsire by all this teenage band. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Janet Hallett 1, M. Hallett 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, P. Bedford 4, J. Laken 5, A. House 6, R. Tomlin (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—At the Abbey, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lynds 1, W. R. Gilks 2, H. J. Page 3, D. R. Fallick 4, T. A. Tarrant 5, K. J. Jacobs 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, P. S. Gale 8. Rung prior to two consecutive morning services: H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh attended the latter.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. George (first in method) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, A. R. Cope 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. Half-muffled following the funeral of Captain A. Johnston, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.).

WELDON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): S. Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, S. K. D. Wooley 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, R. Newby 6. 75th quarter for the conductor, also his 40th in this tower.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Williams 1, R. Jones 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Coombs 4, S. Lewis 5, D. Gay 6, J. Walton 7, C. Avery 8. First of Triples 2 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Peter Butler (first quarter) 1, Philip Butler (first "inside") 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Stephen Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Martin Gay 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS. — At St. Mary's College Chapel, on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. M. Donaldson 1 N. G. Hughes 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, A. J. Mason (cond.) 4, B. R. M. Johnson 5, R. W. T. Slack 6 First quarter 1 and 2. Rung by the Winchester College Society.

QUARTER PEALS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

CHARMINSTER, DORSET. — 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss E. J. Gill 1, J. W. Marshall 2, E. H. Amey 3, R. A. Bryant 4, R. H. J. Mears 5, P. R. Board 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, C. W. Tidwell 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Venn 1, Josephine Pole 2, Moya Britchford 3, J. Britchford 4, W. Woodgyer (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6. Half-muffled.

KEELE, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leona Roper 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Fiona Lemmon 3, J. Tandy 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, P Gosling 6. Half-muffled

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss H. M Toms 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, D. J. Goodman 3, K. D. Waples 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. M. Barker (cond.) 6. Also a birthday compliment to Miss H. M. Toms.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. Susan Rayner 1, Glynis Poppleton (first "inside") 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6. Half-muffled.

RUCKINGE, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. D. Butler (cond.) 1, Miss E. A. Todd 2, A. Binstead 3, B. G. Butcher 4, A A. Birch 5.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Patricia Searle 2, Carol Andrews 3, D. Brock (cond.) 4, M. B. Tyers 5, V. Davis 6. Half-muffled.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Miss M. Skinner 3, E. Fosberry 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Maple 6. Half-muffled.

WHITCHURCH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia M. Sims 1, Sylvia P. Sims 2, D. R. Bould 3, J. C. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, E. J. Cann 6. Half-muffled.

ALDWINCLE, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Hope 1, S. Fitton 2, S. Kempe 3, S. K. D. Wooley 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary Sutcliffe (first "inside") 3, D. M. Hughes 4 W. Willans (cond.) 5, M. E. Cass (first quarter) 6.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Dilley 1, A. Martin 2, W Osbourn 3, E. Rank 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joanna Wigg 1, R. Philpott 2, R. Price 3, J. Price 4, R. Hutchings 5, C. Conway 6. D. Grimwood (cond.) 7, C. Gratton 8. For Evensong.

BRAMPTON, HUNTINGDON. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker 1, E. J. Whiting 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. S. Abbott 4, P. R. Godfrey 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP. — On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Speake 1, S. T. Yates 2, C J. Bennett 3 S. G. Pick 4, G. W. Reynolds 5, J. D. Holden 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, P. R. Johnson 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 3.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Enid Hammond (first of Caters) 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, R. H Newton (cond.) 3, Marion Kemp 4, B. J. Read 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, D. P. Snoswall 7, D. L. Nibbs 8, A. W. Bond 9, R. I. West 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Marion Kemp.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mandi McCallion 1, Christine Webb 2, M. I. Platt 3 Gillian Brearley 4, J. Stallard 5, M. A. Gilbey 6, A. J. Cox 7, P. N. Murgatroyd (first on ten) 8, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 9, F. J. Keddie 10. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. E. Marshall 1, J. W. Marshall 2, T. F. Collins 3, R. A. Bryant 4, P. F. Romney 5, P. R. Board 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, C. W. Tidwell 8. Half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the two World Wars.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS. — On Nov. 18th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: E. R. Venn (cond.) 1, W. F. Judge 2, Mrs. E. Mordaunt 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, J. W. T. Hibbert 5, Pamela Powell 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, P. J Heritage 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10, N. I. Allnutt 11, B. R. White 12.

COSELEY, STAFFS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major. I. A Sheffield 1, S. T Yates 2, A. J. Fletcher 3. Barbara M. Pickering 4, C. J. Bennett 5, S. G. Pick 6, R. B. Dorrington 7, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 8. First T.B. Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne E. Deebank (first of Triples) 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, Catherine Ticquet (first "inside") 3, M. F. Edwards 4, L. L. Willis 5, D. L. Hooper 6, S. H. Lane (cond.) 7, A. G. Ensor 8. Rung half-muffled following the memorial service to the late Christopher Rowland, M.P. for Meriden.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Beal 1, P. Jackson 2, C. Roberts 3, P. Cockrill 4, N. Chesson (cond.) 5, P. Wilkinson 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Roberts 1, N. Chesson 2, R. Abrahams 3, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, P. Beal 5, F. Searle 6. For Communion.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Knight 1, A. Binstead (first of Major) 2, Miss P. Court 3, R. A. Birch 4, K. D. Butler (first of Major "inside") 5, P. C. Sinden 6, J. H. Davy 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Ivings 1, W. Ivings 2, R. Rose 3, D. Reeve 4, C. Hancock 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Culpin 8.

EXHALL, WARWICKS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. D. Harrison 1, Miss R. E. Havard 2, J. Lochner 3, G. P. Hammond 4, R. D. Hart 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Woodward (local ringer) and his wife and children on emigrating to Australia.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. S. M. Norgrove 3, Miss F. M. Bird 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For the Patronal Festival.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: B. Johnson 1, L. Mannering 2, Miss V. M. Dye 3, Miss R. J. Sinden 4, D. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8. Half-muffled in memoriam John Willis.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On Nov. 19th, 720 Spliced Ipswich, Cambridge and 600 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, T. R. Garrett 2, P. E. Wells 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D. Knox 1, R. Biggs 2, A. K. Fortin (first on 12) 3, A. H. Clutton (first on 12) 4, A. Newton 5, R. J. Snack (first on 12) 6, D. M. Francis 7, S. M. Bailey 8, D. A. Cornwall 9, M. J. Best 10, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 11, L. A. Timms 12.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mary Christian 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, J. Hollands 4, A. J. Munnings 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A 26th birthday compliment to R. L. K. Whittell.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Iris E. Piper 1, Mrs. F. Ross 2, Miss E. Moss 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. H. Jordan 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6.

HORDLE HANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Lewis 1, Rosemary Simpson (first quarter) 2, Faith Riley 3, Flora Stocker 4, A. Nunn (cond.) 5, Janet Blackbourn 6. First by an all-local band on the bells. For dedication of new choir vestry.

HUNSLET, LEEDS. — On Nov. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. G. Dodson 1, R. Beresford 2, J. J. Durham 3 Suzanne J. Withers (first of Major) 4, G. Cooper 5, J. P. Ottaway 6, G. J. Jones 7, P. J. Crosthwaite (cond.) 8. By Leeds University Campanological Society in honour of the birth of George Oliver, son to Rev. Malcolm and Julia Stonestreet.

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whatley 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, T R. Garrett 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. G. Spicer on their 40th wedding anniversary.

LEEDS, KENT. — On Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. House 1, F Gant 2, P. Sloman 3, B. Sadler 4, C. Pain 5, D. Sloman 6, F. Lufkin (cond.) 7 H. Furminger 8, M. Hallett 9, F. Scoones 10. A birthday compliment to M. Hallett.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Milnes (first of Triples) 1, D. Gebbett 2, M. Rigby (first of Triples) 3, Catherine Reed (cond.) 4, Freda Cannon 5, J. Machell 6, D. Hollis 7, P. Royds-Jones 8. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Royds-Jones 1, R. Grant (first of Triples) 2, Catherine Reed 3, J. Machell 4, Freda Cannon 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Rigby 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. F. M. Bowers 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L Lidgey (cond.) 3, A. Ruth Aston (first of Stedman) 4, W. R Curfis 5, T. R. Hart 6.

LITTLE HADHAM, HERTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, R. Hayden 3, K. Westwood 4, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 5. For the Deanery Eucharist.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, on Nov. 26th 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: O. Wright 1 Mrs. M. Slater 2, Caroline Cole 3, C. Pain 4, F. Gant 5, C. G. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon 7, J Slater 8, M. Austin 9, J. S. N. Porter (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Long 1, M. L. Howe 2, I. Russell 3, S. A. B. Wigg 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, M. Barden (cond.) 6.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Bryant 1, Susan Rayner 2, Marianne Leworthy 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Ingleton 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. John's Church, on Nov 19th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: S. Elliott 1, S. Woodward 2, B. Palmer 3, A. Dempster 4, P. Bruce 5, C. Ottoway (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Elliott 1, P. Bruce 2, S. Woodward 3, D. Parsons 4, C. Ottoway 5, B. Palmer 6, M. Edwards 7, A. Dempster (first as cond.) 8. First of Major by Newcastle University Society. Both by the Society for Evensong.

NOTTINGHAM.—At. St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, Ann Harris 2, Caroline Stewart (first Grandsire) 3, P. N. Mackley (first Grandsire) 4, F. E. Jones 5, D. R. McLean 6, I. V J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Beryl M. Twigg.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 19th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Meyrick 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. N. Diserens 5, B. Shingler 6, N. J. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from John Carter's "Odd Bob"): A. E. Diserens 1, A. D. Sansom 2, N. J. Diserens 3, R. M Heyworth 4, D. E. Rothera 5, F. R. Scott 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8. For Evensong.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): A. Binstead 1, Miss P. Court 2, P. C. Sinden 3, K. D. Butler 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, J. H. Davy 6. First of Kent 1, 4 and 5.

SHEFFIELD. — At St. Marie's Church (R.C.), on Oct. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: Patricia Rogers 1, Carole Patey 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, S. Cole (first Yorkshire) 4, J. Eborall 5, R. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, I. Dear 7, C. Longden 8. For Evening Mass.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. S. B. Croft 1, Joy F. Butler 2, J. S. Croft 3, C. J. Butler 4, A. Jackson 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6. A 16th birthday compliment to Joy F. Butler.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 19th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: D. M. Boniface 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, P. N. Felton 4, Deborah Bishop 5, S. P. Darvill 6, D A. Hewitt 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. I. Richards 10, J. W. Smith 11, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark".

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Pickett 1 and 6, Miss J. Perryman 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, A. Stokes 4 M. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Constance Goddard on being made a Commissioner to the Guides.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.—At All Hallows Church, on Nov. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Cuthbert (first on eight) 1, R. G. Brown (first on eight "inside") 2, W. A. Theobald 3, M. Louise Taylor 4, W. A. Hughes 5, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 6, R. A. Hunt 7, J. C. Slater 8. For Evensong.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Cambridge S.M.: T. W. Hesketh 1, C. J. Jones 2, I. Hedgcock 3, J. R. Ridley 4, D. R. Jones 5, M. E. Snape 6, T. S. Hovridge 7, J. K. Walpole (cond.) 8. After losing a peal of Stedman.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Woodward 1 Susan Harrison (first as cond., aged 12) 2, Jane Mason 3, Amette Bradbury (25th quarter) 4, A. Baldock 5, D. Woodward (first quarter) 6. Average age 16 years 10 months. Rung for a service of music in aid of the organ restoration fund.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Carter 1, S. Taylor 2, P. Carter 3, D. Parks 4, E. S. J. Hatcher 5 P K. King (cond.) 6. Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch A.G.M.

On the cold, foggy afternoon of November 25th about 30 members met at Bridport for the annual meeting of the Branch, eight towers being represented. Also present were Mr. A. Scott and visitors from North Dorset, Kent and Devon, who were welcomed. Ringing continued until the Guild service, which was conducted by Canon Hinton (Rector), and an excellent tea was provided in the Church House, prepared by the local ringers and lady helpers.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. W. Powell (chairman). The hon. secretary's report was read and adopted, as were the accounts, which proved very satisfactory. Membership numbers 110 with two more towers still to reply.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, the Rev. O. L. Wilmott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Davis; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight; committee, Messrs. J. T. Barrett and D. Ellery.

Mr. C. W. Powell reported that the committee had met to consider a suggestion for a memorial to Canon C. Carew Cox and Bert Elsworth. He said the members of the band who rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Lyme Regis on the day of Canon Cox's funeral were willing to bear the cost of a peal board for that tower. The proposal in regard to Bert Elsworth was that a peal be rung at Bradpole and recorded in the tower. The Ringing Master was asked to arrange the peal.

Quarterly meetings for 1968: Bradpole, Beaminster, Melbury Osmond and Lyme Regis. Practice meetings: Symondsbury (January 10th), Netherbury (February 14th) and Broadwindsor (March 13th), all subject to confirmation.

A. D.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Chew Magna (8) on December 2nd. Ringing took place prior to the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball) and afterwards tea was served in the Church Hall.

A feature of the meeting which followed was the attendance of only 21 members; one wonders why there is such widespread apathy in the Branch nowadays that less than ten per cent. bother to come to an annual general meeting. It is unfair both to the host tower which prepares, the officers of the Branch and those members who do come.

Owing to the illness of the secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo, the position was filled by the general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, with the Vicar acting as chairman. The following were elected as officers for 1968: Chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. G. Yeo; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Derrick; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Brain and Mr. S. Smith; Press, Mr. J. Brain.

Three new members from Wrington and one (unattached) from Abbots Leigh were elected. Other proposals approved were the 1968 striking competition to be held at Butcombe and a further joint meeting with the Frome Branch later in the year.

A collection was made in aid of the cost of providing a bell for Trinity College, Trinidad, a project in which Bishop Wilson, of Wells, had asked the Association to help.

After votes of thanks, ringing continued at the Parish Church until 8.30 p.m.

Next quarterly meeting: Easton-in-Gordano with Portbury (March); practice meetings: Clevedon (All Saints' and St. John's) (January); Dundry (February); all subject to permission.

J. B.

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BIRTHS

RILEY. — To Richard and Audrey (née Knight), a daughter, Heather Jane, on Friday, November 24th, 1967 (a sister for Paul), at the R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Germany. 2908

STIRLAND.—To Bryan and Hazel (née Hancock), of Peasedown St. John, Somerset, a daughter, Lucy Mary, a sister for Christopher and Kate, born November 29th, 1967, weight 10 lb. 14 oz. 2914

TOWNSEND.—To Marlene and Bernard, at East Lodge, Freeford, Lichfield, on November 23rd, 1967, a son, Andrew John, brother for Jonathan. 2906

ENGAGEMENT

KIPPIN—WALTERS. — The engagement is announced between Heather Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs M. H. Walters, of Harlington, Middlesex, and Robert Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, of Farnborough, Hampshire. 2904

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my devoted husband, Norman, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. Always in my thoughts. —Phœbe. 2921

RETURN THANKS

WILLIAMS.—On behalf of the family I wish to express my sincere thanks to the ringers of Redruth Parish Church in placing a brass plate in memory of Percy's 30 years' service with them.—Annie M. Williams.

PERSONAL

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song."—Isaiah xii, 2.

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Are you a
M U G?

If so, come to the Annual Dinner, Saturday, March 9th, 1968. Even if you are not—come for the experience. It is at the Waldorf Hotel, Manchester. Note it in your 1968 diary.—A. H. 2899

CHOLSEY, BERKS. — Opening of tower thanksgiving service, Saturday, December 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments after service. Ringing during evening. Visitors welcome. 2886

SUFFOLK GUILD CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Don't miss it—be with it. Where? Victory Hall, Bramford. When? December 16th, 7 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments as usual. Come and join your friends. Tickets at the door 5s. (Children 2s 6d.) 2819

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Meeting, Berkswell, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to the Rev. G. Dingle, The Rectory, Berkswell. Meriden bells available from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. 2902

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on Saturday, December 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Clive A Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 2856

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggenhall St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2885

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Chalford (6) on Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to V. Deane, 16, Churchill Road, Forest Green, Nailsworth, Glos. 2929

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), Saturday, December 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to A. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans. Tel. 57344.—R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 2831

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—A.G.M. at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—H. Parkinson. 2913

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Fulmer, Saturday, December 16th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hague, 16, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2871

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, December 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. A number of items on the agenda require your attention. Please make a special effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill (Tel. 3442), by December 13th. 2847

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, December 19th, 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. — C. H. Rogers. 2884

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—There will be a pre-Christmas get-together evening at St. Mary's, Warwick (10) on Wednesday, December 20th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Call changes to Caters, rounds to Royal. All most welcome.—R. W. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Wednesday, December 20th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting at 8.30 p.m. 2909

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Neston, December 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 2926

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District A.G.M. will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, January 6th, 1968. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 2918

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

A fund has been opened for a memorial to the late

John Willis

(vice-president of the Kent County Association).

All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

Alan P. S. Berry, Ashford District Secretary, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone.

The memorial will take the form of something practical in ringing. — A. P. S. B. 2936

Christmas Greetings

Greetings to all fellow ringers everywhere, for Christmas and for 1968. May we and our art go forward from strength to strength.—GILBERT THURLOW, Norwich. 2875

To all our readers, new and old, a Christmas of happiness and goodwill. May 1968 be a year of peace and contentment the world over. —The Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World."

The Rev. PETER N. BOND sends sincere greetings and good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends wherever they may be, especially to fellow Cumberlands. 2874

LES BRETT, of Framsden, sends seasonal greetings to ringing friends near and far, to and excellent neighbour and pal, Alan, for most friendly company during recent months. 2920

To all my ringing friends, best Christmas wishes and good ringing for 1968.—GEORGE R. FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk. 2897

Best wishes for Christmas to ringers around the world, and a warm welcome to those visiting Sydney in 1968.—TOM AND MARGARET GOODYER, Sydney, Australia. 2917

Wishing all ringers the best of health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year. A special thought for ringing friends and members of Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds.—Mr. and Mrs. HARDING, Catherington. 2922

Christmas greetings to all members of the Sussex County Association, remembering at this time those who can no longer ring by reason of illness or infirmity.—From REG JOHNSON. 2896

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The committee of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers would like to wish all its members and friends a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. 2911

A very happy Christmas to all ringing friends both here in the U.S.A. and at home in Britain.—From GEOFF MARCHANT. 2900

Sincere Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends, especially in Kent, and to members of the Ladies' Guild.—From E. M. MITCHELL. 2925

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and happy New Year to all ringing friends, especially fellow members of the Surrey Association.—From Miss BRYONY MOORBY, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 2919

To all our ringing pals we have met in the past, the joys of a happy and bright Christmas and a hopeful New Year.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea, Somerset. 2907

A happy Christmas and good New Year ringing to all ringing friends in the U.K.—BILL PITCHER, 7/287 Melbourne Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5006. 2559

To all friends, old and new, far and near, greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 2912

A happy Christmas and peaceful 1968 to all ringing friends and the Editor with those who assist in "The Ringing World."—William Shepherd, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 2933

Christmas greetings and all best wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be, at home or abroad.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham. 2928

To all our ringing friends—**Everywhere**—including California, New Mexico and Southern Rhodesia—**Our** "Ringing World," the Editor (Mr. T. W. White) and staff—and **all** who have made such a wonderful job of it, thank you. Warmest greetings and best wishes for Christmas and a pleasant and profitable New and succeeding years. Our grateful thanks for the many happy times and years. Good ringing.—FRANK AND ADA STENSON. 2915

Greetings to all ringers and readers of the paper. — Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST WEATHERBY, 1428, St. Marengo Avenue, Alhambra, California. 2827

LATE NOTICES

RETURN THANKS

SHARMAN.—The family of the late Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, express their sincere thanks to the members of the Bedfordshire Association for the lovely floral tribute sent, and to the members who attended the service and also rang half-muffled after the service at the Priory Church. 2937

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HUMPHRIES.—The address of Richard O. Humphries is now: Lyncroft,, The Avenue. Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. 2932

ROAF.—The present address of Dermot and Caroline Roaf (and Eleanor, James and Virginia) is: 27, St. Margaret's Road, Oxford. Telephone (unchanged): Oxford 59467. 2931

The address of Diana and John Hayns is now: 33, Craddocks Avenue, Ashtead, Surrey. Tel. Ashtead 5280. 2934

MEETING

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice at Ashtead, Tuesday, December 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Lincolnshire, London, Yorkshire, Pudsey. 2935

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LATE NEWS

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 24,120 Plain Bob Royal on handbells on Saturday, December 23rd, 1967, in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. The attempt will start at 8.30 a.m. and the umpires will be Alan Schofield and Christine Andrew. The church will be open throughout the attempt so that any ringers interested in listening to the peal will be free to do so.

The ringers taking part are Alan McFall, Neil Bennett, Robert B. Smith, Gerald Moorhouse and Brian J. Woodruffe.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
Birkbeck College, London.

FORTHCOMING PEAL ATTEMPT

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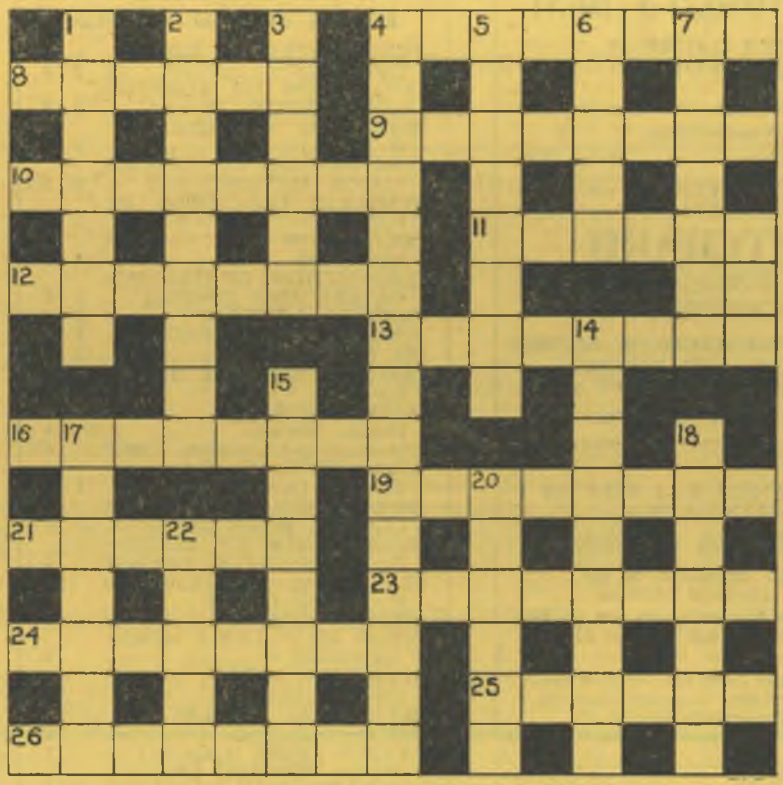

CLUES

ACROSS

4. These three usually have the same birthday (8).
8. Burlesque imitation of a literary work (6).
9. Strangely these are not soldiers (3-2-3).
10. If the sally is low, do this to the rope **before** you do it to the bell (4, 2, 2).
11. Puts into circulation (6).
12. Recent arrival (8).
13. The Ringers' Diary could help one to become this (8).
16. President ran ceremony showing the way in (8).
19. These do not take sides when there's a clash (8).
21. Single court could provide these (6).
23. Large German sheep-dog (8).
24. There are eight bells here whether you have the Leics or Yorks version (8).
25. Committed one of the deadly sins (6).
26. One can have a ward in this (8).

DOWN

1. Ripened (7).
2. Peal compositions may be his material (9).
3. This shows a regular arrangement for my test (6).
4. Sensitively the last word after a fit of rage and before the reckoning (15).
5. Often sought by ringers (3, 5).
6. Their absence from towers is often bemoaned (5).
7. Reset as annoying things (7).
14. Profitable (9).
15. Secretaries like this for tea (4, 4).
17. Ringers usually want this double (7).
18. Possibly a red herring in the first place (7).
20. Descriptive of the efforts of many ringers (6).
22. It is just deliberate firing (5).

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"URANGWOT" — Another Teaser and a Diary Prize

"Tell us what **you** think of Parson Felstead's articles on peals." I was rather taken aback by this sudden onslaught as I looked into the bar of "The Stay and Slider" the other evening and immediately wondered what lay behind it.

"I quite enjoy them, don't you?" I replied, hoping I wasn't starting something between the trio of ringers and myself.

"Oh, so do we, but you know there are a lot more interesting statisticusses about peals than our friend, Parson Felstead, reports."

"I'm sure there are," I said, "but, like so much else in ringing, who is to ferret it out and write it up for 'The Ringing World?' That is the problem."

Charlie interrupted me to ask what I would have, and having got a shandy on the way when he learned that I had come by car (I thought when I saw Charlie with a half!), I went on, "Well, what sort of thing had you in mind for these other interesting statistics and why doesn't one of you put pen to paper? I am sure Tom White would be delighted to receive your article."

When I nodded in Joe's direction with this suggestion he looked completely blank and that sparked off the first point of interest. Joe is very deaf in his right ear and Charlie pointed out that whenever they had gone for a peal of "spliced" Joe had always had to wait until he saw where the conductor was going to ring so that he could have his good ear on the conductor's side.

"There were nowt wrong with his eyes though," butted in Bob, "and he always kept a good watch on the treble, 'specially when it were being rung by a female!"

"Well," I said, "that's quite interesting, but you must admit that it would make no more than a mention in 'Belfry Gossip.' You couldn't make an article out of that!" They all hastened to tell me that there was a good deal more than that and I sat back to listen to the details.

It seems that before I arrived they had been reminiscing about some of the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in which they had all taken part and they observed that three of them had taken exactly the same time, 3 hours and 12 minutes, although each had contained a different number of methods.

Joe, the mathematician of the party (I recognised his scrawl up beside the dartboard), had discovered the remarkable coincidence that in these three peals if the time in minutes were divided by the number of methods rung the figure obtained was the same as that obtained by multiplying together the numbers of the bells rung by Joe and Charlie in that particular peal.

Joe and Charlie had never been separated on these occasions by more than one ringer. Bob added that he had called all three peals and he had rung the same bell throughout. I was also told that on each occasion the product of another pair of bells was the same as that for Joe and Charlie. Neither Joe nor Charlie rang the same bell twice in these peals.

"Very interesting indeed to hear these statistics," said I, "but the more important thing is the striking. What was that like?" "Pretty good throughout," replied Bob, "but 'specially in that 'un where I were ringing between those two jokers."

"Everybody must have kept their minds on the job then," I added. "Old Joe kept his eyes on the treble ringer all right," chorused the other two. "I guess it must have been a female," I sighed. "Yes, same dame each time," said Bob.

I was waiting for them to tell me how Joe's mathematical inclinations with his eye for figures had unearthed some relationship between the vital statistics of the lady and those of the peals, but I was disappointed to find that none had emerged.

By this time even the drinking-up time had run out and we had to make a hurried exit in response to the landlord's entreaties. Outside we turned in opposite directions and my preoccupation with dodging a car that was reversing delayed my attempt to dash over and ask them how many methods they had rung in those three peals and which bells they had rung on each occasion. In the darkness and against the noise of the engine I could not attract their attention and they moved off. It will be a few weeks before I am back in their area so I shall just have to try to work it out in the meanwhile. If anyone can help me, please drop a line to the Editor, marked "Urangwot." ("Ringers' Diary for first correct solution.)

Of course, I could follow up Charlie's notion and write to Southampton and ask for the result to be supplied by Parson Felstead's computer!

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LEONARD GOODALL.

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IT IS CHRISTMAS

The Rev. E. G. ORLAND,

President of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

THE ancient Romans had their festival of Saturnalia. A time of wild revelry and licentious indulgence, to celebrate the turn of the year and to welcome the new light brought by lengthening days. The early Christian Church used this pagan feast with its idea of "welcoming the light" to give us the festival of Christmas. celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the true light of the world.

Now, it would seem, the wheel has turned the full circle and we have the Christian festival of Christmas being "taken-over" by a secular world which has little or no interest in the real meaning of Christmas, but a great financial interest in an "Xmas" spending spree. Look in any large department store, where everything is designed to give us that nice. homely, log-fire, mid-winter feeling of family warmth and comfort. All those "Christmas" cards with the robin redbreast—poor thing who must sit in the barn to keep himself warm—and the stage coaches and scenes well covered with snow—to remind us of the "good old days." It's Saturnalia all over again, but modern advertising and sales techniques are subtle enough to maintain a thin smear of religious sentiment to serve their commercial interest, so away at the far end there will be the small section of "Religious" Christmas cards with the odd, sometimes very odd, stained glass window; the Biblical text (in old Gothic type, of course) and the bells. which appear in all odd shapes, sometimes hung on coloured ribbon, and at others attached to choir boys, who are always depicted supposedly wearing the ringer's uniform of cassock and surplice (with lace)!

We have long since accepted the fact that our art will be caricatured through ignorance, and no doubt the remedy for this is in our own hands with better "public relations," but more important still, what about Christmas? Can we be surprised if the mind of 20th century man is confused on this subject? It would be most illuminating to see the replies to a public opinion poll on the real meaning of Christmas. We do, however, have at least one opportunity of hearing the thoughts of one well-informed person, for in the Epistle for Christmas Day the unknown author of the Epistle to the Hebrews tells what Christmas meant to him. He sees the birth of Jesus Christ as the turning point in all the affairs of the human race. God had spoken, not in words, as did the Old Testament prophets, but in terms of human life. This was no ordinary child; at Bethlehem God became man, and we now see what God is like. That is not all. for this picture of divinity is shown to us in human perfection, and with this ideal we see ourselves for what we are (which is quite different from the "image" we would wish to present). We are not, as we thought, the "good" who deserve to be called the children of God, but the "bad" who need the gift of God's Son, and Christmas is the time when we give thanks to God for having regard to our human situation and having given the most precious gift of Himself to meet our need. All the nicely wrapped presents we give to each other at Christmas are given out of love and regard for our friends and relatives; must we leave God out of our giving? We may never fully understand the depth of His love.

"God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son" (St. John 3, 16 N.E.B.).

No one can make a greater sacrifice than the gift of an only son. God gives so to us; should not our offering in return be something which costs us a very great deal; in fact, nothing short of our whole being—*"Ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice"*? Yet how many of those who give and receive presents this Christmas will even spare a passing thought for the great gift God has given to them. Only a minority will be in church on Christmas Day for this to be communicated to them by word and Sacrament, but the majority will be within the sound of the church bells being rung, and such are the powers of association in the human mind that their sound will turn even the most worldly from the revels of Saturnalia to some vision of the Divine Child.

But what if such opportunity is missed because bells are unringable through neglect or, worse, if there are no ringers to ring the bells hanging in good order and waiting to give out their much-needed message? When we ring on Christmas Day, or at any other time, we are not graciously offering our immaculate striking and our thorough knowledge of intricate methods just for the furtherance of the art and our own satisfaction. We are offering back to God all the skill and ability He has given us, for this is "Ourselves" being given in response to His gift of love.

Those who hear the Christmas message of the bells may not be able to distinguish between good striking or bad, much less between Bob Major or 8-spliced, but devotion and dedication have the most peculiar ways of communicating their message, and to all who will take part in this great Exercise we send our best wishes and pray for His blessing upon all our work during 1968.

HOW RONALD DOVE STARTED

Day-Dreamed of Towers when Recording Beer Sales

"HOW did you set about it?" is a question I am sometimes asked, and I suppose the correct answer would be that I didn't, although I would be flattered to be given the credit for the spontaneous and unaided compilation of the "Guide" down to the world's premier tenor depicted on the front cover.

It is exactly forty years ago since the first notes were collected from which "Dove" eventually grew, and now when I am asking for amendments seems a suitable opportunity to comply with the suggestion which Mr Edgar Shepherd made in an article entitled "The Good Companions" that I might say how the idea originated. I invariably enjoy articles from the pen of E. C. S. and in complying with his wishes I do so more from gratitude for his literary style.

At the time it all started I had been ringing two years and with diligence had aspired to Grandsire Doubles "inside," so it could not have been on merit but was more likely to have been because nobody else would take the job that I had been made Burton District Secretary of the old Midland Counties Association.

The district had been moribund for some time and there was no exact information as to which towers claimed allegiance to the M.C.A. whose lavish report, price sixpence, while containing a wealth of information on all other matters was of little help in this respect.

This borderland district touched on the fringes of Derbyshire and Leicestershire and covered a narrow strip of Staffordshire sandwiched between the territory of the Stoke Archdiaconal (later the North Staffs) and the Archdeaconry of Stafford Societies, although in an excess of zeal the youthful district secretary was not above carrying out an occasional bicycle sortie on isolated towers over the Warwickshire border in search of converts to the M.C.A.

KELLY'S DIRECTORIES

There chanced to be in the office, where I spent those wasted hours not occupied in ringing, a full set of Kelly's Directories which stated the number of bells in church towers so, with Kelly's as a basis, I set to work to list all the towers in the four counties where there were reputed to be five bells and upwards.

Finding greater interest in ascertaining the number of bells at the parish church than the previous month's beer sales at, amongst other places, the "Vermuyden." Goole—which name sticks in my memory, in return for which information a grateful brewer rewarded me twenty-five shillings a week less the statutory "Lloyd George," etc.—I enlarged the field of my "researches" to cover the rest of the country.

Kelly's had not kept abreast of the times nor were they meticulous in their descriptions, and to them a tower contained eight bells if it possessed a chime of tubular bells as I learned on the first occasion that I was "consulted" when I advised the Overseale ringers to go to Parwich on their outing to the Peak district.

Joe Cotton should have been suspicious when the Vicar gave him permission to use his "carillon," but I would have loved to have seen them running for it to the accompanying strains of tubular bells.

MR. R. H. DOVE

FIRST THOUGHTS, 1930

The thought of publishing first arose in or about 1930 when I was on the Croydon Bell Foundry staff, for I recall visiting Leigh on Sea in that year to make enquiries concerning the French bells which had been installed at the R.C. church there. These bells were the subject of a report in "The Ringing World" not long ago.

I have reason to believe that the thought was prompted by my frequent reference to a handy little book published by Mowbray's entitled "The English Church Union Guide for Tourists," which indicated by a series of codings the type of services at churches of Catholic tradition and the presentation of the London section at the beginning of the alphabetical section is exactly as in Mowbray's guide.

Although I was dealing constantly with proposed bell restorations the need of a revision never seemed to have occurred to me, and it was some years later at Loughborough that my friend John Fidler made the true if not the most encouraging observation. "It will be out of date the day you publish it."

With the literal truth of this in mind I started to collect data for a fourth edition from the day when the third went to press, and as there now appears to be some call for a new edition, especially in view of the widespread boundary changes which have taken place in recent times, I would welcome any genuine amendments, but only GENUINE ones, please.

I am aware that Washington bells have been hung—surprising how many think this could have escaped my notice—and once and for all Beddington tenor DOES weigh 18 cwt. 14 lbs. and I refuse to trouble the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to check it for the fourth time.

To the one who wrote specially solely to report the "mistake" in the third edition which shows Daventry as a cackhanded eight, whereas they are a righthanded ten I can only apologise that clairvoyance is not among my limited attainments.

MEANT WELL

News that certain Hampshire bells are dirty may give rise to interesting speculation but is otherwise of little value, still less is the contribution from South-West London which contradicts the readings of Messrs Taylors' scales by adding 5 cwt to Chicheste. tenor and lopping a couple off Maidstone, and as the same contributor feels that Saint Eanswythe has had the patronage of Folkestone Parish Church for long enough and that one Saint Banswythe should now have it, little credence can be given to his other corrections, but I suppose he meant well.

School teacher ringers must number some hundreds yet not a single one knew that Madras is no longer in India or, if they did, they were too idle to appraise me of the fact so that I might have spared the feelings of the angry Pakistani student who demanded that all unsold copies be withdrawn for the stigma to be removed

I would be less than honest were I not to acknowledge the contribution of others not only in the matter but in suggestions For instance, my original intention was to publish only an alphabetical list with the various appendices, but when on a ringing week in Yorkshire I showed my manuscript to Pat Cannon he told me at once that unless towers were shown in county form he for one would certainly not buy a copy and anticipating that others might be of the same opinion I set to worth forthwith.

GROUP CAPT. LISTER'S SUGGESTIONS

The inclusion of practice nights on the usefulness of which opinions differ, was the outcome of the suggestion of Group Capt. Lister, the writer of the leader on the issue of May 13th, 1949, which stressed the need for a guide, but others of his suggestions, Sunday ringing times, name and address of tower captain, etc., whilst suitable for inclusion in an annual report, were not practicable in the case of a publication where a revision was unlikely for some years

Capt. Lister envisaged the Central Council undertaking the work, and we were told that the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee had the matter under consideration, but whether it was that the committee felt unequal to the task or whether it considered the project of no importance is a matter of conjecture, but whatever the reason the matter was so low down on the Council's list of priorities that it was not even mentioned at the meeting at York, as had been foretold.

It is a false premise that no service however small can be rendered to the Exercise save under the ægis of the Central Council, and judging by the expressions of horror I received when a correspondent to "The Ringing World" suggested that the Council should appropriate "Dove"—there were references to "Nationalisation" and "take-over-bids" which were much in news at that time—it is obvious that the Exercise on the whole is satisfied with things as they are

Corrigenda and addenda, please, therefore, to:

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Dec. 3rd, 1,272 Carlisle Surprise Minor: D. C. Henderson 1, M. J. Hiller 2, Catherine A. Salter 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 6. Rung by the Abingdon School S.C.R. for Confirmation Service, held at the School Chapel.

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OBITUARY

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ALD. ARTHUR EDWIN SHARMAN

News of the death of Alderman Arthur E. Sharman, of Dunstable, which occurred on November 25th, will be received with deep sorrow by his many ringing friends.

Born at Great Cransley, Northamptonshire, on March 30th, 1882, he was the eldest of ten children, of whom three brothers and three sisters survive him.

After spending some years of his early manhood in the Leeds area of Yorkshire he settled in Dunstable in 1914, and here he spent the remainder of his 85 years.

He joined the Bedfordshire Association in 1914 and was secretary of the Luton District from 1919 to 1935, becoming general secretary of the Association in 1921, a position he held for 17 years. From 1940 until the time of his death he was a vice-president.

As in ringing, so in local government, his great ability soon brought him into prominence and he served on Dunstable Town Council for many years, being Mayor of the borough from 1940 to 1943. He was elected to the aldermanic bench in 1939. In addition to his many other activities he was for 20 years a member of the management committee of the Luton and Dunstable group of hospitals.

As a bellringer he served the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, with great devotion for 53 years, and at this historic church on November 29th the Rector, the Rev. H. E. R. Charles, officiated at the pre-interment service. Among the large congregation were members of the Town Council, the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers and many other organisations, and as the cortege left the church touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the half-muffled bells.

APPRECIATIONS

The death of Arthur Sharman deprives the Bedfordshire Association of one of its most distinguished members.

For over 50 years he rendered devoted service and was always a mentor and an inspiration to his fellows, not only as a bell handler and striker but as a method ringer and conductor.

An indication of his potential ability appears in the first entry in his peal book—a peal of seven different extents of Minor, rung at Thorpe Malsor, a few miles from his birthplace, and conducted by his brother Horace, who lost his life in the first world war.

In his earlier days peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were an achievement and he rang no less than 21 of the former and 22 of the latter, but his favourite method was undoubtedly Double Norwich, of which he rang a total of 43 peals. (Incidentally, he never rang a peal of Doubles.) He was particularly proud of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at the Imperial Institute, Kensington, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, on April 23rd, 1924.

Of his total peals (189), 107 were rung for the Bedfordshire Association, 31 of them at his own tower, Dunstable Priory. Many of these peals were rung in company with such stalwarts of the Bedfordshire Association as Miss Evelyn Steel, Edmund J. Hobbs and Pearl Inskip, to all of whom his death will be a severe blow, breaking, as it does, a treasured link with earlier days.

Ringers of Arthur Sharman's calibre are rare in any generation, and his exemplary conduct both in and out of the belfry will remain a worthy memorial to one who brought an air of distinction to any company.

But the great eminence he attained never changed him, and he remained a man of simple faith and sincerity. His genial smile will be sadly missed by the hundreds of people among whom he lived and were privileged to call his friends.

As we proudly remember his many fine qualities we pray God may grant him a holy rest and peace at the last. A. E. R.

HIS PEALS

Minor: 26 (conducted 14); Triples: Grandsire 11 (9), Stedman 18 (10), Major: Plain Bob 14 (11), Little Bob 1 (1), Double Oxford 1 (1), Kent T.B. 8 (5), Oxford T.B. 2 (2), Double Norwich 43 (23), Cambridge S 21 (2), Superlative S. 22 (9); Caters: Grandsire 5 (3), Stedman (8); Royal: Plain Bob 2 (2), Kent T.B. 7 (2).

Total 189 (conducted 94).

I was indeed sorry to hear of the death of Arthur Sharman. It was in 1921 that I left my native village of Charing, Kent, to start life in the "outside world" as a compositor at Dunstable. If ever ringing was a help to a lad leaving home it was to me. I met Arthur Sharman on my first Sunday at Dunstable, and the miles Arthur and I cycled (he with one fixed pedal owing to a war wound) is nobody's business. I shall never forget cycling to Biggleswade with him to make up the band for a peal of Double Norwich (my first in the method) conducted by George Cross. I rang 28 peals with Arthur over the years, and I have always been thankful to him that my first year away from home was a very happy one.

A. V. GOOD.

Hemel Hempstead.

MR. JOHN HENRY MYHILL

The death occurred during the latter part of October of Mr. John (Jack) Henry Myhill. Although he had not taken an active part in the art during recent years, he had nevertheless completed some 40 years as a ringer at Springfield, Essex.

He was the last of the band that was formed between the two world wars, the capabilities of this band being such that they were able to ring a 720 of Minor nearly every week.

He was an honorary life member of the Essex Association and his departure will be sadly felt by some of the older members of the Association. Among many friends at the funeral the Essex Association was represented by the general treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves. P. G. B.

MR. OSCAR GARNHAM

An Appreciation.

Garboldisham, Norfolk, has lost an active and faithful servant in the sudden and unexpected death on December 5th of Mr. Oscar Garnham at the age of 72 years. He leaves a widow and son.

Oscar was village carpenter, steeplekeeper, clockwinder and chorister for many years. His family came from South Lopham, and at the age of seven until his death he was a member of the choir.

As a bellringer he was always quiet, wise, unassuming and reliable. Although he never rang a 5,040 he had taken part in many 720's and was a faithful servant to the Exercise. As a craftsman and woodworker he leaves many memorials to his work both around the village and in the church. It is thought that about half the woodwork, such as the altar-front, screen, prayer desks and some pews were built by his father and himself in the last 100 years.

One of his frequently produced wood masterpieces is his wooden Norfolk tunnel mousetraps—operated with a trip, the principle involves a heavy lump of beech falling on to the tempted mouse in the tunnel. These are in constant use in the church to this day and many visitors have cast incredulous glances at the simple piece of apparatus.

Oscar will be sadly missed in the locality—a man who had no enemies and was loved by all. P. J.

CONDITIONS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Buswell's letter (page 874) may I state that quarter peal ringing was not the subject in question, but can be used to illustrate the same point.

Of the quarter peals rung, Lympne rang 42, Smarden 18, Biggin Hill 9 and Maidstone 9 for Sunday service alone. Another small section of East Kent ringers was responsible between them for nearly 100 quarter peals. This illustrates that nearly two-thirds of the mentioned quarter peals were rung by a very small section of the Association members, albeit a different section than the peal ringers to some degree.

As regards peal ringing, one has only to come into East Kent to appreciate the apathy to the subject amongst the majority of ringers. The Canterbury and Ashford Districts comprise a large area of Kent, but the number of peal ringers is very small, as I have discovered in trying to arrange peals. Fortunately there are the few peal ringers who keep these areas alive in this respect. Some ringers are prepared to ring the occasional peal, but it is not these people who put Kent at the top of the list—it is those making regular attempts, mainly from Mid and North Kent.

The Kent County Association has many peals to its credit, but the praise should be directed to where it is deserved, in proportion to the efforts made. How some ringers of East Kent have the audacity to stand together boasting of peal successes and apparently healthy state of affairs in peal ringing, when they have contributed nothing, I do not know. It is significant that it is these same people who praise themselves on the excellence of their own Districts. There has not been a meeting in East Kent since October 21st and will not be one until 1968! If this is regarded as good I would suggest that these people examine the more organised and conscientious Branches of other Associations where there is a monthly practice and meeting, not a meeting every quarter-year and an occasional by-meeting.

In view of my experiences and figures which can be quoted, I agree wholeheartedly with Derek Carr ("Ringing World," page 834).—Yours sincerely.

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

Christ Church College,
Canterbury.

Letters to the Editor

"PRIORITIES IN DAMNABLE DISORDER"

Dear Sir,—I am quite certain that Mr. Amos is wrong. I think that the people whom he castigated in "Beware! The Latest Ruse" are wrong as well.

The kind of chauvinistic ranting which attributes no responsibility for India's plight to a country liberally sprinkled with vast mansions built from Indian profits is so completely unrelated to Christianity that it doesn't deserve serious attention; as long as people have not enough to eat, or have inadequate medical services, or have no homes, Christians in England, well-fed, welfare-stated and well-housed, can never be happy about it, and the Church as a body can never be bamboozled into thinking that "Charity begins at home" is anything but the standard excuse for self-centred meanness.

But, having said that, I do not believe that Church buildings are an unnecessary luxury; they, and all the things that men do for them, are the fulfilment of a fundamental need—for worship to be expressed tangibly and audibly and in a costly way. For most people worship would be incomplete if it did not manifest itself in some such way; God does not need cathedrals; we do not need cathedrals to worship in—you could worship in a cinema or a hay-barn—but we do need cathedrals to worship with. And the same is true of bells.

The silly thing about all this argument is that it is about an abstraction—should the money go to York Minster or Oxfam, to the bells or refugees, to the death-watch beetle or shelter? There is not any either/or about it. The total annual expenditure of U.N.I.C.E.F. is equivalent to the sum spent by the nations of the world on armaments every four and a half hours; the amount we spend on gambling every year would maintain every cathedral in the kingdom with plenty to spare for the parish churches; you could go on endlessly in the same vein. The only reason why anyone, like Mr. Amos or his opponents, thinks these needs are alternatives is because as a world, as a nation and as individuals we've got our priorities in damnable disorder.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.).

Newton St. Cyres, Devon.

BELFRY BEHAVIOUR

Dear Sir, — Your correspondent, C. G. Browne, if he lives in a rural area such as this, has my sympathy as no doubt he and his band need outside help. If this is impossible, surely the practical thing to do is to ring Bob Doubles for Sunday services and go for Plain Bob Minor on practice night. Of course to use the phrase "Stand if you can" is all wrong. "Stand" is the right term and accepted by all ringers.

Your writer gives the impression that the ringers lose complete control of their bells as well as the method. To be courteous at the right time and place is a nice thing but, as all ringers are aware, there is seldom time to use long sentences when ringing, especially when necessary to get things right as soon as possible. If a conductor feels he has been exceedingly rude, owing oft-times to disappointment and frustration, and offers his apologies, surely the band cannot be so unkind as not to agree and accept the apology.—Yours sincerely,

T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourne.

CLOSING HOUR OF MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I was very surprised to see in the December 1st issue that the Guildford Guild meeting at Wonersh was so enthusiastically supported. When a party of ten ringers arrived, including myself, at about 7 p.m., the ringers were just leaving the tower, rather early, one would think, for a Guild meeting. As the party I was with contained five visitors from the Bath and Wells area, the gentleman with the key was asked if he would kindly allow us to have a ring. His reply was that he wanted to get off, and so he went, leaving us in the churchyard. "The Ringing World" notice of the meeting did not give a finishing time, so perhaps the Guild had arranged to finish at 7 p.m. If so, I feel that this should have been published in the notice to warn any prospective visitors to arrive in plenty of time. —Yours sincerely,

M. J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

OUTING REPORTING

Dear Sir,—As one of the Ringing Masters whose tower was visited by the band from Rutland in November, I was rather annoyed to read in the report of that outing ("Ringing World," December 1st, 1967) that our bells at Humberstone are "of disappointing tone" and "not unduly difficult to handle."

Maybe I am rather over-sensitive, but by my standards it is rather discourteous for a visitor to act as a disparaging critic of the bells at towers he has visited. It is rather like a society columnist in a newspaper reporting "I went to tea with Mrs. Hyphen-Smith the other day and did not like her chocolate cake." Mrs. Hyphen-Smith would like it no more than I do!

Might I suggest to A. C. B. that in future he writes his reports of outings with the maxim that "if you can't say anything pleasant it is better not to speak at all" in mind.—Yours faithfully,

JUDY A. M. COX.

Humberstone, Leics.

"UNGRACIOUS"

Dear Sir,—In our undergraduate days, Mr. Speed and I certainly had differences of opinion, and it is 20 years since we last met. During this time—indeed, longer—I have been a regular reader of "The Ringing World," and it strikes me as ungracious and vituperative, not to say humourless, to name him publicly and to say that "he has never progressed beyond his undergraduate days" (whatever that may mean), in the light of the fruits of his able mind, freely given to the Exercise over many years.—Yours faithfully,

K. S. B. CROFT.

Shirley, Southampton.

LOOKING BACK

Dear Sir,—The name of L. W. Jacques, signature to a letter on page 874 of "The Ringing World" reminds me of my Army days while stationed in Blackpool. I wonder if Len remembers our handbell ringing in the vestry at St. John's nearly 50 years ago, with Harry Pasmore. I have a record of two 720's on June 28th and August 13th, 1918, which we rang together, Private Pasmore conducting.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. SONE.

Brenchley, Kent.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Dear Sir,—The epidemic of Foot and Mouth Disease which has so badly hit Shropshire and Cheshire has now spread to the Peak District of Derbyshire. Among the infected areas are Ashbourne, Bakewell, Matlock and Chesterfield. Two cases just outside Darley Dale were confirmed on December 6th, followed by a further two in the vicinity on December 7th, and two more the next day with several suspects.

This particular virus is one, I understand, which can be carried in clothing and in the treads of motor tyres. The disease has an incubating period up to three weeks.

The National Farmers' Union and the Peak Planning Authority have appealed to the public to keep out of the infected areas, and since the first outbreaks the response from the public has been encouraging.

In consultation with several officers of the Association, we feel that we, as ringers, should play our part in efforts being made to minimise the risk of spreading the infection. I am therefore appealing to organisers of ringing tours over the Christmas and New Year period to refrain from visiting the infected areas. I understand that at least one tour is contemplated, and I would ask those responsible to call it off. In doing so, I know that it would be appreciated by the farmers—especially those who are ringers.

There is no intention to suppress ringing for service, practices or even peals—it is up to the good sense of ringers concerned.—Yours truly,

B P. MORRIS,
Hon. Secretary,
Derby Diocesan Association.

IDENTIFICATION OF HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Mr. J. Smith in the issue of December 8th requesting information about the set of 10 handbells, tenor size 18 in G, may I suggest that the initials cast on the crowns of the bells should read "W. B. and S." (and not M. B. and S" as quoted), thus identifying them with William Blews and Sons, bellfounders, Birmingham, c. 1854–1886, who produced many sets of handbells, generally of excellent tonal quality.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK R. BARNETT.

Malvern, Worcester.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT RUMNEY

Dear Sir,—The claim that the "First 12-bell peal in Wales (excluding Monmouthshire)" has been rung must be related to facts, which are:—

Monmouth is a diocese in the disestablished Church in Wales.

Rumney is a parish in the Diocese of Monmouth.

The Rumney ringers belong to the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

Rumney has been embraced in the extended boundaries of the Cardiff Corporation but still remains on the wrong side of the Rumney river than to be elsewhere than in Monmouthshire.

The most recent "A.A." Road Book confirms that the Rumney river continues to be the boundary between Monmouthshire and Glamorgan.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

THE NATIONALITY OF MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the correspondence on pages 793–4 and 894 in connection with the handbell peal which was rung at the end of August at 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff.

On first reading the footnote to this peal my immediate reaction was to feel that the hoary old fairy-tale of England's claim on Monmouthshire was again being trotted out.

However, on reflection, one wonders whether the leading protagonist in this matter, ably supported by a certain mentor, deliberately set out to provoke the type of reply which we have seen from Messrs. Simon and Stickland, of whether, being ignorant of the true situation, it was felt necessary to make recourse to a piece of irrelevant subterfuge in order to satisfy a geographical claim. The reference to the inclusion of Rumney in the Cardiff rating area certainly lends support to such a view.

I am surprised at Brian Woodruffe's reply, for he has made his letter both controversial and somewhat offensive. If he has not already done so he should read for himself the 1536 Act of Union which created Monmouthshire (or, to give it its Welsh name, Gwent) out of "Lordships Marches" within the "Country or Dominion of Wales," and did nothing whatever to make it an English county.

The "Encyclopædia Britannica" expressly states that the Act did not take Monmouthshire out of Wales. No English Act of Parliament has ever been passed to take Monmouthshire out of Wales, and even if such an Act had been passed it would have had no validity without the consent of the Welsh people, which has never been given.

In the circumstances the offending paragraph in the peal report was totally unnecessary and it is a pity that a lead was not taken from those Welshmen who almost two decades previously called the first 12-bell peals at St. Woolos', Newport, and rightly claimed them as the first in Wales.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Hemel Hempstead.

PROMISE REDEEMED

Dear Sir, — When Robert W. Smith (my nephew) was taught to handle a bell at Ibstock by Arthur E. Rowley, his grandfather promised him £1 when he could ring changes. Robert left Ibstock when he could only ring rounds and came to live at Sapcote, where he has learned change ringing. So Arthur came and took part in Robert's first quarter and was able to present the £1 to him afterwards.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Sapcote, Leics.

SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have watched with interest the progress of the various bands in the field of Plain Major on handbells and see that a University band has recently broken the record for Spliced Major on handbells ("Ringing World," page 802). I should be very interested to see the compositions for the recent peals of Spliced Plain Major by the various bands.

I believe the record for Plain Major is 55 methods, at Accrington, in 1961. I wonder if any of the handbell bands have considered amalgamation to increase this number, or even a handbell attempt for the record.—Yours faithfully,

MIKE HUNT.

Wood Green,

Barclays first Bank to "Ring the Changes"

The bells of the Guild Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, rang out cheerfully over City rooftops for an hour or so one rainswept evening not long ago. Inside, the belfry was warm and bright and echoed with "bellringers' talk" of other towers and other times. There, making Bank history, had gathered a band of Barclays' bellringers (nicely balanced, four girls, four men) to produce their own ancient and delightful form of musical expression.

They had come up from Brighton, Eastbourne, Hatfield, Watford and St. Albans to join with London colleagues in ringing a few "touches" each lasting some 10 to 15 minutes. Peter Harper, of Barclays' High Street, Watford, branch acted as captain. Some were relative novices whilst others—Martin Harbott, of the Bank's Battersea Park Branch, in particular, with some 25 years' ringing years behind him, were more experienced. But all are keen and devote many of their out-of-bank hours in practice and performance.

In our picture (from left to right): Janet Percy (Terminus Road, Eastbourne, branch), Martin Harbott (Battersea Park branch), Coral Spiller (Economic Intelligence Department, Head Office), Peter Harper (High Street, Watford branch), Gillian Martin (High Street, St. Albans, branch), Richard Vaughan (North Street, Brighton, branch), Barbara Goodspeed (Hatfield Aerodrome branch) and Timothy Willis (Chief Foreign branch, London).

ROPE LENGTHS AT MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—Why is a sally three feet long, when it need only be six inches? The obvious answer is, to allow people of varying heights to catch it with ease. Why is it, then, that some people don't realise that not everyone is six feet tall, and so tail-ends need to be a reasonable length, too?

While attending a recent by-meeting in Kent we were asked on our arrival what we could ring and Cambridge Minor was called for. Now we are both about five-feet-two, and as we pulled off it must have been as obvious to everyone else as it was to us that we could not reach at backstroke. Ringing was stopped almost at once and one of us supplied with a very small box. We resumed ringing with no better results and the Cambridge was an absolute fiasco, as neither of us could keep our bells up, let alone dodge properly!

Very disgruntled, we sat down, as, being visitors, it was not our place to complain or advise, especially as there were ringers in charge who seemed capable and experienced.

There were about 50 people there, many of them youngsters no taller than us, but after 15 minutes' continued "grotty" ringing we realised that nothing was going to be done to alter the rope so, it being pointless to stay, we went home. It was a pity to waste those lovely bells, which could have been rung enjoyably and well.

Please, in future, meeting organisers, adjust your ropes to a reasonable length to give the shorter ones a chance.—Yours sincerely,

ANTHEA SPARSHOTT.
PAUL EBSWORTH.

Canterbury.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters (on the back ten): J. Hoath 1, Jane Chapman 2 Liz C. Duncan 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. Durrant 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 9, J. E. Murfit (first of Caters) 10. For Confirmation.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS WELCOMES CHELTENHAM RINGERS

Cheltenham had a festive appearance for the Branch annual general meeting on December 2nd. Father Christmas (the Mayor) arrived in state and the elaborate Christmas lights were switched on.

This had nothing to do with ringers except to make parking very difficult, but the Parish Church bells were in use at the appointed time.

A former secretary, the Rev. J. H. T. Homfray, conducted a short service, and a Bishop's Cleeve ringer Mr. A. Lawrence, was the organist.

Since last the Branch met at the Parish Church, Church House has been equipped as a social centre, and it was made available for the tea and meeting Ladies of the band and wives had prepared tea, a meal enjoyed by some 35 ringers.

The chairman (Mr. W. A. Farmer) presided at the business meeting and welcomed especially Miss M. Bliss, the Association chairman. He reviewed briefly the condition of bells at Branch towers, saying how pleased they all were to find Winchcombe bells nearly completed. The Association had contributed £75 to this project.

Service ringing was good at most towers, but there were several where there was none. In most cases this was because of local difficulties, but the officers kept them under constant review. The secretary (Mr. H. Read), reporting on the 12 meetings of the year, said that attendances were higher than for many years.

The 1968 programme was decided in outline. This will include a Branch striking competition, the winners to go forward to the next stage in the Association competition. A Cotswold Ringing Festival was proposed by the Association Ringing Master, and this would be held in June.

A return was made to the tower, where some Cambridge Royal sounded very well.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The South Wales District at its November meeting at St. Mary's, Swansea, elected a record number of 12 new members. These were from Marcle, Bridstow, Micheldean, Monmouth, Chepstow, Penhow, Newport, Swansea, Pembroke and Tenby.

The Rev. David P. Davies, lecturer in theology at St. David's College, Lampeter, and a former ringer at Swansea, kindly took the service.

The meeting was most enjoyable. All were warmly welcomed by Mr. Johnny Williams.

If possible, the January meeting will be held at Brecon, with Talgarth and Mitcheldean as alternatives.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT SOCIAL

Due to the increasing number of younger members, the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association decided this year to depart from the December dinner and hold something a little less expensive. Saturday, December 2nd, saw the result—a supper with entertainments to follow at St. Peter's Institute, St. Albans

Just over 50 members and friends arrived—it was good to see the longer-standing members turned up as much as the many young faces. On arrival everyone was presented with a plate of "bangers and mash," followed by cakes and biscuits.

Fred Ellis, of Wheathampstead, was first to start the ball rolling, with some conjuring tricks. It was a surprise to find it is still possible to keep 50 ringers quiet, but Fred certainly managed. John Ewer then took over as M.C. and assorted games followed. Then while everyone pulled up a chair to recover, four figures emerged dressed in smocks of various shapes and sizes, and hats to match, and proceeded (after a few warming-up stories) to sing (?) a couple of songs to familiar tunes but with words adapted to the Herts County Association and its members! Congratulations to all four, they were certainly a great success. It took quite a while for the laughter to die down

More laughter followed when eight ringers tried "walking changes" with a handbell each. It was more like a homemade dancing session, the two attempts ending up in complete chaos, although it was rather late in the evening—and the nearness of the beer next door was no help!

Before we knew it, it was time to be out of the hall, and the evening was brought to a close with a course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells It is hoped that everyone, particularly the younger members, had an enjoyable evening, and thanks go to all those who organised and put so much effort in making the evening a success. J. A. F.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

The meeting on December 9th was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Tonbridge. Tea was taken in the Vicarage, and Canon T. C. F. Bewes, who had conducted the service, took the chair for the business meeting, with about 30 members present Three new ... were elected.

The chairman announced that very few tickets were left for the annual dinner on January 13th (at 17s. 6d., and not 7s. 6d. as published in "The Ringing World" on December 8th)

Withyham was chosen as the venue for the meeting on February 10th.

After the votes of thanks ringing continued till 8.30 p.m. R. J. E.

RUNG IN MOST TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Would you be so kind as to allow me to correct the figures given in "Belfry Gossip" (page 897) of the number of different towers rung in by myself. The figures 3,138 represent the overall total reached by the late James H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who, I believe, passed away about September, 1950. I had equalled this figure before the end of 1966 and since then have rung in a further 51 towers, making my own total 3,189.

This figure includes towers in every county in England—the three Ridings of Yorkshire, the three county divisions of Lincolnshire and the majority of the counties of Wales. It also includes every tower in Britain which has, or has had, a ring of 12 bells. Two of these—Christ Church, West Bromwich, and St. Bride's, Fleet Street London—no longer have this distinction, the first having been reduced to eight, and the latter having no replacement of the ring destroyed by enemy action at the end of 1940.

The list does not include any four-bell towers, and in no case have I walked into a tower, raised a bell on my own and claimed to have rung on the ring! The ten four-bell towers I have rung in are recorded in an abridged form on a separate piece of paper. I can obtain their dedications from the "Crockford" in our local library whenever I choose to do so.

Mr. Shepherd was never a "tower grabber" in the sense that it is understood today. Wherever he rang he made a point of measuring the diameter of the tenor in inches and their fractions and putting the same on record. He recorded the rings of bells on which he rang, a recast ring or an augmented one being put as an addition to the list. He would never go out of his way to visit a four-bell tower, although five of these are recorded in his list, together with the diameters of their respective tenors. One of these—Preston, near Weymouth, Dorset—has since been augmented to six.

To give Mr Shepherd his due, he never numbered the towers in which he rang. During the weeks that his records were in my possession it took many hours of my time to sort things out and produce the exact total of his towers as no less than 93 were recorded a second or a third time. I will not go into details concerning the way I managed to do this, but will pass on details to anyone who may be interested.

With regard to the tower record of Clive M. Smith, I have been on a number of tours in different parts of Britain with him since 1953, and it is in no small measure due to his activities that my tower list is as large as it is today Wherever we went we had good ringing. The rough stuff was never tolerated. I last met Clive in July, 1966, when he told me that his tower list was estimated to stand at 3,150 The list would be difficult to check, as it was compiled in either alphabetical or county order and not chronological order, as mine is. Perhaps one of these days we shall get to know exactly who has rung in the greatest number of towers—ever.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A STOTE.

Note.—The error in the published total is regretted.—Editor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The venue for the meeting on December 2nd was to have been Royston, but the bells were not available and we went to Norton instead. For the second month running the weather was bad and a poor turnout was again experienced. During the evening our numbers were boosted by passing peal ringers to the giddy heights of 12, and a plain course of Cambridge Major was successfully rung.

Once again we appeal for a better attendance at our next meeting (the District A.G.M.) at Hitchin on January 6th, 1968, when a new District secretary must be elected. M. R. W

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Ilchester Branch Progress

On December 2nd the Ilchester Branch held its annual general meeting at St. John the Baptist's Church, Yeovil—the home tower of the vice-chairman, Mr. T. J. Setter.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. David Nye, who in his address thanked all bellringers for their service and in particular pointed out how appropriate this meeting was, coinciding as it did with the beginning of the Church's year, when a new beginning might also be made by everyone.

After tea the meeting took place, at which officials were elected for the coming year: Chairman, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton); vice-chairmen, Mr. T. J. Setter (Yeovil) and Mr. Gilbert Rendell (Hardington Mandeville); hon secretary and diocesan representative, Miss M. M. Legget (Coker Hill, West Coker); Ringing Master, Mr Gordon Rendell, 4, South Street, Montacute; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner (Hardington Mandeville).

The company stood in silence to honour the memory of Preb. R T. Beechey, late of Montacute and an associate member.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. Gilbert Rendell on his 50 years as a ringer at Hardington Mandeville, he having instructed over 200 pupils, and also to Mr. Robert Parker, of High Ham, for having rung over 50 quarter peals.

The hon secretary reported a very successful year during which five new towers had become affiliated, and the membership had increased to 211. Twelve towers had been visited for meetings and the average attendance was between 30 and 35.

New members elected were: Preston Plucknett, Mr. David Hammonds; Hardington Mandeville, Master Raymond Turner, West Coker, Messrs Martin E. J. Bailey, Nigel V. Bailey, D. Eglen, A Evans, D. Groves, M. Wyatt and Miss C. Thompson. Mudford, Rev. E. D. White (associate) and Messrs. G. Hunt, G. W. Goverd, P. Flagg, K. Deacon, R. Robinson, O. Rood. Tintinhull, Messrs. T Marshall, E. Read, J. Toose, L. Leach, B. Whitlock, R. Bond. Yeovil, Mr. C. Narramore. Non-resident life members, Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyce, Bournemouth.

Certificates of membership were presented to Mrs. Una Rendell, Miss Jackie Guppy, Messrs. K. Caller, G. Parkin, D Eglen, A. Evans, A. L. Guppy, F. Foot, R. Andrews, A. Hill and the Rev. G. E. Mullard.

Towers for 1968 will, subject to consent, be Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Drayton, Odcombe, Trent, Pitney, Somerton, Huish Episcopi, Ash-in-Martock, Hardington Mandeville, Tintinhull, Kingsbury Episcopi and East Coker.

A Branch dinner was fixed for Shrove Tuesday at the King's Arms, Montacute, at which the Archdeacon will be present, and a half-day ringing outing in the spring.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Rev David Nye, the organist (Mrs. Watts) the tower master (Mr. T. J. Setter), all retiring Branch officials, all incumbents, tower masters and tea officials, especially the ladies responsible for the tea at this meeting.

Ringing on the beautiful heavy ten (40¼ cwt.) during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Messrs. W. E. Turner and Gordon W. Rendell. M. M. L.

Taunton Branch's New Chairman

The annual general meeting of the Taunton Branch was held at Milverton on December 2nd, where the fine ring of eight, restored in recent years, was put to good use. The Rev. J. Biddell (Vicar) conducted the service and the tea was prepared by local ladies in St Michael's Room nearby.

Mrs. E. M. Williams, vice-chairman, presided over the business meeting, and at the outset the resignation of the chairman, the Rev. D. Morey, Vicar of St. Mary's, Taunton, was received with much regret. A silent tribute was paid to three members who had died during the year—Messrs. Coles, Seeley and Branchflower— and also to Mr. Jack Pugsley, of Minehead.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Reed), in his report, spoke of a successful year in the Branch, of renewed activity in the towers at Ash Priors and Lyng, a Branch outing in Devon, well-attended practice meetings and a conspicuously successful Association dinner in the County Hotel at Taunton.

Mrs. Williams was warmly thanked for her able chairmanship during the year in Mr. Morey's enforced absence. Nine new members were elected from towers in the Branch and the following officers appointed for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev Michael Odlum (Vicar of Sampford Arundel); vice-chairman, Mrs. E. M Williams; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Arscott, assisted by Mr. K. Beale; representative on the General Committee and Press correspondent, Mrs. E. S. Powell. Wilton, Taunton (St. James'), Hill Farrance and Ruishton were suggested as meeting places for 1968, subject to approval.

A collection was made towards the Association's gift of a bell to a church in Trinidad and a reminder given of the Branch Striking Competition to be held on April 27th, 1968. M. P.

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MARGARET LEWIS' STEEPLECHASE

On December 9th recent falls of snow and bitter winds did not dampen the spirits of about 15 of Margaret Lewis' old friends, who braved the elements and rang at seven towers in Hampshire to celebrate Margaret's 1,000th tower.

After assembling and ringing at Froyle, we moved on to the pleasant six at Warnford, where two courses of Reverse Stedman Slow Course Minor were rung to celebrate this as Margaret's 100th tower. The four bells at Droxford came before lunch and handbells at Soberton Heath.

After lunch we negotiated perilous country lanes and rang at Hambledon and on the eight bells at East Meon, where it was snowing hard when we left. On the way to Hawkley the cars got stuck at the bottom of a steep hill and all the able-bodied had to get out and push. It was a very short ring at Hawkley, and then more pushing of cars up two more hills before a short ring at Alton. We returned to Margaret's flat at Farnborough for a meal before going home. Our thanks to Margaret, local ringers and members

A. M. F.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. H. Spice, who is in the Middlesex Hospital for tests and observation, is not seriously ill and would welcome visitors.

On behalf of the band who rang a peal at Kingswinford on November 25th Mr. Eric Speake desires to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. Kitson for their hospitality.

We are asked to state on behalf of Totton Grammar School Ringing Society that the peal at Upham, reported on page 863, was not the first in ten Minor methods for the Society. (See page 863.)

Three generations of the Cull family rang in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Goring, Oxon, on November 26th. Carol (aged 14) was conducting her first of the ten quarters she has rung. Her brother, Malvin (aged 12), has six to his credit, including Grandsire Triples.

A beautiful snow scene with SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Eye, forming a background is the Christmas card of our esteemed contribuor Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixtowe. This picture won a three guinea prize offered by the "Suffolk Mercury" last February.

The peal, conducted by Michael Pilgrim, rung at Blaenavon on November 25th was the 1,500th peal recorded for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Mr. R Allinson points out that the quarter peal of Queen Mary Surprise Minor (page 864) rung at Fawley, Hants, was in fact 720 Queen Mary and 540 Plain Bob.

The North and North-West Branch of the Devon Association send their congratulations to the Bridgerule band, who obtained second place in the Stratton Ringing Festival on December 2nd.

Mr. F. Hector Bennett asks for the composition of Mr. Frank Blagrove's peal at Dorney, Bucks (page 882). It was seven different extents of Plain Bob Minor, each without singles.

Bentley Common, Essex, planned two quarters as a farewell to their Vicar (the Rev D. O. R. Parry), who is moving to Little Waltham. Unfortunately the quarter of Plain Bob Minor for Matins failed owing to a miscall. Each band was almost entirely different.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MEMORIAL TO REDRUTH CAPTAIN

On Sunday, November 26th, at the morning service at Redruth, Cornwall, the Rector, the Rev. J. Ruscoe, dedicated a memorial plaque which has been erected in the ringing chamber to the memory of Percy Richard Cromwell Williams, who died earlier this year. The plaque is of brass and records the fact that Percy Williams was captain of the tower from 1938 to 1967 and a churchwarden from 1946 to 1967, and that it was erected by his fellow ringers. At the bottom are the words "Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy House."

SHEBBEAR NOW UP TO STANDARD

Shebbear College, North Devon, again appears in our quarter peals columns, the last time being in June, 1966; in that term most of the strength of the Society left. Mr. J. L. Queen, housemaster of Pollard House, informs us that the Society is again up to standard, ringing methods from Plain Bob Doubles to Cambridge Minor in practice. An exceptionally good bunch of younger boys on their way up bodes well for the future. The Society is indebted for much help and encouragement from Stratton ringers.

BANSTEAD'S VETERANS

At Banstead, Surrey, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on December 2nd to mark the long service to the tower of two of its members and as a 70th birthday compliment to one of them—Mr. H. N. Pitstow, who has rung at this church for 41 years. The other, with one year's service less, is Mr. Albert E. Cheesman Both these veterans took part in the peal.

"NORTH WEST"

An attractive quarterly newsletter for the N.W. District of the Essex Association, entitled "North West," is being edited by A. L. J. Hopkins, B. J. Cousens and C. H. R Hopkins, and its special feature, "Looking Back," by Robert C. Heazel, tells of the Essex Association since June 10th, 1946, when he allowed his name to go forward as general secretary.

Under the guidance of Dr. Spencer Phillips, items of reform and reconstruction were carried through and "everyone worked with a will." After 17 years as Master, Dr. Spencer Phillips retired and it was in 1953, the Coronation year, that Mr. Heazel became Master. There was ringing in every tower and the presentation of a loyal address in connection with the Coronation. It was an important year in the life of the Diocese—the 1,300th anniversary of the coming of St. Cedd to Essex. The Association rose to the occasion and the bells of every town and village through which the Archbishop of Canterbury passed rang out their message of welcome.

A start has been made with Elizabeth M. Barber's system of proficiency grades and the first two cards (copied with minor alterations from Miss Barber's article) have been prepared and given out at a learners' practice at Wendens Ambo. The experiment is being watched with interest.

"A Day in Town" amusingly reports on a visit to the Science Museum to see the Carter Ringing Machine. "Masterpiece," by the District Ringing Master, reviews activities. This is a newsletter of interest.

BROKEN STAY GIVEN PROMINENCE

"The Western Morning News" of December 4th features a stay breaking during the Truro Guild striking competition at Stratton on December 2nd. The bell was being rung by Leigh Hooper (13), a pupil at Shebbear College.

The report reads: "An eye-witness said the boy was lucky not to have been pulled up with the rope, which was 'like a savage snake' whipping around the tower until it became tangled in the roof."

The breaking of a stay is not uncommon. Leigh Hooper acted as he was taught and avoided being carried up to the roof. Such reporting suggests danger in ringing, particularly the heading "Bell Stay Breaks: Escape for Boy"

The competition was attended by more than 200 ringers from Devon and Cornwall.

THE ARCHERS' HANDLING

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council has received a reply from the editor of "The Radio Times" regarding his protest at the picture of bellringers that appeared in "The Borchester Echo." The letter states that "The Borchester Echo" is a separate publication from "The Radio Times," though it is published by the B.B.C. from Birmingham.

In reply to the letter, Mr. Shepherd states: "Seeing that 'The Borchester Echo' is an annual production, it is rather difficult to see how my protest can be publicly acknowledged.

"I may perhaps be allowed to add, as a rider, that great care is needed in reporting on bells and bellringing, especially in regard to the art of change ringing. It is a difficult subject, embracing intricate mathematical considerations, and with a terminology puzzling to the layman. The practice of the art is so intimately connected with the worship of the Christian Church that great discretion is advisable whenever the subject is treated on television, radio or in print."

Mr. Shepherd has now heard from the Editor of "The Borchester Echo" stating that a number of readers had pointed out the error in the bellringing picture. Next time he promises to consult a campanologist.

BEGINNERS AT CRANFORD

The beginners' practice held at Cranford and Harlington, Middlesex, on December 9th, was the third such practice within eight months. Despite the appalling weather, a small but enthusiastic group of ringers had over three hours' ringing, in which each learner was given a chance to ring something new several times. The general response to these privately organised meetings has been most favourable and it is hoped to hold them at three-monthly intervals.

DEPUTY HEADSHIP FOR JACK WORRALL

Mr. J. R. Worrall, who is at Kent School, Hostert, Germany, writes that he is still a fervent reader of "The Ringing World." His stay in Germany is likely to last some time yet as he has recently been appointed deputy headmaster of Windsor Boys' Comprehensive School, Hamm. This is a boarding school in the British Families Education Service. Jack takes up his new appointment on April 1st.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF BELLRINGING

It is a well-established fact that unless constant recruitment of bellringers is maintained the result will be almost certainly another silent tower. Our experiences at Cawthorne, in Yorkshire, are worthy of examination, and a few facts and figures will assist in the assessment of our efforts.

Since the ban was finally lifted in 1943, 22 beginners at Cawthorne have rung an extent of Minor (720 changes), a feat which is universally adopted rightly or wrongly as a standard of proficiency.

To date, of these 22 ringers, 13 have left the village and of these four or five are still ringing, which is bound to give us a little satisfaction; of the remainder, six are still ringing at Cawthorne more or less consistently, so with the two remaining pre-war ringers it is usually possible to man the bells for the two Sunday services, although at Evensong the attendance is poor. However, the position regarding method ringing and striking is not as good as it appears to be for of the six post-war ringers only one can be regarded as really proficient, so the ringing is elementary.

Regarding age groups, we have had considerable success with adults who are more stable in character attend consistently and can be relied upon more than the teenagers, who have little idea of reliance. As we have very comprehensive records at Cawthorne in the ringing chamber we can extract interesting facts which are useful to assess progress. Can other towers give their experiences so that a complete survey can be presented of the state of recruitment, methods of coaching, wastage, etc., during the post-war period? N. F. M.

ALL SAINTS', WEST BROMWICH

At the annual meeting of the ringers of All Saints', West Bromwich, on December 6th, held at the home of Mr. J. R. Cotterill (churchwarden), the rules of the Society were redrafted. Regarding membership, the classification of honorary membership was approved The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Parker), who presided, and ringing curates are ex-officio honorary members.

The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Albert Mills as its first honorary member. He has been a regular ringer at this church since 1896 and was captain for some 60 years. Unfortunately ill-health has kept him away for several months, but he still takes a keen interest in the belfry.

The meeting concluded with an excellent buffet meal generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Cotterill.

FIRST CHRISTMAS AS A SIX-BELL TOWER

St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk, is planning great things this Christmas, the first that the church has had six bells. Apart from ringing for most services, the New Year will be heralded in in the traditional manner—half-muffled at the end of 1967 and the bells open in 1968

Since the hallowing last February, West Drayton bells have been in constant use in addition to Sunday ringing The church was host to the Norwich Diocesan Association for the annual striking competition, and two peals have been rung. The tower has 17 ringers including several young beginners Unfortunately there is still £375 outstanding on the £1,600 cost of the bells. Donations to meet this deficit should be sent to the Rector.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND
and
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. 8 lb. in G.

W. Bro. David Vincent, P.M., P.P.A.D.C., De Sala Lodge 5657, Cheshire .. .. Treble
Bro. Arthur Rigby, M.M., Euxton Lodge 7192, West Lancs 2
Bro. Cyril Foster Sutcliffe, M.M., Beacon Lodge 4066, W. Yorks 3
W. Bro Jack N. Brown, P.M., Adeste Fideles Lodge 7425, West Lancs 4
Bro. Norman Tompkins, M.M., Egerton Lodge 2216, W. Lancs. 5
Bro Eric Cook, M.M., Lodge of Harmony 580, West Lancs. 6
Bro. Joseph Thornley, M.M., Farnworth Lodge 5301, E Lancs. 7
Bro. Ronald Kenrick. M.M., Perfect Ashlar Lodge 5246, West Lancs. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Bro. Ronald Kenrick.

Rung to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KEWSTOKE Somerset.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 23 methods. being two extents each of St. Faith Slow Course, Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St Botolph, New Grandsire, New Antelope, Stedman, St. Bartholomew, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Union, New, Huntspill, Oakley Slow Course, Itchingfield Slow Course and Grandsire and one extent each of Antelope, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

B. [illegible] M...s .. .. .. Treble		Stanley Lewis	4
Raymond Jones	2	John Walton	5
John Coombs	3	*Jesse R. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal. First peal in 23 methods by all the band.

WOOKEY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

15 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Leonard A. England .. Treble		*John C. Sheppard	4
George Prescott	2	Victor G. Roberts	5
Sidney G. Smith	3	William A. Prescott ..	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St Paul.
On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb. in D.

K J Darvill (St. Cath's) Treble		R H. J Yoxdale (Emmanuel)	6
G H. Jones (St. John's) ..	2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	7
R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	3	V Nutton (Selwyn) ..	8
C M. Tuckett (Queens') ..	4	E N. Thomas (St. John's)	9
D S. Bishop (Caius) ..	5	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	Tenor

Composed by R. W Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MADELEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

William H. Watkin .. .. Treble		Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
David Allman	2	John R. Scott	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

William H. Watkin .. Treble		Frank R. Morton	4
*David Allman	2	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	†A. Doreen Edwards ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal "inside" † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 21, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G

Percy Stone .. .. .. Treble		Hubert G. Summer	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Frank W Perrens	3	James L. Garner-Hayward	7
John W. T Taylor	4	L Michael Callow	Tenor

Conducted by John W. T Taylor.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Joseph C. Woolley .. .. Treble		Denis R. Carlisle	6
Gordon A. Halls	2	Ian Friend	7
John S Dean	3	John K. Smith	8
Clive A. Thrower	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Brian A. Tomlinson	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composition Traditional. Conducted by David W. Friend

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat Dec. 2, 1967 in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in E.

Joseph C. Woolley .. .. Treble		Gordon A. Halls	6
David W. Friend	2	Denis R Carlisle	7
Alec Humphrey	3	Clive A. Thrower	8
Richard Wilcox	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Geoffrey Bridges	5	Harold Taylor	Tenor

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

FAIRFIELD, Buxton Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon Dec 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith Treble		F. Martin Stanway	5
Timothy Wylie	2	Barrie Bateman	6
*Susan E Davis	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Alex Richardson	4	Ronald H. Bullen	Tenor

Composed by H Johnson. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal on eight bells.

WEST HALLAM Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt

Anne Browne .. .. .. Treble		Gordon Faulks	4
Bernard Greasley	2	David Marshall	5
*Frederick Ward	3	Alec Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by David Marshall.
* First peal.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb

Thomas Sewell .. .. .. Treble		Kenneth W. Cheeseman ..	4
Eric N Harrison	2	Kenneth Arthur	5
William Tyson	3	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.
First peal on these bells since their restoration in February, 1966.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Gurney Fox, who has been appointed Vicar of Warkworth, Northumberland.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Nov. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 8 lb in F sharp.

Derek E. Sibson .. .. Treble		*David D. Smith	5
*Alison M Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Christopher B. Fynes ..	3	Tom Page	7
*David J. Tubbs	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson
* First peal of six-spliced Surprise Major

ALDERSHOT. Hants.—At the Church of St Michael the Archangel
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

Derek E. Sibson .. .. Treble		*David D Smith	5
*Alison M. Mann	2	Stanley G. Ponting ..	6
*Christopher B Fynes ..	3	*Tom Page	7
*David J Tubbs	4	George Francis	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of seven-spliced Surprise Major.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., Oct. 31, 1967, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

One 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*E. Charles Biggs	Treble	C. William Nutt	4
*James Ward	2	Thomas Cooper	5
*†Leonard J. Walters	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Charles and Mrs. Charles on their retirement.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge, 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 of Bristol, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt

Katherine S Hardy	Treble	†Michael D. Frost	5
*Julia A. Fellows	2	Gerald Penney	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Roger Baldwin	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by H G Cashmore. Conducted by Gerald Penney
* First peal of four-spliced Surprise † First of Spliced Surprise.

KIMPTON Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Eric Edmondson	Treble	John G. Cull	4
*Diane Angell	2	Thomas J. Southam	5
Julia A. Fellows	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb in A flat

Harold Evans	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	6
*Tony Lewis	2	†D. Paul Smith	7
Margaret E. Fort	3	Ian H. Oram	8
Richard Hayes	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Doris E. Colgate	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of London Royal. † First of London Royal "inside."

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,248 each of Rutland and Superlative, 1,152 Yorkshire and 720 each of Langley and Xenia, with 206 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Richard Hayes	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Martin L. Howe	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by R. G. Crosland Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung without bob, singles or any other call other than changes of method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 14 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	John E. Warner	5
*Kenneth J. Rider	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	John W. Smith	7
*Lynn Warner	4	Percy J. Spice	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung in memoriam J Willis and A. G. Hill, late vice-presidents of the Association.

WINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr in E.

Olive D Tester	Treble	Malcolm Barden	5
Judith M Corby	2	John A. Howard	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Richard Hayes	7
Simon A. B. Wigg	4	Colin A. Tester	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	David Wilson	5
Jennifer Brown	2	Christopher P. Starbuck	6
Maureen J. Carruthers	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Christopher J. Easton	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First peal of Major. First in the method by all the band.

KILNDOWN, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

George Waghorn	Treble	Alan V. Bromley	4
Frederick J Lambert	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	Reginald E. Lambert	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pattenden.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)
PENWORTHAM Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 26, 1967, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

Dennis H. McCormick	Treble	John Ascroft	4
Philip Wilson	2	Neil McCormick	5
*Phyllis Turner	3	Jeffrey Simcox	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H McCormick.
* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

BAMPTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

Joseph Whalley	Treble	†David Bradshaw	3
*Robert Moore	2	Kevin M. Price	4
Thomas E. Metcalfe	Tenor		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Doubles in the method. † First of Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brooks' variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

W. Arthur Riddington	Treble	*John Watkins	5
*Robin A. Gilliver	2	Russell S Morris	6
Tony Natt	3	A. James Poynor	7
*K. Paul Gilliver	4	*Andrew S. Hayden	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the ruby year of the rehallowing of the Diocese, the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Diocesan Guild, as a welcome to Miss Lisa Penelope, born November 1st, 1967, on the Festival of the patron saint of this church.

WANLIP, Leics.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Dec. 6, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS DOUBLES

42 extents (four callings) Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

H. Christine Younger	Treble	Julian M. Morley	4
E Alan Jacques	2	B Stedman Payne	5
Roger I. Kendrick	3	J C. Shirley Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Roger I. Kendrick.
First peal in the method by all the band. First peal as conductor.
Rung on the patronal festival to mark the publication of the new Church Guide and as a welcome to Lucy Amelia, second daughter of the tenor ringer.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Michael W. Crowder	Treble	C Audrey Harrison	5
Harold Judd	2	W Arthur Crowder	6
*William Bains	3	Jack Bray	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Frank Lord	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Thompson.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., Nov 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation of Brooks'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William J. V. Conduct	2	John K. Smith	6
Margaret Woolley	3	Derek P. Jones	7
William F. Woodward	4	Norman W. Cotton	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WYMONDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church off SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sun., Nov. 26, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	*Thomas E. Spight	6
H. William Barrett	2	*Martin Cubitt	7
Peter M. Adcock	3	†Leslie F. Bailey	8
David Cubitt	4	Trevor N. J Bailey	9
*Desmond P. Mortlock	5	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Composed by William E. Bason. Conducted by Henry Tooke.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † 50th peal for the Association this year. First of Plain Bob Royal as conductor. First peal on the bells since the old eight were recast and rehung with two trebles added.
Rung for Evensong on Thanksgiving Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Patricia A. Copas	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Dennis Knox	2	William Birmingham	7
David C. Brown	3	Michael J Palmer	8
John Hill	4	Frank T Blagrove	9
Anthony K. Fortin	5	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composition Traditional. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Nov 17, 1967 in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

George W. Holland	Treble	William A. Yates	3
Richard W. Yates	2	Raymond A. Vickers	4
J George Shellard	Tenor		

Conducted by William A. Yates.
Rung for the christening of Mark Christopher Stopps.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.
On Sat., Nov. 4, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
*Stephen B. Bell	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Christopher C. Stokes	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barrie Hendry	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No 1.) Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal on eight bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb in D.

Bridget Bates	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
*Delia M. Langton	2	Robert R. Churchill	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Christopher C. Stokes	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Major "inside"

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat,, Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Stephen Bell	4
*P. Ann Smith	2	*Frank Sismey	5
*Geoffrey Davis	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung to commemorate the 20th wedding anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Fri., Oct. 20, 1967 in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, viz.: (1–12) Stedman, (13–20) Plain Bob, (21–22) Grandsire, (23–32) St. Simon, (33–38) St. Martin and (39–42) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Malcolm J. V. Chown	Treble	Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3
Richard J. Danby	2	Barrie Hendry	4
Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Tenor		

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St Clement's Bob, two extents Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in G sharp.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
H Geoffrey Wells	2	Frederick Derry	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung as a last tribute to a friendly and helpful ringer, Frederick Salter, aged 74 years, who passed to a higher life on November 12th, 1967.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
DEPTFORD, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Nov 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

M. Louise Slater	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
*John R. Pratchett	3	Peter Beresford	7
Simon Humphrey	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of six-spliced Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Dennis Holden	Treble	*Christopher J. Bennett	5
*Ivan A. Sheffield	2	Richard B. Dorrington	6
*Alan J. Fletcher	3	Eric E. Speake	7
*Stephen T. Yates	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
STRATFORD ST. MARY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews	Treble	Edward E. Davey	4
W. Keith Whittell	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Ronald W. Steward	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R Andrews.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BANSTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Elizabeth Layton	Treble	Albert E. Cheesman	5
Roydon Davies	2	David E. Parsons	6
Gillian Parsons	3	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Harold N. Pitstow	4	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by D. N. Layton. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* 200th peal of Surprise. Believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.
Rung to mark the 40 years of A. E. Cheesman and 41 years of H. N. Pitstow as ringers at this church, and as a 70th birthday compliment to the latter.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Simon's Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Leonard's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place Bob, two extents each of of Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob and All Saints' Bob, three extents each of April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob, and 10 extents of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*Christopher Pack	Treble	David L. Wilcox	4
Roger B Pike	2	*Albert H. Green	5
*Miriam M. Green	3	Gerald B. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
MATHON Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Michael V. White	Treble	†Martin Smith	4
*Jenny Simons	2	John Clements	5
Robert W. Cole	3	R. George Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The York Minster Society)
ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov. 18, 1967, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Sedman H Steel	Treble	R Joy Watkin	5
Jane Carruthers	2	Bert Sutton	6
Michael D. Staniforth	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
George Pluckrose	4	A. W. Alan Leggett	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 or 22 lb. in E flat.

John D. Cooper	Treble	John S. Seager	5
Patricia Rogers	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
*Carole A. H. Patey	3	*Clive N. Longden	7
*Michael J. Austin	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method.

(Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild)
LONGWOOD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Ian Roberts	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	5
David Williams	2	Alan Newbould	6
Steven Lunn	3	Arthur Rogers	7
*Brian Ellis	4	Richard Senior	Tenor

Composed by H. Rostron. Conducted by Ian Roberts.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Townend, a ringer at this church for 35 years.

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Marie.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt 4 lb. in D.

Patricia Rogers	Treble	John S. Seagar	5
*Carole A. H. Patey	2	Ian Dear	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Clive W. Longden	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Roy Palfreyman	Treble	*Ian F. T. Cooper	5
†Gill J. Colleypriest	2	†R. Gordon Wilkinson	6
Philip R. Mason	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Rev. Roy Hallett	4	*Philip C. Berrow	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to David and Marion Pike on the birth of their daughter, Samantha

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—In A2, Angel Court, Trinity College.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	1–2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	5–6
A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	3–4	C. W. Daws (Trinity)	7–8
R H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Alan Scholfield.

CAMBRIDGE.—In 44B, Churchill College.
On Tues., Dec. 5th, 1967, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	1–2	R. S. Bradley (Clare)	5–6
D. S. Bishop (Caius)	3–4	*R. L Underwood (P'house)	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by David Bishop.
* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,752 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 512 each of Reverse and Little Bob, and 240 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington L.C., with 271 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	*Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 75th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C

*Bernard F. L. Groves	1–2	*Christopher T. Osenton	7–8
*Trevor A. Cross	3–4	Edward J. Beer	9–10
*Frank J. Matthews	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Stedman "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE LITTLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5–6		

First peal in the method by all. This peal contained 300 calls.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SYSTON, Leics.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 13 in E.

Mary C. Poyner	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
B Stedman Payne (cond.)	5–6		

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse (cond.)	7–8

* First peal of Triples "in hand."

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbrooke Square, W.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1967, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent Cambridge S., 10 Plain Bob, one Spliced St. Clement's, Buxton and Childwall, 2,880 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbrooke Square, W.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Westminster Surprise, Fryerning S., Allendale S., (2) College, Rodbourne College, Wavertree College, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's College, Buxton College and Childwall College, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's College, (7) Plain Bob, with 47 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Timothy G. Pett 5–6
Simon Humphrey .. .. 3–4 | Richard A. J. Bower 7–8

Composed by Rev H E. Bulwer. Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.

First peal of Treble Bob "in hand" by all the band.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1967, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven varied extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1–2 | Richard A. G. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Simon Humphrey 5–6

Rung on the Feast Day of the martyr John Almond, who was hung, drawn and quartered for his priesthood at Tyburn 355 years ago.

24,120 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

To be attempted on December 23rd, 1967, at Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

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* Repeated, calling for the last course.

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† Repeated, calling for the last course.

S Wrong, 4ths, In, S Home, gives 234567890.

QUARTER PEALS

WEDDING QUARTER PEALS

Rung on Dec. 2nd, wedding day of Leslie Tremeer (Ringing Master) and Prisca Hornby (District secretary), both of Winchester District.

NEWTON VALENCE, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods) Sally Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, K Sansom (cond.) 5.

SELBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hatherly (cond.) 4 K. Tipper 5.

BURITON HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: V. Walder (first quarter) 1, Jane Dando (first "inside two methods), bridesmaid to Prisca 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, A. Reeves 5, D. Brown 6.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd. 1,320 Superlative Surprise Minor: E G. H Godfrey (cond.) 1, I. Wiltshire 2, Amanda Powell 3 Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H Macve 6. For Matins. First in method by all the band.

1,260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Penny Cocks 1, Carol Cousins 2, I. Wiltshire 3, E G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Confirmation Service.

1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1. Amanda Powell 2 I. Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace (100th quarter) 4, R Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Advent Carol Service.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W Lynas 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, J. G. Rich 4, R. S. Jolly (first of Stedman Triples) 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, D. J. Bleby 7 B R. Cox 8. Rung for morning service and as an engagement compliment to Graham Rich and Lavina Murphy.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON. — On Nov. 28th 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. N. Longridge 1, Glendon Stock (first in method) 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, P Henry 4, Christine Abbott 5, G P. Smerdon 6, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 7, M. S. Turner (first quarter) 8. To celebrate the engagement of Frances Rowe and Martin Lock, and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

FARNHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, K. Westwood 4, T. Camp 5, D. J. Cheeseman 6.

FULHAM, LONDON. — At the Church of All Saints, on Dec. 3rd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1. Julie E. Spurgeon 2, Deborah Bishop 3, S. P. Darvill 4, M. J. Uphill 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. S. Bishop 8. For Evensong.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Livingstone 1, T. J. Winderam 2, R. L. Preston 3, R. M. Preston (cond.) 4, T. C. Winderam 5, P. T. Fisher 6, J. Preston 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8. For Evensong.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. G. Bleatham 1, C. F. Longridge 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, M. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6.

LAPLEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Sturrock 1, N. White 2, M. Mulvey 3, J. P. Burton 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Eastmead 1, M. Davey 2, A. Binstead 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, J. Davey 5, K. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent C.A.

PURITON, SOM. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var.): G. Marchant 1, J. P. Hill 2, G. Nabb (first as cond.) 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, E. L. Pope 6. First in five methods 2, 3.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE. — On Nov. 19th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Ruth Gordon 1, J. Wood 2, A. Holroyd 3, R. Harper 4, G. S. Lee 5, S. Armeson 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

SWANWICK DERBYS.—On Dec 3rd. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, D. A. Hanbury 2, D. J. Walters 3, B Dye 4, K. Taylor 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6 First quarter 1, 2, 3, 5. For Sunday School prizegiving.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret A. Large 1, W. Rogers 2, V. J. Benning 3 R. A. Large 4, L. T. Pope 5, P. J. Dye 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Willis and Mr. Alfred G. Hill, both vice-presidents of the K.C.A.C.R.

USK, MON. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss G. Richardson (first quarter) 1, R. Shea 2, G. Knights 3, F. A. Hobbs 4, R. S. Clench 5, S. G. A. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, C. Richards 8. For Evensong.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Rosemary White 1, A. Bainham 2, Frances Fairbank 3, L Bainham 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, N. White 6, M. J. Mulvey 7, J. P. Burton 8, G. W. Hughes 9 C. R. Bainham (cond.) 10. First of Treble Bob Royal for all except 9th. For Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Nov. 26th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: D E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Caroline Cole 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, A. J. Slade 4, Laura Grindrod 5, June Whitcher 6, D. Hawkins 7, R. Durrant 8, I. L. Dear 9, M. C. Austin 10, J. S. N. Porter 11, R. J. Chapman 12. First of Stedman Cinques 2, 5, 6, 7, 8. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Nov 26th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Kent) 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, L. H. Pink 5, C. T. Brown 6. Rung in memory of William J Hiscock, captain of Wareham ringers (1943–1959), who died on Oct. 30th, aged 76.

WARMINSTER WILTS — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Frampton (first quarter) 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Knee 7, R. Holly 8. To welcome the Rev. A. T. Johnson, M.A., inducted to the living at Warminster and Upton Scudamore on Dec. 1st.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B Doubles: David Pearce (13, first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5 T. White 6. A birthday compliment to Mary White, tower captain.

ALTON, STAFFS. — On Dec. 2nd, 1,280 Oxford T.B. Major Gillian Boswell-Smith (first T.B.) 1, N. White 2, G Pick 3, J. L. Humphreys 4, M. J. Mulvey 5, J. P. Burton 6, P. R. Johnson 7, C. Bainham (cond.) 8. First Oxford T.B. for all except seventh.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, R. F. Snepperd 5, G. J. Roberts 6, G. Duncan 7, L. J. Burton 8. For the wedding of Elizabeth Sealy to John Willcocks. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Erin Triples: P. A. Lock 1, G. J. Roberts 2, W. Simmonds 3, K. Fursdon 4, C. York 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. First in the method for all the band. Rung for the retirement of Thomas J. Roberts, master blacksmith and last of a line at one time in the employ of the late Rev. Baring-Gould, Lewtrenchard, Devon.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOM.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. S. Bryant 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first in three) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6. For Advent Sunday.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major Elizabeth Stewart 1, Violet Relf 2, J. E. Spree 3, W. W. Ring 4, G. Stewart 5, E. Clifton 6, J. R. Cooper (cond.) 7, M. W. Marshall 8.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Jones 1, A. R. Jones (cond.) 2, I. Morgan 3, D. Morgan 4, D. Robinson 5, R. Henman 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 4. For St. Andrew's Day.

BRAMFORD SPEKE, DEVON. — On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. H. Baldam 1, G. P. Smerdon 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkin 4, P. Henry 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor 2, 3, 4.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples G. A. Packer 1, Mrs. Y. Herbert-Jackson 2, B. Harris 3, W. Kerr 4, J. Scott 5, A. Doreen Edwards 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, G. Edwards 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Dec. 3rd, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Foster 1, R. Davies 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, E. W. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, C. M. Foster 7, N. S. Brown 8, N. G. T. Steere 10, A. Brown 11, I. M. Parry 12. For Evensong.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major Patricia Daynes (first of Major) 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. G. Adams (cond.) 3, S. Marshall 4, K. S. Hohl 5, R. Wiles 6, G. T. Bunning 7, G. P. Adams 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Martin, on Nov. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Mortimore 1, Jill May 2, T. B. Porter (first Caters "inside") 3, Jill Oakshott 4, K. Burgess 5, W. Parrott 6, D. May (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8, P. Munday 9, J. Oakshott 10. First on ten bells 1, 3, 10. For Confirmation Service; also an engagement compliment to T. B. Porter and Alison, and best wishes to Rev. C. Banfield, curate, returning to New Zealand.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. For morning service and the birth of Rachel Clare Daniels.

GLASTONBURY, SOM. — On Nov. 26th, at the Church of St. Benedict, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. England 1, Miss S. A. Mayell 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, F. J. White 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

GORING, OXON. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull 1, Carol Tull (first as cond.) 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, M. H. Hodgkinson 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving 7, F. J. Hiscock 8.

GRETTON, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Naylor 1, R. S. Russell 2, C. J. Groome (cond.) 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. M. Thorley 5. For Evensong.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, Mary G. Gage 2, Joan Hooton 3, H. G. Hart 4, A. C. Martin (first Stedman) 5, R. A. Gage 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, R. Ridley (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation Service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Struckett (first Triples) 3, C. Quick (first Triples "inside") 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, D. W. Struckett 6, H. A. May 7, R. G. Barford 8. For Confirmation Service.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Coningsby (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, J. Sanderson 3, R. Collins 4, J. Gipson 5, B. Couzens (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Andrew's Day at St. Andrew's Church.

QUARTER PEALS

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, Christine Abbott 2, C. D. Yates 3, Angela C. Hughes 4, N. Mallett 5, J. N. Longridge 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, R. Rundle 8. Rung for Christine Abbott's 21st birthday, for the engagement of Martin Lock and Frances Rowe and as a welcome to Roger Cole, born Nov. 24th.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Katherine Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, J. P. Hull 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. M. Walker 8. For Advent Sunday Carol Service.

LITTLE SHELFORD, CAMBS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Thorogood 1, R. W. Balls 2, T. Sherman 3, G. Easy 4, A. Hurst (cond.) 5, A. Kennedy (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Parker (first quarter) 1, Felicity Cooke (first Triples "inside") 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, M. Pilgrim 4, P. A. Williams 5, C. P. Quartley 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Taylor 1, R. A. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Hunt 1, Judy Morris 2, R. H. Martin 3, A. S. Good 4, E. W. Martin 5, J. Haines (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judy Morris.

MERRIOTT, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Turner 1, R. P. Selway 2, A. W. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, S. W. White 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Webb (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Norton 2, Miss J. Ibbott 3, Mrs. S. Parkin 4, N. Parkin 5, Miss O. Powell 6, H. Stead (cond.) 7, W. Beebe 8. For Coventry Guild's 60th anniversary.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles (eight callings): Anne Matthews (first quarter) 1, D. Lodge 2, J. A. Collier 3, Janet E. Cleeve 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung for Matins. Also on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. A. Collier 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, C. M. White 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, D. J. Tubbs 5. First in 11 methods 1, 2, 3, 5. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt as a farewell compliment to Janet Cleeve (tower captain of Guildford Holy Trinity and St. Mary's) on her departure to Glasgow.

OXFORD. — At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Minor (six methods): N. Orchard 1, Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 2, J. R. Leary (cond. methods) 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. J. Daniel 5, J. R. Pratt (cond. bobs) 6. By O.U.S. for morning service.

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ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Gibbons 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, G. Button 6. To mark the commencement of the Rev. G. E. Jarrold's eighth year of ministry in Rougham, and in honour of the birth of Rachael Clare to Audrey and Edward Daniels.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 12th 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Valerie Paice (first quarter) 1, C. Forster 2, Frances Dodds 3, J. D. Duggar 4, Thelma-Lynn Willis 5, K. J. Darvill 6, C. E. Slade 7, R. W. Darvill 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, H. V. Frost 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Smith (first quarter) 1, Rita M. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, A. E. Rowley 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,500 Doubles (13 methods): W. Barwell 1, W. Simpson 2, A. Humphrey 3, J. Harvey 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. Newsum 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Colgate 1, Miss J. M. Pearce 2, R. V. Fuller 3, P. J. Simmonds (first in the method) 4, L. P. Turley 5, A. J. Corby 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. Pearce 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Turley.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS. — On Dec. 5th 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Mrs. P. Blenkhorn 1, Mrs. J. E. Firm 2, W. Bains 3, F. T. Lacey 4, M. Lings 5, D. Micklethwaite 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. Lacey 8. In memoriam George Thompson.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: M. J. Bray (first quarter) 1, R. H. Toop (first quarter) 2, A. N. Hine (first Doubles) 3, P. R. Denton 4, W. M. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, A. C. Rivett (first quarter) 6. For Matins and as a compliment to J. L. Queen.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS. — On Dec. 3rd, at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Cooper 1, Elizabeth M. Snell 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Carole Patey 4, Kathleen Higgins 5, M. Austin 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, C. Longden 8. By University of Sheffield Guild for Evening Mass.

SHELFORD, NOTTS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss K. Froggatt and R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini and Mrs. C. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. D. Bradley and R. Mills 1, A. Lazzerini 2, D. Lazzerini 3, F. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Glendon Stock 1, Angela C. Hughes 2, D. J. Atkin (first in method) 3, Christine M. Abbott 4, G. P. Smerdon 5, P. Henry 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, C. George (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Christine Abbott.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. D. C. Finch (first S. Royal) 1, F. R. Scott 2, D. P. Hilling 3, K. R. Davenport 4, D. C. Brown 5, G. R. Shedden 6, R. K. Russ 7, L. G. Pearson 8, W. Birmingham 9, J. K. Ward (cond.) 10. First Cambridge Royal in 5, 7. Rung for the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to St. Andrew's Methodist Church (within earshot of the Parish Church bells).

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,239 Stedman Caters: Muriel Reay 1, Susan Smith 2, Verona Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, M. P. Edwards 5, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6, T. J. Warner 7, V. Green 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, 1,305 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Rosemary J. Cotton (first on 12) 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, M. R. Wycherley 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. M. Meyer 9, A. S. Bishop 10, L. Goodall 11, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 12. For St. Andrew's Day.

TUNSTALL, STAFFS. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods: R. Schofield 1, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 2, L. Stringer 3, P. Beckett 4, P. J. Atkins 5, G. Weston 6. Rung for the ordination at Lichfield Cathedral of Rev. Phillip Jeffries, earlier in the day.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Pearce 1, Mary White 2, Sandra Pearce (most methods "inside") 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung as a farewell to Maureen White, now working in Brussels.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, R. Threadgold 2, Rev. J. B. MacGowan (first of Minor) 3, Mrs. J. Poulter 4, M. J. Hunter (first of Minor "inside") 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6. For the 80th birthday of B. Redgewell, a former ringer at this church.

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BIRTH

THORLEY.—To Paddy and Martin, at the Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham, on December 11th, 1967, a daughter, Amelia Deborah Maud, a sister for Katharine and Penelope. 2956

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HOUSE—DAGLEY. — The marriage of David and Janet will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 30th, at Watford Parish Church. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 59, Caernarvon Road, Norwich. 2942

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAWSON. — The address of George A. Dawson is now 130, Canterbury Grove, W. Norwood, S.E.27. Phone number is 01-670 8033 (home). 2950

PERSONAL

"Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill towards men." — St. Luke ii, 14.

CANCELLED PRACTICE

ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS.—Practice on Friday, December 2nd, cancelled; carol-singing with handbells instead. Visitors welcome. Meet at church 7.30 p.m. Practice on Friday, December 29th, as normal. 2960

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts. — Christmas Social at Chiddingstone Village Hall, December 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) on sale from District secretaries. This will be preceded by a football match between the Districts at Tonbridge at 2.30 p.m. 2953

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A formal dinner will be held on January 20th, 1968, in Cardiff. Anyone interested please write for further details to: Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2910

JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL

A fund has been opened for a memorial to the late

John Willis

(vice-president of the Kent County Association).

All donations will be gratefully received and acknowledged by

Alan P. S. Berry, Ashford District Secretary, 7, Queen Street, Folkestone.

The memorial will take the form of something practical in ringing. — A. P. S. B. 2936

Christmas Greetings

Happy greetings for Christmas and New Year to all ringers, old and new. Also a special "thank you" to all who inquired, wishing me well in health again after my critical time spent in Burnham-on-Sea Hospital and the Royal Hospital, Weston-super-Mare.—HECTOR G. BIRD, Konkers, East Brent, North Somerset. 2947

To all my ringing friends, best wishes for a happy Christmas and a melodious New Year —E. T PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends from Iris and Richard Manton, 11, Elms Road, Melton Mowbray.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION DINNER

Saturday, December 30th, at Sheffield

The ringing arrangements are as follows:

Clay Cross	1.45–2.30
Chesterfield	2.45–3.30
Dronfield	3.45–4.30
Dore	5.00–6.00

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next annual meeting, Lydney, Glos, on Saturday, December 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Meeting at 5.30. Notify for tea before December 27th.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 2916

LADIES' GUILD — Central District — Meeting, December 30th, at Wood Green. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in evening 2959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, December 30th. Eight bells. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street (Tel. 2521) by Wednesday previous.—V Watts, Dis. Sec. 2929

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, December 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. 2940

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, January 6th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Leaver Jagger Green Dean, Holwell Green, Halifax. Practice method: Pudsey Surprise Major. 2957

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Hensingham on Saturday, January 6th: Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss J. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, by January 2nd. 2958

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District A.G.M. will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, January 6th, 1968. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 2918

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Braintree, January 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss J. Quilter, 93, South Street,, Braintree. Black Notley (5) open in evening. 2962

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LATE NEWS

Six members of the Southend and District Guild will be taking part in the programme of carols by the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square on Christmas Eve. They are booked to play half a dozen or so carols on handbells from 5.45 p.m. until 6.20 p.m.

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SO we organised an outing. Mind you, there was very little organisation and, after a while, any resemblance to an outing disappeared also. Nevertheless, N.U.S.C.R. ringers are not easily deterred, and the following is a thoroughly biased account of some of the activities of December 2nd.

The first stop was at Quorn, where we enjoyed a pleasant three-quarters of an hour on the recently rehung bells, although it was unfortunate that the electricians, who were working in the church, caused a black-out during our last touch . . . And so to Lutterworth, where the Master successfully fired up a course of Plain Bob Major, and Rosamund's handkerchief was put to good use muffling the model bell in the corner of the belfry. After being dragged away from such an excellently kept tower, we proceeded to Rugby to try to find some lunch (etc.!).

Suitably refreshed, we besieged the Church of St. Andrew, starting with its south-eastern tower containing eight fine bells. The change from this heavy eight to the light five in the west tower proved difficult. It was not until we had finished and descended the tower that we discovered one of our number, Stephen, had been locked out.

En route to Bilton we got lost; this can only be attributed to considerable confusion amongst the committee members! Nevertheless, we arrived and, ringing on the light six, worked up an appetite for tea which had been arranged for at the church bazaar. Then to Aylestone, where both Yorkshire Surprise Major and Erin Triples were rung.

The next hour proved more eventful than the rest of the day put together; aiming at Narborough we missed, and all that was necessary to redirect ourselves was to reverse the coach down a dual carriageway with the traffic speeding past on both sides! There were mixed reactions to the bells of Narborough, and Paul's acrobatic antics at the end of the tenor rope never ceased to amaze the local ringer. Rosamund resented the long walk between the church and the coach and brightly suggested that she should be carried. . . She soon changed her mind!

The last tower of the day was at Enderby, where the ringing was concluded with a fast, well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by an even faster adjournment up the hill to the nearest hostelry. The final highlight of the day was the expression on Martin's face as his glass of barley wine was consumed by the rest of the party. .

Our thanks are due to all the incumbents and local ringers who made us welcome at each tower.

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AN EXCITING YEAR

THIS is the last issue of 1967, and unquestionably the most exciting year since the Editor took over the journal just after the termination of the second world war. The year started in an atmosphere of uncertainty: there was the thrill of the Mancroft issue of the previous month, the uncertainty of whether there would be even a committee to direct affairs and the belch of criticism erupting here and there, adding to general unpleasantness. This criticism had a salutary effect. It resulted in boldness on the part of the committee in authorising in the first place 20 cover issues for 1967, which gave the Editor not only a more attractive paper but that extra space to improve the variety of contents.

The excitement reached a fever point at Nottingham. It became apparent during the momentous debate when only one side of the picture was revealed, against carefully prepared and unexpected speeches of criticism, that there was still an atmosphere of antagonism and that the improvements already introduced had in no sense silenced the opposition.

Already the census, the brain-child of Messrs. Beresford and Pipe, had been filled in, and this important document, from the Editor's point of view when analysed by July, gave an unexpected glint of encouragement showing that 70 per cent of the readers were satisfied with the issue that accompanied the census.

There was, however, an important minority of 17 per cent which was dissatisfied. While some of the ideas included in the return have already been introduced, the Editor could not ignore some of the accusations made against him:

> "The Ringing World *is very dull. Get professional advice on presentation and circulation. I know of one ringer who is in Fleet Street; his opinion is unprintable here.*"
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> Another reads: *"Standard deplorable—commission articles."*
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> *"Kowtowing to people who have been ringing for 50 years or more and who have inflexible views of life and ringing."*
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> *"Ruthless editing of turgid prose of some contributions and of the large number of vicious letters."*
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> *"More judicious editing,"* and, next breath, *"less editing of articles."*
>
> *"Go back to the format of Trollope."*

Naturally there were desires for the replacement of the Editor and his failings were elaborated. The great advantage of all these criticisms, as far as the Editor was concerned, was that they were anonymous. Only Mr. Beresford and his assistants know who said this or that. The Editor has no desire to know; it would in some cases break his confidence in the average reader. But it is something that calls for humbleness in spirit despite a lifetime in journalism, and the friendship with many Fleet Street newspapermen.

This denouncement called for greater vitality and variety in pages and contents. From Nottingham cover issues were the rule until August and then from the second week of September until the last two issues of this year. When the committee met early in 1957 it was thought that 20 cover page issues were the maximum that could be produced without incurring loss. Messrs. Beresford and Pipe wanted a shilling "Ringing World" forthwith. This was strongly opposed by the Editor, who regarded it as bad psychology to plan a sales drive and at the same time increase the selling cost.

But there was evidence, as month succeeded month, that more and more readers were being attracted to the journal, and taking advantage of this movement the Convener gave his sanction to continue covers from September onwards, even if a loss up to £250 was incurred. The gratifying thing for the Editor was that when the committee met earlier this month the hon. treasurer, in consultation with the auditor and Mr. Jeater, was able to announce that the accounts up to the third week of November indicated an estimated balance of over £150.

The main contribution came from an increase of £784 in postal subscribers. In 14 issues the sales had passed the 6,000 mark, the highest being 6,111 on October 27th. The Editor gave consideration as to means of promoting a sales drive and came to the conclusion that the best contact with potential readers was where ringers assembled —at meetings and other gatherings. District secretaries on the whole have co-operated splendidly in selling or disposing of copies and this has meant a substantial addition to sales.

In one case a friendly suggestion was made by placing copies in newsagents' shops on sale or return. The problem is that there are probably more newsagents than ringers. The percentage of returns to sales is limited and the amount of clerical work in checking and forwarding accounts would absorb much money and need a bigger staff. To deal with this work and to help with stencilling the Editor engaged a clerical assistant for eight hours a week.

Now there has been a lot of confused thought on the relationship between the Editor and "The Ringing World" committee. The committee is not an editorial committee going into the day-to-day details of the working of the paper and its contents—that is the responsibility of the Editor. There are times when he consults the committee and others on points that arise and technical problems; also members of the committee help in the contribution of articles and features, but the legal onus rests with the Editor. To suggest that the committee cut this or that article or left out a particular letter is wrong. There is, however, a loyalty on the part of the Editor to the committee—and if practical their suggestions are carried out.

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How to Make Your Ringing Meetings Worth While

Responsibilities of the Ringing Master

BY MAURICE THURMOTT,

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(Ringing Master of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association).

"Ringing meetings are a waste of time"—this is meant literally with the emphasis on the word "waste"—and can, I feel, be applied to very many meetings.

The interpretation of "waste" in this context is that the time spent is not being used as fully as it could be and Ringing Masters must take full responsibility for this state of affairs.

Too often meetings, while convivial occasions, leave ringers feeling dissatisfied. There are youngsters who have sat all the afternoon listening to the "experts" ringing advanced methods, and the experts who grumble—"all afternoon that wretched Ringing Master called for Plain Bob and Kent; we had only one decent touch of spliced and that was ruined by the treble, who missed every dodge in 5-6 down!"

BALANCE

I accept that this is an over-generalised view of the problem, but its purpose is to isolate and bring into prominence the importance of "balance" in the selection of methods so that the time available is used as constructively as possible.

It is very easy to say that "balance"—which I define as being a sequence of ringing giving all levels of ability equal opportunity—is the "key," but obviously the major problem is how to attain it.

Broadly, one can say that "balance" may only be achieved if the Ringing Master knows the interests—I was tempted to say "desires," but this is open to misinterpretation!—and capabilities of the ringers present, and this knowledge may be classified as "communication."

Preplanning of ringing—meaning the prior consideration of the possible sequences of methods—whilst an attractive idea, has obviously only a limited value since usually one has little advanced knowledge of the numbers and abilities of people likely to be at a meeting.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Having briefly considered these two major factors in the organisation of ringing—namely "balance" and "communication," it is apposite to look at the personal qualities needed by the Ringing Master.

I do not subscribe to the theory that the Ringing Master should of necessity be capable of conducting Spliced Royal or even for that matter be able to ring it! Of more importance is that his ringing ability should command respect and for obvious reasons he should be able to conduct the standard methods. My personal view is that the "art" of conducting at meetings is in the delegation of this responsibility to others!

"Personality"—a popular and over-used word—is exhibited by the more extrovert of Ringing Masters, but this attribute is entirely unnecessary. The "control" of ringing should be as unobtrusive as possible, but this must not be confused with indecision.

On occasions it is vital that the Ringing Master should tactfully but firmly handle problems without giving offence. These problems fall into many categories, but probably two of the commonest are:—

(1) Inexperience of ringers—for example, the young lady ringer catching hold to ring a 20 cwt. tenor because "she rings the tenor at home."

(2) The determination of the Ringing Master of what is an acceptable standard of ringing at any particular time.

"PULLING TOGETHER"

One factor which emerges from this is that the Ringing Master should establish rapport between himself and the ringers—another term for this might be "pulling together." This reminds me of a story told of an annual District meeting where tower captains were reporting to the Guild president on the state of ringing in their particular tower.

One worthy climbed to his feet and—in a non-Yorkshire accent—declaimed: "Well, sir, we meets regular like, and our band be making progress and we pulls together"—at that point there came a voice from the back row: "Aye, and it b——well sounds like it, too!"

To summarise this section we have three key words dealing with the organisation of ringing: "Balance" by "communication" exercised by "control."

Having established this basic pattern for organisation we now look at the purpose of meetings and the various types encountered.

POPULAR MEETINGS

Firstly meetings provide opportunities for social contact, personal advancement and the promotion of ringing generally. Secondly there are two main types of meetings, (i) the "popular" meeting as typified by the District monthly or Association quarterly, and (ii) the "practice" meeting.

The "popular" meeting needs a varied programme of ringing tailored to the usually continually fluctuating company of ringers.

Its organisation should be based on the following principles:—

(i) The first piece of ringing in any period should be of the highest quality possible, commensurate with the ringers available, so as to set a standard of striking.

(ii) The handling of ringing for the less experienced should be by rounds, call changes and plain hunting as appropriate, consisting of very short periods interleaved between the other methods at frequent intervals.

(iii) As a basis, ringing should never take place on a less number of bells than there are in the tower—depending obviously on the number of ringers present. The only exception is probably a 12-bell tower where 10-bell ringing would be acceptable.

(iv) Psychologically it is bad to follow a very good piece of ringing by a very poor performance of a similar type. For example, to follow an excellent course of Yorkshire by a poor course of Double Norwich (or vice versa!) gives an unfavourable impression, whereas call changes—although probably as badly struck—are acceptable because a high standard, whilst desirable, is not expected in quite the same way!

(v) Expect a high standard of ringing—you might one day get it!

Practically, the Ringing Master will spend his time asking individuals what they would like to ring, planning the programme accordingly and standing with anyone needing a watchful eye on his performance. Occasionally he may ring himself when the bands for a particular method are either one short or weak.

SOLID HARD WORK

Practice meetings are very different. People have come either to practise particular methods or to gain tuition generally. Whilst a friendly atmosphere is essential, the whole approach should be one of solid hard work. As methods are rung, persons sitting out should not spend their time chatting to friends, but should be following the work of one of the bells or "putting the polish" on the methods they themselves have been learning at home.

Also ringers should be encouraged to overcome their natural diffidence in attempting methods which they may consider beyond their capabilities. It is a "waste of time" to ring Bob Major when a person knows the method and with encouragement and practical help can ring a plain course of Kent Major.

The sequence of ringing is not as critical as in the "popular" meeting, since of its nature the variety of methods will be limited. However, in accepting this approach, the Ringing Master should be flexible enough to ring a short touch of spliced for the core of ringers who may have travelled 40 miles to help the local area members to practise Plain Bob and Grandsire.

THE ADVERTISEMENT

The advertisement of meetings is generally the secretary's job but, in the case of practice meetings, the Ringing Master should ensure that the methods for practice are included. Care in selection is necessary to attract the ringers at whom the practice is specifically aimed.

If one accepts that an Association should take responsibility for the promotion of ringing in its area, then the Ringing Master is in a unique position to take the initiative.

The opportunities of "popular" and practice meetings to give help can be extended by the organisation of individual help if it is wanted. This latter point is critical since, whilst many people may need help, it is only with those who want help that endeavours of this sort can succeed. Obviously direct help to towers has to be tactfully handled since any suggestion of interference or patronisation would naturally be resented.

All schemes of assistance should not be considered as being permanent—as experience is gained, the bands being helped should not only be able to "stand on their own feet" but be able to start helping others.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissett 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, C. Sangwin 4, E. H. Langley 5, H. Heard 6, H. Trewin 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation and for Patronal Festival; also congratulations to A. E. Bissett on his 70th birthday and to J. Hockridge on the birth of his first grandchild.

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THE MATCHBOX STRIKES AGAIN

MEMBERS of George ("Matchbox") Bonham's peal tour held their reunion in St. Neots at the beginning of December. George had laid on accommodation, four peal attempts and a visit to the St. Albans ringers' social. The hotel was cold, three of the four peals rung might have been better, and as for the social . . . . Nevertheless everyone enjoyed the week-end immensely.

Those too ill and infirm to go to work on Friday stayed in St. Neots on Thursday night or else arrived on Friday morning at Trumpington, the first tower. Here we met Andrew Slade, for whom the prospect of a peal of Bristol was enough to get him to set out cycling from Cheshunt at 6 a.m.! The bells are effortless to ring, and a very good peal, including three "firsts," was rattled off in fair time.

In the afternoon we rang at St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. Although a reasonable peal of Lincolnshire was rung, one felt that justice had not quite been done. However, 100 per cent., so back in good heart to St. Neots for a slide show of previous tours, cauliflowers and Philip Mehew's different-sized feet, at the Bellamy abode.

Saturday morning a new "match," Jonathan Porter, was welcomed to the "box." Everyone was looking forward to the noble, heavy eight at St. Neots Parish Church, where Yorkshire was to be the method. Before the peal, David Rothera and George were pulling up their bells, the former having difficulty getting his to strike.

David: "Keep your bell quiet, Bonham, I can't hear mine when you're ringing yours."

George: "Oh well, this won't be a very good peal."

The peal was rung, and had all changes come up as well as Queens no one could have been disappointed, but it was generally agreed that the ringing had been too quick.

George's usual timing had left us little time to get to Aspenden for an attempt at Pudsey. The bells are a little ground-floor job with a long draught. As "Go" was called, everyone collapsed in mirth at the sight of George ambling off in search of his sally, causing the first change to fire up. Sallies proved very elusive during the peal, but we scored, and indeed some parts were very good. Straight off to St. Albans for the social.

Hence it is not surprising that Sunday ringing consisted of Bob Doubles on the front five. Cobwebs were removed by a walk round the town, meeting Mr. Bonham senior, a larger version of the same basic model. One or two were then off to King's Lynn, while the rest went to Litlington, where Bob Minor was all one felt capable of ringing.

This was the end of the week-end, the party splitting up in Royston. Thanks are due to the incumbents who allowed us the use of their bells, to George for his organisation, and everyone else who helped to make the week-end a success.

LUCIFER.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Over 40 members and friends attended a successful annual general meeting of the North and North West Branch at Halwill on November 18th. The Rev. E. J. Welch conducted the service and welcomed the members, and the Rev. J. Richards gave the address. The ladies of the church provided an excellent tea.

At the business meeting the Rev. Shepheard-Walwyn was re-elected chairman, Mr. R. Pearce secretary and treasurer, and Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Messrs. Queen, Shepherd and Vince were appointed to the General Committee.

Sixteen new members were elected—eight from Shebbear College and eight from Westleigh. The evening ringing was enjoyed at Holsworthy.

Handbell Honours for Australia's Gift

"THERE are plenty of variations of 'Waltzing Matilda,' Australia's 'National Anthem,' around—but few people from Down Under have heard it done with handbells. So the annual giant Christmas Pudding Presentation at Australia House on December 6th could start a new craze."

Such were the opening words of the Australian Trade News Sheet handed out to the Press when this ceremony took place on December 6th. The honour of playing this tune went to the boys of the De Brome Handbell Ringing Society, whose leader, Mr. C. T. Richards, had been approached by Mr. H. Rogers, Master of the London County Association. The request originated from the padre of St. Clement Danes' Church, which, being adjacent to Australia House, has close links with the activities that take place there and provided carol singers for this occasion.

Although the presentation of the 160 lb. Christmas pudding from the High Commissioner of Australia to the Lord Mayor of London has been established over the past 12 successive years, this was the first time handbells had been rung, and the boys in the accompanying photograph are to be commended for the excellent performance that they gave on the 15 handbells used.

The boys in our picture (left to right) are: H. Wilson, P. Kerry, J. Lee, A. Waite, R. Mitchell, P. Ireland, G. Hill and R. Mileham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The November meeting of the Mansfield District was held at Eastwood on the 25th and during the afternoon the very fine eight attracted ringers from as far afield as Leeds and Leicestershire. Unfortunately, owing to a wedding, ringing was adjourned for a while, leaving very little time before tea. Visitors, however, were given priority and the newly-weds, at least, were fortunate, as they emerged to the sound of Grandsire followed by three leads of Treble Bob.

The service in the modern and well-planned church, so recently completed, was a pleasant experience and afterwards, at tea, the Rector, the Rev. D. E. Goodman, together with the Rev. John Ruffle, were sincerely thanked for an extremely thoughtful order of service and address

During the evening District members were well catered for and methods rung varied from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. We look forward to a return visit before very long.

Next meeting: District annual, Mansfield. January 27th. D. J. B.

AN EXCITING YEAR—continued.

From the beginning of January there is to be a wage increase in the printing industry; there is also an increase in the price of paper due to devaluation. As a first step towards getting additional revenue, the price of all notices will be increased with the next issue to a minimum of 5s. and 2d. a word instead of 1½d. beyond 30. The price of displayed notices at 7s. 6d. an inch will remain. The position will be reviewed at the next committee meeting in March.

Two things will enable a staple selling price to be maintained—the continuance of the present rate of circulation increase and donations accompanying peals and quarter peals. We have been warned about new postal charges. These will have to be passed on to postal subscribers, but it is to be hoped that the basic selling price will remain firm. Much, however, depends on the new production charge for wages and paper; that figure cannot be finalised until the economic position of the country is on a firmer foundation.

The letters received of late encourages the Editor to think that the improved paper has greatly increased the percentage of satisfied readers. The many new contributors have infused a freshness of outlook and we go forward into 1968 with a good heart, conscious that certain difficulties that shook "The Ringing World" and its Editor to the very foundations have been overcome and that those at the head are now braced up to meet the problems ahead

The Exercise and its handmaiden, "The Ringing World," has been richly blessed in the past 56 years and it is with a thankful acknowledgment of the goodness of an unseen hand throughout the past years that we enter into 1968 with courage ready to fulfil the duties and responsibilities placed upon us as faithful servants of His Church.

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RULES GOVERNING RECORD LENGTHS

Dear Sir,—It has been my intention for some time to write on the subject mentioned by B. J. Woodruffe, namely the failure to comply with Central Council rules before attempting new record lengths.

I do so now to point a weakness in the wording of these rules. Section I does not say the figures must appear with the notice seven days previously. It is Section III which deals with the figures without mentioning any date for publication. With two possible meanings, one can say A. Ainsworth is in order and F. G. Petts and S. Humphrey are not. It appears my 18,368 of Yorkshire has been beaten on paper and I have been waiting since July to see the figures as required by the rules.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

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NEW EIGHTS

Dear Sir,—When I am not ringing peals, etc., I get a great deal of pleasure out of listening to Radio Caroline on my radio.

To my amazement, last Sunday a record called "The Bells of San Francisco" came on the air. I myself did not know there was a ring of eight bells in San Francisco, but it is plain for all to hear—eight bells ringing through this pop record.

Could this be another instance to which the Rev. Peter Bond refers in his letter (page 874), of a new ring of bells having been installed without letting the ringing populace know about it?—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

DORSET TOWERS

Dear Sir,—As the Rev. Peter Bond mentions a Dorset tower—Halstock, by the sound of it—in his letter (December 1st) appealing for news about bell restorations, here is a list of the "new" and "unringable" towers in that county:

Augmentations and restorations: Thorncombe, five to eight; Melbury Osmond, Milborne St. Andrew and Stourpaine, five to six; Halstock, rehung in new frame; Gillingham, rehung in existing frame; Beaminster and Yetminster, restoration in hand.

Bells at present unavailable for ringing due to state of fabric: Milton Abbey and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, long-term; Frampton and Powerstock, short-term.

Bells unavailable for ringing due to bad or antiquated bellhanging: Cerne Abbas, Corfe Castle, Hinton Martel, Mappowder and Sandford Orcas.

That leaves Cheselbourne, where the bell-frame and fittings are in a state of total collapse; Folke, where the bells are still on the church floor; Kingston, where the clappers are (? partially) missing and supposed to be being overhauled locally; and Toller Whelme, a "chime" of five steel bells capable of being rung full-circle.

Branksea or Brownsea Church has four bells and not five, as given in "Dove."

This information is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete at the time of writing. I hope that it will be of use to anyone interested in Dorset or arranging an outing there.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

St. Margaret's, Middlesex.

DOUBLE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—The survey of Double Major methods by W. J. Cooper-Bailey introduces a series of methods with an interest of their own which has interested me for some time. As I obtained Table "a" in an hour or so a couple of years ago I expect the computer took only a few seconds! (other than programming, etc.).

I have found several interesting facts: Firstly, plain methods with right places only. (Remember there is one such Minimus method!) There are three R.P. Double Plain Minor methods and still three Major, while at the Royal stage only five, not a very large increase (excluding those with unusable l.h's).

There are no odd-bell Double methods with one hunt bell, as these contain an even number of leads and therefore both turning points must be together, i.e. at h.l. or l.e. However, as all right place plain even-bell methods extend to the next odd number by adding a hunt bell, we have the same number of Double methods as above, viz.: One Double Doubles method (out of three pure Doubles methods), three Triples (out of 11), three Caters (out of 32), five Cinques (out of 70-odd), etc.

Double Minor methods on the T.B. principle are not worth considering as 5ths place is necessary without the treble; also, a single change is necessary if the 2nds place is situated as usual.

Turning to T.B. type Major methods, there do not appear to be any right place Double methods in either the Treble Bob proper or Delight classes but I find two out of 20 Double Exercise methods.

Mr. Cooper-Bailey has covered the Surprise class in his Table "b" but I do not see any point in including those methods with more than two places either side of the treble, other than because two of them have been rung already.

The note on intrinsic falseness (Case II) and Table "c" would, I believe, be unnecessary without them. There are 31 perfectly good methods without them and once we allow two such changes per h.l. we will soon have methods with four or more! If one wants a stagnant method to splice in for variety or musical effect there are some perfectly good ones to choose from (e.g. Derwent) without having lots of places in a row. But that is only a personal opinion.

The extension of Double methods poses more problems, some of which appeared in "The Ringing World" of January 6th, 1967 (which would appear to uncover a loophole in the Central Council report on extension) and which the compiling of tables of methods greatly helps to solve.

Anyway, I will leave further tables for the computer people to compile!—Yours sincerely,

DAVID W. STRUCKETT.

Haslemere, Surrey.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir, — I write to congratulate Mr. Roger Bailey and his band on their achievement in raising the Surprise Minor record to 70 methods in seven extents.—Yours sincerely,

HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

Claydon, Ipswich.

TREATMENT OF VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Regarding complaints about bad reception to visitors, Mr. Kenneth Lewis's friend did not meet with sheer rudeness at Washington; he was the victim of unfortunate circumstances, which is far different. The Washington tower (and no superlative can add to my "laudatory" letter regarding its magnificence—Frank Price and George Pipe will bear me out) ringers are pleased to meet ringers from "the Old Country" (evidence of this is in the visitors book) and only a few weeks previous to my visit to that beautiful edifice five visitors from England rang with them and were received, as I was, at face value (not literally). Your friend, Mr. Lewis, was a victim of an unfortunate circumstance and not rudeness, and I hope to be received again in a few months' time as I was before.

My District chairman was on holiday in Plymouth, Devon, and was made welcome and rang in all the method towers he visited in the city; however, he went to the only call change tower and was completely, repeat completely, ignored, and at 9.15 p.m., when the bells were lowered, the company left with no "goodnight"—not one word! He has been a peal ringer for 23 years, conducting as well all the way up the scale. Exquisite rudeness!

My Deputy Ringing Master was sure a friend would manage to arrange for him to ring at Westminster Abbey; he has rung at most of the London towers. His friend was told by the tower captain that the rule was that "no visitors in any circumstances" and added "Please don't turn up, and avoid any embarrassment." Visitors are not countenanced by this exclusive band but, strangely enough, visiting bands may ring on their own if fortunate enough to get the chance, which is a problem rarely solved. Both my chairman and Deputy Ringing Master are members of a well-known Society (circumlocution, Mr. Lewis?) and prolific peal ringers, too!—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. BEAVIS.

Andover.

Note.—The rule about visitors at Westminster Abbey was not made by the ringers. They have to obey the dictates of those above them.—Ed.

THE SECRET IS BELL CONTROL

Dear Sir, — I do appreciate the straight words of the Leicester Guild Ringing Master. He is one of the few of our fraternity who take a view and dare to state it. I am with you, sir, and may I say that the Leicester Guild is not unique in itself for, believe me, there are others.

We have read a lot about bell control, which I think is one of the biggest factors in campanology, and this is the reason for my letter. I feel that 75 per cent. of our fraternity have not given this enough thought. Many times I have seen ringing and heard the sound of bells and I imagine that had there been an egg attached to the back stroke rest in very many cases it would still have been there as whole as ever.

To all our people I mention this feature, for the sooner the pupil can control his bell at hand and back, the sooner your statement of the many people interested in self-glorification will fade away, for they would greatly appreciate the value of it.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friezland.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

OLD DAYS RECALLED

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. P. Amos on his article concerning coins on bells. His mention of Haselbech Church was of great interest to me as it was here in 1905 that I learned to handle a bell on the old four. I was then a garden boy at Haselbech House, where there were three gardeners living in a bothy. As it was a very quiet place we were glad to join the ringers, who were under Mr. Bert Faulkner and a younger brother.

We also stoked the boiler to heat the church and sat around the fire in the stokehole playing ha'penny nap. At times we had a quart of "black and tan" stout, costing 4d., and a packet of Woodbines for 1d. Sometimes we all went to a practice at Naseby (a heavy five with a tenor reputed to weigh half a ton). They had a call change band and used to play simple hymn tunes like "Now the day is over" in whole pulls. I have never heard that done since. The very good sixes at Kelmarsh and Maidwell were also visited.

When the bells at Haselbech were augmented to a ring of eight I was head gardener at Donningham Priory, Newbury, Berks, and a ringer at St. Nicholas', Newbury. In that year (1933) the ringers at Newbury raised funds to pay for the two trebles to augment the old Wells eight to the lovely ten. I wrote to Miss Ismay, of Haselbech Hall, and told her what we were trying to do at Newbury and received a cheque for 10s. I raised £10 10s. towards that fund and carved the memorial tablet because we had no funds to buy one. — Yours faithfully, ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Reading.

HANDBELL PEAL IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Brian Woodruffe's letter regarding the extension of Cardiff into Monmouthsnire in 1937 is misleading.

The Bill was strongly opposed in the House of Lords by Lord Raglan, whose pro-English sympathies were very well known, because he did not want any part of Monmouthshire to be brought within any future "Home Rule for Wales" arrangement. Cardiff's counsel argued that there was very little in this point since, historically, Monmouthshire had always been claimed as a part of Wales, but to overcome the difficulty a clause was inserted providing that "nothing in this Act shall alter the boundary between the county of Glamorgan and the County of Monmouth." In other words, although Rumney is administered by Cardiff for the sake of convenience, it remains a part of Monmouthshire.

That this is still the position has been shown only recently. Commenting upon the traffic chaos after the snow, and quoting a Monmouthshire County Council spokesman, the "South Wales Argus" reported that "two of the county's major roads were completely impassable for several hours, the main road between Newport and Cwmbran and the Newport to Cardiff road at Rumney Hill." The spokesman continued, however, that the trouble at Rumney Hill was not the County Council's responsibility and was being dealt with by Cardiff City Council.—Yours faithfully,

Newport. LESLIE BAINHAM.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Monica Phillips 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, H. Deacon 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Monica Phillips 1, H. Deacon 2, Sylvia Knight 3, L. Payne 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Dury 6.

N.Z. First Resident Surprise Band

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, on November 18th. This was the first peal of Surprise by a band resident in New Zealand.

The ringers are (left to right): Back row, N. F. Reeve, J. H. G. Gardner, Dr. Ronald J. Johnston, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett. Front row, Dr. P. J. Perry and R. H. Idle (conductor).

Five of the band had had quite a lot of experience of ringing in Britain with competent bands. The photograph was taken by Peter Parry, who could not take part in the peal because he was "guarding" his bands for a forthcoming organ examination.

SUFFOLK VETERANS MEET AT LEISTON

WHAT more appropriate venue for the annual get-together of Suffolk worthies than St. Margaret's, Leiston! For nearly 40 years this tower made history in name and deed—Gabriel Lindoff, Richard Stannard, the remarkable eight Bailey brothers, Jim Rumsey, Charles Sampson, George Wilson and a host of others. Surprise Major at its very best under that extraordinary conductor Charles F. Bailey, who apart from calling 100 consecutive peals of Surprise on Leiston bells, accompanied many of Stedman Caters and Cinques with his own brethren.

And so on Tuesday, December 12th, with peal boards recording those vintage years from 1888 to 1928 looking down on us in Leiston belfry, ten of Suffolk's veterans met for their annual ring, tea and reminiscences. And how they enjoyed themselves! Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich and Oxford Major, with an average age of over 79 years.

Tea was taken in a quiet room ("We don't want any o' that Rock 'n' Roll") decorated for the festive season and lit by lamps and candles—just right for the old 'uns to relax and chat about bygone days. Tales of famous ringers who had visited Ipswich and surroundings over the last half-century; ringing in London; our own men who had passed on: the Catchpoles and the Motts, Tillett, Brundle, Garrett and Souter, Winney and Grimes, the Borretts and the Wightmans and a score of others.

Gilbert Goodship produced the menu of the 1932 Croydon ringers' gathering, covered with autographs of great names of the Exercise, College Youths, Cumberlands and provincial Guilds alike. There were photographs in that delightful sepia colour of the camera's early days, and George Symonds' imitation of John Rogers calling Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields 60 years ago. "His chest started to swell when the Tribble was in sixths place; by the time she was in 4ths he'd got his wind and then . . . 'Booooorrr . . . BBB' to turn the big bells!!"

Everyone made a little speech and the youngest, Leonard Last, thanked Jim and George Pipe for making the arrangements for the afternoon and providing the tea. Jim (who qualifies himself in eight years' time!) expressed his privilege at being able to organise such a pleasant annual gathering and read good wishes from four who were unable to be present—James Bennett, Ernest S. Bailey, Charles Beecroft and Charles Fisher.

Handbells were enjoyed and concluded a happy afternoon.

The company: George Symonds (92 years 5 months), Frederick Crapnell (85–9), Charles Sedgley (80–10), Gilbert Goodship (79–3), J. S. Gordon Haggar (77–6), George Finch (77–3), Harry Hall (77–2), Willoughby Maulden (76–7), Percy May (72–4) and Leonard Last (71–1).

G. W. P.

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JOINT MEETING AT NORTH WINGFIELD

Despite the wintry weather some 40 members and friends were present when the Derby Diocesan Association (Chesterfield District) and the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association held a joint meeting at North Wingfield on December 9th. After a short ring in the afternoon on the 18 cwt. octave, the Rector (the Rev. N. Joyce) conducted a ringers' service. Later he presided over the business meeting, which followed an excellent tea in the school rooms.

Presenting his fifth annual report, the Chesterfield District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps) was pleased to record continued good attendance at meetings, the election of over 20 new members for the second year in succession and a most successful ringers' party at Old Whittington, which realised £16 towards the Cathedral Extension Appeal. Particularly pleasing was the affiliation of yet another new tower—Eckington—bringing the total to 16, which was a record for the District.

Following a detailed report on the District's ringing activities during the last year by the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. D. Davis), the officers for 1968 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. Arkwell (Old Bampton); vice-chairman, Mr. J. Timons (North Wingfield); secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield); committee, Miss M. Yarnold (Staveley) and Miss S. Heeley (Wingerworth); Ringing Master, Mr G. Newman (Old Whittington). Four new members were elected, namely: Miss A. Clark (Chesterfield), Mr. R. Trebilcock (Dronfield) and Mr. G. Freeman and Miss P. Booker (North Wingfield).

M. P. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST H. SIMPSON

The Exercise is very much the poorer by the passing of Ernest Simpson, of Saltaire, Bradford, who died in St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, on December 8th, aged 85 years. Although completely deaf he continued ringing right up to the end and was only in hospital a matter of hours. His wife predeceased him in July last, a blow from which he hardly recovered, as they had been very happily married for almost 56 years.

Ernest commenced his ringing career in the Lavenham district of Suffolk and came to Bradford prior to the first world war, settling down in Shipley and ringing at St. Paul's Church, where he was tower captain for over 40 years until the bells were declared unsafe for ringing. He then joined the Cathedral band at Bradford and continued there until about 1959. By this time he was becoming very deaf and as travelling was rather difficult he joined the nearby tower at Bingley, where he continued right up to the end—although by now he was completely deaf.

He was a very able conductor and rang most methods. His peal list includes many Surprise methods and he was just as at home on twelve bells as on six. He will be particularly remembered for his interest in young ringers and was never happier than when putting them through their first 720's and, later, their first peals. He must have taught many hundreds to handle a bell and always gave them encouragement and an urge to tackle new methods.

After serving in the Army during the first world war he came back to Shipley and was a great source of strength to most of the towers in the area, where he attended practice nights on many nights during the week. Surprise methods were just becoming popular and Ernest did sterling work in helping many to master the intricacies of Cambridge, Superlative, London, etc.

Now another of the "old school" has passed on, but he will be fondly remembered by many for a long time

F. R.

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BARKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Scoones (first of Triples) 1, A W. Beard 2, Joan M Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, J. W Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, C. Tarry (first quarter) 8. For Matins.

CALDICOTT, RUTLAND. — 1,260 Doubles: A. Scholes (first quarter) 1 J. Woolley 2, L. Atton 3, R. Russell 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Reginald Priestnall to this parish.

EAST SUTTON, KENT. — On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: F. G Hucksteepp 1, Sylvia Knight 2, D. Manger 3, H Deacon (50th quarter this year) 4 E Clifton 5 B. Johnson (50th quarter as cond. this year) 6.

HARPFORD, DEVON. — On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Salter 1, G. Travers 2, T. Travers 3, W Webb 4 D. Salter (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

LONGWOOD, YORKS. — On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Woodbine and Merchant's Return): S. Lunn 1, B. Ellis 2, R. Hoyle 3, I. Roberts (cond.) 4, R. Coverley 5, K. Wilson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R Hoyle.

LYMPNE KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): M. Taylor 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, B Butcher 6. For Evensong.

MORTLAKE, LONDON.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Knockolds 1, Sheila Wright 2, Angela Wells (first Doubles) 3, A Bentley 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, L. Freeman 6. First attempt 1, 2, 4, 6. First quarter by an all-Mortlake band for at least 28 years. For Evensong.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Dec. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. C. Parker (first on eight) 1, B. E. Saunders 2 J Linnell 3, B. Care 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, G. C. Paul 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Wyatt (first of Minor) 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, H. Badger 4, I. Ross 5, I. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung after dedication of the new organ and the rehung bells.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, P. C. Sinden 2, Pamela Court 3, H. Deacon 4, C. Wyld 5, B. Johnson 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Barton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Pamela Court 3, R. Birch (cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, P. C. Sinden 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Church of St. Peter, on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Royal: G W. Debenham 1, J. D. Duggan 2, Frances Dodds 3, C. Forster 4, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 5, R. W Darvill 6, H. V. Fros 7, C. E Slade 8, S E Ewer 9, B. C. Johnson 10. Rung in congratulations for the birth of a son (Peter William) to C. E. and S Slade.

SWANAGE DORSET — On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Smith 1 Kathleen Fuller 2, H. Faikner 3, D. Roy Fuller 4, W. A. Damer (cond.) 5, R. Damer 6. A tribute to Mr. S. Round, verger of this church, on his 80th birthday.

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Three Peals in Northern Ireland

ALREADY the details of the three peals in Northern Ireland by Jonathan S. N. Porter's party during their week-end in November have been published, on page 880.

A month after the event G. E. T. tells the story of this second visit to Ireland this year, the previous trip being last April. Seven of the band assembled at Hendon, a sea crossing from Heysham being planned. An incident en route was the stopping of Martyn Jordan's car by the police—not for speeding, but for the waste paper throwing by his passenger!

HANDBELLS UPSET CONCENTRATION

Only three berths had been secured by Jonathan. Lots were cast and the lucky ones were Dave Roberts, Bob Dennis and Martyn Jordan, the remainder settling in the lounge. It was a calm crossing, the last leg being through Belfast Lough, where handbells were brought out. Only a half-course of Stedman Triples was accomplished when the captain sent word that his concentration was being disturbed. And no wonder! The four concerned had chosen the "bridge" of all places as a ringing room!!

After docking at 7 a.m. there was a picturesque train journey to Bangor. The afternoon attempt that day was at Holywood, where John Lindsey, of Carrickfergus, joined the party, and a successful peal of Rutland Surprise Major was conducted by Jonathan. A disturbance towards the end was later discovered to have been caused by an enthusiastic organist trying to gain admittance to the church. At Bangor that night Mr. and Mrs. Porter kindly entertained the band to supper, and the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra provided the final entertainment of the day.

Saturday dawned bright and we arrived on time at Dundela, where Harry Brown, "a Yorkshireman in exile," joined up for a fairly fast peal of Cambridge Royal. For Harry and John this was their first of Surprise Royal, and they performed very well. Later, over a Chinese meal, the Archdeacon of Bangor extended his good wishes.

RACE AGAINST TIME

The peal at Bangor (Spliced Surprise in eight methods) could not be started until after shopping hours. There were just four hours in which to ring the peal and travel 13 miles to catch the boat in Belfast. At the end of the first part there were anxious looks. It had taken 33 minutes, and at that speed the boat would have been missed. However, Jonathan speeded things up and the peal was finished in under three hours. The journey to Belfast was not without excitement; seven were packed into a land rover and it was not long before a puncture was discovered. A lightning wheel change enabled the boat to be caught with five minutes to spare.

It was again a calm journey, and after breakfast at Lancaster, through the good services of Mr. Rainford, the ten bells at the R.C. Cathedral were sampled. An extra peal at Worsley, arranged by Jeff Brannan, came to grief through a broken rope. Delays were experienced on the M.1 through several multiple crashes, and Hendon was not reached until 10 p.m.

Our thanks to Jonathan, incumbents and Irish friends for making the party so welcome.

ST. LUKE'S, "CHELSEA", OUTING

Perhaps St. Luke's, Chelsea, is a misnomer, as the party organised by Mr. Frank Udall on September 16th included ringers from other towers such as Battersea, Clapham Common, Deptford, Isleworth, Putney and Rotherhithe.

The tour was one which appealed to ringers and non-ringers alike. First tower was St. Thomas of Canterbury, Salisbury, and, while ringing under the supervision of Michael Wycherley took place, there was ample time for others to visit the Cathedral or wander around the city, which is still largely mediæval. Lunch was taken at the N.A.A.F.I. Club.

The journey to Wimborne was through some of the wilder parts of Dorset and past the ruined church at Knowlton. Tradition has it that Knowlton's bells were stolen in the 18th century by some people from Sturminster Marshall, who, being hotly pursued, dropped the bells in the River Stour, from which they have never recovered. The glorious ring at Wimborne Minster is one of the finest products of Gillett and Johnston, and here, under the supervision of Frank Udall, rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge were rung.

The Murduck family, from Kingsclere, met us at Romsey, and tea at the Victoria Restaurant (highly recommended) preceded ringing on the bells of quality at the Abbey. The bells were described by different enthusiasts in the party as "mellow," "husky," "meaty" and "grand." Ken Rider looked after the ringing, which included a good half-course of Yorkshire. We were late arriving at Alton, but under Bob Cooles' direction several methods, including Bristol, were rung in the limited time available.

All in all it was a thoroughly successful day. To all who helped to make the outing such a success, especially Frank, the coach driver, the clergy and those who welcomed us, our sincere thanks.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, D. Osborne 3, A. Newell 4, N. Handley 5, S. Adams 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. By the Ruddington Sunday service band.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

The Whitechapel Guild rang their first quarter of the academic year—Grandsire Triples—on November 25th. It was conducted by Richard S. Dirksen and included four first quarters.

A reunion of Washington ringers is planned for December 27th and 28th, when they hope to be joined by Geoffrey Davies, Eric Roberts and Derek Sawyer. The event will culminate in an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on the morning of December 28th.

With such an encouraging prospect, we in this country wish the Washington Guild every success and happiness in 1968. May the new entrants to the Exercise be imbued with the same enthusiasm and determination that was displayed by the pioneer teams.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Stedman Cinques will be heard from Holy Trinity Church, Kingston-upon-Hull, prior to the morning service on Sunday, December 31st, at 11 a.m., on Anglia Television and other channels.

The service on A.B.C. Television on Christmas Eve will be televised live from Manchester Cathedral at 11.55 p.m. It is hoped that the Cathedral bells will be heard before the service.

Mr. Alan Ward informs us that regarding the 25th anniversary celebrations of the victory of El Alamein (see page 892), the ringing was at St. Mary's, **Prestwich**, Lancs, and not at Prestwick.

Regarding the recent peal by Post Office engineers to mark the 21st anniversary of the opening of the Post Office Central Training School at Stone, Ray Balls, of the Telephone Manager's Office, Regent Street, Cambridge, would be pleased to hear from other Post Office engineers interested in peal ringing.

Mr. R. E. Manton informs us that the peal of Major at Melton Mowbray on December 8th by the Sunday service band was the culmination of several years' hard work by those participating. This included a series of quarter peals and a previous peal attempt which came to grief at the halfway mark.

The peal at Dorchester Abbey on December 1st (page 921) was rung for the Oxford University Society and not for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as published. The error is regretted.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Brixham, was the first for over 30 years. It was conducted by Brixham's "junior ringer," "Plain Bob" Edden.

May we remind the 728 readers who said in the recent census they would undertake to get one new subscriber that January 1st is a good time to start. About 360 have fulfilled their obligation.

Easthampstead, Berks, has now had two cases of fathers calling first quarters for their offspring. First came Graham Scott and now we hear of Sue Rance taking this first step in her ringing career. This makes encouraging reading.

The quarter peal rung at Mortlake on December 2nd was believed to be the first on the bells by an all-local band since the 1930's. There were four ringers attempting their first quarter, and one her second. Good progress has been made in the last 12 months, and the thanks of the band go to ringers at Putney and Barnes for their patient help.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BENTLEY COMMON SAY FAREWELL TO POPULAR VICAR

Gratitude was expressed by the Bentley Common ringers at their annual supper attended by over 60 guests on December 2nd to the Rev. and Mrs. Parry, who were leaving the parish during the coming week. The tower master, Mr. R J. Brown, thanked the Vicar for always allowing the ringers free use of the bells and for words of encouragement if a particular piece of ringing had been exceptionally well struck He (Mr. Brown) only regretted that this, due to the quality of the ringing. happened all too infrequently.

In his reply the Vicar said the ringers at Bentley were a great asset to the church—not only as loyal bellringers but as good church members, and they were also his very good friends.

Later in the evening, after various games and some hilarious entertainment by the local band, one of the younger members, Miss Catherine Hardy, presented a clock to the Rev. and Mrs. Parry of behalf of all the Bentley ringers. The evening then concluded with everyone singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Unfortunately the plan to ring two farewell quarter peals on Advent Sunday did not materialise. The attempt at Bob Minor in the morning came to an untimely end (very late nights and morning quarters do not mix). The second attempt, for Evensong, in three methods of Doubles with the tenor covering, was successfully brought home, much to the joy of all the band.

TWO QUEEN'S GUIDES

Two Nottinghamshire girls, Helen Simpson and Winifred Fotherby, received their Queen's Guide badges on December 7th, an occasion worthy of mention at any time but in this instance more so.

Winifred rings now at Eastwood, where she augments a struggling but hard-working band.

Helen rings at Greasley, where, in addition to obtaining her Guide's bellringing badge early, ringing naturally became the service necessary for the Queen's badge.

Interest and ability have culminated in Helen having conducted three quarter peals of Doubles at Greasley this year, the first before her 15th birthday, being well supported all the way by her friends, Margaret, Barbara and Alison. Greasley salutes the Guide movement.

VETERANS' QUARTER AT NORTH CADBURY

Six veteran ringers of the Cary and Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association met at St. Nicholas' Church, North Cadbury, on Sunday, November 26th, to ring their annual quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles. Those taking part were H Creed (Castle Cary) 1, W. Osborn (Galhampton) 2, J. Farthing (Yeovil) 3, G. W. Rendell (Hardington Mandeville, cond.) 4, C. Vowles (Yetminster) 5, H. J. Jones (Ansford) 6. The combined age of the ringers is 428 years, and their total number of ringing years is 344.

CO-OPERATION WANTED

In reply to a request by the Rev. Peter N. Bond, Mr. Alan F. Scholfield and others, we are ready to reserve space on the Bellfounders' Gift Page for news of restorations, rehangings and augmentations. Will local tower correspondents and others kindly co-operate?

ST. ALBANS ABBEY RINGERS

(Tune: "Eton Boating Song.")

We are the St. Albans ringers,
We're Hertfordshire's pride and cream,
Every Sunday we ring at the Abbey,
Just to please the Dean.
We only ring "X" Surprise Maximus,
We're such an experienced team,
So down with the Association,
And up with the District cream.

We don't believe in learners,
We've plenty of ringers to sell,
We support all professional ringers,
In fact we're doing quite well.
So that when we ring on Sundays,
They pay us ten guineas a bell,
So down with the Association,
And Gerald can go to ? ? ? ?

Now at our last business meeting,
With all the money we made,
It was decided to purchase the Abbey,
And bulldoze it into the lake.
But when we informed the Bishop,
He began to tremble and shake,
So he sacked all the mighty professionals
And installed a magnetic tape.

We intended to replace the Abbey
With a tower 600 feet tall,
A 95 cwt. tenor,
Which would take three Borders to haul.
But now we are all redundant,
We find no tower too small,
So we've joined the Association,
And that's how the mighty can fall.

SNOWED OFF

The Western Division of the Sussex Association had to cancel its meeting for December 9th at Felpham because roads were impassable. It was a big disappointment as 50 notifications for tea had been received and Pagham bells, for the first time after rehanging, were also available. No one can remember a meeting at Pagham There is a keen local band here who ring twice on Sundays and have regular practices. There was also to have been an hour on Aldwick's four bells. Great hopes are being entertained that two more bells will be added here in the not too distant future. Mr. R. Wake, hon. secretary, is planning a spring fixture to replace this disappointment.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT MANCROFT

The St. Peter Mancroft Guild are very pleased to report a peal of Stedman Cinques rung by an all-resident Mancroft Guild band.

Stedman Cinques at Mancroft has been rather a rare event during the last 50 years. The first peal on the bells after rehanging in 1925 in an all-metal frame was Stedman Cinques (November 10th, 1925). The band consisted of all Mancroft Guild members, but the ringer of the fourth was Egbert Borrett, who, according to the annual report of that year, was at that time a non-resident member living in Valparaiso.

The next peal was in 1935, when only six of the band were resident Norwich Association and Mancroft Guild members. It is interesting to note that both these peals took 3 hours and 52 minutes.

Following this peal there were only two peals of Stedman Cinques until the present one. These were in 1961, when John Chilcott led an all-visitors band, and in 1962 by a band led by Frank L. Harris; this latter peal had two local members in it.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Oxford University Society was held on December 5th in St. John's College. Officers for 1968 were elected as follows: Master, Stephen F. Royal (Exeter); secretaries, Philip J. Daniel (St. Catherine's) and Peter H. Mackie (Hertford); treasurer, Richard J Wilsher (Lincoln); steeplekeepers, Jeremy R. Pratt (Exeter) and John R. Leary (Queen's).

Canon C. Eliot Wigg (Society president) took the chair.

TARGET EXCEEDED!

Chester-le-Street parish holds an annual sale of work on the first Wednesday in December, and a year or two ago the Rector writing in the parish magazine urging parishioners to an even higher total, said: "If we reach £1,000 we will ring the bells!" Dutifully the ringers have been at the ready on each occasion since then, but it was not until 1967, in the 700th year of the present church, that the target was achieved. The telephone and the motor car were used to round up a band of ringers and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung by 9 p.m. One of the band had her beauty treatment interrupted but took this opportunity to ring a quarter peal at her first attempt. At least it gave her no opportunity to worry about it beforehand!

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Although the band at Manchester Cathedral is a little below strength, we do manage with a little assistance from other ringers to ring for Confirmation services which are held in the Cathedraal. An evening Confirmation service in November was postponed until Sunday, December 10th, and was held in place of the normal afternoon Evensong at 3.30 p.m. A quarter peal was arranged but, due to adverse weather conditions, the band met one short. With a late start we rang 1,236 P.ain Bob Minor (tenor covering) and the bells ran into rounds at exactly 3.30 p.m. The band was as follows: Valerie R. Humphrys 1, P. J. Hawcock 2, I. N. Golgthorpe 3, G. Pye 4, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6, D G. Manby 7. A. W.

A RINGERS' WEDDING AT BOUGHTON

Wedding bells echoed around Canterbury on December 2nd for the marriage at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Boughton, of Mr. Roderick H. Glover and Miss Beryl M. Hills. Both are keen ringers, and before the wedding a quarter of Doubles was rung at Chartham, and guests rang at Boughton. As the newlyweds left the church they were greeted with handbell ringing.

The service was choral and included the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," with the bride's father as organist. The officiating clergy were the Rev. E. D. Schofield and the Rev. R J. C. Lloyd (Rector of Chartham).

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long gown of embroidered duchesse satin, trimmed at the neck and wrists with white fur. The bridesmaid, Miss Susan Maxted, wore a long red velvet dress trimmed with white fur. Mr. Keith I. Davies was best man.

Presentations to the bride took place, at the church door, of a rolling pin and wooden spoon by Katherine Hodges (bridegroom's godchild) and a miniature black sweep by Martin Downs (cousin). The reception was held at Delbridge House, Faversham. For the honeymoon the bride travelled in a black-flecked tweed suit with brown accessories.

THE ST. NEOTS REUNION

ALL PEALS FOR THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Andrew J. Slade	5
*Graham W. Elmes	2	David E. Rothera	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Philip Mehew	7
*George E. Bonham	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Bristol First of Bristol as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Elmes.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Robert E J. Dennis	Treble	Graham W. Elmes	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	George E. Bonham	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	David E. Rothera	7
Andrew J. Slade	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. A. Humphrey. Conducted by Philip Menew.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Robert E J. Dennis	Treble	*David E. Rothera	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
Graham W. Elmes	4	†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by R W. Pipe Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major. † 50th of Yorkshire Surprise Major. 25th peal as conductor
Rung to the memory of Ada Titchmarsh, grandmother of Mr. G. E. Bonham.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Jonathan S. N. Porter	Treble	George E Bonham	5
George E. Thoday	2	*David E. Rothera	6
†Graham W. Elmes	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Andrew W. R. Wilby	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Jonathan S N. Porter.
* 50th peal together. † First of Pudsey.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter & Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*Roy W. Rice	Treble	†George Prescott	5
David G. Massey	2	Edgar T. Skipsey	6
Michael G. Bartlett	3	Richard C. Taylor	7
Walter S. Rice	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.
42 extents.

*Lynette Brennan	Treble	Walter S. Rice	4
Roy W. Rice	2	John Walton	5
Sue Walker	3	Geoffrey Hebden	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Hebden, who was 21 the same day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RINGSTEAD, Northants.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Martin J. Marriott	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
Arthur Gibbs	2	Rodney H. French	5
Charlotte M. Harris	3	Brian S. Cope	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Dec 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Barry Corbishley	Treble	*William F. Gibbons	5
A Doreen Edwards	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
John E. Brough	3	John R. Scott	7
Frederick S Sutton	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1967, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Lawrence Mackie	Treble	Peter H. Mackie	5
Ernest J. Gower	2	Christopher J. Royal	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
†Clare F. Dolphin	4	†Ian D. Thompson	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C Maycock.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Clive Thrower	6
David J. Marshall	2	Harold Taylor	7
David W. Friend	3	A. Colin Banton	8
Brian Tomlinson	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	Michael Fellows	Tenor

Composed by E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., Nov 28, 1967, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In eight methods, comprising Norwich, London and Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt

Nora Carlisle	Treble	John Moore	4
Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First in eight Surprise Minor methods by all.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In nine methods, comprising Carlisle, Norwich, London and Wells, York and Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt.

Joyce Chadwick	Treble	John Moore	4
Nora Carlisle	2	Jack Chadwick	5
Ivan Barlow	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
First in nine Surprise methods by all.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

CONSETT, Co. Durham.—At the Church of Christ.
On Fri., Dec. 1, 1967 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Ruth M. Horwood	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont	5
Peter H. Gardner	2	Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	6
Jean M Berriman	3	†Malcolm E. Johnson	7
Colin C. Monson	4	Stephen C. Wells	Tenor

Composed by R F B. Speed Conducted by Stephen C. Wells.
* First peal on tower bells. † 25th peal. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LOW ELSWICK, Newcastle on Tyne.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967 in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

Charlotte A. Bennett	Treble	†Peter H. Gardner	5
*Stephen C Wells	2	M. Alec Beaumont	6
Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	Malcolm E. Johnson	7
†Christopher Holmes	4	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* 25th peal. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major for the Society.
Rung for St Stephen's Prayer and Gift Day Both peals were rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Society.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(Southend and District Guild)
THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Bernard C. Sadler	Treble	Alfred J. House	5
*Stephan G. Halliwell ..	2	†David Sloman	6
†Peter S oman	3	Michael J. Haliett	7
*Gerald Bacon	4	‡George Eve	Tenor

Composed by J J Parker. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon J. A. Stanley, Vicar of Prittlewell and president of the Southend District Guild, who was interred at Prittlewell this day. Tenor 16 cwt.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1967, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

*Colin H. Gillingham ..	Treble	Alan R. Syder	4
John A. Warner	2	†Roy Threadgold	5
†Jennifer M. Millbank ..	3	†Robert J. Lindsell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.
* First peal. † First in three methods.
Rung in honour of the birth of Richard James to Pat and Bob Lindsell.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OATLANDS PARK, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Rupert L. Caporn	Treble	John F. M Maybrey ..	5
Alan E. Bagworth	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
Nigel Thomson	3	†Bruce B. Rogers	7
*Christopher D. J. Webb	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Joan Smith, secretary of the local band, who was married this day.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb in E flat.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	†Martin J. Kirk	5
Jill M. May	2	David J Tubbs	6
*Carolyn Tubbs	3	‡Roy Collins	7
†John A. Collier	4	Douglas A. R. May ..	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Thurs., Dec 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods/variations, being ten extents of Grandsire and eight extents each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington and Southrepps. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	4
*Andrew J. Hatcher	2	Bryan Giddings	5
John W. Hope	3	Ronald Langford	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. E. Bateson, organist at this church, on his 90th birthday.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KNIGHTSBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Clive Simpson	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	5
Christopher W. Woolley ..	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
David E Rothera	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	7
Martyn J. J. Jordan ..	4	Roger Baldwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
34—38, 14—12—38—14—58—14—58. 2nds place i.e. 4257386.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Westminster, London, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, Cambridge. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton	Treble	Francis M. Byrne	4
Walter Ayre	2	Keith Sheppard	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard ..	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Simon A. B. Wigg	Treble	Martin L. Howe	5
*Marilyn R. Chidwick ..	2	Malcolm Barden	6
Dorothy M. Groves ..	3	Norman Mattingley	7
*†E. Ivan Parkin	4	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon A. B. Wigg.
* First peal of Major † First "inside." First as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MELTON MOWBRAY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

H. Clayton	Treble	*R. Looker	5
*W. Clamp	2	J. Day	6
Mrs R. Day	3	C. Homewood	7
R. Preston	4	R. E. Manton	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by R. E. Manton.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band of this tower to celebrate the "coming-of-age" of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1967, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

*Janet Dagley	Treble	†David Cubitt	7
David Heighton	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	8
†George Sayer	3	†Martin Cubitt	9
Nolan Golden	4	*Peter Adcock	10
H. William Barrett	5	David E. House	11
†Clifford Bird	6	*Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by C H. Hattersley. Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Cinques.
Every member of the band is a regular Sunday service ringer at this church Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to George and Gwen Sayer.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 8, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Janet Dagley	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Hilary Webb	2	Peter Adcock	6
David G. Adams	3	J Barry Pickup	7
†Desmond P. Mortlock ..	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

(The Mancroft Guild)
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	*†Leslie F. Bailey	5
David Cubitt	2	*David E. House	6
*Janet Dagley	3	†Martin Cubitt	7
Angela M. Wright	4	*Desmond P. Mortlock ..	Tenor

Conducted by Martin Cubitt.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal as conductor.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., Nov. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Norman P. J. Cossey ..	Treble	Godfrey W. Walpole ..	4
Diane Toone	2	Stephen F. High	5
James W. Forder	3	J Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)
NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods being one extent of Beverley Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Roger E. Peckham	Treble	H. William Barrett	4
Rev. Peter N. Bond	2	Stephen F. High	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung on the third anniversary of the rededication of the bells after rehanging.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH.—At the Church of St George, Colegate.
On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1967, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. 15 callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G.

*Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Treble	*David Heighton 4
*David Cubitt 2	*David E. House 5
*Martin Cubitt 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Ringers of 2, 3 and 4 have now completed the Stedman "family." Fastest peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Society of Raving Ringers)

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Barry E. Saunders .. .. Treble	†Michael J. Church 6
Roger W. Smith 2	*Robert A. Reeves 7
Ronald K. Russ 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 8
*Diana Reeves 4	James Linnell 9
Barry J. Davies 5	Graham C. Paul .. .... Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. First ten-bell peal for the Society. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANSFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967 in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3¼ cwt. (approx.).

*Patrick Thompson .. .. Treble	Alfred Waller 4
†David Smith 2	Geoffrey Davis 5
†William Culpin 3	John H. Bluff .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First peal on the bells since the addition of a new tenor.

WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

John Townley .. .. .. Treble	Richard J. Danby 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Peter C. Randall 3	Edward C. Garrett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter C Randall.

SEATON, Rutland.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Dec. 16, 1967, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods/variations, being two extents each of Stedman, St. Botolph, All Saints', Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Remigius, St. Osmund, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps, Plain, April Day, Seighford, Old and Kennington.

Ronald S. Russell .. .. Treble	Christopher J. Groome .. 3
John G. Mitchell 2	J. Martin Thorley 4
Stephen B. Bell .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.

Rung as a welcome to Deborah, third daughter of Martin and Paddy Thorley. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILBORNE ST ANDREW, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being two extents of Grandsire and ten extents each of Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*Joseph W. Marshall .. Treble	*Philip R. Board 4
††Ernest H. Amey 2	†Timothy F. Collins .. 5
*Roderick A. Bryant .. 3	*R. H. Jack Mears .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Timothy F. Collins.

* First peal † First of Doubles. ‡ Most methods to a peal. First as conductor. First on the bells.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jane M. Baillie, daughter of the incumbent of this parish, and Simon C. Tranter, immediately after their wedding.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1967, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

John R. Pratchett .. .. Treble	H Leslie Pack 7
Beryl N. Reed 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
John Freeman 3	James W. Raithby 9
Paul Raithby 4	Colin W. Reed 10
Margaret E. Chilton .. 5	William L. Exton 11
John Walden 6	Peter Wakefield .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HELMINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 10, 1967, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

William J. Button .. .. Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
*Muriel R. Page 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
George W. Pipe 3	George E. Thoday 7
Michael J. Howes 4	Leslie G. Brett .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* 50th peal and first of London. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat. Dec. 2, 1967, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Wendy B. Everest .. .. Treble	Peggy E. Smith 4
Edna M. Everest 2	Stanley W. Brown 5
*Peter D. Hepburn 3	John R. Norris .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Norris.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome into the Church for Elizabeth, daughter of Paul and Wendy Treble, christened this day at St. Nicholas' Church, Whitchurch, Somerset

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1967, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Alan Carveth .. .. .. Treble	Graham F. Dunstan .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Paul J. Dye 7
G William Critchley .. 3	*F. Malcolm Bowers .. 8
Arthur F. Burley 4	Anthony J. Davidson .. 9
Anthony Locke 5	*Dennis Stephens .. .. Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First 10-bell peal. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Mon., Nov. 13, 1967, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

C. Barrie Dove .. .. Treble	*Richard J. Chantler .. 4
*Patricia Gardiner 2	*Susan Withers 5
†Belinda M. Gilbert 3	†Alan Newbold .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. † First of Plain Bob Minor ‡ First "inside."

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Thelwall, Childwall, (3) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Buxton, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
*Delphine E. L. Holman .. 2	Alan H Bridges 5
Alan Newbold 3	Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* Most methods to a peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec 4, 1967, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

*C. Barrie Dove .. .. Treble	Richard J. Chantler 4
Catherine R. Slater 2	Alan Newbold 5
Belinda M. Gilbert 3	John Potts .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 200th peal for the Association The conductor is the first person to "circle the tower"

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton. On Mon, Oct. 23, 1967, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, Elford, St. Matthew, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Austrey, St Mark, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Ninian, Little Missenden, St. Patrick, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Sylvester St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. John, Ryton, St. George, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Church Gresley, St. Remigius, Horsley, Kirkstall, St. Chrysostom, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Arnold Cole .. .. .. Treble | John Potts 3
*Alan Newbold .. .. .. 2 | *H. David Holland 4
C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., Nov. 29, 1967, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of St. Patrick, Little Missenden, St. Ninian, St. Ambrose, St. Osmund, St. Chrysostom, Kirkstall, Horsley, St. Remigius, Church Gresley, Cassington, Elford, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Simon, St. Thomas, Shareshill, Lapley, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Peter, Magdalen, St. Leonard, St. Paul, St. Martin, St. Luke, Ryton, St. John, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Old, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Dedworth, Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

*Richard J. Chantler .. Treble | †Arnold Cole 3
Alan Newbold .. .. .. 2 | C. Barrie Dove 4
John Potts .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in 42 methods "inside." 150th peal as conductor for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road. On Tues., Dec. 12, 1967, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,776 Plain Bob, 1,248 Double Bob, 480 each of Reverse Bob, Cleatham Imperial and Little Bob, 192 Crayford Little Court, and 180 each of Gainsborough Little Bob and Wellington Little Court, with 347 changes of method

Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank .. .. 1–2 | Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Valerie Willard .. .. .. 3–4 | Cyril A. Wratten 7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At 15, Harford Drive. On Mon., Nov. 27, 1967, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1–2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 3–4
Roger Baldwin (cond.) .. 5–6

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold. On Fri., Dec. 15, 1967, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 11 methods in the following extents: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Spliced Evening Exercise, College Little Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob, College Single Bob, Windsor Single Bob, Plain Bob, London Delight and Double Bob, (3) Grandsire, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced College Little Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 18 in G.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary W. Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

First peal in 11 methods by all. The conductor's 25th peal in 1967 and also his 25th peal of Minor "in hand."

SINGLE CHANGE MINOR METHODS

By THE PROFESSOR

THERE seems to be a growing practice of using these methods in Spliced Minor ringing as an easy means of tacking on one or two extra methods. Although I do not pretend to extol the virtues of these retrograde methods there is a danger that if they are not correctly used falseness is liable to occur, and I hate to see ringers expending their energies on false peals. Falseness (i.e. repetition of rows) is particularly likely to happen when splicing plain methods and I would like to point out where the danger lies and how to avoid it.

There are ten single-change Plain Minor methods, viz.:

	(1)	Newton	—	14—123—3	2nds	42563
	(2)	Court	—	14—123—1	6ths	52364
*	(3)	Pinehurst	—	14—123—5	2nds	42635
*	(4)	Westlecot	—	14—123—5	6ths	64523
*	(5)	Buxton	—	16—123—3	2nds	42635
*	(6)	Rodbourne	—	16—123—3	6ths	64523
	(7)	King's College	—	16—123—5	6ths	34625
	(8)	Gower	34 .	16—123—3	2nds	36245
	(9)	Coniston Court	34 .	16—123—1	6ths	52364
*	(10)	Helvellyn	36 .	14—123—5	2nds	35264

* "Regular" methods

All these methods may be, under certain conditions, spliced with ordinary standard methods but it would take much time and reams of foolscap to explain all the possibilities. Owing to the apparent ease with which the pairs Pinehurst (Westlecot) and Buxton (Rodbourne) will join with Double Oxford (London Bob) and St. Clement's (College), respectively, I will content myself for the time being with these methods.

Because of the nature of the rows within the lead it should be noted that **ordinary 3-lead splicing cannot be used**, and that in order to avoid falseness we shall have to rely on cross-splicing, i.e. certain leads on both sides of the single (in- and out-of-course) must be changed simultaneously.

A minimum of two leads may be changed (one each side of the single) with the same bells on the front (i.e. 2nds and 4ths place bells), that have the same bell as pivot at the half-lead, e.g.:

(DOUBLE OXFORD (LONDON BOB))

(a) 23456 and 26453 (2 and 4 on front, 5 in 5ths).
(b) 64523 and 63524 (5 and 6 on front, 2 in 5ths).

Or any similar pairs of leads.

(ST. CLEMENT'S (COLLEGE))

(a) 23456 and 26453 (2 and 4 on front, 5 in 5ths).
(b) 64523 and 63524 (5 and 6 on front, 2 in 5ths).

Or any other similar pairs of leads.

With these leads the following changes may be effected:

Leads on opposite sides of the single			Cross-spliced produce		Leads on opposite sides of the single
D. Oxford	+	D. Oxford	Pinehurst	+	Pinehurst
D. Oxford	+	Lond. Bob	Pinehurst	+	Westlecot
Lond. Bob	+	Lond. Bob	Westlecot	+	Westlecot
Thelwall	+	Thelwall	Pinehurst	+	Pinehurst
Thelwall	+	Lytham	Pinehurst	+	Westlecot
Lytham	+	Lytham	Westlecot	+	Westlecot

also the following:

St. Clement's	+	St. Clement's	Buxton	+	Buxton
St. Clement's	+	College	Buxton	+	Rodbourne
College	+	College	Rodbourne	+	Rodbourne
Childwall	+	Childwall	Buxton	+	Buxton
Childwall	+	Wavertree	Buxton	+	Rodbourne
Wavertree	+	Wavertree	Rodbourne	+	Rodbourne

Now seeing that Double Oxford (London Bob) will three-lead splice with St. Clement's (College) with two bells fixed in 2–4, and Pinehurst (Westlecot) will three-lead splice with Buxton (Rodbourne) with two bells fixed in 2–4, it should be clear that:

With the following six leads, having two bells fixed in 2–4, three leads each side of the single, the following changes of methods may be effected:

One side of the single	The other side of the single
A Double Oxford (Lond. B.)	Double Oxford (Lond. B.)
B Double Oxford (Lond. B.)	St. Clement's (College)
C St. Clement's (College)	St. Clement's (College)

may be changed into

E Pinehurst (Westlecot)	Pinehurst (Westlecot)
F Pinehurst (Westlecot)	Buxton (Rodbourne)
G Buxton Rodbourne)	Buxton (Rodbourne)

A or B or C may be changed to either E or F or G. (The 2nds or 6ths lead-ends not affecting the truth of the splice.)

In addition, either H or I or J with two bells fixed in 2–4 as before, may also be changed into E or F or G.

H Thelwall (Lytham)	Thelwall (Lytham)
I Thelwall (Lytham)	Childwall (Wavertree)
J Childwall (Wavertree)	Childwall (Wavertree)

To further simplify matters from a conductor's point of view the following schemes could be used:

(a) Single-change methods could be called every time 5 and 6 (or any other pair) are on the front together with, say, Pinehurst (Westlecot) or Buxton (Rodbourne) throughout, or Pinehurst (Westlecot on the one side and Buxton (Rodbourne) on the other.

(b) Single-change methods could be called every time the 6th (or any selected bell) is on the front, with condition similar to (a), i.e. Pinehurst (Westlecot) or Buxton (Rodbourne) throughout, or Pinehurst (Westlecot) on one side and Buxton (Rodbourne) on the other.

RUNG FOR THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALLESLEY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 3, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow 4, H. G. Summers 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. W. T. Taylor 7, W. A. Stote 8

BERKSWELL. — On Nov. 26th 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. S. Aylett 1, R. E. Havard 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, L. M. Callow 4, H. G. Summer (cond.) 5, W. A. Stote 6.

CHILVERS COTON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Evans (first quarter) 1, A. H. Beamish 2, W. J. Day 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, G. A. Bell 5, J. Draycott 6, L. Trevor (cond.) 7, J. E. Lloyd 8.

HONILEY. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Sweeney 1, T. M. W. Weedon (first "inside") 2, H. Bennett 3, N. Parker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

MERIDEN. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Aylett 1, Ruth E. Havard 2, L. M. Callow 3, H. G. Summer 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5.

STONELEIGH.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. A. Williamson 1, N. J. L. Fardon 2, F. W. Perrens 3, E. L. Fardon 4, I. D. Thompson 5, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 6.

WELLESBOURNE.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Oriss 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, F. Buttler 3, E. J. Gower (cond.) 4, L. Mackie 5, J. Oriss 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band.

ALVESTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Allman 1, P. Robson 2, Mrs. J. Beesley (first "inside") 3, W. E. Carter 4, A. V. Carter (cond.) 5, H. Bridges 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong and to commemorate the 84th birthday anniversary of Mr. O. Robbins, a ringer and chorister here for many years.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, 6 covering): S. Hardy 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Catherine Hardy 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5, R. J. Brown 6. For Evensong and with the best wishes of the band to the Vicar, Rev. D. O. R. Parry, who is moving to Little Waltham

BIGGIN HILL, KENT. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Rundle 1, Penny Kift 2, Janet Hooper 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. Rung before the Confirmation Service, when three young members of the tower were confirmed.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Matkin 1, R. G. Pike 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, R. A. Hutchings 4, C. Conway (cond.) 5, R. J. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Eleanor Pearmain, whose funeral was this day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jennifer Millbank 1, C. J. Barker 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, P. G. Brown 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, A. Wiffen 6, A. R. Syder (first of Stedman, cond.) 7, C. Gillingham 8. Rung for the Hospital Service and also as a welcome to Richard James Lindsell, born Nov 28th, to Bob and Pat Lindsell.

CHARING, KENT. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Page 1, Catherine Robbins 2, Diana Bradford (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards 1, Mrs. J. S. King 2, F. Hobbs 3, L. H. Jones 4, R. Shea 5, D. J. Hughes 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Sims 8. For Confirmation and for the last visit of the Archbishop of Wales to the Rural Deanery of Chepstow.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): L. Haywood (first quarter) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. For Evensong and dedication of the new tower clock.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End).—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bew 1, D. Martin (first "inside") 2, D. Cobb 3, D. Whent 4, M. Bew (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. For Evensong.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov 19th, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Catherine M. Bew 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, Janet Dagley 3, Angela M. Wright 4, J. R. Norris 5, N. F. Whittell 6, M. J. Bew 7, D. E. House 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, BATH.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Parfrey (first of Triples 1, Jean Battin 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, S. G. Woodcock 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung as a memorial to S. G. King, past tower master.

QUARTER PEALS

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,334 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, G. Ford 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. A welcome to Jonathan William son of George and Shirley Ford.

EATON SOCON, HUNTS. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. George (first treble) 1, J. Tarrant (first Major "inside") 2, J. Orme 3, R. Garrat 4, T. W. I. Griffiths 5, C. D. Corby 6, R. D. Bellamy 7, G. E. Bonham 8. A birthday compliment to C. D. Corby.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley French 1, Betty Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, M. C. May 5, G. S. E. Winter 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. For a service of rededication.

EDENHAM, LINCS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Holmes 1, W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, A. Waller 4, F. Sismey 5, R. Spencer 6, G. Davis 7, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 5, 7.

ELSTREE, HERTS. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julia A. Fellows 1, J. E. Ewer 2, R. E. Hardy 3, J. Southey 4, Katherine S. Hardy (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. D. Frost 6.

EVERCREECH, SOM — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Street 1, J. Dunford 2, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 3, Barbara Randall 4, S. Lucas 5, R. Dunford 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Catherine A. Roberts (first of Treble Bob) 1, Susan V. Banks (first of Surprise) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, R. M. Roberts (first of Surprise) 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by a local band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor cover): Miss M. Cruickshank 1, Mrs. E. Richardson 2, A. Richardson 3, I. Campbell 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6, W. Harwin 8

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rachel Sinden 1, B. Johnson 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, L. Mannering 4, P. C. Sinden (first in the method) 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, D. C. Manger (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. For Evensong.

HATHERN, LEICS. — On Nov 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Lester 1, D. Swift 2, T. Harris 3, C. Wood 4, K. Davey 5, J. Tickle (cond.) 6, H. Harris 7. To welcome Susan Elizabeth Tickle, born Nov. 5th

HONITON, DEVON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, W. Webb (cond.) 2, F. Parr 3, D. Salter 4, F. Stamp 5, T. Travers 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (on the back six): R. H. Tribe 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, J. R. Norris 3, K. Stacey 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 3rd, 5,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. C. Wooldridge 1, P. D. Hepburn 2, J. R. Norris 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. First Treble Bob 1, 2. For evening guest service.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Butler 1, E. Clifton 2, Sylvia Knight 3, R. A. Birch (first of Major) 4, H. Deacon 5, P. C. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, B. Johnson (cond., 200th quarter) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): B. J. Stone (cond.) 1, Katherine Salvage (first "inside") 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, Ann V. Salvage 5, C. D. Collin 6. For Holy Communion.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Minor (five methods): R. Hawkshaw (first Minor) V. M. Kirk (first in methods) 2, I. G. Campbell 3, F. C. Hobson 4, G. K. Smith 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

KIRKBY MALZEARD, YORKS. — On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Johnson 1, A. G. Dalton 2, A. Bashforth 3, E. Metcalfe 4, E. Hudson 5, D. Town (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Bland, a ringer at this church for over 40 years. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells since their recasting in 1907.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Nov. 26th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: E. I. Parkin 1, P. S. Muchlinski 2, T. A. Cross 3, M. Barden 4, S. A. B. Wigg 5, M. L. Howe (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Alison M. Levick (first quarter) 1, M. L. Howe 2, Marilyn Chidwick 3, E. I. Parkin 4, M. Barden (cond.) 5, S. A. B. Wigg 6.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS. — On Nov. 20th, 1,296 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Hartless 1, Susan V. Banks 2, R. H. Roberts 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, T. Matcham 6, R. Allinson 7, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 8. First by all the band.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM. — On Nov. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Burston 1, Susan Chew 2, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 3, J. Insley 4, M. Androlia 5, D. J. Purnell 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Purnell 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, M. Burston 4, J. Insley 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, M. Androlia 7, D. J. Purnell 8. Also on Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Voirrey Kennaugh 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts 4, D. J. Purnell 5, M. Androlia (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Cobb 1, Janet Bull 2, Alison Mann 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. R. Patterson 5, Rev. M. Hart 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, B. J. Bull 8. For Advent Carol Service, as a farewell to Rev. Derek Barrett.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5, 8 covering): Mrs. M. Croall 1, W. Wood 2, Miss H. M. Carter 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, K. Williamson 5, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 6, N. Jackson 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Croall and S. V. Rayfield, of Queenborough, and the conductor and Master Andrew French.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Dean 1, J. T. Parsons 2, P. Tomos 3, C. Richards 4, D. White 5, M. A. New (cond.) 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cockrill 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Doris Dobbie 3, G. Kenward 4, R. Weekes 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, J. E. Clark 8. For Evensong.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, Pamela Court 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, H. Deacon 5, C. Wyld 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Snawdon (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Myers (first quarter) 2, J. Rose 3, S. Bendle 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 11th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: M. Tickle 1, K. Edwards 2, R. Dorling 3, O. Roughley 4, C. Herbert 5, D. Bennett (cond.) 6. A peal attempt brought round. Also 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): M. Tickle 1, R. Dorling 2, C. Herbert 3, D. Roughley 4, K. Edwards 5, D. Bennett (cond.) 6.

SWINDON WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Lovegrove 1, E. Sutton (cond.) 2, M. Sutton (first "inside") 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. J. Hulme 5, M. A. New 6. A 13th birthday compliment to M. Sutton. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Richards 1, P. Tombs 2, D. White 3, R. J. Hulme 4, E. Sutton 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, M. J. Stanley 7, M. A. New (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major 1, 2, 3, 4.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Jarvis (first of Minor) 1, M. Glendon Stock 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, G. H. Baldam (first as cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. A birthday compliment to M. Glendon Stock.

THORVERTON, DEVON. — On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Wreford (cond.) 1, D. R. Bould 2, F. D. Mack 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, F. Skinner 5, J. N. Longridge 6, C. G. Bryant 7, W. Harvey 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Brian and Mary Coles.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Adams (first quarter) 1, R. Cassidy 2, J. Pilgrim 3, S. Bedford 4, J. Marjoram 5, V. Bedford (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Little Bob Royal: Liz C. Duncan 1, Glynis E. Perry (first in method) 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, D. J. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, R. J. Chapman 9, J. S. N. Porter 10. For Matins.

WRAGBY, YORKS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B.: W. F. Moreton 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, A. Holliday 4, C. S. Naylor 5, A. Clifton (cond.) 6. Rung with compliments of the band to Rodney and Joan (née Dunn-Birch) Pagdin on the birth of a son, and to Patricia Lockwood and Ian North on their engagement

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Mills (first quarter) 1, H. Fitter 2, Beryl Park 3, K. Park 4, D. Main 5, M. Edwards 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, Ken Park 8.

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ENGAGEMENTS

FELLOWS—BUCKLEY. — The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fellows, of Stourbridge, Worcs, and Stephanie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Buckley, of Kidderminster, Worcs. 2973

LUNNISS—EDMED. — The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Lunniss, 36, Trent Garden, London, and Carol, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmed, Mead House, Bredgar, Kent, on December 25th. 2975

PARKER—LEGGET. — The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawker, 2, Mill Road, High Ham, Langport, and Diana Lesley Janet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Legget, 21, West Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil, Somerset.

ROGERS—BELLFIELD. — The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bellfield, of Andoversford, Gloucestershire. 2964

WILLIAMS—SADLER. — The engagement is announced between Frazer, elder son of the late Mr. V. G. Williams and Mrs. V. G. Williams, of High Peak, Sunningdale, and Ann, daughter of the Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Sadler, of St. Mawes, Cornwall (formerly of Preston, Rutland). 2991

DEATH

SUTTON. — Hilary Jean, aged 33 years, dearly-loved wife of Eric and mother of Michael, passed peacefully away after a long illness at her home, 56, Eastcott Road, Swindon, on Monday, December 11th, 1967. 2969

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BAKER.—The address of Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Baker is now: 8, Woodhill Gardens, Green Lane, Cookridge, Leeds 16. 2967

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Sincere New Year greetings to all my ringing friends.—From HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wrington. 2976

New Year greetings to all ringing friends from David, Frances, George and Hilda MASSEY, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, and from Mrs. MASSEY, Brent Knoll, Highbridge, Somerset. 2974

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motions for the 1968 A.G.M. should reach me by February 1st, 1968. (Rules VI and IX.) —P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2993

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The new secretary of the Bristol City Branch is Mr. Michael Hobbs, 95, Repton Road, Brislington, Bristol 4, and all future correspondence should be addressed to him.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts. — Christmas Social at Chiddingstone Village Hall, December 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) on sale from District secretaries. This will be preceded by a football match between the Districts at Tonbridge at 2.30 p.m. 2953

LIVERPOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Annual Dinner will be held on February 24th, 1968. Tickets (20s.) available from: J. R. Coope, Derby Hall, North Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool 18. Please send names and s.a.e. 2988

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — Open practice, December 30th. Six bells, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.— All welcome.—L. Derrick. 2987

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A formal dinner will be held on January 20th, 1968, in Cardiff. Anyone interested please write for further details to: Miss S. Harber, 12, Ely Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. 2910

MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD — Central District — Meeting, December 30th, at Wood Green Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in evening 2959

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A.G.M. at St Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, December 30th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. 2940

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on January 2nd at 8.15 p.m. Practices: January 2nd, St. Paul's Cathedral; January 9th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; January 16th, St. Botolph's, Aldgate; January 23rd, St Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. —J. G. A Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 2965

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, Wednesday, January 3rd, 7.45–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 2963

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael-with-St. Paul (Broad Street) (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by January 3rd.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 2968

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — A.G.M. at Bridgwater, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting at Tudor Cafe. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford (Tel. Holford 345) by January 3rd. 2972

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mary the Virgin's, Stoke-sub-Hamdon (6, 17 cwt.), Saturday, January 6th, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Also Branch Dinner, Kings Arms, Montacute, Tuesday, February 27th. Tickets 13s. 6d. (limited number).—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Coker Hill, West Coker. Tel. West Coker 208. 2924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Bedford, Saturday, January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Hall. Names must be sent to Mrs. M. Cowley, 40, Palmerston Street, Bedford, by Thursday, 4th. 2985

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Heanor (8), Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, by January 3rd.—B P. Morris, Sec. 2971

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 6th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please 2986

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely on Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. 2949

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—The District A.G.M. will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, January 6th, 1968. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing after tea until 8. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 57827. 2918

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Braintree, January 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Miss J. Quilter, 93, South Street,, Braintree. Black Notley (5) open in evening. 2962

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — N.E. Branch —Annual meeting at Tiverton, Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea with business after. Names for tea to G. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous, please. 2930

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kingston District. — Annual general meeting at Weobley, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to T. Bounds, Ledgemoor, Weobley, by January 3rd. 2990

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A.G.M. at Hitchin, Saturday, January 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend to elect the new secretary, and, please, either telephone or send your names for tea to A. R. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel. 3612. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 2948

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley (8), Saturday, January 6th Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss C A. Sone, 6, Falmouth Place, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge —R W. H H 2954

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6 till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Jessop, 8, Northiam Road, Eastbourne, by previous Wednesday.—R. Earl, Dis. Sec. 2981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, January 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 2970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—(Solution to last week's puzzle.) Annual general meeting at Clitheroe (8) on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing 3.30 to 5 p.m., and about 6.30 p.m. onwards. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. (election of officials, Branch Fund Rule amendments, etc.). Names for tea by Wednesday, January 3rd, please—to Miss S. Washbrook, Halcyon, Whalley Road, Limehouse, Clitheroe. Ring, too, at Downham (our single 5), 2.35 to 3.20 p.m.; Ribble bus 215 dep. Blackburn 1335, Whalley 1402. Clitheroe 1412.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 2952

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual District meeting at Ratby on January 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual District meeting. District members, please make every effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Spencer, 16, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leicester, by Wednesday, January 3rd.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2943

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs, by Wednesday previous. 2941

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, January 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. C. Hudson, 10, Cross Lane, Preston, Uppingham, by Tuesday, January 2nd. 2966

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual general meeting at Raunds on January 6th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering, by Tuesday previous. 2944

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch — Annual meeting at Poole, Saturday, January 6th Bells (10) 2.30 and 7 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr I. Davis, 16, Verulam Road, Poole, by Wednesday, January 3rd. 2875

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Westbury (8) on Saturday, January 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting. Please forward names for tea to Mr. G. B. Davis, 18, King Alfred Way, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, not later than January 4th.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, January 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. chge) Ebor Cafe 5.15. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before January 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2980

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 6th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S Adams 2939

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Brecon, January 6th. St. David's (6) 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.. St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m. and during the evening. Evensong at St. Mary's 4 p.m. Tea (at 2s. 6d. each) and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 46, Uplands, Brecon, before January 3rd. 2901

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—District general meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, January 6th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.45. Tea at 5.30 in the Chantry Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton, SO2 3QR. Telephone number Southampton 69589. 2946

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Barking, January 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to A. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, East Ham, E.6. 2982

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, January 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, 65, Norman Road, West Malling. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Abergavenny, January 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Lewis, Homeleigh, Park Crescent, Abergavenny, Mon. 2938

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — General meeting at Goole on January 20th. General Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Hall. The meeting will vote on the proposed addition to the rules of the offices of composition secretary and report editor. Bells: North Cave (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Carlton (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Thorne (8) 12–1 p.m. and 6.30–8.30 p.m.; Howden (8) 2–3.45 p.m.; Goole (8) 2–4 p.m. and after business. Names for tea should be sent to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Wednesday, January 17th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 2977

LATE NOTICES

IN MEMORIAM

STACEY.—In loving memory of Sam, beloved father of Harry, Mary, Jack and all the family, who departed to ring the heavenly peals January 2nd, 1966. 2996

PERSONAL

"Then they who feared the Lord spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for they that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name." — Malachi iii, 16.

MEETINGS

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Mattishall, Saturday, January 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea afterwards. 2995

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cattistock, January 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 2994

STRATTON
RINGING FESTIVAL

The second Stratton, Cornwall, Ringing Festival was held on December 2nd. Some 160 ringers from Cornwall and Devon were present some time during the day and 11 towers in the immediate district were open from 10.30 a.m. Fourteen teams entered for the striking competition, which the judges, Messrs. C. Menhire (Rock), A. Polkinghorne (St. Minver) and L. Hambley (St. Kew), stated was of a very high standard. They awarded certificates to Down St. Mary, Plympton, Tavistock, Truro Cathedral and Alvington for six-bell ringing, and Wayside (N.D. Ringers), Bridgerule, Tavistock, Plympton, St. Austell and Truro Cathedral for eight-bell ringing.

The Truro Diocesan Guild service was sung at 6 p.m., taken by the Vicar, the Rev. L. W. Dodd, the preacher being the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. It coincided with the patronal festival (St. Andrew's) and Gift Day, and so the collection of £5 10s. was given to the Vicar towards this.

A bountiful tea was provided by the ringers' wives, supervised by Mrs. H. Stacey, after which thanks were expressed to vicars and captains for use of the bells and to Mr. H. Stacey for arranging such a successful day.

E. H. L.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major. Margaret Jones 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, N. J. Davies 4, C. Wyld 5, B. Johnson 6, R. Swift 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Martin (first in method) 1, R. J. Talbot 2, Christine Foster 3, C. M. Foster 4, Juliet Stoy 5, N. Thomson 6, K. G. Game (first in method as cond.) 7, Adrianne Gibson 8. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

BREDGAR, KENT. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. P. S. Berry 1, Sylvia Knight 2, N. J. Davies (cond.) 3, Rev S. M. Evans 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (100th quarter this year) 6. Fifteth quarter together 3 and 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Patching (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, W. Nicholson 4, D. G. Hall 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, D. A. Sayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8.

LONDON. — At St Botolph's - without - Aldgate Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Jones 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Joan Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, F. V. Gant 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, F. Scoones 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2. For morning service.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT. — On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, K. Butler 3, P. C. Sinden 4, H. Deacon 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bernard Prance (churchwarden).

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON. — On Nov. 24th, 1,120 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Summers 1, D. Salter 2, A. Crabb 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 10th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Rutland and Lincolnshire): Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens 2, P. J. Shipton 3, B. Shingler 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens 8. First 8-spliced 3, 4.

RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,296 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (tenor cover): Christine M. Wright 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, J. A. Coates 4, Doreen Metcalfe 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6, K. Hilton 7. To mark the passing of the £15,000 target of the Restoration Fund.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS. — On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Boo Triples: I. Mayfield 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, R. Stretton 7, L. Butler 8. Also on Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simpson 1, N. Handley 2, R. Stretton 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, L. Butler 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS. — At the Church of St. Thomas, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens (cond.) 2, Stephanie Green 3, M. Sherrick (first of Triples) 4, A. J. Lucas 5, N. O. Skelton 6, A. Page 7, E. C. Read 8. For Evensong.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Hanley, STAFFS. — At the Church of St. John, on Dec. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Royal: D. Adams 1, Jean Millins (first on ten) 2, A. Jack 3, D. Midgley 4, G. Burton 5, G. Biddulph 6, O. Williams 7, L. Shenton (cond.) 8, M. Jack 9, W. H. Pickett 10.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Mark, on Dec. 11th, 1,312 Yorkshire S. Major: C. Richards 1, J. T. Parsons 2, R. J. Hulme 3, P. Tombs 4, B. Bladon 5, D. J. White 6, M. J. Stanley 7, M. A. New (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 3, 4, 6. Rung as a tribute to Mrs. J. Sutton.

TALATON, DEVON.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Travers 1, N. Salter 2, T. Travers 3, L. Stevens 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, J. Foster 6.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): A. Hinton 1, R. Russell 2, E. Buckby 3, R. Cowley 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5, H. Abbott (first quarter) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, D. Manger 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Holdstock 1, B. Johnson 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, W. Garner 5, M. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: P. Richardson 1, M. Lancefield (cond.) 2, P. Staples 3, R. Carlton 4, W. Garner 5, B. Johnson 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Miss A. Biddlecombe 1, H. Moody 2, Mrs. M. Chennell-White 3, M. Lockyer (first "inside) 4, L. Noakes 5, E. Hedger 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Remembrance Day Evensong.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS. — On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Dean 1, W. W. Wathen 2, B. D Foster 3, Linda Gibson 4, S. G. Pick (cond.) 5, M. R. Buckham 6. First quarter 2, 3, 4, 6. By the Sunday service band as a welcome to the Rev. R. H. Sargent as Vicar.

CHILCOMPTON, SOM. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Oswald Delight Minor: E. J. Chivers 1, R. G. Beck 2 A. P Beck 3, D. Mackay 4, J. Brain 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6. First by all

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At the Church of St. James, on Dec. 3rd 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Greenaway 1. A. P. Weeks 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Saxton 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. W. Greenaway.

EAST MEON, HANTS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Stacey (first of Triples) 1, E. Treagus 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hatherly 4, A. Betsworth 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6, K. A. Tipper 7, K. Sansom 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Maggs 1, Monica Horseman (cond.) 2, K. Baker 3, R. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

KILNDOWN KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): M. R. T. Lambert 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, Jane Foster 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, A. W. West 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. A compliment to Mr and Mrs. Frank Pattenden on their diamond wedding anniversary.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Nov 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine M. Bew 1, P. G. Pitt 2, Janet Dagley 3 Angela M. Wright 4, A. G. Semken 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, M. J. Bew 7, D. E. House 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss D. Groves 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, G. Cantrill 3, L Head 4, B. Groves (cond.) 5, F. Hogan 6, T. Cullingworth 7, A Macfadyen 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): C. Butchart 1, H. Badger 2, Cherry Withell 3, T. Smith 4, I Ross (cond.) 5, I Wintet 6. For Evensong. It was exactly three years ago that the conductor rang his first quarter peal.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Carol Stacey 1, Sally Stacey (first of Triples) 2, R. Tipper 3 D. Hatherly 4, K Tipper 5, A. Betsworth 6, K. Sansom (first Bob Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. First of Bob Triples 3, 4, 6. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Leslie Tremeer and Prisca Hornby.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Smith (cond.) 1, I. M. Hankin (first quarter) 2, A. P. Sheldon 3, V. E. T. Holland (first quarter) 4, D. R. Starkey 5. For Evensong.

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